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Bahrain internationals Jassim Al Shaikh, Mohammed Jassim Marhoon both on target for defending champions in 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League | P12



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**Saudi Arabia signs MOU with Spanish company to build combat ships**



Saudi warships are seen during Gulf Shield 1 exercise

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Saudi Arabia's defence ministry signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Spanish state-owned Navantia company on Wednesday to build multi-mission combat ships for the Saudi Navy, the Saudi state news agency (SPA) reported yesterday.

"The MoU aims to raise the level of readiness of the Royal Saudi Naval Forces to enhance maritime security in the region, and protect the vital and strategic interests of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia", it said.

According to the agreement, the Spanish company "would localize up to 100% of naval shipbuilding, integration of combat systems, and ship maintenance, in line with the Kingdom's objectives and Vision 2030."

The signing ceremony was attended by Saudi Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman and Spanish Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Maria Reyes Maroto.

**Islamic State names new leader after Quraishi blew himself up**

Reuters | Amman

The Islamic State (IS) militant group has appointed a previously unknown figure as its head after its leader blew himself up in October while being besieged by former anti-government rebels in southern Syria, those involved in the clash said.

IS selected Abu al-Hussein al-Husseini al-Quraishi as its new leader, a spokesman for the group said in a recording. He did not offer further details on the new leader.

It was both the first time IS's top leader was killed in an operation that did not involve the U.S.-led coalition, and the first time an IS leader was killed in southern Syria, rather than the north.

**Bahrain - UAE ties strong, growing: HM King, HRH CP, PM**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday congratulated the rulers of the United Arab Emirates on 51st National Day, expressing pride in the deep-rooted fraternal ties bonding Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

HM King said Bahrain is keen to strengthen and develop these strong ties laid by the rulers and



Shaikh Nahyan HM King HRH Prince Salman

people of both kingdoms.

"These ties are instrumental in achieving the common interest of the people of both Kingdoms and bringing prosperity to all," said HM King, praising

the depth of the fraternal relations and their development and growth in various fields.

HM King wished His Highness Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan lasting good health and

happiness and the Emirati people further progress and prosperity. In a similar message, HRH Prince Salman expressed pride in the fraternal relations that unite the two countries and the two brotherly peoples, congratulating UAE and its people. The statement also highlighted the strength of longstanding Bahrain-UAE relations.

His Majesty and HRH Prince Salman also sent similar cables to the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Separately, Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal and Shura Council Chairman, Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, hailed the Bahrain and UAE tie in all fields in a message to Saqr Ghobash, Speaker of the Federal National Council (FNC).

Zainal and Al-Saleh sent similar cables to UAE Ambassador to Bahrain, Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and wished the UAE leadership and people further progress and prosperity.

**Bahrain 'vital partner' in security, trade: Chollet**

US State Department Counselor praises longstanding ties between the US and Bahrain

● US has no plans to take a U-turn from its Mideast policy

● We will continue to have a robust presence in the region

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The Kingdom occupies a prominent position in the US foreign policy as it remains a vital partner in a multitude of spheres encompassing security, trade, education and other areas, said US State Department Counselor Derek Chollet.

Mr Chollet was speaking to a group of reporters representing the Kingdom's various news outlets at the US Embassy when he made this remark. "The US will function as a strong partner with Bahrain in confronting the external threats. The crucial step taken by Bahrain, other Arab states and Israel by signing Abraham Accords along



Saudi Arabia plans to host a Chinese-Arab summit on Dec. 9 attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping during his visit to the kingdom. Xi is scheduled to arrive in Riyadh on Dec. 7. Invitations have gone out to leaders in the Middle East and North Africa for the Chinese-Arab gathering.

with the Negev Forum is a great milestone in the history of the Mideast."

Mr Chollet hailed the Kingdom's leadership and government for successfully holding the parliament and municipal council elections. He said the people-to-people relationship has been one of the most important pillars of the bilateral ties between the US and Bahrain.

He said the US has no plans to take a U-turn from its Mideast policy, terming such narratives as unsubstantiated. "We are here in a significant way not only in defence but also in other

China can't provide the kind of regional security architecture, which the US is building for the Mideast region

US STATE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR  
 DEREK CHOLLET

are many areas where there are differences, on the other hand, we hope to work with them over many issues, for instance, global warming."

When asked about the upcoming Arab-China summit in Saudi Arabia, Mr Chollet said China can't provide the kind of regional security architecture, which the US is building for the Mideast region.

Mr Chollet said the Iranian role in the Russia-Ukraine conflict is a matter of grave concern. "Russia has invaded a sovereign nation and they want to make Ukraine a cold and dark place. All of their targets are civilians and see the way Russians are destroying Ukraine's power grid."

Earlier yesterday, National Security Adviser and Royal Guard Commander, Major-General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa received Mr Derek. HH Shaikh Nasser praised the level of cooperation between Bahrain and the US and affirmed the effectiveness of the strategic partnership as well as commitment to consolidating the foundations of security and peace in the region.

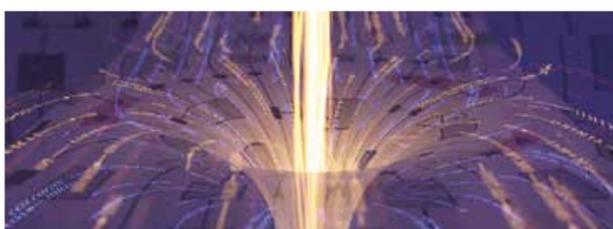
Time travel a reality!

**Scientists build 'baby' wormhole as sci-fi moves closer to fact**

Reuters | Washington

In science fiction - think films and TV like "Interstellar" and "Star Trek" - wormholes in the cosmos serve as portals through space and time for spacecraft to traverse unimaginable distances with ease. If only it were that simple.

Scientists have long pursued a deeper understanding of wormholes and now appear to



Artwork provided by the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena be making progress. Researchers announced on Wednesday that they forged two minuscule simulated black holes - those

extraordinarily dense celestial objects with gravity so powerful that not even light can escape - in a quantum computer and transmitted a message between a tunnel in space-time.

It was a "baby wormhole," according to Caltech physicist Maria Spiropulu, a co-author of the research published in the journal Nature. But scientists

are a long way from being able to send people or other living beings through such a portal, she said.

"Experimentally, for me, I will tell you that it's very, very far away. People come to me and they ask me, 'Can you put your dog in the wormhole?' So, no," Spiropulu told reporters during a video briefing. "...That's a huge leap."



# For women who made Bahrain proud

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People from all walks of life came together yesterday to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Bahraini women to the Kingdom's comprehensive development on the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day, celebrated each year on December 1.

Marking the day, Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, had on Wednesday inaugurated a memorial "Athar" celebrating Bahraini women's contributions throughout the Kingdom's history.

The Supreme Council for Women and the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities launched the "Athar" project on Bahraini Women's Day 2017 by holding a competition inviting proposals for a monument to celebrate Bahraini women. Team "Athar" won that competition, with SCW naming the monument after them.

In a statement yesterday, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, expressed his pride in the achievements of Bahrain women and their contributions to the comprehensive development of Bahrain.

Shaikh Salman hailed the government headed by HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for supporting women's empowerment and ensuring their participation in all sectors.

Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, said the strides of Bahrain in the empowerment and advancement of women have made it a centre for expertise in women's affairs.

## Royal care

"The royal care and unwavering support strengthened the status of the women in the soci-



Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), patronised the inauguration of "Athar".



Mr Shaikh Salman, Finance Minister



HH Shaikh Isa



Mr Al-Mubarak, Municipal Affairs Minister



Ms Zainal, Speaker



Ms Al-Sairafi, Tourism Minister



Mr Al Qaed, iGA CEO



Mr Al-Hawaj, Works Minister

ety and consolidated their progress," said His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Educational Charitable Endowment congratulated Bahraini women for their contributions to the comprehensive development of the Kingdom and wished them further progress and prosperity.

The works of SCW, Shaikh Isa said, enabled Bahraini women

to remain active in the national building process.

He also hailed the support and commitment of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister in promoting Bahraini women across various sectors.

## Athar, apt honour: Tourism Minister

Fatima bint Jaafar Al-Sairafi, the Minister of Tourism, expressed her pride in the status

of Bahraini women and vowed to continue efforts to create more jobs for them in the sector.

Al-Sairafi hailed the Supreme Council for Women, headed by Her Royal Highness, for celebrating Bahraini women's contributions to the nation building process.

## 34% of employees are women: Works Minister

Ibrahim bin Hassan Al-Hawaj, the Minister of Works,

expressed pride in the role of Bahraini women, pointing out that 34% of the employees in the ministry are women.

The minister said women enjoy 50% of the senior position and 51% of executive-level roles in the ministry.

Dr Lolwa Al-Mutlaq, President of the Bahraini Association of Administrators, said the day represents an opportunity to recall the efforts of Bahraini women and their contributions.

## The monument focuses on four aspects:

The "sea, due to its close connection with the lifestyle of the old Bahraini society, where women served a notable role in managing their families while men were out on fishing and pearling trips.

Women "as a human" and what she represents as a giver, serving multiple roles as a mother and educator for upcoming generations.

Women "as a worthy partner" in enriching society and contributing to the community's development and progress.

The project presents itself as an engineering design that considers the aspects of modernization and environment preservation, with a youthful vision inspired by the pioneers' achievements and looking to the future with confidence.



Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, yesterday held talks with Derek Chollet, US State Department Counselor. Shaikh Salman reviewed with him the strategic partnership between the two countries, especially at the economic level. They also discussed ways to enhance joint action and the latest developments in the global economy



Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Capital Governor, yesterday celebrated Bahraini Women's Day in the presence of Hassan Abdullah Al-Madani, the Deputy Governor, officials, and all the governorate's affiliates.

## Health Ministry, Tamkeen win HRH Princess Sabeeka Award

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The Ministry of Health and Tamkeen had won HRH Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women's Advancement, marking Bahraini Women's Day.

The award is presented to ministries and public and private entities that excel in supporting and empowering working Bahraini women.

Dr Jalila bint Sayed Jawad Hassan, the Minister of Health and Labour Fund (Tamkeen) Chairman, Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, thanked the leadership of Bahrain for the honour. "This award is a proud

achievement for all those who have tirelessly worked to uplift the country by overcoming challenges," said Dr Hassan.

The award given out every year on December 1, the minister said, reflects the prominent role of women in the development, prosperity and progress of the Kingdom.

Hailing the award, Tamkeen's Chairman, Shaikh Mohammed, said they are committed to increasing the participation of women in the economy and labour market.

"Since its establishment, Tamkeen provided over 104,000 training and employment opportunities for Bahraini

women, supported over 24,000 women-led enterprises with over BD 250 million, which included facilitating financing from banks worth BD 383 m," said Maha Mofeez, Tamkeen's Acting Chief Executive.

She also pointed out that 53% of employees at Tamkeen are women, as they also occupy over 50% of leadership positions.

"Women in Tamkeen also achieved 53% of promotions and incentives in 2021," she stressed.

Bahraini Women's day this year is celebrated with the slogan "I read - learned - participated".



Bahrain Airport Company yesterday honoured its women employees by organising a celebration on the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day. BAC said that women employees in the company reached 100, of which 14% hold leadership positions.



The Supreme Council for Women was established on 22nd August 2001 through Amiri Decree No. 44 and later amended by Amiri Decrees No. 55 in 2001, 2 in 2002 and Royal Decree No. 36 in 2004. SCW has jurisdiction to express its opinion and address all matters impacting the position of women in society. The Council, chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, has at least 16 members.

## 48% are women employees: iGA CEO

The CEO of the Information and eGovernment Authority said the national occasion provides an opportunity to pay tribute to all the honourable and unprecedented achievements of women locally, regionally and globally.

Mohammed Ali Al Qaed also praised the continuous efforts of SCW to ensure equal opportunities.

"Around 48% of the employees in iGA are women, where they also enjoy 40% of the leadership positions," he said.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa said the achievements of Bahraini women are a source of great pride, highlighting the role of the Supreme Council for Women in implementing programmes that encourage and promote women's contributions.

Wael bin Nasser Al-Mubarak, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, hailed Bahraini women are a crucial component of Bahrain's development and an essential part of Team Bahrain. He also pointed out that 51% of the employees in the ministry are women.

# Garbage menace haunts residents

## 'Private plots' being used to throw trash



Household waste being thrown in private plots near Um Al Hassam.

● **The authorities should prohibit dumping waste on private property, experts suggest.**

Zahra Ayaz

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Many private plots are being fast turned into illegal landfills across many areas within Manama, creating a health hazard for the locals as household waste forms a mountain in their proximity.

The rising population bears the blame for the current scenario, which is also challenging for policymakers.

With limited land available for waste disposal, managing all the waste generated scientifically has also become a highly challenging task for policymakers and municipalities.

Experts point out that the pressure is increasing on GGC

countries to reduce waste and become more sustainable with a growing emphasis on a circular economy.

In this scenario, Waste and Recycling Middle East takes a deep look at the waste management practices in Bahrain.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Kai Mieting, 'wastrepneur' and environment advocate, said, "Illegal waste dumping is a general issue worldwide, and usually the culprits are not the residents.

"They will not dump trash near their homes as they like to

keep their area and neighbourhood clean. The blame is on people who throw trash carelessly on private plots far away from their homes.

"In Germany, there are waste police who investigate illegally disposed waste. Once they catch a person, cops will enforce a fine and rectification for proper disposal.

"This helps people learn from their mistakes, and this can be implemented in Bahrain as well, as it will create new jobs and awareness within the local society." Mr. Kai also highlighted an-

other issue: the impact on health and the environment through illegal dumping, as the emissions and smell could cause serious harm to humans, animals and nature.

"Even as the waste collection here is free, there shall be incentives to reduce waste, especially the toxic and dangerous items.

"I suggest charging the producer for collecting waste, as the cost will make people more mindful of the waste production.

"Unfortunately, money is a key which makes humans change in both ways.

"It is everyone's responsibility to care for our environment, nature, surrounding and living space. No one of those illegal dumpers would dump it in their own living space, but elsewhere it seems acceptable."

Rashid Muhammad, a security guard, revealed to The Daily Tribune, "I observe many local residents going from their apartments and putting trash in empty spots, and even though the garbage bin is nearby, some people are lazy to walk there."



The Secretariat-General of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS) held a ceremony marking Bahraini Women's Day. Patronised by the SCYS Secretary-General, Ayman bin Tawfiq Al-Moayyed, the ceremony was attended by Minister of Youth Affairs, Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, and Acting SCYS Assistant Secretary-General, Marwan Fuad Kamal.



The Public Security Officers Club announced renewing its accreditation as the first government health-reinforcing organisation for the second year in a row. Brigadier Adel Abdullah Ameen, the Assistant Undersecretary for Human Resources and administrative member of the Club, thanked Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, for his support in promoting the club. The certificate was handed over by Health Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health, Dr Mariam Al Hajeri.

## Donate to Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen

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The Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen invited individuals and companies to make donations and contribute to honouring the martyrs of duty.

The fund will provide the martyr's flower (Razji) at the

points of sale across Bahrain. Details of the points of sale are available on the fund's website <https://www.rffs.bh>.

The Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen was established to provide support to all martyrs' families and ensure them a decent life and a promising future.

## Public urged to take newly developed Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

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Public Health Director Dr Najat Abul Fateh yesterday urged the public to take the newly developed Pfizer-BioNTech as a booster dose to prevent Covid-19 and new mutants, including Omicron.

The new Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is available for all citizens and residents in health centres. She urged people to take the booster dose to protect themselves and those around them, especially those

aged 12 years and above. Starting Sunday all COVID-19-related testing and vaccination will be administered at primary healthcare centres without prior registration, said the National Medical Taskforce for Combating COVID-19.

The National Health Regulatory Authority has approved the emergency use of the developed Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against Covid-19 and new variants. The vaccine is available as a booster dose for 12 years and above.



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) yesterday took legal action against several people in the Capital Governorate for violating Labour and Residency laws. The actions followed an inspection campaign held in cooperation with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Capital Governorate Police Directorate. LMRA called on the public to report violations either through LMRA's website [www.lmra.bh](http://www.lmra.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.



Dr Lulwa Rashed Showaiter, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Primary Health Care Centres, yesterday expressed pride in Bahrain's women's achievements during a celebration organised by the Committee for equal opportunities, marking Bahraini Women's Day. Minister of Health, Dr Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Committee, Dr Huda Al-Ibrahim, members of the Board of Trustees of the primary health care centres and health centre officials were present.

# US Navy tests aquatic and aerial drones in Bahrain

● US Navy intends to create a 100-vessel unmanned surface fleet by the end of next summer

● US will contribute 20 of the 100 such vessels, with the rest coming from regional allies

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Several unmanned boats sailed through waters off Bahrain yesterday carrying onboard aerial drones, which would eventually patrol the Middle East waterways, *Stars and Stripes* reported.

As boats with observers approached the drones out at sea, the vessels' artificial intelligence alerted contractors and sailors at Task Force 59's robotics operations centre at NSA Bahrain.

Some drone boats, the report said, can identify objects in the water and spot suspicious behaviour. This capability allows humans to focus on priority threats, Navy Capt. Michael Brasseur, the commodore of Task Force 59, said.



Unmanned ships with green boxes containing aerial drones. Courtesy of Stripes



The unmanned vessel Ocean AeroTriton



The Seasats X3

*Stripes.com* reports that the US Navy intends to create a 100-vessel unmanned surface fleet by the end of next summer.

The US will contribute 20 of the 100 such vessels, with the rest coming from regional allies.

Yesterday's sail was part of a three-week training event dubbed Digital Horizon, which started last week, and features 15 types of unmanned systems, 10

of which are new to the Navy in the region, *Stripes* report quoting service officials said.

"This is a notable influx of new systems that 5th Fleet hasn't worked with before, especially at one time," Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins, Naval Forces Central Command and 5th Fleet spokesman, said.

"This event, we haven't done something like this yet, but



Sailors with the Navy's Task Force 59 launch a drone boat



An unmanned ship in Bahrain



A Saildrone Explorer

we've been building up to it."

Reports had said that the US Navy aims to rely more on unmanned vessels to help patrol Middle East waterways, and for which created Task Force 59 last year to focus on integrating drones and AI into 5th Fleet operations.

Over the past year, Task Force 59 operated unmanned surface ships in the Middle East for

more than 25,000 hours, a Naval Forces Central Command statement said.

Some of the vessels known as Saildrone Explorers have operated at sea for as long as 220 consecutive days, the NAVCENT statement said.

The Digital Horizon exercise includes three aerial drones to be tested in the Middle East for the first time.



Iranian navy warship had pulled two US sail drones completely out of the water in September this year and then covered them with tarps. Iran initially denied having any US property before returning them to the US warships that converged on the scene

Aerovel's Flexrotor and Shield AI's V-BAT each have vertical takeoff and landing systems. The other is tethered on a cable and can operate in harsh environments, *Stripes* said, quoting a Navy statement.

One aquatic drone, the Ocean Aero Triton, can operate for eight days at a time as a submarine and three months as a surface vessel.

The Triton's sail rotated up and down Thursday as the company representative demonstrated how the drone could go underwater within minutes if it detects a threat.

## Bahrain migrated 72 government agencies to cloud: iGA

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Bahrain migrated 70% of the operations and systems of

72 government agencies to AWS within three years, revealed Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA).

Bahrain, iGA Deputy CE, Operation & Governance Dr Khalid Almutawah said, has also completed the total migration of

operations for 23 governmental and non-governmental entities to the cloud.

The authority, he said, also helped four newly established government agencies launch their cloud-based technical infrastructure.

Dr Almutawah was speaking as he highlighted Bahrain's cloud migration experience at Amazon Web Services (AWS) 're:Invent 2022' conference, held in Las Vegas, USA, from November 28 to December 2, 2022. Director, Government Systems Support & Maintenance, Hesham Ebrahim Al-Hashemi was also present.

The event saw best practices and the latest cloud computing technologies discussed during more than 1,500 sessions.

Discussions focused on cloud architecture, data architecture, improving infrastructure operating methods, cloud migration methods, machine learning, and more.



iGA Deputy CE, Operation & Governance Dr. Khalid Almutawah



National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa received Counselor of the United States Department of State Chollet Derek. HH praised the level of cooperation between Bahrain and the United States and affirmed the effectiveness of the strategic partnership between the two countries as well as their commitment to consolidating the foundations of security and peace in the region.



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received a letter from the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, pertaining to the friendship and cooperation relations between the two countries. Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, was handed over the letter by the Riyadh-resident Azeri Ambassador to Bahrain, Shahin Abdullayev. They discussed ways to bolster relations between the two friendly countries in order to serve common interests.

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# Oil rises as China eases curbs, dollar weakens

● Two Chinese cities ease COVID curbs

● Fed comments on possible rate hike slowdown weaken dollar

● OPEC+ meeting on Sunday, policy change unlikely

● EU agrees \$60 price cap on Russian sea-borne oil -EU diplomat

Reuters | New York

Oil prices rose about a dollar per barrel on Thursday after top crude importer China eased COVID curbs in two major cities, while the US dollar slumped on the view that the Federal Reserve might slow down on interest-rate hikes.

The shift in China's zero-COVID strategy raised optimism about a recovery in oil demand



A view shows oil tanks of Transneft oil pipeline operator at the crude oil terminal Kozmino on the shore of Nakhodka Bay near the port city of Nakhodka, Russia

there. The cities of Guangzhou and Chongqing announced an easing of COVID curbs on Wednesday.

Brent crude was up 90 cents, or 1%, at \$87.87 a barrel by 1:05 pm EDT (1805 GMT). US West Texas Intermediate crude futures added \$1.50, or 1.9%, to \$82.05.

"Oil markets are going to continue to be buffeted by ongoing news out of China, given how much of an impact ongoing lockdowns are having on oil demand

in the world's second-largest consumer," said Matt Smith, lead oil analyst at Kpler.

The dollar index slumped to its lowest since August after the US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said rate hikes could slow this month. A weaker dollar makes oil cheaper for other currency holders.

Crude prices were also supported by hopes of another potential output cut from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and

allies, a group known as OPEC+, which meets on Dec. 4.

On Wednesday, sources called a policy change unlikely, but some feel a further cut cannot be ruled out.

"I believe the OPEC+ meeting forces shorts to cover, but the consensus is unchanged quota levels," said Tamas Varga, of oil broker PVM.

Both oil benchmarks are on target for their first weekly gains after three consecutive weeks of decline. Brent touched \$80.61 Monday, lowest since Jan. 4.

The prospect of a lower price cap on Russian oil is also lending support, analysts said. European Union governments tentatively agreed on Thursday on a \$60 cap on Russian sea-borne oil, an EU diplomat said.

"After dipping into the mid-\$70s at the start of the week, oil is now shifting focus to the OPEC meeting on Sunday, Russian sanctions, and the absence of large SPR barrels hitting commercial inventories - all three of these are price supportive," Smith said.

## nogaholding forms joint commission for Equal Opportunities and Gender Balance

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The Oil and Gas Holding Company (nogaholding) yesterday formed a Group Joint Commission for Equal Opportunities and Gender Balance to create a better working environment.

nogaholding and its operating companies also signed the United Nations Women Empower-

ment Principles (WEPs) pledge.

Mark Thomas, the Group Chief Executive Officer of nogaholding, along with the CEOs from Bapco, Tatweer, Banagas, GPIC, BAFCO, ASRY and BRC, signed the pledge.

"Through establishing the Joint Commission for Equal Opportunities and Gender Balance and endorsing the WEPs Principles, we strive to support

the Kingdom in its continued endeavours to empower Bahraini women in the workplace. Our role is to promote global initiatives that align with local agendas, benefiting from international expertise to further advance Bahrain," Thomas said.

He added: "We've made great strides in gender balance and equal opportunities over the

past few years, and we are working hard to make sure we are at the forefront in gender balance in Bahrain."

The Group said they are taking necessary action to instill the seven principles in line with the UN's human rights standards, focusing on gender equality, health and safety, education, development, and more.

## Musk set to finally take wraps off Tesla truck

Reuters | San Francisco

Tesla (TSLA.O) is set to unveil its long-delayed Semi, a 18-wheeler heavy duty vehicle that has faced skepticism from industry experts who doubt battery electric trucks can take the strain of hauling hefty loads for hundreds of miles.

At the unveiling event in Tesla's battery factory in Nevada, analysts will look for details such as pricing, how much freight the Semi can carry, and its charging speed.

Chief Executive Elon Musk initially said the trucks would be in production by 2019, but that was delayed due to battery constraints. In 2017, Tesla said the 500 mile (805 kilometre) range Semi to be priced at \$180,000.

The billionaire, who now runs five companies after buying Twitter, has a record of over-promising on Tesla's products.

Musk had promised, for instance, that Tesla's mass-market electric sedan Model 3 would be priced at \$35,000, a claim that bombed. The base model now sells at \$47,000.

He also previously said it was highly likely that the Semi



Tesla's new electric semi truck is unveiled during a presentation in Hawthorne, California, U.S



The launch marks the electric carmaker's first foray into the trucking business as US President Joe Biden's administration is set to offer a generous \$40,000 tax credit for clean commercial vehicles.

would be the first Tesla vehicle to have self-driving capability. But in October Musk said Tesla vehicles were not ready to take humans out of the loop.

Robyn Denholm, chair of Tesla, recently said the auto-

maker might make 100 Semis this year. Musk announced the start of production of the truck in early October, and said food and drink giant PepsiCo (PEP.O) would get the first deliveries on Dec. 1.

### CHARGING CHALLENGE

Musk has said Tesla needs to mass-produce its cheaper 4680 batteries in-house to build the Semi, which uses five times the number of cells a car needs. But he recently said the Semi will use the traditional 2170 batteries that Tesla gets from suppliers.

"A lot of us are kind of skeptical, because no one else has been able to prove that they can do it," said Mike Roeth, executive director of the North American Council for Freight Efficiency who attended Tesla's first prototype Semi presentation in 2017.

At the 2017 event, Musk said the truck could get to 400 miles on a 30-minute charge at solar-powered "mega chargers" without providing details. Finding the power to charge electric vehicles remains a major challenge. "The whole reason for a truck is to haul around 40,000 to 45,000 pounds of freight," said Roeth, a former executive at U.S. truck maker Navistar. "And if your batteries weigh too much, or they cost too much ... that doesn't work."

### LEWAS 2022



Oil and Environment, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs yesterday inaugurated the Leadership Excellence for Women Awards & Symposium (LEWAS 2022) ceremony under the theme "The Future of Energy: Unlimited Possibilities". Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina conveyed the greetings of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the GCC and international delegations participating in the event held annually by LEWAS events since 2013. More than 400 women leaders from various fields from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Middle East participated in the event.

## US Treasury's Adeyemo says \$60 oil price cap will limit Russia's revenues

Reuters | New York

A tentative European Union deal for a \$60-a-barrel price cap on Russian oil is in the range of potential price levels that the US Treasury has discussed and would limit Russian oil revenues, US Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo told Reuters NEXT yesterday.

Adeyemo said that he believes that EU member countries will finalize the price cap agreement because they have consistently applied sanctions



Adeyemo

to punish Russia for its invasion of Ukraine.

## Egypt to build 21 desalination plants in phase 1 of scheme

Reuters | Cairo

Egypt plans to award deals next year to build 21 water desalination plants in the first \$3 billion phase of a programme that will draw on cheap renewable energy, the CEO of the country's sovereign fund said yesterday.

Egypt, which recently hosted the COP27 U.N. climate talks and is trying to boost lagging investment in renewables, also aims to start production at a series of proposed green hydrogen projects in 2025-2026, Ayman Soliman told the Reuters NEXT conference.

Egypt depends almost entirely on the Nile for fresh water, and faces rising water scarcity for its population of 104 million. The desalination



A view of work around an 84-metre well being dug to draw seawater

programme aims to generate 3.3 million cubic metres of water daily in the first phase, and eventually reach 8.8 million cubic metres daily at a cost of \$8 billion.

There had been expressions of interest from more than 200 developers from at least 35 countries for the first phase, Soliman said.

## Musk expects Neuralink's brain chip to begin human trials in 6 months

Reuters

Elon Musk said on Wednesday he expects a wireless brain chip developed by his company Neuralink to begin human clinical trials in six months, after the company missed earlier timelines set by him.

The company is developing brain chip interfaces that it says could help disabled patients to move and communicate again, with Musk adding on Wednesday it will also target restoring vision.

Based in the San Francisco Bay Area and Austin, Texas, Neuralink has in recent years been conducting tests on an-



imals as it seeks approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to begin clinical trials in people.

"We want to be extremely careful and certain that it will work well before putting a device into a human," Musk said during a much-awaited public update on the device.

"The progress at first, particularly as it applies to humans, will seem perhaps agonizingly slow, but we are doing all of the things to bring it to scale in parallel," he added. "So, in theory, progress should be exponential."

News in brief

Pope to visit DR Congo, S. Sudan in early 2023



◆ Pope Francis will visit the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan early next year, a trip previously postponed due to problems with his knee, the Vatican said yesterday. The 85-year-old pontiff will visit Kinshasa during his trip to DRC from January 31 to February 3. He will then be joined by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Iain Greenshield, in heading to Juba in South Sudan from February 3-5. It will be the pontiff's fifth visit to the African continent since being elected head of the worldwide Catholic church in 2013.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has called a key party meeting for December that will lay out the isolated country's policy direction for the year ahead, state media reported yesterday.

Kim made the announcement at a Wednesday politburo gathering, according to a report carried by the official KCNA news agency, telling senior leadership that 2023 would be a "historic year". The announcement of the meeting comes after months of warnings from Seoul and Washington that Pyongyang is poised to conduct another nuclear test, the country's seventh.

North Korea to hold key party meeting in December



Landslide leaves at least two dead and dozens missing in Brazil



◆ A landslide in the southern Brazilian state of Parana killed at least two people and left dozens missing on Wednesday, according to officials. A landslide, which followed heavy rainfall, affected Brazil's BR-376 highway, CNN reports. Authorities believe mud buried six trailers, and up to 15 vehicles on the highway, as it tumbled on a 200 meter (656 foot) stretch of the road. A fire department representative told local media that they estimate that between 30 and 50 people could be missing. The representative added that military police, firefighters, civil defense teams and rescue dogs are assisting with rescue efforts and the cleaning of embankments.

South African president Cyril Ramaphosa is facing a possible impeachment threat over the "Farmgate" scandal.

The president has been accused of covering up a \$4m (£3.3m) theft from his farm in 2020, including kidnapping and bribing the burglars into silence. A leaked report from an independent panel has found that Ramaphosa abused his position and may have broken an anti-corruption law. He has denied wrongdoing, and said the money was from selling buffalo. The panel's findings have been handed to parliament, which is set to examine them and decide whether or not to launch impeachment proceedings next week.

South African president faces impeachment threat



Curioser & Curioser

Tunisia's spicy Harissa gets UNESCO heritage status



A shopkeeper shows a plate of Tunisian Harissa at the central market of the capital Tunis

UNESCO yesterday added Tunisia's spicy national condiment Harissa to its list of intangible cultural heritage, saying it was part of the North African country's identity. The United Nations' cultural agency is meeting in Morocco to examine proposals for its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage, which aims to protect cultural traditions, practices and knowledge. "Just inscribed on the #IntangibleHeritage List: Harissa, knowledge, skills and culinary and social practices," it tweeted yesterday. Harissa is a paste made with sun-dried hot peppers, freshly prepared spices and olive oil, which preserves it and slightly reduces its spiciness. It is found in almost every restaurant in Tunisia and also exported worldwide. Tunisia's application for the status notes that Harissa is "an integral part of domestic provisions and the daily culinary and food traditions of Tunisian society", usually prepared in a family or community setting.

Modi urges unity on 'greatest challenges' as India assumes G20 presidency

Reuters | Mumbai

The world must cooperate to tackle the greatest challenges of climate change, terrorism, and pandemics, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday as India began its year-long presidency of the Group of 20 (G20).

The Ukraine conflict, which started with a Russian invasion in February, dominated a two-day G20 summit in Indonesia last month, to the frustration of some members that wanted more attention on global economic woes.

"Today, we do not need to fight for our survival - our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one," Modi said in a declaration published in Indian newspapers to mark the start of the G20 presidency.

"Today, the greatest challenges we face - climate change, terrorism, and pandemics - can be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together."

His comment on war echoed



Narendra Modi a remark he made to Russian President Vladimir Putin at a regional conference in September, when he told him now was not a time for war, widely interpreted as a mild rebuke of what Russia calls its "special military operation" in Ukraine.

Modi, in the Thursday declaration, said India would aim to depoliticise the global supply of food, fertilizers and medical products, so that geo-political tensions do not lead to global disruptions.

"As in our own families, those whose needs are the greatest

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NARENDRA MODI

must always be our first concern," Modi said.

G20 members agreed at last month's summit, on the Indonesian island of Bali, to pursue efforts to limit the rise in global temperatures to 1.5 Celsius, including speeding up efforts to phase down unabated use of coal.

India, the world's second-biggest consumer of coal, said it would prioritise a phased transition to cleaner fuels and the slashing of household consumption to achieve net zero emissions by 2070 to meet its decarbonisation pledge.

"Our G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not just our G20 partners, but also our fellow-travellers in the global South, whose voice often goes unheard," Modi said.

"We will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries - on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security."



Archaeological Survey of India workers project the logo of G20 on to Safdarjung's tomb, in New Delhi

China set to loosen COVID curbs after week of historic protests

Reuters | Beijing

China is set to announce an easing of its COVID-19 quarantine protocols in the coming days and a reduction in mass testing, sources said, a marked shift in policy after anger over the world's toughest curbs fuelled widespread protests.

Cases nationwide remain near record highs but the changes come as some cities have been lifting their lockdowns in recent days, and a top official said the ability of the virus to cause disease was weakening.

Health authorities announcing the easing in their areas have not mentioned the protests - the biggest show of civil disobedience in China for years - which ranged from candle-lit vigils in Beijing to street clashes with police in Guangzhou.

The measures due to be unveiled include a reduction in the use of mass testing and regular nucleic acid tests as well as moves to allow positive cases and close contacts to isolate at home under certain conditions, the sources familiar with the matter said.

That is a far cry from earlier protocols that led to public frustrations as entire communities were locked down, sometimes for weeks, after even just one positive case.

The frustration boiled over last week in demonstrations of public defiance unprec-



A health worker in a protective suit waits at a traffic light in Beijing

After nearly three years fighting against the epidemic, our country's medical and healthcare system has withstood the test

CHINESE VICE PREMIER SUN CHUNLAN

edented in mainland China since President Xi Jinping took power in 2012. The unrest comes as the economy is set to enter a new era of much slower growth than seen in decades.

Yesterday night, Shanghai train commuters reported wirelessly receiving an unsolicited document onto their phones saying that life in China would only get better if there was a full lifting of lockdown and that Xi step down - an apparently

new tactic amid a heavy police presence in some cities ahead of the weekend.

Less than 24 hours after violent protests in Guangzhou on Tuesday, authorities in at least seven districts of the sprawling manufacturing hub, said they were lifting temporary lockdowns. One district said it would allow schools, restaurants and businesses including cinemas to reopen.

Cities including Chongqing and Zhengzhou also announced easings.

The sense of official momentum towards a landmark shift built yesterday as Vice Premier Sun Chunlan, who oversees COVID efforts, told a meeting of frontline experts that the Omicron variant was weakening in its ability to cause disease, allowing China to improve prevention efforts.

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Spain tightens security

US embassy latest target in spate of letter bombs

Ukraine embassy official slightly injured by one device

Defence ministry, arms manufacturer, air base also targeted

Reuters | Madrid

Bomb disposal experts defused a letter bomb at the US Embassy in Madrid yesterday, the sixth such device sent to high-profile targets in a wave that prompted Spain to step up security and vow not to be deterred from supporting Ukraine.

The campaign began with a package sent to Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Nov. 24, spurring Madrid to tighten security around public buildings. Since Wednesday, similar devices have also been sent to the defence ministry, an air force base, a weapons manufacturer and the Ukrainian embassy - where a security officer was slightly injured.

Defence Minister Margari-

Philippines new ways to exploit Sea resources

Reuters | Manila

The Philippines must find a way to explore for oil and gas in the South China Sea even without a deal with China, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said yesterday, emphasising his country's right to exploit energy reserves in the contested waterway.

"That's a big thing for us, that is why we need to fight (for what is ours) and take advantage if there really is oil there," Marcos told reporters.

Talks over joint energy exploration between Manila and Beijing in the South China Sea had been terminated, the previous government said in June, citing constitutional constraints and issues of sovereignty.

"That's the roadblock, it is hard to see how we can resolve that. I think there might be other ways so it does not have to be G-to-G (government-to-government)," Marcos said.

Marcos' remarks came after his foreign affairs secretary said in August Manila was open to new talks with China on oil and gas exploration and that a deal with China or any other country must comply with Philippine laws.

The Philippines relies heavily on imported fuel for its energy needs, making it vulnerable to supply shocks and rising oil prices, which have helped push up inflation to a near 14-year high.

During a three-day visit last week, US Vice President Kamala

1804

General Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of the French at the Notre Dame de Paris in a ceremony officiated by Pope Pius VII



1823

US President James Monroe declares the "Monroe Doctrine" opposing European colonialism in the Americas, arguing any European political intervention in the New World would be a hostile act against the United States

1929

First skull of Peking man found in the caves of Zhoukoudian, 50 km outside of Peking, China. Later dated roughly 750,000 years old

1976

Communist revolutionary Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba, replacing Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado

# Letter bombs detected in Spain

After prime minister's office, five other sites receive explosive packages



Police officers stand guard as other officers in yellow vests walk back at the cordoned off area next to the Ukrainian embassy in Madrid

ta Robles, who was visiting the Ukrainian port city of Odesa yesterday and met her Ukrainian counterpart Oleksii Reznikov, said the letter bombs would not deter Spain from supporting Ukraine's "just cause".

"What must be very clear is that none of these deliveries or any other violent action will change the clear and firm commitment of Spain, NATO countries and the European Union to support Ukraine," she said.

The latest package was intercepted at the U.S. Embassy by security officials and was later detonated in a controlled explosion by Spanish police.

On Wednesday, a package addressed to the Ukrainian ambassador to Spain detonated at the country's embassy as a security official investigated it, causing him to suffer minor injuries to his hands and a concussion. Security has now been stepped up around embassies as well.

Later on Wednesday, Instalaza, an arms manufacturer in Zaragoza, northeastern Spain, that has sent more than 1,000 C90 rocket launchers to Ukraine received another package. Yesterday an air force base housing a European Union satellite centre, Spain's defence ministry and the U.S. Embassy also received packages.



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RAFAEL PEREZ, THE JUNIOR MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY

Ukraine points finger at Moscow

After the package sent to the Ukrainian embassy detonated, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba ordered all of Kyiv's embassies abroad to "urgently" strengthen security.

Ukraine's ambassador to Spain, Serhii Pohoreltsev, appeared to blame Russia.

"We have instructions from the ministry in Ukraine that given the situation we have to be prepared for any kind of incident... Russian activities outside the country," he told Spanish television station TVE on Wednesday.

Russia invaded Ukraine nine months ago in what it calls a "special military operation" that Kyiv and the West describe as an unprovoked, imperialist land grab.

Spain has sent or committed to send military and humanitarian



News of the letter bombs broke on Wednesday lunchtime after police said a security official at the Ukrainian embassy in Madrid had been slightly injured after opening a package

around major diplomatic and public buildings.

Speaking before the latest package was found at the US Embassy, Spain's deputy interior minister said early indications suggested the first five packages were sent from within Spain.

Rafael Perez, the junior minister responsible for security, told a news conference that the homemade devices were sent in brown packages containing a flammable powder and tripwire that would generate "sudden flames" rather than an explosion.

The packages were addressed to the heads of the institutions they were sent to.

One device had been kept intact for investigative purposes, Perez said, while the others were detonated by the security forces in controlled explosions.

"It appears that they were all sent from within the country but we are basing this on early visual inspections without yet having an in-depth technical report," he said.

Perez said it did not yet appear necessary to convene the security committee that would evaluate stepping up Spain's terrorist threat level, already at the second-highest level following Islamist attacks around Europe over the past decade.

## Needs to find South China Sea, says Marcos



Ferdinand Marcos Jr

## Ukraine says Russia pulls back forces from river towns opposite Kherson

Reuters | Beijing

Ukraine's military said yesterday Russia had pulled some troops from towns on the opposite bank of the Dnipro River from Kherson city, the first official Ukrainian report of a Russian withdrawal on what is now the main front line in the south.

The statement gave only limited details and made no mention of any Ukrainian forces having crossed the Dnipro. Ukrainian officials also stressed that Russia had intensified shelling across the river, knocking out power again in Kherson where electricity had only begun to



Ukrainian servicemen fire with a Bureviy multiple launch rocket system at a position in Donetsk region after Russian troops vacated the

city and fled across the river.

Since Russia abandoned Kherson last month, nine months into its invasion of Ukraine, the river now forms the entire southern stretch of the front.

Russia has already told civilians to leave towns within 15 km of the river and withdrawn its civilian administration from the city of Nova Kakhovka on the bank. Ukrainian officials have previously said Russia pulled back some artillery near the river to safer positions further away, but until now had stopped short of saying Russian forces were quitting towns.

## Modi's home state Gujarat votes, seen as easy mid-term test for India's leader

Reuters | Ahmedabad

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state of Gujarat began voting yesterday with his party expected to win a seventh straight term, but any unexpected slip could herald a tighter contest in national polls due by 2024.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has not lost in the western industrial state since 1995 and Modi served as its chief minister for nearly 13 years before becoming prime minister in 2014 after trouncing the Congress party.

Opinion polls conducted in the lead-up to the Gujarat polls projected the BJP to comfortably retain power in the state.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP),



A woman arrives as others wait in a queue to cast their vote

which was formed only a decade ago and has claimed power in Delhi and the state of Punjab, is set to become one of the main opposition parties in Gujarat at the expense of Congress.

Early yesterday, voters in Surat, the state's second largest

city and a diamond cutting and polishing hub, lined up to cast their ballot in the first of the two-phase election.

The city is expected to witness a three-way contest with Congress and AAP also looking to make inroads in the BJP bas-

tion. The second phase of voting is on Tuesday and results are due on Dec. 8.

In the last state election five years ago, the BJP won 99 seats in the 182-member assembly while Congress got 77.

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The Philippines relies heavily on imported fuel for its energy needs, making it vulnerable to supply shocks and rising oil prices, which have helped push up inflation to a near 14-year high

Harris affirmed American defence commitments to the Philippines and reiterated support for a 2016 arbitration ruling that invalidated Beijing's expansive South China Sea claims.

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I firmly believe now is the best time to go further still and catalyse a fundamental mindset shift, to benefit humanity as a whole. #G20India @MohamedBinZayed @AlsisiOfficial @RishiSunak @vonderleyen

@narendramodi

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As a reminder, tap the stars icon on upper right of screen to switch between latest people you follow and recommended tweets

@elonmusk

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This #WorldAIDS Day, let's reaffirm our commitment to end AIDS by 2030. @WHO calls on all countries to implement global health sector strategies on HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections. With bold leadership, we can deliver care for everyone!

@DrTedros

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Peace is never easy — but it is always necessary. The @UN will continue working with the @AfricanUnion to deliver the peace, prosperity and climate justice that the people of Africa deserve.

@antonioguterres

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# CELEBS

## I can't slow down, says Megan Thee Stallion

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Megan Thee Stallion "can't slow down".

The 27-year-old rap star has enjoyed huge success over recent years, and Megan doesn't have any intention of slowing down anytime soon.

She shared: "I can't slow down right now. I'll take a break when I'm dead."

"I'm trying to really build something. When I start sitting, I feel like I'm not doing enough or I'm giving somebody else the opportunity to pass me."

Megan is one of the biggest-selling artists in the rap industry.

The 'Savage' hitmaker has also signed lucrative endorsement deals with a number of big-name brands - but Megan insists she'll only appear in campaigns that embrace her unique style.

She told Forbes magazine: "I cannot fake it. If I'm not naturally into it, I don't want to sell it."

Meanwhile, Megan previously spoke about her ambitions in the movie business, revealing that she's keen to become a director one day.

The rap star also described herself as a "film buff".

She shared: "I definitely want to be an actress, but I also really want to be a director. I love movies and I'm definitely a film buff."

"I like to create. Not only do I like to write music, I like to write stories. I definitely want to see these stories come to life."

Megan also confessed to being a huge fan of the TV series 'Euphoria'.

She said: "They got me on the edge of my seat."

"They got me wanting to cry, wanting to scream and everybody is giving the best performances right now on 'Euphoria'. I know these are characters and the show is not real, but they got me yelling at the TV like, 'Girl, get it together! What are you doing?!'"

Megan Thee Stallion



## Dwayne Johnson redeems himself years after stealing Snickers from store

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson has redeemed himself "decades" after stealing Snickers bars from a local store.

The WWE legend turned Hollywood megastar has revisited at 7-11 store he frequented as a kid in Hawaii, and recalled a period in his teens when he would nab the chocolate treats from the shelves without paying for them.

Sharing a video on Instagram, he wrote: "I finally exorcised this damn chocolate demon that's been gnawing at me for decades."

"We were evicted from Hawaii in '87 and after all these years - I finally got back home to right this wrong."

"I was broke as hell, so I used to steal a king sized @snickers EVERY DAY from 7-11 for almost a year when I was 14yrs old, on my way to the gym. (sic)"

The Rock jokingly referred to the chocolate bar as the "pre daily workout", and he remembered how the clerk at the time "just turned her head and never busted me".

He continued: "I've exercised



Dwayne Johnson

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I was broke as hell, so I used to steal a king sized @snickers EVERY DAY from 7-11 for almost a year when I was 14yrs old, on my way to the gym

DWAYNE JOHNSON

a few big demons over the years (I still have a few left) so I know

this one seems VERY SILLY, but every time I come back home to Hawaii and drive by 7-11...

"I always knew I needed to go in and clean out every Snickers bar they had - the right way (sic)"

In the video, the 'Black Adam' star can be seen buying all the bars on the shelf, and even took care of other customers by paying for their shopping, and leaving the paid-for Snickers on the side as a freebie.

## DJ Khaled welcomed to Saudi Arabia with traditional dance ahead of concert



DJ Khaled dances as he is welcomed upon arrival in Saudi Arabia Al Arabiya | Riyadh

DJ Khaled was welcomed in Saudi Arabia with a traditional song and dance, ahead of his debut performance in the Kingdom.

American DJ and producer Khaled Mohammed Khaled, who goes by DJ Khaled, was seen excitedly disembarking from his aircraft in a video he shared on Instagram on Wednesday.

After running down the boarding stairs, the 47-year-

old artist exclaimed: "Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, I'm here!"

"Where's the Maqlooba at," he asked, referring to the layered Arabic rice dish; "where's the chenafa at," likely referring to the sweet-dish 'kunafa,' as he continued asking around for traditional Saudi dishes.

The next shot in the sequence saw DJ Khaled walking out of the airport, clapping to the lively beats of Saudi Arabia's traditional dance and song performed by about a dozen artists.

## Mariah Carey wants her kids to have 'everything' after her own 'messed up' childhood

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Mariah Carey wants her kids to have "everything" after her own "messed up" childhood.

The 52-year-old pop star - whose track 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' has gone on to become the best-selling Christmas single by a female artist since its 1994 release - is mother to 11-year-old twins Moroccan and Monroe with ex-husband Nick Cannon and explained that the festive time of year just makes her "happy" after enduring such a

life "transformation."

She said: "Darling, look, I know a lot of the time people are like, 'Oh, yay! Look at her! She's, like, so festive and such a Christmas girl', or whatever. But, really, Christmas makes me happy. People think I had this princess-style life or whatever, a kind of fairy-tale existence where I just emerged, like, 'Here I am!' And that is not what it is. I doubt you have enough time to write about all that, so we won't go into it."

Mariah Carey



## Lindsay Lohan 'can't wait' to spend Christmas with her husband

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Lindsay Lohan "can't wait" to spend Christmas with her husband.

The 36-year-old actress tied the knot with financier Bader Shammam earlier this year after two years of dating and admitted that she "loves" the festive period and is looking forward to spending it with her husband and the rest of his family.

She said: "I love the Christmas season and the whole family time with all the food and everything. I can't wait to spend it this year with my husband, new niece, and with all the family."

The 'Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen' star - who started out in the industry as a child playing the dual leading role of twins Hallie Parker and Annie James in Disney hit 'The Parent Trap' and enjoyed massive success in the 2000s

Lindsay Lohan made a return to screens in festive Netflix romcom 'Falling For Christmas' and admitted that it felt like "only yesterday" she had been making movies when she was on set.

Lindsay Lohan



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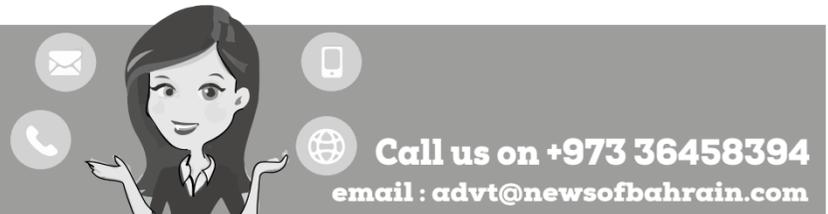
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# Classifieds



## VACANCIES AVAILABLE

**DURRAT AL KHALEJ MARINE SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17674316 or duratkhalaj@hotmail.com

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**RAMSIS ENGINEERING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17830801 or HR@RAMSIS.COM.BH

**ALMOAYYED CLEANING & MAINTENANCE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39770606 or ameer@almoayyedco.com

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**EXCELLENCE INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17532010 or ajawahery@exibah.com

**DURRAT AL KHALEJ MARINE SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17674316 or duratkhalaj@hotmail.com

**Infinity Ships services** has a vacancy for the occupation of FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39395775 or Infinitiservicesbh@gmail.com

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**Delta Security Services Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17262725 or hr@deltass.me

**V BEACH RESORT HOTEL W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of RECEPTIONIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33658488 or MoosaA@addresshotels.com

**SHADMAN DOCUMENT CLEARANCE CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39100597 or shadmanclearance@gmail.com

**EURO EXPRESS TRANSPORTS Co.W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33141104 or sales@euroexpressintl.com

**M.B.C.E SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION OWNED BY AWAL COMMERCIAL SERVIC** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17230808 or muazzams3@gmail.com

**PARKFINE HOSPITALITY SERVICES COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17704741 or BJOSEPH@PARKFINEBH.COM

**BAHRAIN KUWAIT UNITED REAL ESTATE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TILES FIXER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17440064 or ALI.HUMAI DAN@GMAIL.COM

**ALKIAN BROASTED WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK(ASSISTANT), suitably qualified applicants can contact 38718883 or alkiambroasted@gmail.com

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**AL-ZAHIA HOME FURNITURE** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33277986 or ACA175599@GMAIL.COM

**HOLLYWOOD STYLE SALOON W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34099010 or SAMIROCK9090@GMAIL.COM

**BEEFKO RESTAURANT WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33332028 or beefkohb@gmail.com

**Wallstein Contracting Bahrain W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SCAFFOLDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 13383888 or M.WALLSTEIN@WALLSTEIN.DE

**THE ART HOTEL & RESORT W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 16033100 or ABEER@AMWAJ.BH

**FERAL REAL ESTATE** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES AGENT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39666347 or ESSAMM6347@GMAIL.COM

**FAHDAN BUSINESS SOLUTIONS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CASHIER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33600501 or ISULABIKH@GMAIL.COM

**L ORTO INC W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER/BARTENDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66777117 or TALAL.ALZAIN@JSR.COM

**ALDALEM CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17252256 or ALDALEM@HOTMAIL.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**AL NAWAZISH INTERIOR CLEANING AND MACHINES CENTER CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32009827 or SAQIBALI8639@GMAIL.COM

**PROFILE WORLD BEAUTY SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17713155 or BADRIA@GMAIL.COM

**FASCIN REGALO TRADING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36283000 or wits.bh@wajdagroup.me

**RUE CATERING BOUTIQUE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17200025 or KHALID.ALALAWI@KEYPOINT.COM

**ECO BLOOMS FOR FLOWERS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38252161 or ECOBLOOMS2020@GMAIL.COM

**JUFFAIR BOULEVARD HOTEL & SUITES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ROOM ATTENDANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35475656 or HR@JUFFAIRBOULEVARD.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**VISION DYNAMICS TRADING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39133187 or USMANS\_DC@YAHOO.COM

**BROASTED JASIM** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (RESTURANTS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36672337 or NNMK65@HOTMAIL.COM

**NILA CONSULTANCY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34693191 or AZHARKPM88@GMAIL.COM

**MOHAMMED EMRAN CAFETERIA BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32073526 or EMRANCAFETERIA@GMAIL.COM

**NEXON COMPUTER SOLUTIONS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39794951 or NEXONBAH@GMAIL.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**MUHAMMAD ISHFAQ REPAIR OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENTS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36400916 or AUTOEXPERT.PK@GMAIL.COM

**JC GROUND TEAM W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34000816 or SHABANGUJJAR3002@GMAIL.COM

**RASHID MINHAS SERVICES CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34537438 or SADAQATSHARIF85@GMAIL.COM

**MUHAMMAD ILYAS CONSTRUCTION W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37132645 or MAQSOODSERVICES@GMAIL.COM

**VARISTA INTERIOR DECORATION W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36344482 or KULITALSAMAHJI@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**RAMSIS ENGINEERING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SAFETY OFFICER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17830801 or HR@RAMSIS.COM.BH

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**GOOD HOMES INTERIOR DECORATION W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33217233 or NAVEELSHAHZAD11@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**SHUTDOWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33499995 or SMSWLL@BATELCO.COM.BH

**Basma Security** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY MAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17727676 or aqeel@basma.com.bh

**HARDEEZ** has a vacancy for the occupation of SERVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17262998 or ssaleh@americana-food.com

**GULF MARKETS INTERNATIONAL W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17490040 or MISHAL@ALFANARINVESTMENT.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**LA BLUE CAFE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66969961 or ALRAYES.OMAR@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**RAMSIS ENGINEERING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17830801 or HR@RAMSIS.COM.BH

**SHUTDOWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33499995 or SMSWLL@BATELCO.COM.BH

**MASHTAN AUTO SERVICES CENTRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANIC (AIR-CONDITIONING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17661499 or NOORAINCLS@GMAIL.COM

**ALJUBALI TAILORING HOUSE** has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39641234 or MOMANS50@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FOREMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**THE FOOD SPACE TRANSPORTATION CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(MOTOR VEHICLE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 32002432 or HASSANCHODRY50@GMAIL.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**PLAZA HOTEL** has a vacancy for the occupation of ACCOUNTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33642816 or STARPROPERTIESSPP@GMAIL.COM

**KIW GARDEN CAFETERIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39857572 or S208030@HOTMAIL.COM

**Tataween Gents Saloon** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36441142 or ADEL\_ALROWAIE@HOTMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**UNION WASHING AND POLISHING CAR** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17441900 or SASAAH1962@GMAIL.COM

**AL MAHABA ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENTS EST** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39816922 or ALMAHABA.EST@GMAIL.COM

**EXCELLENCE INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17532010 or ajawahery@exibah.com

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**Mohammed isa Contracting** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39425995 or info@mielevators.com

**HUSSAIN ALI MOHAMMED HUJAIR** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39423130 or ABUALIH60@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**ARCAL W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ALUMINIUM TECHNICIAN (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17701900 or hrd@arcabiz

**JAMILA AKHTAR CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17346157 or jac.servicesbh@gmail.com

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**Barber Green Contracting - Bahraini Partnership Co.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34384278 or n123.nawaz@gmail.com

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**EAGLE LINES DELIVERY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34585817 or SAMI.ULLAH23321@GMAIL.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**GREEN PAK SERVICES CO BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37355560 or NEWGREEN1355@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**ABDUL RASHEED CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39454342 or CH.SAM965@GMAIL.COM

**JABOR HASAN M. ALNOAIMI / GHAZWAT TAH-2437** has a vacancy for the occupation of SEAMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36653616 or GABR200055@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**NAYYAB CLOTHING CENTER W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36133030 or ANGELDOVE56@GMAIL.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**BOLAN TOWER CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17000490 or bolanbh@gmail.com

**BIN MUHANNA AUTO SPARE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39751175 or NOORALMUHANNA36@GMAIL.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**SHAMA INTERIOR DECORATION** has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38915528 or JASIMATEE070@GMAIL.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**KEO INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17565333 or Sayed.helal@keoic.com

**AL MISBAR CORNER KARAK** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(JUICE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17771265 or TADVD@HOTMAIL.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**ZUTOI W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39248745 or MOHAMMEDAKEEFMUSBA@GMAIL.COM

**SADIQ AMIN W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33865306 or SADIQSA7004@GMAIL.COM

**Abdali mohamed hasan ali** has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR(HAND AND MACHINE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700881 or DR.ABDALI@GMAIL.COM

**ALKWITHER JUCE AND ICE CREAM** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39462696 or MISHQAB-BAH@HOTMAIL.COM

**NEW SHOE PALACE** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39466042 or alsayd@msn.com

**GRAND TIGER FOR MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL B.S.C. CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17620672 or SKDGRPCO@BATELCO.COM.BH

**GRAND TIGER FOR MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL B.S.C. CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of STRUCTURAL STEEL WORKER (WORKSHOP), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17620672 or SKDGRPCO@BATELCO.COM.BH

**GRAND TIGER FOR MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL B.S.C. CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17620672 or SKDGRPCO@BATELCO.COM.BH

**YAMAL ALSHAM SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39858332 or KARU110@GMAIL.COM

**HASAAD ALKHAIR CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32222055 or FREEDOM.WORLD@HOTMAIL.COM

**PLANNERS GROUP INTERNATIONAL** has a vacancy for the occupation of SHIP RIGGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17532010 or m.vishal@exibah.com

**ROBOU ALTAIF GENTS TAILORING** has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR (GENTS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39832298 or ALZUBAIDY1967@GMAIL.COM

**AL-KHARDAWI MECHANICAL & ELCTRICAL** has a vacancy for the occupation of AUTOMOBILE PAINTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17735778 or abonoor75@yahoo.com

**Gulf Capitals Cleaning** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33003044 or gulfcapitals.bh@gmail.com

**ALMONA SELECTION FOR UPHOLSTERY** has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17273760 or agencybah@gmail.com

**ALOTHMAN CAR REPAIR & SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANIC, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17687680 or alothman48@hotmail.com

**ABU ABDUIA GODSMITH** has a vacancy for the occupation of JEWELRY GOLDSMITH (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39402403 or T22T22@HOTMAIL.COM

**BLUE RIBBON CAR UPHOLSTERY AND ACCESSORIES** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33631966 or SARAHAMAD2009@YAHOO.COM

**EASTERN VALLEY FOOD STUFF** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33349998 or AWAS9119@HOTMAIL.COM

**AL MAWATENEEN WELDING & BLACKSMITH & FABRICATION WORKSHOP** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17227838 or EVERGREENDOCUMENT@GMAIL.COM

**PUNJAB CITY CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34111999 or sharef.works@gmail.com

**ALMOAYYED ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION SYSTEMS** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38888838 or ALI.HASSAN@ALMOAYYEDINTL.COM.BH

**GRAND TIGER FOR MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL B.S.C. CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17620672 or SKDGRPCO@BATELCO.COM.BH

**AL HELLI SUPERMARKET B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33572333 or hanan@ALHELLI.COM

**SHUTDOWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17742961 or SMSWLL@BATELCO.COM.BH

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**MACDONALDS** has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17220000 or AMAL.ALMOUSAWI@FAKHRO.COM

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR (SITE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**AMERICAN MISSION HOSPITAL** has a vacancy for the occupation of NURSE(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17177711 or CATHERINE@AMH.ORG.BH

**WADIE GUL ELECTRONICS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33001196 or SS\_TAJJ@HOTMAIL.COM

**AL AREEN PHONE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33889812 or buwesam64@hotmail.com

**OLIVE HOTEL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17251444 or NAMALCO@BATELCO.COM.BH

**ABEDI GENTS SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33250990 or MAHMOOD.ASRY@GMAIL.COM

**BAHRAIN GALVANIZING FACTORY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17622495 or finance.bgf1@gmail.com

**AWTAR BEIRUT RESTAURANT AND CAFE** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17714477 or FFCBAH@BATELCO.COM.BH

**DANUBE BUILDING MATERIALS (BAHRAIN) CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17877093 or Shefi.saddar@aldanube.com

**MAGIC SHINE CLEANING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36509129 or info@magicshinebh.com

**FRESH TOUCH MANPOWER SUPPLY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38880304 or MOHD.POLLUX@OUTLOOK.COM

**MANAMA TOWER HOTEL** has a vacancy for the occupation of ROOM ATTENDANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39975200 or info@impeRialgRoUph.com

**Blue Diamond Salon** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER-HAIRDRESSER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39654547 or GR8\_MANAY@HOTMAIL.COM

**RAHMA BEAUTY & MASSAGE SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of WOMEN'S HAIRDRESSER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39600092 or HYDAM@HOTMAIL.COM

**PURE DESIGN CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39660708 or SARMAT@BATELCO.COM.BH

**DUBAI HORIZON INTERNATIONAL CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39416242 or CMD@DHIWLL.COM

**LEO METAL CLADDING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ALUMINIUM TECHNICIAN (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39441385 or info@leometalcladding.com

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L.)** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

**EXPOSURE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of PHOTOGRAPHER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36635353 or MARYAMALZAYANI@GMAIL.COM

**Dallas Cafe** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37262555 or DALLLAS141@YAHOO.COM

**DELMON WASTE PAPER RECYCLING CO W L L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39627407 or E\_RAWTHER1@HOTMAIL.COM

**SMALCO CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33040002 or smalco\_bh@hotmail.com

**SHAHEER UPHOSTERY AND CURTAINS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39734146 or FATEH44M@GMAIL.COM

**AMG ABAYAT FASHION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37375579 or GENMATAILORING@HOTMAIL.COM

**FADI LEBANESE SNACK** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(JUICE & SANDWICHES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39060996 or FADI.ALBISSANI70@GMAIL.COM

**Farsana Construction S P C** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39829689 or FARSANABAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

**ZONE SECURITY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36322266 or info@zonebh.net

**Iacovou Construction (Bahrain) W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER (CONTRACTING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17593367 or infobahrain@iacovougroup.com

**FALCON SALE OF SECOND HAND GOODS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39179077 or ADRAJ1@GMAIL.COM

**QASER ALNAHLA FOOD STUFF** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39161811 or BHOLAGI@YAHOO.COM

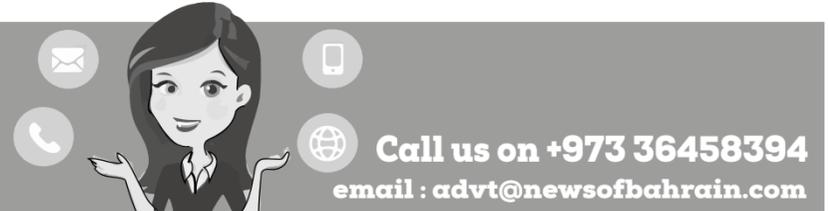
**BAHRAIN CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION & DISTRIBUTION COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17112226 or ABDULLATIF.BUALLAY@SALE.CO.COM.BH

**BAB AWAM CAFETERIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33070060 or COOLMAN31@GMAIL.COM

**Wadi Al Safa Restaurant** has a vacancy for the occupation of CASHIER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36900332 or alialattar67@yahoo.com

**AL OLAYA SUITES HOTEL W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17161616 or CORP@DADABAI.COM

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**Abdul Rahman Ali Al Saad Power Projects Co Wll** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17273330 or BEENA.B@ALSAADPROJECTS.COM

**DR. NUTRITION CENTER W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33303848 or GCC@DRNUTRITION.COM

**NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L)** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

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# Al Hakam makes strong start in Arab golf

National team golfer ranks fifth overall as top-ranked Bahraini after first day of play in 41st Pan Arab Men Golf Championship in Tunisia

● **Fahad Al Hakam** cards five-over-par 77 on first day to finish 10 shots behind overnight leader

● **Bahrain's other golfers** Ahmed Al Zayed was 13th, Khalifa Al Merisi 19th, Khalifa Duaij Al Kaabi 26th

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Bahrain's Fahad Al Hakam was the senior national team's top-ranked golfer yesterday after the first round of play in the 41st Pan Arab Men Golf Championship, which got underway at La Cigale Tabarka Golf course in Tunisia.

Al Hakam ranked fifth amongst 48 golfers after carding a five-over-par 77 over the first 18 holes of play in the 72-hole tournament.

Al Hakam had two birdies but also registered five bogeys yesterday.

He was 10 shots behind leader Saoud Abdallah Al Sheriif from Saudi Arabia, who played



Bahrain's national team players and officials with tournament committee members at the opening ceremony

a five-under 67 over the first day.

Ranked second was Elyas Barhoumi from Tunisia with a one-under-par 71, while third and fourth, marginally ahead of Al Hakam, were the Egyptian pair of Abd El Moneim Shafei and Dean Naem. Shafei posted a three-over-par 75 score while Naem finished the first day

with a same total as Al Hakam of 77.

Bahrain's next best yesterday was Ahmed Al Zayed in 13th overall. He finished with a nine-over-par 81 score.

Khalifa Al Merisi followed for the nationals in 19th place with a 12-over-par 84, while Khalifa Duaij Al Kaabi rounded out the

Bahraini competitors in 26th place with a 13-over 85 score.

The tournament is taking place under the umbrella of the Arab Golf Federation, and is sanctioned by The R&A.

The Kingdom's delegation in Tunisia is headed by Captain Adel Ali Al Fayyad, and includes Spanish head coach Gabriel

Sota.

The Arab championship is to be played over four rounds at the individual and team levels. The final day is scheduled for Sunday.

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top teams in the competition, having already clinched the title 12 times in past editions.

The other participating nations include the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Lebanon, Iraq, Qatar, Egypt, Palestine, Libya, Somalia and hosts Tunisia.

# Belgium crash out after Croatia draw

Belgium went out of the tournament at the group stage after the substitute Romelu Lukaku missed a series of late chances

● **Croatia advance to the last 16 from Group F alongside Morocco after stalemate**

AFP

Romelu Lukaku missed a string of late chances as Belgium crashed out of the World Cup in the group stage after a 0-0 draw with Croatia yesterday which sent the 2018 runners-up into the knockout phase.

Croatia had a penalty award controversially cancelled by VAR early in a largely uneventful first half.

The introduction of Lukaku at the interval changed the game, but he was guilty of three dreadful misses as Zlatko Dalic's side rode their luck to hold on.

Croatia progressed as runners-up in Group F behind winners Morocco who beat Canada 2-1 to also qualify for the last 16.

Belgium, the world's second-ranked side, saw their run of reaching at least the quar-



Belgium's Romelu Lukaku, left, reacts after missing a chance to score

ter-finals at four straight major tournaments come to an abrupt end.

Roberto Martinez's men managed just one goal in the tournament in a fortunate opening 1-0 win over Canada.

Martinez dropped captain Eden Hazard to the bench as one of four changes which also saw Leandro Trossard and Dries Mertens start for the first time.

The build-up to the match had been dominated by rumours of

an altercation between senior Belgian players, involving Eden Hazard, which Martinez described as "fake news".

Croatia almost took the lead inside the first 10 seconds, as the ball was played forward to Ivan Perisic after kick-off and the Tottenham man cut inside and drilled a shot just wide of the far post.

The likelihood of Belgium needing to win was increased when Morocco scored an early

FIFA World Cup results		
Canada	1 - 2	Morocco
Croatia	0 - 0	Belgium
Costa Rica	2 - 4	Germany
Japan	2 - 1	Spain

Today's matches		
South Korea vs Portugal	6PM	
Ghana vs Uruguay	6PM	
Cameroon vs Brazil	10PM	
Serbia vs Switzerland	10PM	

goal. Yannick Carrasco had a chance to open the scoring but his shot was blocked.

## Penalty overturned

Mertens curled over after a trademark Kevin De Bruyne run and pass, before Croatia were awarded a penalty seconds later when Carrasco tripped Andrej Kramaric in the box.

But the decision was overturned following a lengthy VAR check which decided that a tiny fraction of Dejan Lovren's shoulder was offside.

Desperate for a goal after a first half in which neither side mustered a shot on target, Martinez sent on Lukaku, Belgium's



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record scorer, for Mertens at half-time.

They immediately carried more threat, with Lukaku, who struggled with injury in the build-up to the tournament, heading straight at Croatia goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic.

Thibaut Courtois was then called into action for the first time, stretching to tip over Mateo Kovacic's curling effort as the game opened up.

That also suited the Croatian

attackers though and Courtois had to twice get down to keep out low shots from Marcelo Brozovic and Luka Modric.

Belgium should have taken the lead on the hour mark.

Carrasco almost bundled the ball in but was denied by Livakovic, before Lukaku contrived to hit the post with the goal gaping on the rebound.

Lukaku was guilty of an even worse miss two minutes later, heading over an empty net from six yards out, although replays suggested the ball may have been out of play when De Bruyne crossed it in.

Martinez also threw on Thorgan Hazard, Youri Tielemans and Jeremy Doku as Belgium searched for that all important goal.

Lukaku saw another chance come and go in the 87th minute, deflecting the ball wide from Thomas Meunier's volley.

The striker, on loan at Inter Milan from Chelsea, still had another golden opportunity to be the hero, but he opted to chest the ball towards the open net from three yards out and directed it into the arms of Livakovic.

## Morocco roar past Canada



Morocco's Youssef En-Nesyri scores his side's second goal

AFP

Morocco powered into the last 16 of the World Cup for the first time in 36 years yesterday with a 2-1 victory over eliminated Canada.

Goals from Hakim Ziyech and Youssef En-Nesyri ensured the North Africans finished top of Group F ahead of 2018 World Cup runners-up Croatia.

Morocco, who last reached the knockout stages of the World Cup in 1986, will face the runners-up from Group E in the last 16.

Canada's defeat meanwhile capped a disappointing World Cup for the CONCACAF side, who depart after losing all three of their group games on their long-awaited return to the finals.

Morocco put themselves firmly on course for the second round after upsetting Belgium 2-0 on Sunday, a result that left them needing only a point against Canada yesterday to be sure of advancing.

Achieving that objective never looked in doubt after the Moroccans grabbed the lead after only four minutes in front of 43,102 fans.

Canada captain and goalkeeper Milan Borjan raced off his line to clear an underhit



Morocco began its campaign with a morale-boosting draw against Croatia and then beat Belgium 2-0 for arguably its best result in international soccer

backpass from Steven Vitoria but could only watch in horror as the ball fell to Morocco's Ziyech.

The Chelsea star seized the opportunity ruthlessly, coolly lifting a finish over the stranded Borjan into the empty net for 1-0.

That early setback winded Canada, who struggled to gain any sort of a foothold against a rampant Morocco who were soon 2-0 up.

Right-back Achraf Hakimi's long ball caught the Canadian defence napping and En-Nesyri darted in behind before smashing home a finish at the near post to beat Borjan.

## Germany out despite 4-2 win over Costa Rica

AFP

Germany was eliminated from the group stage of the World Cup for the second tournament in a row.

The four-time champions beat Costa Rica 4-2 Thursday but it wasn't enough to ad-

vance to the round of 16. Japan's 2-1 victory over Spain allowed both of those teams to advance instead, with the Japanese team at the top of the group.

Playing as defending champions at the last World Cup, Germany also exited early.



Germany's Serge Gnabry scores his side's opening goal

## Japan roar back again to beat Spain and advance to last 16

Reuters

Japan staged their second stunning turnaround of the World Cup when they beat 2010 champions Spain 2-1 on Thursday with two quick-fire goals and advanced to the last 16 along with their beaten opponents.

Going into the halftime break 1-0 down and on course for an early World Cup exit, Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu reorganised his side to give them more attacking bite and within six minutes the Samurai Blue were ahead.

Ritsu Doan, one of the substi-



Japan's Ao Tanaka, second right, heads the ball to score his side's second goal

tutes, hammered in a shot from the edge of the box in the 48th minute that Spain goalkeeper

Unai Simon - whose poor clearance had created the danger - could not keep out.

Three minutes later, Ao Tanaka scored from close range after the other halftime sub Kaoru Mitoma cut the ball back from the byline.

The VAR system took several minutes to confirm the ball had not gone out before Mitoma's touch, sparking wild celebrations by Japan and their fans when the verdict came in.

Spain had looked in total control in the first half but were suddenly clinging to their chance of staying in the World Cup as Costa Rica and Germany battled out their own drama in the other Group E match.

## Maradona would be 'super happy', says Messi

AFP

Lionel Messi believes Diego Maradona would be "super happy" after he led Argentina into the World Cup last 16 on Wednesday thanks to a 2-0 win over Poland.

Messi became his country's most capped player at the tournament with a 22nd appearance surpassing his legendary compatriot who died just over two years ago.

"I learned it recently, I didn't know it. It's a pleasure to be able to continue to achieve these kinds of records. I think Diego



Poland's Damian Szymanski, left, tries to stop Argentina's Lionel Messi

"I think Diego would be super happy for me, because he always showed me a lot of affection, he was always happy when things went well for me"

DIEGO MARADONA

would be super happy for me, because he always showed me a lot of affection, he was always happy when things went well for me," said Messi.

## BIC launches second phase of Early Bird discounts on F1 tickets

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) announced yesterday the launch of the second phase of Early Bird discounts on tickets to the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023, happening 3 to 5 March at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

For a limited period only, fans can enjoy up to 17 per cent off on ticket prices to attend the region's biggest annual sporting and entertainment event.

The 17 per cent reduction covers tickets to the Main Grandstand. Tickets to the Batelco Grandstand, Turn 1 Grandstand, University Grandstand and Victory Grandstand are discounted by 12 per cent.

BIC has also recently confirmed that the University Grandstand tickets can now be purchased for the 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix, enabling fans to book seats in one of the most popular viewing areas at the circuit. Those who have already bought their tickets to other grandstands but wish to change to the University Grandstand can contact the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000 for assistance.

With the 2022 Bahrain Grand Prix yet again delivering record crowds at BIC and



A general view of a grandstand

the sport experiencing unparalleled popularity around the world, tickets have been selling fast! Fans are thus urged to secure theirs now in BIC's Early Bird phase two sales.

Bahrain's greatest sports and entertainment extravaganza is expected to be bigger and better than ever before, offering fans a unique combination of the very best of racing and spectacular action off the track.

Bahrain once again has the honour of hosting the first race of the season, so fans attending the Sakhir spectacle will be the first to see the new cars and new driver line-ups while experiencing all the uncertainty and anticipation that the first race of a new season brings.

For all upcoming ticket sales, discounts are also available for children aged three to 12 at 50 per cent off, with reductions also available to students, those with additional needs and senior citizens. Full details available on bahraingp.com.

### Ticket prices under Early Bird discounts

Grandstand	Days	Standard Price	Discount/new price
Main Grandstand	All	170	17% / BD141.100
Batelco Grandstand	All	130	12% / BD114.400
Batelco Grandstand	Friday Only	70	12% / BD61.600
Batelco Grandstand	Sat / Sun	115	12% / BD101.200
Turn 1	All	120	12% / BD105.600
University	All	70	17% / BD61.600
Victory	All	65	12% / BD57.200

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# Riffa outclass Budaiya in football league

Bahrain internationals Jassim Al Shaikh, Mohammed Jassim Marhoon both on target for defending champions in 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League

● Riffa claim third win in five matches to move to second on standings

● League leaders Muharraq held to goalless stalemate by Bahrain Club

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Defending champions Riffa narrowed the gap to the top of the standings last night in the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Riffa moved to second place after defeating bottom-ranked club Budaiya 2-0 in their week five contest.

Meanwhile, also last night, league leaders Muharraq were held to a goalless stalemate by Bahrain Club.

In Riffa's win, Bahraini internationals Jassim Al Shaikh and Mohammed Jassim Marhoon were both on target in the second half.

Riffa improved to 10 points from five games after claiming their third triumph. They moved to within a point from Muharraq, who had a three-



Riffa's Jassim Al Shaikh looks to keep possession against his Budaiya marker

point lead ahead of their rivals heading into yesterday's play.

After both teams failed to find the net in the first half, Riffa took the lead against Budaiya six minutes after the hour-mark with an Al Shaikh strike from inside the penalty area.

Al Shaikh tried to play a pass to teammate Mohammed Al Rumaishi to his right, but it was stopped by the defender. The ball rebounded onto his path in a perfect position for Al Shaikh to unleash a low effort from the edge of the six-yard box, which went to the bottom-left corner of goal.

Then, 11 minutes later, Marhoon doubled Riffa's advantage with a header from the left of goal.

He was on the receiving end of a cross from right of the box supplied by substitute Jassim Hamdouni, and an unmarked Marhoon made no mistake with his attempt.

That sealed the win for Riffa and handed Budaiya their third loss in five outings. They remained on two points in last place on the 12-team league table.

In last night's other game, Muharraq were frustrated by a



With their victory over Budaiya, defending champions Riffa narrowed the gap atop the league table to just one point from first place Muharraq, who dropped points last night in a draw

battling Bahrain Club as the two teams took a share of the points following a tense encounter.

It was Muharraq's second draw in six games as they improved to 11 points to stay atop the standings.

Bahrain Club also had their second tie but they went to just five points in the bottom half of the table.

League action continues tonight with three matches on the cards. At 5.30pm, Al Ahli take on Al Hala while at 6.30pm Al Shabab face off with Manama.

Then, at 8.30pm, East Riffa and Al Khaldiya lock horns in an exciting late encounter.

## BRAVE CF 67 full fight card announced

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The BRAVE CF 67 fight card is locked and loaded as the penultimate event on the 2022 BRAVE Combat Federation calendar will take place in Bahrain on December 12th.

BRAVE CF 67 will be a special closed show for BRAVE TV featuring the top Arab athletes from around the region as they fight for an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of legendary figures such as former BRAVE CF world champions Jarrah Al-Silawi (Jordan) and Mohammad Fakhreddine (Lebanon).

The fight card sees BRAVE CF Super Lightweight champion

### BRAVE CF 67 Full Fight Card

Super Welterweight: Eldar Eldarov vs Denis Maher

Catchweight 63kg: Yannis Ghemmouri vs Bair Shtepin

Catchweight 98kg: Osama ElSeady vs Mohamed Juma

Super Lightweight: Mahmoud Sebie vs Wajdi Missaoui

Middleweight: Omar El Dafrawy vs Ahmed Sami

Featherweight: Abdelghani Saber vs Aymene Souane

Catchweight 73kg: Ayman Galal vs Anthony Zeidan

Lightweight: Mohsen Mohammadsseifi vs Dhia Meguellati

Eldar Eldarov taking on Belarus' Denis Maher in a Super Welterweight main event bout. In the co-main event, France's Yannis Ghemmouri aims to continue building on his successful BRAVE CF debut when he meets

Russia's Bair Shtepin - who returns to BRAVE CF after a one-year hiatus - in a 63-kilogram Catchweight bout.

Adding to the allure of BRAVE CF 67 is Mahmoud Sebie. A world-renowned Greco-Roman

wrestler from Egypt, he will become the first Olympian to fight for BRAVE CF when he takes on Tunisia's Wajdi Missaoui in a Super Lightweight bout.

Lightweights Mohsen Mohammadsseifi and Dhia Meguellati will kick start the exciting event. Iran's Mohsen had a memorable BRAVE CF debut when he stopped Morocco's Bichi Zakaria at BRAVE CF 48. The Iranian, who's a five-time wushu sanda world champion, has the chance to build on his first-ever pro win when he meets Algeria's Meguellati, stepping into the BRAVE CF cage for the first time this month.

## Samaheej edge past Isa Town in basketball league

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Samaheej eked out an 81-79 victory over Isa Town last night to wrap up the 10th week of action in the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

The victors led for most of the contest and went up by as many as 20 points, but Isa Town were able to reduce the deficit in the second half and get to within a single possession with less than a minute remaining.

That made for a dramatic finish, but Isa Town could not complete their comeback.

Stephen Hurt had 26 points and 17 rebounds to lead Samaheej in the game, while Hussain Busafwan, Sayed Ali Mahmood and Ahmed Fateel each contributed 12 markers.

Oumar Barry paced Isa Town with 36 points while Mohamed Nabeel added 14.

Samaheej led 24-18 at the end of the first quarter and then extended their advantage to 50-38 at the half. In the third, they powered ahead 58-38 on a Busafwan lay-up, but Isa Town were able to get back to within 58-72 heading into the final canto.

There, a Hurt basket put Samaheej up 81-72 with just



Isa Town's Mohamed Nabeel goes for a lay-up in transition during their game against Samaheej last night over three minutes to go, but Isa Town were able to score the next seven points—which were also the last points of the game—but came no closer.

Samaheej claimed only their second win in nine contests with last night's result, while Isa Town suffered their seventh loss as they stayed on the bottom of the standings.

## Muharraq power past Tadhmun in volleyball league

● Al Nasser battle back from set down to defeat A'ali

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Muharraq stormed to another big victory last night in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

The title contenders swept past Al Tadhmun 3-0 (25-23,



Muharraq's Samuel Anthony Ogwuche celebrates after scoring a point against Tadhmun last night

25-20, 25-19) in their week five clash to improve to 12 points on the Group Two standings and raise their chances of advancing to the ensuing round-of-six.

Nigerian professional Samuel Anthony Ogwuche was Muharraq's top scorer in yesterday's game with 18 points, while Hassan Al Haddad added 11 and Hussain Khalifa 10 points.

Also making key contributions for the victors were Mahmood Al Afia, Mahmood Ali and Abbas

Ali, amongst others.

Meanwhile, in another week five contest, Al Nasser battled back from a set down to defeat A'ali 3-1 (22-25, 25-17, 25-19, 25-19), also in Group Two. Nasser posted their fourth win in this stage of the league.

The other teams in their division are Al Dair, Busaiteen and Dar Kulaib; while Group One features Bani Jamra, Al Shabab, Al Ahli, Al Najma, Nabih Saleh, Ma'ameer and Etehad Al Reef.