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Bahrain committed to advancing US strategic partnership

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strategic relations and strong areas of development. partnership with the US.

aspiration to further strengthat all levels.

delegation of members, headed by US Senator Markwayne Mullin, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC)

Relations

with the delegation the development of the longstanding ican relations. historic relations between the two countries.

taining maritime security globally.

and protecting international navigation in the region, and His Majesty King Ham- praised the role of the Ameriad bin Isa Al Khalifa af- can community in Bahrain and can community in Bahrain and firmed Bahrain's pride in its its contributions to various

His Majesty highlighted the He expressed the Kingdom's Us role in maintaining regional security and stability and en and advance these relations in promoting global peace, commending the efforts of HM the King was speaking President Donald Trump to as he received a US Congress advance peace in the region and worldwide.

Appreciation

The US Congress delegation expressed their appreciation to HM the King for his commitment to further consolidating HM King Hamad reviewed the historic partnership and strengthening Bahraini-Amer-

They also praised Bahrain's vital role and its sup-He also commended the ef- portive positions in efforts forts of the US Naval Forces to promote peace, security, Central Command in main- and stability in the region and







HM the King receives the US Congress delegation, led by Senator Markwayne Mullin

Ukraine forcibly evacuates 3,000 children, parents

AFP | Kyiv

Ukraine has ordered the evacuation of thousands of children and their parents from frontline settlements in the Zaporizhzhia and Dnipropetrovsk regions, where Russian troops have been advancing, a Ukrainian official said yesterday.

"Due to the difficult security situation, a decision was made to forcibly evacuate more than 3,000 children and their parents from 44 frontline settlements in the Zaporizhzhia and Dnipropetrovsk regions," Restoration Minister Oleksiy Kuleba said on Telegram.

The evacuations, Kuleba said, were also ongoing in the northern Chernigiv region, which borders Moscow-allied Belarus and has been the target of Russian shelling.

'Hottest, sunniest' year for Britain

AFP | London

ast vear was Britain's Ahottest and sunniest on record, the national weather service confirmed yesterday.

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Fund controls

Parliament reviews government draft law restricting overseas transfers by charities

Bahrain tightening existing rules on fundraising and donations from abroad

Mohammed Darwish

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draft government law that would bar charities and other licensed bodies from sending money raised for public causes overseas without ministerial consent is being examined by Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee.

The bill amends parts of the law on raising funds for public purposes.

It sets stricter checks on fundraising and on receiving money from inside and outside Bahrain, and widens the list of breaches and penalties linked to that

Duties

It also adds new duties on reporting and gives the Ministry of Social Development new tasks 30 days to tell the receiving body linked to risk checks.

sums collected for public pur- public-purpose aims. poses may be transferred to any If that time runs out with no tions, how they may be spent rules in place.



Hassan BuKhammas, Chairman of Parliament's Foreign Affairs, Defence and **National Security Committee**

unless the Minister of Social Development gives approval.

The bill also deals with cases where a licensed body receives a cash donation for public purposes without prior permission.

It would have to notify the ministry within seven working days of receipt, stating the value of the donation, what it is for and the donor's details.

The ministry would then have treated as refused. if the donation is accepted or Under the proposed text, no refused, based on how far it fits

Fine for transferring collected money abroad without the Social **Development Minister's** consent.

Reports

The executive rules would set the terms for accepting donaperson or body outside Bahrain reply, the donation would be and what reports must be filed.



Under the proposal, no sums collected for public purposes may be transferred to any erson or body outside Bahrain unless the Minister of Social Development gives approval.

granted, the bill would require lected outside the legal rules, a detailed report within 30 days with those sums to be directed after the permit ends, or from to charitable work approved by the date the body is told the do- the ministry. nation has been accepted.

The report would need to list the total collected and where Social Development responsiit went, backed by supporting bility for analysing risks tied to

than a year, the report would be filed each year.

The executive rules would also define how spending is

The bill would make it an offence to accept donations from abroad without permission from the Ministry of Social Develop-

It sets a penalty of jail and/ who transfers collected money caused. abroad without the minister's consent and in line with the

It also allows the court to or- one carries.

Where a fundraising permit is der confiscation of funds col-

Two new articles are included. One assigns the Ministry of those licensed to raise funds. If fundraising runs for more including spotting potential terrorist-financing risks and taking steps to reduce them, with updates in line with the National Risk Assessment report.

The second allows an administrative fine of up to BD10,000 for breaches of the law, its executive rules and any decisions issued under it.

In setting the amount, the bill says account should be taken of or a fine of up to BD1,000 for the seriousness of the breach, anyone who breaks that rule, or any gain made and the harm

A ministerial decision would specify which breaches trigger the fine and how much each

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HH Shaikh Isa attends Bahrain Turf Series second round

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m H}$ is Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), attended the second round of the fifth edition of the Bahrain Turf Series, held at the club's racecourse in Al Raffa, Sakhir.

The race evening formed part of the 12th race of the 2025-2026 season and included Al Dana Cup, sponsored by Al Salam Bank, Al Riffa Cup, the HH Shaikh Isa with senior officials at the event Southern Governorate Cup, the Charles Russell Speechlys Cup.

uty Chairman of the REHC High events. Committee, and Member of the Supreme Council for Youth and were announced, with His High-Sports, as well as His Highness ness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khal- Hamad Al Khalifa receiving the ifa, Governor of the Southern Bahrain Bourse Cup from H.E. Governorate.

Attendees

es and Excellencies, along with Adiyat Racing, which won first



Bahrain Bourse Cup, and the entities, also attended the races. Cup

The evening attracted a strong The event was also attended public turnout and was held in by His Highness Shaikh Faisal a competitive atmosphere, acbin Rashid bin Isa Al Khalifa, companied by various enter-Vice President of the Supreme tainment activities, marking the winning trainer, while Ma-Council for Environment, Dep- the start of the 2026 racing zen Al Mardi, Partner at Charles

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al A number of Their Highness- victory of "Istanbul" from Al representatives of sponsoring place in the third round.

His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa presented the Southern Governorate Cup to Russell Speechlys, presented the The winners of the race cups firm's cup to the winning owner, Hasan Mefareh Al Ajmi. As part of the Bahrain Turf Series, Yaser Al Sharifi, Group Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer presented the Al Riffa Cup to of Bahrain Bourse, following the the winning owner, Saved Jawad Sayed Marzooq, in addition to awarding the winning trainer and jockey of the seventh round.



HH Shaikh Isa at the awards ceremony



Action from the race

MPs call for 'urgent' debate on monitoring vape, tobacco shops

Alarm voiced over rising use of nicotine products among students and young people

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

Ps have filed for a general debate in Parliament ment on how it monitors vape and tobacco shops and keeps nicotine products out of children's hands.

The request, submitted under Article 68(b) of the Constitution and the Council's Rules of Procedure, asks the Ministry of Health and other relevant bodies to explain how retailers are policed, how the legal age of 18 is enforced, and what steps are **Amendment** taken to stop sales to minors.

MP Mohammed Moosa, chair parliamentary question.



His proposed amendment to of Parliament's Public Utilities Bahrain's anti-smoking and toand Environment Committee, bacco law would raise penalties has also taken other steps on the for selling cigarettes and tobacco issue, including a draft law and a products to anyone under 18, rising use of vapes and other nic- to minors without proper age with fines between BD1,000 and otine products among students checks.

It would also allow a monthlong closure for a first offence, with permanent closure if the violation is repeated.

and young people.

Complaints

parents and reports from the In their request, the MPs cite ground that some retailers sell



The MPs want the **Ministry of Health** and other relevant bodies to explain how retailers are policed how the legal age of 18 is enforced, and what steps are taken to stop sales to minors.

They also want the government to spell out how the Health Ministry works with other bodies, including the Interior Ministry, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and municipal authorities, to spot violations and take action, and what plans They refer to complaints from are in place to cut access and reduce health risks.

Request

The request gives MP Moham- Rumaihi.



MP Mohammed Moosa

med Moosa priority to speak during the debate.

Those backing the request are Mohammed Moosa, Bader Al Tammimi, Hamad Al Doy, Mohammed Jannahi, Abdulwahid Qarata, Abdulhakeem Al Sheno, Mohammed Al Rifai, First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman, Mohammed Al Olaiwi, Mohammed Al Ma'arafi, and Abdulla Al

Two arrested for defrauding victims through fake travel

The owner of a travel agency and another individual, aged 67 and 46, have been arrested on suspicion of defrauding several people by misleading them into believing that travel bookings had been made on their behalf.

The Ministry of Interior said



the arrests were carried out by the Anti-Economic Crimes Directorate at the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic

Immediately upon receiving the cases, investigations were launched, resulting in the identification and arrest of the suspects, the Directorate stated.

Bahrain braces for chilly weather

tronger winds are expected day and Friday. to return today, intensifying the feeling of cold across ment's general forecasts, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the temperatures are expect-Meteorology Department at ed to gradually drop again the Ministry of Transportation as northwesterly winds re-

ed that northerly winds will Monday.

resume, following a brief period of lighter winds on Thurs-

According to the departand Communications reported main active, with the coldest The department has report- conditions anticipated on

Duo jailed and fined over tax and customs violations

High Criminal Court orders defendants' permanent deportation from Bahrain after serving sentences

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wo men have been sentenced to three years in prison after a court found them guilty of evading value added tax and breaking customs disclosure rules at Bahrain International Airport.

The High Criminal Court also fined the first defendant BD102,711 and ordered him to pay the evaded tax in the same

The second defendant was fined BD207,044 and told to pay the evaded tax in the same amount.

Breach

Both men were sentenced to a



and valuables.

The court ordered their per-

customs areas to declare money tences and ruled that the seized declare. They denied it. items be confiscated.

further three months in prison manent deportation from Bah- Affairs reported two suspects way meant to avoid detection. for breaching the system used in rain after they serve their sen- who tried to take high-value

Both men were sentenced to a further three months in prison for breaching the system used in customs areas to declare money and valuables.

without declaring them, accord-fendants. ing to prosecutors.

Suspicion

Customs officers said they grew suspicious of the pair and asked if they had anything to

The case began after Customs expensive watches hidden in a check the pair's VAT refund

Investigators questioned the

They told investigators they were engaged in an economic activity involving buying luxury watches in Bahrain and reselling them abroad.

The bureau found 182 refund to court.

watches customs officers involved and transactions linked to the deout through the customs area later interrogated the two de-fendants, with total refunds of BD309,755.

Refunds

The NBR concluded the refunds had been taken without entitlement because the men The unit handling the case were running an economic acthen contacted the Nation- tivity, placing them outside the A search then uncovered four al Bureau for Revenue to tourist VAT refund scheme set by law.

The case was then referred

Private school ordered to pay BD6,750 for unlawful dismissal

Employee removed from her job on 28 May 2025 without warning, written notice, or lawful reason

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Adered to pay BD6,750 to a reputation. former employee after the High missal was unlawful.

The school had claimed she leaked "school secrets".

The court said it did not prove that claim, and described the matters raised against her as workplace or administrative issues that did not meet the legal test for dismissal.

Contract

The claimant, represented by lawyer Sanad Bucheeri, joined the school in March 2024 as earning BD450 a month.

She was dismissed on 28 May tificate. 2025. Her lawyer said she was

removed from her job without warning, written notice, or a lawful reason.

The school asked the court to reject the case.

Duties

It argued it had proper grounds to end the contract, saying the employee breached key duties by sharing confidential details linked to internal inprivate school has been or- quiries and harming the school's

> The school also accused her and encouraging a colleague law.

she had been told on 8 May 2025 that her contract would be ended, and said she left work on 1 June 2025 without justification.

Cheque

The school said she received a receptionist and typist on a a cheque for BD346.250 for an- the school ended the employee's pensation for ending the fixedtwo-year fixed-term contract, nual leave pay and refused to service on 28 May 2025 without term contract without lawful

Bucheeri disputed the tice. Instead, it relied on verlegal fees.



letting unauthorised people had been no proper formal witness. into the printing room, spread- investigation and no priing false rumours about staff, or notice in line with the leged conduct, even as recorded

He argued the internal in-It further argued she was not quiry record did not amount to causing serious harm to the ementitled to notice pay because a lawful reason for dismissal and ployer, or breaching core duties. maintained his client's claim.

Defence

from the school, who repeated the same defence.

collect her end-of-service cer- producing written proof that cause, plus BD450 in notice pay,

The court also found the alin the internal inquiry, did not amount to leaking work secrets,

Termination

It treated the termination as The court heard witnesses an unlawful ending of a fixed-

term contract. The judgment ordered the In its ruling, the court said school to pay BD6.300 in comshe had been given prior no- and to cover court costs and

Construction worker faces trial over forged medical certificates

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28-year-old Asian con-Astruction worker has been put on trial accused of forging medical certificates and submitting them to a development company as genuine.

The High Criminal Court adjourned the case to 6 Janudefendant remain in custody.

Prosecutors say the defendant produced four sick-leave at the health centre testified certificates during 2024 and that the certificate dated 3 2025, made to look like official December 2024 was genuine, Ministry of Health paperwork, saying he scanned its barcode then used them to explain time and confirmed it in the system. away from work.

hearing to allow the parties to ber and 12 December 2024, and review the file, respond, and 9 January 2025, were fabricatobtain a copy of the case pa- ed, pointing to differences in

Certificates

The firm's human resources manager told the court the defendant handed in four cerhealth centre.

After checks, the company found that only one was aunot, the witness said.

The manager added that the ments and passed them to the ments were not correct and did accountant.

An accountant at a contracting company linked to the de-certificates. velopment firm said his job includes logging attendance.

Testimony

He testified that the defendant missed four days, three in leave on that date alone. 2024 and one in 2025, and that



ary 2026 and ordered that the ber if a certificate had been submitted.

A family medicine specialist

He told the court the other The court postponed the certificates, dated 18 Novemwriting style, spacing, and formatting, as well as a mismatch in the diagnosis field.

Attendant

The doctor added that the tificates said to be issued by a disputed certificates included the name of a health centre attendant, which he said does not appear on authentic certifthentic, while the rest were icates, where only an attendant code is used.

He also said the doctors' defendant signed the docu- names shown on the docunot belong to staff at the health centre said to have issued the

Prosecution notes cited a letter from the Ministry of Health stating the defendant attended the health centre on 3 December only and was granted sick

The defendant told prosehe received medical certifi- cutors that the dates on the cates from him, apart from one certificates related to him, acday when he could not remem- cording to the case file.

Woman gets 15-year jail term for drug trafficking

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

27-year-old Asian wom-Aan has been sentenced to more than two kilos of marijua- by law. na into Bahrain to sell.

deportation after she serves the in the early hours of 4 October check. sentence and ruled the seized 2025. drugs be confiscated.

inal Court found she brought trade, outside the cases allowed X-ray drew his attention.

The court also ordered her at Bahrain International Airport and marked the bag for a closer

A senior customs officer Prosecutors said the woman, told the court he was on duty 15 years in prison and fined during 2025, imported and pos- at about 12.10am when a large backed that account. He said the BD10,000 after the High Crim-sessed marijuana with intent to backpack passing through the bag was opened in the woman's

The arrest followed a search inside, sitting among clothes, before the search.

Account A second customs officer

presence and she was asked if He said he saw dense material she wanted to declare anything

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MPs push for long-delayed Buri housing project as backlog grows

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n urgent proposal calling on the government to add La housing project for Buri residents to the village's detailed master plan has been submitted to Parliament.

The sponsors cited a long backlog of housing applications and noted that no new housing scheme has been introduced in the area since 2016.

The request asks for the plan to be amended while work on the design is still under way.

Backers

The backers say the detailed plan covers more than 65 per cent of Buri, and they want a housing scheme written into it for local families.

The proposal was submitted by MPs Dr Muneer Seroor, Mohammed Al Ahmed, Has- built around several tracks, insan Ebrahim, Ali Al Nuaimi and Basema Mubarak.

the agenda under new business, and a national public transport approved by the Council, and network, along with an urban then sent to the government.

Memorandum

randum, the sponsors said the facilities. government is preparing a large



cluding transport links.

They said it includes the main They asked that it be placed on station for the Bahrain Metro and cultural route, farming and natural areas, and land for public uses such as housing, health, In an accompanying memo- logistics, education and cultural

They said the project is redevelopment plan for Buri planned over roughly 5,000 sq. mtrs

The government's large redevelopment plan for Buri built around several tracks, including transport

square metres, but does not include a housing scheme reserved for Buri residents.

Applications

plications recorded by the vil- they said would be open to inlage's community committee vestors and buyers regardless of from people who registered where they live, unless a portion been acquired for the master their details, with some cases is set aside for Buri residents dating back more than 23 years. through the plan. They also said Buri has not had MP Seroor described Buri as could work with the private sec-



delivered in 2016 and limited to 21 units

proposal, MP Seroor put the number of housing requests at more than 275.

Investors

plan classifies land near the vil-The sponsors cited 215 ap- lage for residential use, which

a housing project for around a a place with farmers, histor- tor to deliver it.

Buri has not had a housing project for around a decade, with the last scheme delivered in 2016 and limited to 21 units.

decade, with the last scheme ic freshwater springs and old mosques, and said the redevelopment plan shown so far lacked In remarks attached to the a housing project for local peo-

He said adding one would "complete the new planning and The sponsors said the master make the citizen a true partner in development".

> The proposal also suggests that building a housing scheme may be easier now that land has plan, and says the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning

Commercial registry sale case dismissed over invalid contract

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

bid to recover BD24,000 Afrom the sale of a sole proprietorship's commercial registration has been rejected by the High Civil Court after the judges found the underlying sale contract was never notarised and carried no legal weight.

that the buyer paid BD6,000, been notarised. leaving BD24,000 outstanding.

the balance.

business is a formal act and does not take effect by agreement alone.

It must be notarised before a notary public, recorded in the order. commercial register and a sum-



The claimant told the court mary published in a local newshe agreed to sell the commercial paper. Both parties accepted in the share split at 1 per cent for registration for BD30,000 and court that the contract had not himself and 99 per cent for her

On that basis, the judges ruled a full transfer. He asked for an order com- the sale agreement attached to

> The court said it must ad- the business at 100 per cent. dress that point on its own initiative because it concerns public cannot be used as a basis for a

The claimant had relied on is void as well.

a copy of a private sale agreement which, according to the court, referred to transferring the commercial registration to the defendant and settling the remaining amount when a new commercial registration was

Lawyer Sara Atiq, representing the defendant, argued the claimant had departed from what was agreed by arranging client, despite the deal being for

She also submitted that the pelling the defendant to pay the case was absolutely void contract at issue was not noand produced no legal effects tarised and asked for the case The court said the sale of a between the parties or against to be dismissed, saying the claimant had not transferred

> The court said a void contract claim, and anything built on it

MPs seek fix for Waqf recognition gaps

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

Parliament has backed an urgent request for the government to review the status of some Waqf endowments and deal with legal and administrative gaps linked to their recognition and management.

The proposal asks for a full review of endowments facing problems with documentation and legal recognition.

It also calls for clear steps to stop the same disputes arising again and to strengthen trust protected.

Complaints

move followed repeated public remarks and complaints about the absence of a clear, approved held for religious, social and way to recognise some historic charitable purposes, and should Hanan Fardan, Basema endowments.

gap had led to land being treat- public interest.



MP Hanan Fardan

in how Waqf assets are run and ed as state property and handled under the usual rules, a or leaving the issue unresolved, situation she said had raised does not match the state's duty 'legitimate public concern' and to protect endowments, or

The explanatory note says Waqf endowments are assets be managed and kept in a way In some cases, she said, that that serves those aims and the

It argues that piecemeal fixes, MP Hanan Fardan said the needed a root-and-branch fix. Parliament's oversight role in tracking legislative and administrative shortcomings.

> The proposers are MP Mubarak, Maryam Al Dhaen, Jalal Kadhem and Ali Al Nuaimi.

Private sector to join Bahrain's 2026 UN goals review

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ration of its third Voluntary Na- to each country's needs. tional Review, due to be submit-

Mohammed Ali, the Ministry of islature and the private sector.

Sustainable Development said **Responsibilities** delivering the 2030 Agenda was a shared task that required work

The ministry said the Govted in July 2026, as part of the ernment Programme for 2022– Kingdom's work towards the UN 2026, titled "From Recovery to Sustainable Development Goals. Sustainable Growth", sets out a In a written reply to a question framework for cooperation befrom Shura Council member Dr tween the government, the leg-international settings, gathers that need improvement, while work in 2023 with the Central nancial sector to speed progress

It added that delivery bodgress is tracked through monitoring mechanisms linked to the goals.

a supporting and coordinating indicator results, to steer policy opportunities. body that represents Bahrain in and programmes towards areas material needed for that work keeping track of international Bank of Bahrain during the towards the goals.

by drawing on the efforts of de- developments connected to the drafting of environmental, solivery agencies, and monitors goals. performance on sustainable de-Population Team.

The ministry said it is de-Bahrain will bring private across government, business and ies are assigned responsibilities velopment indicators through signed to complement bodies mandatory disclosures by financial information and that run projects directly, and cial institutions and listed comthat it supports private sector panies by the end of 2024. It said it also raises recom- involvement by sharing internamendations to relevant minis- tional practice in sustainability a closed discussion that brought It described its own role as terial committees based on the and by mapping challenges and together International Monetary

cial and corporate governance disclosure guidance, ahead of

It said it also helped organise Fund representatives and local As examples, it pointed to banks to examine ways for the fi-

CHIKEX celebrates Juffair launch

as Global expansion gains momentum



HIKEX, the international worldwide. fast-food brand known cember 30, 2025.

for being "Exceptional- was led by Mr. Arshad Hashim along with invited guests and ingredients and consistently across Bahrain, Dubai, and Iraq ly Tasty," celebrated the grand (Executive Director), Mr. Na- well-wishers. opening of its newest outlet in dir Hussain (Director), and American Alley, Juffair, on De- Mr. Fuad Mohamed Ali Al Ja- bar in the Quick Service Restau- ecutive Director Mr. Arshad that CHIKEX will enter the Ma- continues to grow its footlahma (Director). They were rant (QSR) industry by blending Hashim said: "The opening of laysian market by mid-February print across the region and This marks the com-joined by Mr. Mohammed Hanif modern culinary innovation our Juffair branch in the heart 2026. Our mission is simple: to beyond.

CHIKEX continues to raise the

Manager), and other mem- service. Its steady growth is fue- ceived from our loyal custom- quality and care at every loca-The inauguration ceremony bers of the management team, led by a commitment to fresh ers. Expanding to 16 locations tion." flavorful offerings.

is a major achievement for us. tomer satisfaction and com-Speaking at the event, Ex- We're also thrilled to announce munity engagement, CHIKEX

pany's sixth outlet in (General Manager), Mr. Naresh with top international stand- of American Alley is a reflection make 'Exceptionally Tasty' a Bahrain and the 16th Radhakrishnan (Marketing ards in hygiene and customer of the strong support we've reglobal promise, delivered with

With a firm focus on cus-

Tesla sales slip as it loses EV crown to China's BYD in 2025

Washington, United States

¬esla yesterday reported lower sales than expected in the fourth quarter of 2025, ceding its position as the world's biggest electric vehicle company in annual sales to Chinese auto giant

The American company led by Elon Musk logged 418,227 deliveries in the final three months of the year, taking its full-year sales figure to around 1.64 million EVs. A day prior, BYD reported that it sold 2.26 million EVs last year.

Analysts had expected Tesla's sales in the final quarter to slow less, to 449,000, according to a FactSet consensus.

Industry watchers have noted that it will take time for EV demand to reach a level of equilibrium in the United States after the elimination of a \$7,500 US tax credit at the end of September 2025.

But even before that, Tesla had seen sales struggle in key markets over CEO Musk's political support of US President Donald Trump and other far-right politicians. Tesla has also been grappling with rising competition from BYD and other Chinese companies, and from European giants.

On Thursday, Shenzhen-based BYD, which also produces hybrid cars, unveiled record EV sales in the past year.

London stocks hit record as

2026 kicks off with global gains

▲ 0.2% at 48,160.63 points

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets rose yesterday, the first trading day of 2026, with London's benchmark FTSE 100 index reaching 10,000 points for the first time.

After indices smashed records in 2025, ending with double-digit annual gains, London continued the trend in early new year deals.

The capital's top-tier index -- featuring the likes of energy group BP, telecoms firm Vodafone and banking giant HSBC -- gained more than 1% to reach an all-time high of 10,046.25 points soon after the start of trading Friday.

It later cooled but was still showing a gain of 0.6 percent compared with the close on Wednesday.

"The FTSE 100 hit the 10,000 jackpot level immediately after rounding off a tremendous year for UK shares," noted Dan Coatsworth, head of markets at AJ Bell trading group.

The index climbed more than 21% in 2025, the biggest gain for 16 years, helped in large part stock rocketed 436% last year alongside reductions to bor- struck multiple record highs. rowing costs by the US Federal treated.

Helping the FTSE 100 to its closing up 2.8%. new record Friday was another solid gain to the share price with the tech-heavy Nasdaq of gold miner Fresnillo, whose Composite climbing 1%.

Kev figures at around 1430 GMT

New York - Dow:

Hen fork bonn	_ 012 /0 dt 10,100105 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ 0.6% at 6,887.24
New York - NASDAQ:	▲ 1.0% at 23,482.65
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.6% at 9,985.70
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.7% at 8,204.38
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.5% at 24,610.13
Hang Seng Index:	▲ 2.8% at 26,338.47 (close)
Shanghai - market closed for holiday	
Tokyo - market closed for holiday	
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1727 from \$1.1750 on Wednesday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3465 from \$1.3478
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 156.85 from 156.66 yen
Euro/pound:	▼ at 87.11 pence from 87.18 pence
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 1.0% at \$60.24 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 1.1% at \$56.81 per barrel



Over the long term, the stock market has historically delivered higher returns than gold, real estate, or fixed deposits, largely because it allows ordinary investors to own a share of real businesses that grow with the economy.

Paris and Frankfurt also rose

Wall Street opened higher, O'Hare.

"AI-related names have been by cuts to British interest rates as the precious metal's price at the forefront of today's strength in international markets, drawing support from Reserve as global inflation re- in afternoon deals Friday af- news that Baidu's chip unit filed ter Hong Kong led Asian gains, for an IPO in Hong Kong," said Briefing.com analyst Patrick yen and pound sterling.

Kong stock exchange, shares supplied market.

in Chinese chip designer Biren Technologies soared as much as 119% in the exchange's first listing of the year.

It closed at HK\$34.46, off its intra-day high of HK\$42.88 but well up on its offer price of

The Shanghai-based firm's listing raised more than \$700 million, suggesting that investor appetite for anything related to AI remains insatiable.

"The industry is in a flourishing stage, with many firms striving for breakthroughs and significant growth potential," said Kenny Ng, a strategist at China Everbright Securities.

The surge in the tech sector on vast amounts of cash pumped into artificial intelligence helped push stock markets to record highs last year, and propelled AI chip juggernaut Nvidia to becoming the world's first \$5 trillion company.

However concerns that valuations of AI stocks are too high gnawed at investors late in 2025.

Briefing.com's O'Hare said Friday's "news should be encouraging to investors who are worried that overall AI investment could be on the verge of stalling or turning"

The dollar made a bright start to 2026, rising against the euro,

Oil prices slid, having lost Also on Friday on the Hong nearly 20% last year on an over-

Norway closes in on objective of 100% electric car sales

Oslo, Norway

Norway came close to its objective of selling only zero-emission cars in 2025, with electric vehicles accounting for 95.9 percent of new registrations.

Although Norway is western Europe's largest exporter of petroleum products, it has led the shift to electric vehicles, setting a non-binding target of selling only zero-emission vehicles in 2025 -- then years ahead of the neighbouring European Union.

A record 179,549 personal vehicles were registered in 2025, beating the previous high set in 2021, the Norwegian Road Federation (OFV) said on Friday.

Electric vehicles accounted for 97.6% of sales in December.

"While car sales are traditionally strong at the end of the year, there is no doubt the VAT tax change on January 1, 2026 spurred many people to buy a new electric vehicle before the end of the year," OFV director Geir Inge Stokke said in a statement.

The Norwegian government decided to lower the exemption from VAT tax from 500,000 kroner (\$49,600) to 300,000 kroner from the start of 2026.

The elimination of the exemption, initially planned for 2027, is expected to be pushed back to 2028.

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News in brief

♦ A 6.5-magnitude earthquake shook Mexico City and southwestern Guerrero state yesterday, sending people rushing into the streets but causing no serious damage, according to preliminary reports. President Claudia Sheinbaum was forced to evacuate the presidential palace during her regular morning press conference, along with the journalists in attendance, when the

6.5-magnitude **quake shakes Mexico** earthquake alert sounded. The Seismological **City** Service said that the earthquake's epicenter was situated 14 kilometers (nine miles) southwest of San Marcos, in the southern

state of Guerrero, about 400 kilometres from Mexico City. The US Geological Survey said the quake struck around 8:00 am east of Acapulco, a major port and beach resort. Sheinbaum said there were no immediate reports of major damage in either Mexico City or Guerrero.

Cambodia said yesterday that Thai forces had taken control of a disputed border village, accusing Thailand of "annexing" the area after a truce halted deadly fighting along their contested frontier a week ago. The decades-

Cambodia accuses Thailand of 'annexing' border village

old border dispute between the Southeast Asian neighbours erupted into military clashes several times last year, with fighting in December killing dozens of people and displacing more than one million on both sides. The two countries agreed a truce on December 27, pledging to freeze troop movements and end the three

weeks of clashes. On Friday, Cambodia's Information Minister Neth Pheaktra told AFP that the Thai military has started its "illegal annexation of Cambodian territory into Thailand, especially at Chouk Chey village"

◆ Iran's foreign minister denounced comments yesterday by Donald Trump as "reckless and dangerous" after the US president threatened to intervene on behalf of protesters taking to the streets in the Islamic republic. "Trump's message today, likely influenced by those who fear diplomacy as 'reckless. or mistakenly believe it is unnecessary, is reckless and dangerous," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi

Iran FM denounces **Trump's threat** of intervention dangerous

wrote on X, insisting the protests were mostly peaceful and pointing to the US leader's own deployment of the National Guard in US cities.

SPOTLIGHT

Trump again defends his health, cognitive skills

AFP | Washington, United

Us President Domais

on Friday touted his "perfect health" and cognitive fitness for office amid scrutiny ankles have appeared swollen. over his well-being.

I 'ACED' (Meaning, was cor- health representatives in Norect on 100% of the questions vember. time, my Cognitive Exami- he wasn't dozing, just relaxing. nation, something which no to take," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform.

Thursday published an inter- Trump added that any presview with Trump -- who at 79 idential or vice presidential is the oldest person to assume candidate should be required the US presidency -- in which to take a "strong, meaningful, he blamed aspirin for large and proven" cognitive exam. bruises on his hand and denied falling asleep during televised meetings.

Trump also changed his previous statement about receiving an MRI scan in October, saying it was instead a quicker CT scan.



posting, or AI memes depicting him as a superhero.

However, the first year of rs President Donald Trump his second term in office has raised growing questions.

His right hand shows perskills, one day after publica- sistent bruising, often covtion of an interview in which ered with thick makeup and the 79-year-old defended his at times a bandage, and his

On occasion, Trump has "The White House Doctors clearly struggled to keep his have just reported that I am in eyes open, including during 'PERFECT HEALTH,' and that an Oval Office meeting with

"I'll just close. It's very reother President, or previous laxing to me," he said. "Some-Vice President, was willing times they'll take a picture of me blinking, blinking, and they'll catch me with the The Wall Street Journal on blink." In his post on Friday,

> "Our great Country cannot be run by 'STUPID' or INCOM-TENT PEOPLE!" he

> > wrote.

Angelina Jolie visits Egyptian side of Gaza's Rafah crossing

Jolie said she was "honoured" to meet aid volunteer



US actress Angelina Jolie speaks to employees of aid agencies at the Egyptian Rafah border crossing, part of her visit to the North Sinai Governorate to inspect aid entering the Palestinian Gaza Strip

AFP | Rafah, Egypt

Jolie yesterday visited ing" at the border crossing. the Egyptian side of the Rafah crossing into Gaza, where actor and former special envoy she spoke with members of the for the UN refugee agency made Red Crescent and truck drivers the visit to see the condition of ferrying humanitarian aid, AFP journalists said.

delegation and greeted by former territory. and current officials, Jolie said she was "honoured" to meet aid volunteers at the crossing.

A Red Crescent volunteer told 'ollywood star Angelina thousands of aid trucks just wait-

According to local media, the injured Palestinians transferred to Egypt and to look into aid Accompanied by an American deliveries into the devastated

> Jolie and the Egyptian authorities have yet to officially comment on the visit.

The Rafah border crossing October, but has so far remained closed.

In a joint statement on Friday, move. Egypt and six other countries including Saudi Arabia "urged the international community to down from her role as special pressure Israel, as the occupying envoy for the United Nations power, to immediately lift the refugee agency at the end of constraints on the entry and dis- 2022 after more than 20 years tribution of essential supplies"

In early December, Israel an- issues.

nounced that the Rafah crossthe Oscar winner that "there are was set to be reopened under the ing would be opened only for ceasefire in effect in Gaza since those wishing to leave Gaza, prompting Cairo to swiftly deny that it had approved such a

> Jolie, one of Hollywood's most iconic figures, stepped of service, saying she wanted to work on broader humanitarian

MSF calls Israeli ban a 'grave blow' to Gaza aid

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

nternational charity Doctors Thernational charts, 2. Without Borders yesterday condemned a "grave blow to humanitarian aid" after Israel revoked the status it needs to operate in Gaza for refusing to share Palestinian staff lists.

Israel on Thursday confirmed it had banned access to the Gaza Strip to 37 foreign humanitarian organisations for refusing to share lists of their Palestinian employees.

Doctors Without Borders (MSF), which has 1,200 staff members in the Palestinian territories, the majority of them in Gaza, said in a statement that "denying medical assistance to any circumstances".

The medical organisation argued that it had "legitimate concerns" over new Israeli requirements for foreign NGO registra-Palestinian staff.

It pointed to the fact that 15



A Palestinian woman holds a child wearing a perspex protective mask as she speaks to a member of staff at the Doctors Without Borders or Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) clinic, in the al-Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City

be conditional on staff list disclosure.

tion, specifically the disclosing condition for access to territory course of the war. of personal information about is an outrageous overreach," the charity said.

civilians is unacceptable under MSF staff had been "killed by sence of any clarity about how Israeli forces", and that access such sensitive data will be used, to any given territory should not stored, or shared", charging that Israeli forces "have killed and wounded hundreds of thousands "Demanding staff lists as a of civilians" in Gaza during the

> It also charged that Israel had "manufactured shortages of ba-MSF also denounced "the ab-sic necessities by blocking and

delaying the entry of essential goods, including medical supplies".

Israel controls and regulates all entry points into Gaza, which is surrounded by a wall that began to be built in 2005.

The ban, which came into effect on December 31, 2025 at midnight, has triggered widespread international condemnation.



Prominent humanitarian organisations hit by the Israeli ban include the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), World Vision International and Oxfam, according to an Israeli ministry list.

Martin Luther is excommunicated by Pope **Leo X from the Roman Catholic Church for** failing to recant parts of his Ninety-Five Theses, which started the Protestant Reformation



and Steve Jobs incorporate Apple Computer, Inc.

General George Washington's Revolutionary Army defeats British forces at the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey



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Dagher, from Lebanon, Professor of Arabic Literature, on winning the 2025 Arab Genius Award in the Literature and Arts category.

@HHShkMohd



heinous Russian **A**strike on Kharkiv. Preliminary reports indicate two missiles struck an ordinary residential area. One of the buildings has been severely damaged.

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Seven killed as Saudi coalition strikes separatist fighters in Yemen

The deaths are the first from coalition fire



STC said it was

STC seized much of Hadramawt, bordering Saudi Arabia

AFP | Mukalla, Yemen

ir strikes killed seven separatist fighters in Yemen yesterday, according to an official with the group, as a Saudi-led coalition hit back against a sweeping advance by the Southern Transition Council.

The deaths are the first from coalition fire since the secessionist STC seized swathes of Hadramawt and Mahra provinces last month.

Following the strikes, a military spokesman for the STC said it was in a "decisive and existential" war with Saudi-backed Yemeni forces, characterising it as a fight against radical Is-

Mohammed Abdulmalik, head and Hadramaut Desert, said sev- added. en air strikes hit the Al-Khasah camp, killing seven and wounding more than 20.



Damaged military vehicles following an air strike carried out by the Saudi-led coalition in the port of Mukalla, southern Yemen

UAE confirms its last forces have left Yemen: statement

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates official said, adding it "reconfirmed its last troops mains committed to dialogue, had left Yemen and called for de-escalation, and internade-escalation.

presence of its counterter- to peace".

Further strikes targeted oth- control of military sites in Hadof the STC in Wadi Hadramaut er sites in the same region, he ramawt.

tionally supported processes "The UAE concluded the as the only sustainable path

rorism forces," a government

"This operation is not a decla-The air raids came shortly af-ration of war, nor an attempt to ter pro-Saudi forces launched a escalate tensions," Hadramawt military warned: "It will not stop did not officially announce its

Saudi-backed local forces, was governorates." quoted as saying by the Saba Net news agency.

target any political or social group," he said, adding that it "aims to peacefully and systematically hand over military

strikes were carried out by the Saudi-led coalition, which also nominally includes the UAE and was formed in 2015 to fight the dar24 tracking website, no Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen's north.

campaign to "peacefully" take governor Salem Al-Khanbashi, until the Southern Transitional closure.

also leader of the province's Council withdraws from the two

The STC seized much of Hadramawt, bordering Saudi Arabia, "This operation does not and neighbouring Mahra last

Also on Friday, the Saudi ambassador to Yemen, Mohammed AlJabir, said the STC had blocked a Saudi del-Saudi sources confirmed the egation from landing at Aden airport, accusing the group of "intransigence".

According to the Flightraplanes have taken off or landed at Aden airport for more than A source close to the Saudi 24 hours, although the ministry

Swiss bar blaze suspicions fall on sparklers waved by staff

AFP | Crans-Montana, Switzer-

oments before flames and Msmoke engulfed the bar in Switzerland where 40 people died, staff were seen holding aloft sparklers stuck in Champagne bottles, videos posted online showed.

The mini-fireworks were being waved near the basement bar's low wooden ceiling, covered in thin soundproofing fabric, according to the images on social media. One video showed the ceiling

catching alight and the flames spreading quickly -- but revellers initially continuing to dance, unaware of the death trap they were in.

A young man is seen attempting to extinguish the flames with a large white cloth.

Authorities investigating the deadly blaze said they suspected that "sparklers or Bengal candles" sparked the fire.

"show" for patrons in the bar, around them grew bigger. which typically drew a young crowd.

The flames spread with ter-



The entrance of the bar Le Constellation where a fire ripped through the venue during New Year's Eve celebrations

Swiss luxury ski resort town friends, told AFP: "We received fire department, was triggered" partygoers.

ceiling catching fire went to on Witness accounts later re- capture a scene of panic: people rived at the scene, they found layed to various media said the scrambling and screaming in the place crawling with emer- called the emergency services. sparkler parade was a regular the dark as smoke and flames gency responders and "people

'Explosion'

packed with New Year's Eve clearly panicked on the phone and explained that there had The video which showed the apparently been an explosion."

When he and his friends arpeople coming out, burned".

Elliot Alvarez, a local who had Gisler told reporters that "the ers also rushing in. rifying speed in the bar, in the been at a next-door bar with red alarm, which mobilises the

Crans-Montana, which was a call from a friend who was immediately when authorities were alerted to the situation.

Passers-by shortly, before 1:30 had seen smoke coming out of the centrally located bar and

Less than a minute later, at on the ground being treated, 1:32 am, the first police patrols burned beyond recognition". arrived on the scene. Firefight-Police commander Frederic ers and other emergency work-

At that time, inside the bar, clothes left," he said.

flames had engulfed the basement. Smoke was everywhere, also filling the first floor, according to videos.

Outside, bystanders could see flames, later describing scenes of chaos as people tried to break the windows to escape and others, covered in burns, poured into the street.

Young patrons in the bar, disoriented by the smoke and panic, tried to escape through the front door, causing a crush at the exit.

'Crying for help'

Nathan, who had been in the bar before the blaze, saw burned people streaming out of the site. "They were asking for help,

crying out for help," he said. Adrien, a young vacationer from Dijon, France, described on TikTok how he "saw people breaking windows with chairs".

"They were in a terrible state, covered in blood, their am (0030 GMT) on Thursday, clothes melted ... It was a catastrophe."

Leandre, who was outside, told the Blick newspaper of the "very sad" scene, with "people

"We tried to rescue them as best we could ... tried to cover them, because they had no SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

campus

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School Partners with **Padukone School of Badminton**

Manama

havans-Bahrain Indian School (BIS) signed a landmark partnership with Sports Hub and Padukone School of Badminton, marking a historic milestone in the sporting landscape of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This prestigious collaboration brings world-class badminton Elite Leadership and Coaching coaching and international training standards to Bahrain, making BIS the first school in discipline, and global success in as elite-level players.



Excellence

The academy will be led by the region to host an academy Mr. CM Junith, CEO of Sports operating under the direct men- Hub W.L.L., an accomplished torship of Padma Shri awardee former international badminton Mr. Prakash Padukone, former player. A BWF Level 1 Coach and World No. 1 and All England BWF Level 1 Tutor, Mr. Junith synonymous with excellence, training young aspirants as well sound.

lum, daily coaching sessions, minton (PSB)-certified, guaran- was represented by CEO Mr. CM programs will be meticulously designed to meet international benchmarks. His dual expertise as a former professional player and certified BWF tutor

and performance development teeing the highest standards of Junith and Director Ms. Sunacoaching quality.

A Shared Vision for Sporting Excellence

The partnership was formalensures that students receive ly finalized during a meeting viding them with access to the training that is both technical- attended by key representatives same technical mentorship and Champion. His name remains brings extensive experience in ly rigorous and pedagogically from both organizations. BIS was professional training systems All coaches associated with Himanshu Varma and Ms. Ritu champions.". Under his leadership, the the academy will be BWF-certi- Verma, along with Principal Mr. Padukone School of Badmin-

yana Junith.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Verma highlighted that "Our objective is to nurture the next generation of athletes by prorepresented by Directors Mr. that have produced world-class

academy's training curricu- fied or Padukone School of Bad- Saji Jacob. Sports Hub W.L.L. ton at BIS is designed to seam-

lessly integrate professional sports training with academic

The launch of the Padukone School of Badminton at Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School represents a significant advancement in Bahrain's sports ecosystem. With a curriculum developed by a Padma Shri awardee and delivered by international-level coaches, the academy is poised to raise regional badminton standards and potentially nurture future international athletes from the Kingdom.

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School continues to strengthen its commitment to holistic education, where academic excellence and world-class sports training go hand in

RCSI Medical University of Bahrain sets foundations for Stem Cell Clinical rrials with the Cell Therapy Centre in Jordan

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) -Medical University of Bahrain visited the Cell Therapy Center (CTC) at the University of Jordan to strengthen research ties and explore collaborative opportunities in stem cell and regenerative medicine. The delegation comprised Professor Stephen Atkin, Head of the School of Postgraduate Studies & Research, Professor Alexandra Butler, Professor in Pathology, and Dr Manjula Nandakumar, Manager of the Stem Cell Unit.

The delegation was welcomed



by Professor Abdalla Awidi Ab- Assistant Director; Ms Nida and Gene Delivery; alongside the centre's advanced laborabadi, Founder and Director of Ababneh, Associate Research- the Centre's Quality Control tories and an overview of the the CTC, and senior colleagues, er; Dr Walhan Ashaer, Specialist Manager and Genomics Expert. centre's wide-ranging research RCSI Medical University of provements.

including Ms Hanan Jaffar, in Liposome-Mediated Drug The team provided a tour of activities, including treatments Bahrain and the University of

developed from specialised Jordan Cell Therapy Centre stem cells, the use of labora- have demonstrated our shared tory-grown stem cells to study commitment to progressing indiseases, advanced drug deliv- novative therapies, particularery techniques and molecular ly those with the potential to studies related to cancer and reach clinical application. We regenerative medicine.

ration, including the potential and beyond." development of a clinical trial examining exosome therapy for step in strengthening collabodiabetic complications, joint ration between RCSI Medical optimisation of iPSC (Induced University of Bahrain and the Pluripotent Stem Cells) differ- University of Jordan, with both entiation protocols and cooper- institutions expressing their ation on future animal studies to intention to continue explorsupport therapeutic innovation. ing joint research opportunities

Professor Atkin highlight- that support scientific advanceed: "The discussions between ment and future healthcare im-

anticipate a productive partner-Discussions explored sever- ship that will drive forward imal promising areas of collabo- pactful research for the region

The visit marked a significant

Students of New Millennium School experience Bahrain's rich animal and agricultural heritage at Mara'ee 2025

The Grade 5 students of New Millennium School, Bahrain had an enriching and memorable educational visit to Mara'ee 2025, Bahrain's premier animal and agricultural exhibition showcasing the Kingdom's advancements in livestock, farming, and sustainable agricultural practices.

The visit offered students a unique opportunity to explore Bahrain's diverse agricultural landscape. They interacted with experts, viewed various livestock breeds, and learned about modern farming techniques, animal care, and the importance of sustainable food production. The hands-on displays and live demonstrations helped students connect classroom learning with real-world applications, making tion with local farmers and ex- exhibits featuring native and the experience both educational and enjoyable.



hibitors, who shared insights international animals, mech- students noted that the visit nation's commitment to educa- learning beyond the classroom One of the highlights of the in Bahrain's agricultural sector. Kingdom's efforts to enhance of agriculture's role in the native, emphasising that initiatives a deeper understanding of agritrip was the students' interac- Students were fascinated by the food security.

on innovative technologies used anised farming tools, and the broadened their understanding tion, innovation, and sustainabil- and igniting young minds with



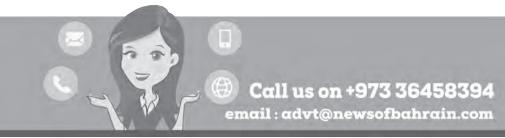
trip not only strengthened their role in shaping informed, enviscience and social studies learn- ronmentally conscious future ing but also encouraged curios- citizens. ity, environmental awareness, agricultural heritage.

cipal Dr Arun Kuumar Shar- of Mara'ee 2025 for their hospima thanked the leadership and tality and for providing students governance of the Kingdom of with an engaging and informa-Bahrain for providing students tive experience. with such an enriching oppor-Teachers accompanying the tunity. He acknowledged the inspiring platform, fostering tion's development. The field like Mara'ee 2025 play a vital culture and sustainability.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and and appreciation for Bahrain's Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai extended their greatest Expressing his gratitude, Prinappreciation to the organisers

The event proved to be an

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Venus Williams gets Australian Open wildcard aged 45

Will compete in the main draw at Melbourne Park

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Williams is a five-time Wimbledon champion

Australian Open singles finalist in 2003 and 2017

AFP | Melbourne, Australia

ven-time major singles champion Venus Williams was handed a wildcard to the Australian Open aged 45 on Friday, becoming the oldest woman ever to play at the sea-



Venus Williams will become the oldest woman to play at the Australian Open since Japan's Kimiko Date, who was 44 when she lost in the first round in 2015.

son-opening Grand Slam.

The American, who has played only a limited number of singles matches in recent years, will compete in the main draw at Melbourne Park for the first time since 2021.

"I'm excited to be back in Australia and looking forward to so it will competing during the Australian summer," said Williams.

"I've had so many incredible memories there and I'm grateful for the opportunity to return to a place that has meant so much to my career."

Williams is a five-time Wimbledon champion and also won two US Opens.

She was an Australian Open singles finalist in 2003 and 2017.

Williams, a four-time Austral-back ian Open doubles champion, is in set to begin her preparations for the January 18-Feb 1 tournament at the Auckland Classic next week, having returned to the circuit at

She wil then head to the Hobart In-

the US Open

last year after

a 16-month

break.

ternational immediately before action," she said. Melbourne.

Two-time Grand Slam cham-

pion and fellow American Coco Gauff said it was "incredible" to ing forward to seeing her back see Williams still turning up for on court." tournaments. "She's a legend of the sport,

"It's incredible the longevity of her career. She's one of the people I looked up to, so look-

USA's Venus Williams plays a forehand return against Belgium's Greet Minnen during the US Open tennis tournament women's singles

first round match at the **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center** in New York City. (file)

Guardiola reaffirms City contract as Maresca speculation builds **London, United Kingdom**

Pep Guardiola has reiterated his desire to stay on at Manchester City despite reports that former Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca has held talks about potentially taking over at the Etihad.

The long-serving City manager, 54, said last month he intended to see out his contract at City, which runs until the end of the 2026/27

That followed speculation City had identified Maresca, a former assistant of Guardiola's, as a possible successor to the Spaniard should he decide to step down at the end of this season.

Maresca has since parted company with Chelsea -- leaving Stamford Bridge on New Year's Day. It is understood the Italian's exit came after he informed the club he had held talks with

Guardiola, who will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his appointment this year, said: "The only (thing) I can sav is that Chelsea, I think, from my point of view, lose an incredible, incredible manager, incredible person.

"But this (is a) decision from the hierarchy from Chelsea, so (I have) nothing to say."

Sports Day Meet 2025-26 @ NMS Bahrain







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midst great enthusiasm and Millennium School, Bahrain, celebrated the opening of its on 13th December 2025. The events included 100m, 200m, event reflected the school's 400m, 800m, 1500m races and sportsmanship and encouraging physical fitness among its students.

continue for KG to Grades VI performances. until January 2026, was formally inaugurated by the Princi- ter each event, adding to the Pillai commended the school pal, Dr. Arun Kuumar Sharma, excitement and motivation for its consistent efforts in intewhose motivating address high- among the participants. A malighted the vital role of sports jor highlight of the day was in developing both physical the announcement of the Best strength and mental resilience. House March Past Award and in an increasingly competitive

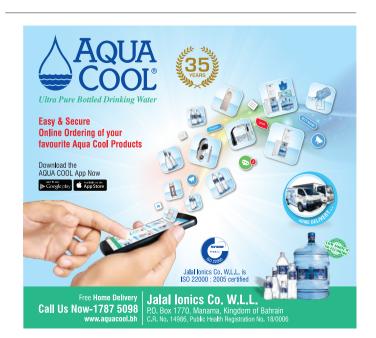
with the Sports Captain administering the Sportsmanship Oath, reaffirming the ide-Avibrant energy, The New als of fairness, discipline and integrity.

Students participated enthufeatured shot put, long jump and triple jump. Each competition The sports meet, which will termination and commendable

Prizes were distributed af-The programme commenced the Individual Championship world.

Awards for the academic year 2025–26, which drew thunderous applause from the audience. Mandela House proudly won the House March Past Trophy. For Grades VII and VIII, Arjun Annual Sports Day meet for siastically in a wide range of Padmanaban (VIII E) and Jerstudents of Grades VII to XII track and field events. The track estine Sanjana (VIIIA) received the Individual Championship awards for boys and girls respecstrong commitment to fostering relays, while the field events tively. In the senior category (Grades IX to XII), Aditya Bajaj (XIF) and Disha Mangalpadi (IX was marked by high energy, de- C) emerged as the Individual Champions.

> Chairman Dr. Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Ms. Geetha grating sports into holistic education and emphasized the enduring value of sportsmanship



Man City charge stalls at Sunderland, Liverpool held by Leeds

City had won eight consecutive games to end 2025

Liverpool boss Arne Slot bemoaned his side's lack of "individual special moments

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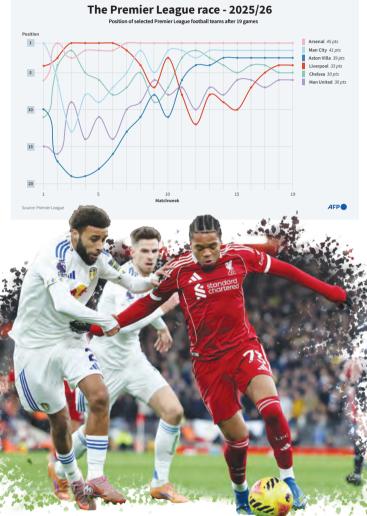
anchester City trail Arsenal by four points at the top of the Premier League after failing to end Sunderland's unbeaten home record in a 0-0 draw on Thursday, while Liverpool were also held by Leeds.

In a goal-shy start to 2026, three of the four New Year's Day fixtures ended without a goal as Tottenham also played out a 0-0 draw on Thomas Frank's return to Brent

City had won eight consecutive games to end 2025 and cut the gap on ... the Gunners to just two-

But they were unable to respond to Arsenal's impressive 4-1 demolition of third-place Aston Villa on-Tuesday despite creating a host of chances against a depleted Sunderland.

The Black Cats were without six players at the Africa Cup of Nations plus influential centre-back Dan Ballard due to injury.



Leeds United's English defender #02 Jayden Bogle (L) challenges Liverpool's English striker #73 Rio Ngumoha (R) during the English Premier League football match between Liverpool and Leeds United at Anfield in Liverpool, north west

Bernardo Silva had a City goal ruled out for offside just six minutes in.

Sunderland goalkeeper Robin Roefs was in inspired form to deny Erling Haaland and Josko Gvardiol, while Savinho blasted a glorious chance over.

But City could not find the breakthrough as Sunderland preserved their record of not losing in 10 games at the Stadium of Light since returning to the top flight.

"It's a mystery," said City boss Pep Guardiola on his side's inability to score. "We created a lot, especially in the second half.

'We take the point, it's a long way (to go).

Liverpool boss Arne Slot bemoaned his side's lack of "individual special moments" as he English champions struggled to break down a resilient Leeds in a goal-less draw at Anfield.

> The Reds were toothless in attack without the absent Mohamed Salah and Alexander Isak and were only saved from defeat late on by a tight offside call. Despite scoring in the last six games, Dominic

had one eye on the visit of beyond the last defender. Manchester United to Elland Road on Saturday.

had extended his scoring streak relegation zone.

English Premier League table

(played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Arsenal 19 14 3 2 37 12 45 Man City 19 13 2 4 43 17 41

Aston Villa 19 12 3 4 30 23 39

Liverpool 19 10 3 6 30 26 33

Chelsea 19 8 6 5 32 21 30

Man Utd 19 8 6 5 33 29 30

Sunderland 19 7 8 4 20 18 29 Everton 19 8 4 7 20 20 28

Brentford 19 8 3 8 28 26 27 Crystal Palace 19 7 6 6 22 21 27

Fulham 19 8 3 8 26 27 27

Tottenham 19 7 5 7 27 23 26

Newcastle 19 7 5 7 26 24 26 Brighton 19 6 7 6 28 27 25

Bournemouth 19 5 8 6 29 35 23

Leeds 19 5 6 8 25 32 21 Nottm Forest 19 5 3 11 18 30 18

West Ham 19 3 5 11 21 38 14 Burnley 19 3 3 13 20 37 12

Wolves 19 0 3 16 11 40 3

Calvert-Lewin started on when he prodded in 10 minutes the bench as Daniel Farke from time but had strayed just

A draw extends Leeds' unbeaten run to six games and takes

Fourth-placed Liverpool edge three points ahead of Chelsea, who parted ways with manager Enzo Maresca on Thursday, and Manchester United in the battle for a place in next season's Champions League.

'Boring' Tottenham

Frank was given a hero's reception back at the club he returned to the top flight for the first time in 74 years and established as a Premier League force.

The Dane has not found it tougher to make an impact at Tottenham and they produced another display devoid of attacking inspiration.

The visiting Spurs fans chanted "boring, boring Tottenham" in the closing stages, while Frank was booed after the full-time

"Definitely, we don't create enough," admitted Frank. We need to continually work on

A stalemate leaves both sides still separated by just one point with Brentford in ninth and

Crystal Palace boss Oliver Glasner said his depleted side are in "survival mode" after a 1-1 draw against Fulham extended their winless run to six games.

Jean-Philippe Mateta's first goal in eight games opened the scoring for Palace, but Fulham Calvert-Lewin thought he them seven points clear of the captain Tom Cairney's fine strike rescued a point for the visitors.

Stokes urges England to stick with **McCullum despite Ashes defeat**



England's head team coach Brendon McCullum (L) sits with player Zak Crawley during a team training session at the SCG in Sydney AFP | London, United Kingdom

 ${f B}$ en Stokes has urged England chiefs to keep faith with "Bazball" architect Brendon McCullum despite a stinging Ashes defeat in Australia.

The five-match series was billed as the ultimate test for the regime of captain Stokes mind that me and Brendon and head coach McCullum, are the right people to carry who joined forces in 2022, on doing this for the near fupromoting an ultra-attacking ture," Stokes said in comments brand of cricket.

England arrived in Austral-

The teams will meet for the what we are doing.'

final Test in Sydney on Sunday, with questions swirling over McCullum's position.

Stokes wants to remain in harness with the former New Zealand batter, warning against kneejerk changes.

"There is no doubt in my carried by British media.

"I can't see there being ia with high hopes but went someone else who I could take 3-0 down after just 11 days of this team (with) from where cricket before ending their 15- we are now to even bigger year winless streak Down Un-heights. We're both pretty der with victory in Melbourne. keen on carrying on doing

Spurs forward Johnson completes Palace switch

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Brennan Johnson yesterday tacking play with hi goalscoring ability." Tottenham to Crystal Palace for a reported fee of £35 million (\$47 million).

has signed a four-and-a-halfyear deal at Selhurst Park.

The forward, who fell out of favour under Thomas Frank at Spurs despite being Kudus since Frank replaced the London club's top scorer last season, is set to make his debut for Palace in their

Premier League match against Newcastle at St James' Park on Sunday.

"I'm really excited and I'm really happy," said Johnson, who is Palace's record signing. "Crystal Palace are such a great club, one that I've always admired.

"It's a great time for me to be here and join the journey that this club is on."

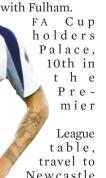
Palace manager

Oliver Glasner said: "Brennan will give us options in our attacking play with his pace and

Johnson finished with 18 goals last season and scored the winner in the Europa The Wales international, 24, League final against Manchester United to end Tottenham's 17-year wait for silverware.

However, he has largely been a back-up to Mohammed Ange Postecoglou.

The transfer will be a huge boost to Glasner, who said his threadbare side were in "survival mode" following Thursday's 1-1 draw



Newcastle eager to end a six-match winless

Nigeria police charge driver in fatal Joshua crash with dangerous driving



British boxer Anthony Joshua

AFP | Lagos, Nigeria

igerian police yesterday carrying British boxer Anthony Joshua that was involved in a fatal crash with "reckless" and "dangerous driving causing death".

Adeniyi Mobolaji Kayode, 46, was also charged with driv- officials said that Ayodele ing without a valid "driver's and Ghami died at the scene, licence" and "driving without while Joshua and the driver due care and attention, causing sustained minor injuries. bodily harm and damage to property", Oluseyi Babaseyi, Enforcement Agency (TRACE) Ogun state, told AFP.

meets bail conditions, Babaseyi said.

Kayode was driving the boxer and two of his friends, Latif Ayodele and Sina Ghami, on charged the driver of a car a busy highway linking Lagos and Ibadan in southwest Nigeria when the Lexus SUV in which they were travelling rammed into a stationary truck on Monday.

Nigerian police and state

The Traffic Compliance and a spokesman for the police in in Ogun state, where the accident occurred, told AFP earlier He was granted a five mil- in the week that its prelimilion naira bail (\$3,500) but will nary investigations showed remain in detention until he that the vehicle was moving at an excessive speed and had burst a tyre before the crash.