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Royal Vision

Royal message inspires new year as His Majesty unites modern learning with Islamic values

● Nation's priority
reaffirmed

● Progress steered
by leadership

● Identity strengthened
through values

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

As Bahrain's schools re-opened for the 2025-2026 academic year, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa extended congratulations and best wishes to students, teachers, and parents, calling for a productive and successful year ahead.

His Majesty underscored that education has always been a key national priority for the Kingdom, pointing to the notable achievements the sector has made over the years. HM praised the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for its continued support that has



His Majesty King Hamad during a welcoming ceremony in September 2013

significantly advanced Bahrain's education system.

Historic progress

HM King Hamad expressed appreciation for all those who have contributed to the build-

ing and development of Bahrain's educational institutions since the early days of formal schooling. HM highlighted the sector's rapid progress, citing the adoption of modern scientific technologies and sustainable

development initiatives.

Vision and values

His Majesty urged all stakeholders to work together to achieve further accomplishments in education, guided by a

Bahrain introduced its first formal school, Al-Hidaya Al-Khalifia, in 1919, making it one of the earliest in the Gulf region.

vision that combines advanced curricula with enduring Islamic values. HM stressed that this approach would reinforce Bahrain's national identity.

Unified effort

His Majesty's message reflected both pride in past achievements and a call for collaboration among teachers, parents, and policymakers to carry forward Bahrain's educational mission.

Bill for 2.5%
yearly pay rise in
private sector

Mohammed Darwish
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An MP has put forward a bill to require private-sector employers to give staff who complete two consecutive calendar years with the same employer an annual rise of at least 2.5 per cent in basic pay, to be repeated every year thereafter.

The measure would add Article 37 bis (1) to the Labour Law in the Private Sector, Law No. 36 of 2012, and would take effect the day after its publication in the Official Gazette.

The increase would apply to the basic wage only.

Daily-paid workers or those paid monthly stipends, temporary staff engaged for less than six months, and part-time workers would be outside the scheme.

MP Jalal Kadhém said the aim is to set a floor for yearly pay progression and to make private employment more appealing, in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

He added that many private-sector employees have seen pay frozen for years, which affects family budgets.

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HRH Prince Salman to boost Bahrain-Egypt relations

Cairo

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday arrived in Egypt on an official visit.

Upon arrival, he was received by Egyptian Prime Minister Dr Mostafa Madbouly, along with several senior officials.

During the visit, HRH Prince Salman will meet with President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and several senior officials to explore avenues for advancing the deep-rooted bilateral relationship and expanding cooperation and strategic partnerships across key sectors in line with shared goals and interests.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister expressed pride in the historic ties between Bahrain and Egypt, as well as the diverse multi-sectoral collaboration.

He noted that this visit reflects the Kingdom's commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations, under the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and President El-Sisi.

His Royal Highness commended the progress and development achieved by Egypt under the leadership of President El-Sisi.

His Royal Highness also conveyed his support for Egypt's honourable stances and its pivotal role in supporting Arab



HRH Prince Salman is received by Egyptian Prime Minister Dr Mostafa Madbouly upon his arrival

causes and advancing joint Arab efforts to achieve mutual development aspirations.

HRH Prince Salman was ac-

companied by an official delegation which included HE Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Noor bint Ali Al-Khulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, Ambassador of Bahrain to Egypt, HE Colonel Shaikh Ahmed bin Isa Al Khalifa, escort officer to HRH the Crown Prince, HE Isa bin Abdul Rahman Al Hammadi, Advisor for Communication Affairs at the Court of the Crown Prince, HE Hamad Yaqoob Al Mahmeed, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, as well as other senior officials.

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Bahrain, Egypt eye stronger economic cooperation



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the importance of further enhancing economic and investment cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Egypt and exploring more opportunities for the future. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he received yesterday a Bahraini delegation from the Kingdom's private sector as part of his official visit to Egypt. He affirmed the strength of Bahrain-Egypt relations, which continue to strengthen through the steadfast support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted that the efforts of the Kingdom's private sector are integral to developing relations with other countries through their investment initiatives and projects that contribute to the Kingdom's growth. His Royal Highness highlighted the successes achieved by the private sector, which reflect their entrepreneurial and innovative spirit. He reiterated that these achievements underscore the ability of national businesses to compete in global markets, in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and its commitment to sustainable development.

Lockers Redefine Parcel Delivery

Bahrain shifts mail experience

- Lockers free customers' time
- Secure code-based access
- Expansion planned across malls

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Bahrain is reimagining how residents collect their parcels. With the launch of Bahrain Post's electronic locker service, the once-rigid experience of queueing at post offices during working hours has given way to a flexible, on-your-time model.

Freedom from Counters
Instead of being tied to office schedules, customers will now receive a secure code on their phones, enabling them to pick



Bahrain Post's electronic locker service is a flexible, on-your-time model

up parcels at mall-based lockers. The system even allows family or friends to collect on their behalf using the same code.

Lockers Across Malls
The lockers are already available at some of the busiest destinations, including Seef Mall

(Seef District, Muharraq, and Isa Town), Marassi Galleria, The Avenues, Souq Al Baraha, Dragon City, and Saar Mall. Customers can retrieve packages during each facility's operating hours, bringing postal services in line with modern lifestyles.

Fatima Abdullah Al Dhaen,



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Undersecretary for Land Transport and Post Affairs, said the lockers highlight the ministry's focus on practical and flexible services. She noted they form part of a wider strategy to boost operational efficiency and quality, while preparing Bahrain to emerge as a regional logistics hub.

The ministry confirmed that further expansion of locker sites is planned, describing the initiative as a step toward an integrated, innovation-driven postal system.

GCC labour meeting



His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour, participated in the meeting of the Committee of Undersecretaries of Labour Ministries of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, held in the State of Kuwait. The meeting was held in preparation for the 11th meeting of the Ministers of Labour of the GCC countries. Topics discussed included the implementation of the committee's strategic work initiatives for 2025-2029, enhancing cooperation among member states in employment and development of Gulf human resources, and improving competitiveness in labour markets to support job localisation policies in the private sector across the GCC.

Finance Ministry-BDF cooperation



His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), received Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy. They reviewed topics related to cooperation and coordination between the BDF and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

Cairo forum organised to strengthen economic ties and opportunities

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As part of the official visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Bahrain-Egypt Business Forum held in Cairo, was hosted in collaboration between the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB), Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI) of Egypt.

The Forum showcased the shared commitment of both nations to deepening business and economic collaboration, exploring new avenues for investment, trade diversification, and sustainable development.

The Forum included the par-



HE Noor bint Ali Al-Khulaif and HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro with key Egyptian officials

ticipation of senior government officials from both countries including HE Noor bint Ali Al-Khulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of Bahrain EDB; HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce of the Kingdom of Bahrain; HE Eng. Hassan El Khatib, Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt; HE Ahmed Kojak, Minister of

Finance of the Arab Republic of Egypt; HE Sameer Abdulla Nass, Chairman of BCCI; Mr. Hossam Heiba, CEO of Egypt's General Authority for Investment and Free Zones; and Mr. Walid Gamal El-Din, Chairman of the General Authority of the Suez Canal Economic Zone.

During her remarks, Her Excellency Noor bint Ali Al-Khulaif affirmed the enduring ties between Bahrain and Egypt, re-

flecting the mutual commitment to strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries.

Al-Khulaif emphasised that the two nations are pursuing an integrated agenda that leverages their respective strengths and competitive advantages to unlock new cooperation opportunities in financial services, technology, logistics, and manufacturing.

The Minister affirmed Bahrain's commitment to enhance bilateral cooperation with Egypt by encouraging investments, aligning policies, and facilitating cross-border business and trade.

Vision and interest

Fakhro said: "The Bahrain-Egypt Business Forum reflects the shared vision and interest of our leadership to continue strengthening bilateral cooperation and expanding the horizons of trade and investment. Bahrain and Egypt share a longstanding partnership built on trust and mutual opportunity, and together we are committed to fostering deeper integration between our economies. By leveraging the respective economic strengths of our countries, we can unlock new opportunities for cooperation in manufactur-

ing, logistics, and other strategic sectors and in turn, contribute to advancing economic development and strengthening trade between our two markets."

During his speech at the forum, Eng El Khatib. Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt stated: "Bahrain is one of Egypt's key investment partners, with Bahraini investments reaching approximately USD 450 million in 2024. The joint efforts between our two nations pave the way for unprecedented investment opportunities that will foster sustainable growth. This forum marks a new milestone in the strategic partnership between Egypt and Bahrain. It is more than just a platform for promoting investments; it is a continuation of our long history of successful collaboration."

Fake papers, sham hires

BD230,000 Tamkeen-SIO case heads to judgment on 16 September

Mohammed Darwish
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Prosecutors allege that forged contracts and sham hires led to the misappropriation of BD230,000 from Tamkeen and the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO). The High Criminal Court will rule on 16 September in the case of 10 defendants. The Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution said reports from the SIO pointed to more than BD90,000 taken after forged papers were filed and false entries were made in its online system.



The entries added and removed insured persons to create made-up service periods, which

then opened the way to pensions, end-of-service gratuities and one-off payments without



The pair altered official electronic records by sending in false hiring data, which was then stored in the two bodies' registers.

right.

Documents

Tamkeen reported that the same group drew more than BD140,000 in wage support by sending forged documents through its portal.

According to the charge sheet, the first and second defendants entered false data into two state systems so it read as genuine. Through the websites of the SIO and Tamkeen, they lodged contracts that claimed workers had been hired at shell firms,

with job titles and salaries that did not exist.

Requests

Those entries were then used to file add and remove requests in the social insurance system and to seek pensions and lump sums from the SIO, as well as wage support from Tamkeen. Prosecutors also allege the pair altered official electronic records by sending in false hiring data, which was then stored in the two bodies' registers. The case names three men and seven women among the accused.

30 Bahraini citizens return after travel agency failure abroad

Foreign Ministry and BTEA take necessary steps

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has confirmed it secured the return of 30 Bahraini citizens, most of whom are families and children, after they faced an emergency situation abroad resulting from a local travel agency's failure to meet its contractual obligations with a hotel. Ambassador Ibrahim Mohammed Al Muslimani, Chief of Consular Services at the Min-



istry of Foreign Affairs, said that the ministry received a report about the incident and immediately coordinated with the Kingdom of Bahrain's embassy in the concerned country to take the necessary steps, including providing assistance and ensuring the citizens' return home

the following day.

Legal measure

On its part, the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) emphasised that its tourism monitoring directorate took the legal measures as per the tourism law to ensure compliance by tourism sector establishments. The unlicensed travel agency was closed immediately by the judicial officers, and its owner was referred to the Public Prosecution in accordance with applicable legislation and requirements of public interest. The BTEA indicated that the agency failed to meet its obligations, which has affected several citizens, in a clear violation of

regulations and the Authority's requirements.

Reliability and reputation

Both the ministry and the BTEA urged citizens to verify the reliability and reputation of travel agencies, and to ensure they deal only with licensed and accredited companies to safeguard their rights and avoid such situations. Furthermore, the Chief of Consular Services at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the safety and well-being of citizens are a top priority, highlighting that the follow-up centre operates 24 hours a day to manage any emergencies. Citizens may contact the centre at: (17227555).

Payout to Probe

Verdict looms in rare 'living dead' insurance case



- Civil ruling reversed
- \$500k policy targeted
- Criminal verdict pending

Rehab Mohammad
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tained his client's innocence, while insurer's lawyer Amal Lari pressed for damages on behalf of the company. The defendants' brother, appearing as a defense witness, insisted the man in a court-recorded video was not his sibling, claiming he had in fact died in May 2023 and had not been seen for years.

From Policy to Probe

According to court documents, the defendant had applied for life insurance in April 2023, naming his wife as beneficiary. By August, notice of his supposed death reached the company through a brokerage firm, followed by the wife's civil suit. But when documents were submitted, doubts arose, prompting the insurer to commission an international investigation in the Asian country where the death was alleged to have occurred. The probe revealed the certificate was fraudulent and later revoked.

Verdict Ahead

The defendants, together with the fugitive wife, now await the High Criminal Court's ruling on September 30. For observers, the case stands as a rare instance where a claim that first passed civil scrutiny has been re-examined under criminal law, turning a potential payout into a probe.

The court's decision will conclude a saga that has combined family disputes, high-stakes insurance, and allegations of deceit, and has kept the country watching for more than a year.

10-year sentences upheld in BD20 drug case

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BD20 sting ends with 10-year jail terms for a doctor and an accomplice after the Court of Cassation upheld their drug-dealing convictions. The ruling leaves intact the first-instance judgment, already affirmed by the High Criminal Court of Appeal. Each man received ten years' imprisonment and a BD5,000 fine. A third defendant was jailed for six months and fined BD100 for drug use. The court ordered the confiscation of the seized items.

Report

The case began with a report that occupants of a car had placed items in the sewer pipe of a house in Riffa. Checks linked the car to the third defendant. He was arrested under a Public Prosecution warrant. Questioned, he admitted drug use and said he obtained drugs from the first and second defendants. He agreed to help the police and, under supervision, phoned the first defendant, a doctor, to request a quantity of the



narcotic 'CBD' for BD20, with handover near the private hospital where the doctor worked.

Plastic container

At the rendezvous the doctor recognised him. As officers closed in, the doctor threw a plastic container to the ground, and he was arrested. The container held a liquid believed to be a narcotic. A search of his car found further plastic containers with the same substance. He said the seized items belonged to the second defendant,

who had left them with him before travelling.

Return

The second defendant was arrested later on his return through the land border crossing. Inquiries indicated the first and second defendants held drugs for sale and personal use, while the third defendant was a user. Prosecution records show the third defendant admitted buying drugs twice from the first defendant and many times from the second.

Expat woman on trial over unlicensed botox injections

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Prosecutors have sent an expat woman to the Lower Criminal Court on charges of practising medicine without a licence, after an inquiry found she possessed and imported unauthorised drugs. The hearing is set for next Tuesday, the Public Prosecution announced yesterday. The case began with a report

from the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA). Investigators said the woman used a social-media account to claim she was a dermatologist and cosmetic doctor, promoting work said to be carried out in her flat through adverts and photographs. Working with the General Directorate of Crime Detection

and Forensic Evidence, officers arranged a sting. They arrested her in the act of injecting clients with Botox for money, using products brought in from abroad. A quantity of unlicensed medicines was seized. The Public Prosecution questioned her, and she admitted the charges. She was remanded in custody and the seized items were kept

as evidence. Police carried out further checks that, prosecutors said, confirmed the events. The case was then sent to the competent court. The Public Prosecution urged people to follow the legal rules that protect patients from unsafe medical work and stressed the need to comply with the procedures set by the NHRA.

Deported Drug Boss Faces Trial

Airport sting unmask 'deported ringleader'

- Court opens high-profile trial
- Sniffer dog triggers drug bust
- Deported man leads network

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The High Criminal Court has opened the trial of three Asian men accused of importing cannabis into Bahrain, with investigators alleging that a previously deported man was the ringleader of the smuggling operation.

The case, which came to light at Bahrain International Airport, underscores how deported individuals can still orchestrate criminal activity from afar, according to details released by the Public Prosecution.

Court proceedings

The court convened to begin the process, scheduling September 9 to notify the third defendant, appoint legal counsel for the second, and allow the defense of the first defendant to review the case. The men, aged 23, 26 and 30, are accused of bringing cannabis into the kingdom in 2025 with intent to traffic.



How the bust happened

A customs officer on duty grew suspicious of a parcel arriving from abroad and deployed a sniffer dog, which detected narcotics. The package, weighing 0.95 kilograms, was seized and handed to the Anti-Narcotics Directorate for investigation.

Authorities traced the package to the first defendant, then staged a sting operation with a decoy parcel. He was arrested after signing delivery papers, but later contacted the third defendant to confirm the parcel's arrival. That set in motion the next step in the plot.

Network unravelled

Investigators said the third defendant, despite being deported from Bahrain earlier, was directing a network smuggling drugs into the country. The first

Bahrain imposes some of the harshest drug penalties in the GCC, with sentences ranging from hefty fines to life imprisonment depending on the severity of the case.

delivery to dealers in return for payment.

Under surveillance, the first defendant was temporarily released, enabling authorities to arrest the second defendant when he arrived to collect the package.

Evidence and admissions

During questioning, the first defendant admitted he had collected the parcel on the instructions of the third defendant and intended to pass it to the second. A video recovered from his phone showed details of how the drugs would be divided and sold. Forensic analysis later confirmed the materials contained narcotics.

The trial continues, with attention focused on how a deported man allegedly managed to re-establish control of a drug trafficking network inside Bahrain.

School visit



His Excellency Education Minister Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma visited historical schools in Muharraq Governorate at the start of the 2025-2026 academic year to review their readiness to welcome students and ensure the smooth running of the school day. The visit covered Abdulrahman Al Nasser Secondary School for Boys (formerly Muharraq Marine School) and Omar bin Al Khattab Intermediate School for Boys (formerly Muharraq Northern School). Both schools were reopened by the ministry following a comprehensive maintenance and rehabilitation program, which included furnishing and equipping classrooms while preserving the architectural and historical character of the buildings. The initiative supports the long-term sustainability of the schools in providing educational services.

Expanding collaboration



The Bahrain Institute of Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) received Her Excellency Mirna Khawly, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Lebanon to the Kingdom of Bahrain, at its headquarters in the World Trade Center Tower in Manama. Her Excellency was welcomed by H.E. Noora Jamsheer, Chief Executive Officer of DANAT, together with members of the Institute's senior management and staff. The visit reflected ongoing efforts to expand avenues of collaboration between the two countries in the fields of pearls, gemstones, and jewellery, while further reinforcing cultural and economic ties. During the visit, Jamsheer delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the Institute's establishment, mission, and objectives, and emphasised its pioneering role in positioning Bahrain as a regional and international hub for the pearl and gemstone sector. The presentation further highlighted DANAT's ongoing efforts to preserve the legacy of Bahraini natural pearls and to promote awareness of their significance as a symbol of national identity and cultural heritage.

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Life-or-death moment

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A horse sank into clay at Nurana Coast yesterday, sparking new complaints from Jid Al Haj residents to the Northern Municipal Council.

Residents, joined by Ibrahim Khalil, deputy chairman of the Jid Al Haj Charity, contacted the council's chairman, Dr Seyed Shubbar Al Wadaei, to report the case.

They said similar incidents have been filed with the council before.

People living near the spot said the clay poses a danger



A resident saves horse from sinking ground

to children. They fear a child could step into the soft ground, sink and be hard to reach in time.

The callers asked for urgent steps, including a fast-tracked proposal to the responsible body and a practical, engineering plan to remove the hazard at Nurana Coast.

The council told residents it is following the matter and will press for a workable fix.

Innovative entrepreneurial success



The Ministry of Industry and Commerce took part in the closing ceremony of the fifth edition of the "Youth Tech Entrepreneur" program, which celebrated the achievements of a group of young innovators and entrepreneurs who embodied the spirit of leadership and creativity through their efforts. This year's edition featured the participation of talented students aged between 16 and 25, who presented innovative entrepreneurial projects.

Alba holds Board Meeting for third quarter of 2025

Manama

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C (Alba), the world's largest smelter on one site, held its third quarterly Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday 02 September 2025.

Alba's Chairman of the Board, Khalid Al Rumaihi, started the meeting with: "Uncertainty tests resilience and we're rising to the challenge."

He further stated: "In a volatile market environment, our focus is clear: maintain consistency, drive operational excellence, and uphold cost discipline as we close out 2025 on a high note."

During the meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 05 August 2025, and received comprehensive updates from the Executive and ESG Committee, Board Audit Committee, and Nomination, Remuneration, and Corporate Governance Committee on strategic matters, the Company's operational, financial and sales performance to-date, the ongoing feasibility study for the New Replacement Line (Class 3), amongst others.

Individual Directors' Complete Declaration and an update on the Independence of each Alba Board Director were also given during this meeting.

Including the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Khalid Al



Rumaihi, the Alba Board of Directors comprises five directors appointed by Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company

B.S.C.© - Shaikh Isa bin Khalid Al Khalifa, Mr. Tim Murray, Mrs. Roselyne Renel, Mr. Omar Syed and Mr. Bruce Cox; two

directors appointed by Saudi Arabian Mining Company (Ma'aden) - Mr. Ahmed Al Shai- kh & Mr. Khaled Al Rowais,

one expert director Mrs. Rasha Sabkar and one elected director, Mrs. Hala Abdul Hameed Mufeez.

Russia, China move closer to building new gas pipeline

AFP | Beijing, China

Russia said yesterday it had signed a legally binding agreement with China to build a new cross-border gas pipeline, the latest in a series of moves by the allies to bolster ties.

The memorandum of understanding to build the Power of Siberia 2 pipeline was signed during a visit to China by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Although the move is a step forward in the long negotiations on the massive pipeline, the memorandum is not definitive and many details such as pricing remain unclear.

The pipeline would transit Mongolia and be capable of supplying 50 billion cubic metres of gas annually, according to Russian state news agency TASS.

"Today, a very important step has been taken to further strengthen and develop our strategic partnership, to increase reliable supplies of clean energy -- natural gas -- to China," said Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller.

Gazprom and the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) also agreed to raise shipments by 15 percent in the existing Power of Siberia pipeline, Russian news agency Interfax reported, citing Miller.

Seef Entertainment offers exclusive school trip packages at Magic Island, Yabeela, Jumpoline and Hawa

Manama

Seef Entertainment, the leading family entertainment company in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the entertainment arm of Seef Properties, is proud to offer exclusive school trip packages at Magic Island, Yabeela, Jumpoline and Hawa. These packages deliver outstanding value, providing free access to all attractions beyond the entry fee, ensuring a comprehensive and memorable visit for school groups.

Magic Island at Seef Mall is Bahrain's premier indoor amusement destination, home to nearly 100 world-class games spread across six themed zones, from the Marina Deck, where young kids can enjoy the beach scenery, Bumper Cars, Adventure Play, and Spring Ride. For older students, thrill rides like Crazy Raft and engaging 3D simulation games such as Trans-former and Max Flight are available. Additionally, Magic Island features an LED-lit underwater-themed bowling alley, creating a relaxing atmosphere, besides a variety of video games and other entertainment options.

Meanwhile, Yabeela, Bahrain's largest indoor entertainment centre, provides an exceptional entertainment experience with unique interactive rides designed for



all ages, such as Dawama, which won an international award in the category of family amusement rides, Aafoor Tree of Life, and many others inspired by Bahraini heritage. Visitors of various ages will have an ideal opportunity for unparalleled fun, owing to the diversity of game areas and accompanying facilities which are designed to satisfy all tastes.

The trampoline park Jumpoline provides freestyle fun with Trampoline Basketball, Free Jumping Zone and Wall Climbing as some activities

for added adventure; whereas Hawa, the first indoor inflatable centre in the Kingdom, offers enjoyable bouncing, leaping, climbing, dodging, and sliding activities within its enormous soft play area.

Schools are invited to take advantage of these offers which promise their students great fun in an atmosphere filled with challenge and adventure. Don't miss out on these fantastic packages and grant your students exceptional moments of entertainment in a safe and immersive environment.

Medgulf Takaful B.S.C. (c)

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of financial position As at 31 December 2024

	Audited 31 December 2024 BD	Audited 31 December 2023 BD
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,779,109	2,153,421
Receivables	2,146,953	1,543,339
Islamic placements with financial institutions	2,189,081	2,123,191
Deferred acquisition costs	115,064	169,148
Retakaful share of unearned contributions and technical reserve	4,303,750	4,114,357
Retakaful share of outstanding claims	906,428	1,911,394
Investments	12,859,904	14,095,755
Statutory deposit	183,951	152,290
Property and equipment	50,429	75,327
Intangible assets	114,849	105,013
Prepayments and other assets	379,874	350,981
Total Assets	25,029,392	26,794,216
Liabilities, policyholders' fund and shareholders' equity		
Liabilities		
Unearned contributions and technical reserve	8,674,830	8,352,704
Outstanding claims	4,175,529	4,730,543
Financial liabilities for unit-linked contracts	5,368,654	5,805,935
Payables and other liabilities	3,018,968	2,457,462
Provision for employees' leave and end-of-service benefits	222,898	210,996
Total liabilities	21,460,879	21,557,640
Policyholders' fund	(3,022,381)	(1,424,787)
Deficit in General Takaful fund	4,875	131,250
Total deficit in Policyholders' Fund - General Takaful	(3,017,506)	(1,293,537)
Deficit in Family Takaful fund	(651,964)	(560,551)
Investments fair value reserve	(87,140)	226,875
Total deficit in Policyholders' Fund - Family Takaful	(739,104)	(333,676)
Total policyholders' fund	(3,756,610)	(1,627,213)
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	6,667,000	6,667,000
Retained earnings	561,767	326,116
Statutory reserve	58,106	31,923
Investments fair value reserve	38,250	(161,250)
Total shareholders' equity	7,325,123	6,863,789
Total liabilities, policyholders' fund and shareholders' equity	25,029,392	26,794,216

Statement of income For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 BD	2023 BD
Revenue		
Wakala management and other fees earned	2,223,728	2,147,300
Investment income	358,807	392,199
Other income	8,068	33,280
Total revenue	2,590,603	2,572,779
Expenses		
Staff expenses	(1,033,595)	(1,084,364)
Acquisition costs	(580,521)	(520,399)
Other operating expenses	(666,300)	(568,873)
Reversal (Allowance for) of impairment on financial assets	20,346	(26,930)
Depreciation	(29,304)	(30,881)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(39,395)	(22,102)
Total expenses	(2,328,769)	(2,253,549)
Net profit for the year attributable to shareholders	261,834	319,230
Other comprehensive income / (loss): Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Fair value gain / (loss) of financial assets at FVOCI	199,500	(161,250)
Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	199,500	(161,250)
Total comprehensive income for the year	461,334	157,980

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Statement of policyholders' revenue and expenses - General Takaful For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 BD	2023 BD
Revenue		
Gross contributions	6,649,902	6,623,648
Retakaful ceded	(1,593,962)	(1,553,212)
Net retained contributions	5,055,940	5,070,436
Movement in unearned contributions - gross	186,942	(291,220)
Movement in unearned contributions - retakaful	(28,480)	(66,422)
Net contributions earned	5,214,402	4,712,794
Investment income	196,296	213,546
Other income	35,916	8,080
Total general takaful revenue	5,446,614	4,934,420
Expenses		
Gross claims paid	(6,440,878)	(4,245,210)
Claims recovered from retakaful and others	2,144,312	1,078,631
Net claims paid	(4,296,566)	(3,166,579)
Movement in outstanding claims - gross	225,211	(1,011,686)
Movement in outstanding claims - retakaful	(754,646)	418,444
Net claims incurred	(4,826,001)	(3,759,821)
Wakala, management and other fees earned (Allowance for) impairment on financial assets	(1,685,515)	(1,659,634)
Other expenses	(164,255)	(94,822)
Total general takaful expenses	(7,044,208)	(5,778,431)
Deficit of general takaful revenue over expenses for the year	(1,597,594)	(844,011)
Other comprehensive (loss) / income: Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Fair value (loss) / gain on financial assets at FVOCI	(126,375)	131,250
Other comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	(126,375)	131,250
Total comprehensive loss / income for the year	(1,723,969)	(712,761)

Statement of policyholders' revenue and expense - Family Takaful For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 BD	2023 BD
Revenue		
Gross contributions	2,026,528	2,087,082
Surrenders and maturities	(1,191,922)	(1,191,171)
Movement in financial liabilities for unit-linked contracts	437,281	(213,603)
Fair value gain from / (loss on) investments of unit-linked to contracts	262,530	760,646
Total Revenues	1,534,417	1,442,954
Expenses		
Contributions after wakala fees on unit-linked contracts	1,534,417	1,442,954
Retakaful share of gross contributions	(1,063,351)	(984,096)
Net retained contributions	471,066	458,858
Movement in unearned contributions - gross	1,049	(2,862)
Movement in unearned contributions - retakaful	(289)	81
Net contributions earned	471,826	456,077
Investment and other income	250,765	176,531
Total family takaful revenue	722,591	632,708
Expenses		
Gross claims paid	(647,930)	(352,616)
Claims recovered from retakaful and others	598,618	323,162
Net claims paid	(49,312)	(29,454)
Movement in outstanding claims - gross	329,803	(119,321)
Movement in outstanding claims - retakaful	(250,319)	96,261
Net claims incurred	(18,516)	(23,060)
Movement in technical reserve - gross	(510,117)	(201,369)
Movement in technical reserve - retakaful	218,161	117,052
Net claims incurred	(291,956)	(94,317)
Wakala, management and other fees earned Reversal (Allowance for) of impairment on financial assets	(2,222)	(5,605)
Other expenses	(16,231)	(7,773)
Total family takaful expenses	(814,004)	(637,873)
Deficit of family takaful revenue over expenses for the year	(91,413)	(5,165)
Other comprehensive (loss) / income: Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Fair value (loss) / gain on financial assets at FVOCI	(314,015)	226,875
Other comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	(314,015)	226,875
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	(405,428)	221,710



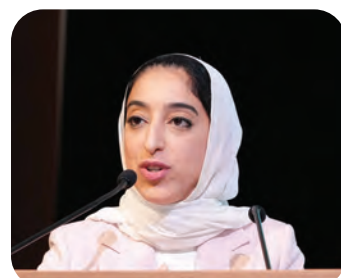
Middle East ICCA Summit hosts active discussion on MICE industry issues

Manama

Bringing together more than 100 international experts and specialists from across the Middle East and beyond, the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) Middle East Summit was held today at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB).

Organized in partnership with ICCA, the summit was hosted for the first time in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It featured wide-ranging panel discussions, specialized workshops, and inspiring dialogues that explored critical issues shaping the future of the global meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE) industry.

The agenda included discussions on the priorities for the development of the business events sector worldwide. Among the highlights was a session titled 'Bahrain's Tourism Vision and the Perspective of the International Meetings Sector,' which featured Ms. Sara Ahmed Buhiji, Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) and Chairperson of Exhibition World Bahrain. The discussion focused on the Kingdom's strategic investments, sustainable tourism innovations, and initiatives to empower youth and women, while also sharing ICCA's international perspective on how Bahrain's business events sector supports its national economic diversification agenda. Another session, 'The



Future of Destination Leadership: Unlocking Regional Potential through Creativity, Inclusivity, and Sustainability,' featured Dana Osama Yousif Al Saad, Deputy CEO for Resources and Projects at BTEA. The panel explored practical solutions for enabling Middle Eastern destinations to embrace innovation and collaboration, strengthening their global competitiveness. Artificial intelligence also featured prominently on the

summit's agenda. The session 'Harnessing AI for Destination Marketing Leadership: Building Future Strategies' examined how predictive analytics and tailored campaigns can enhance destination promotion. 'AI vs. the Human Mind: Can Innovation Strengthen Credibility in Business Events?' showcased an interactive case study on Oman's experience in integrating AI into its business events sector.

As part of the summit, participants toured EWB, one of the largest and most advanced facilities of its kind in the Middle East. The tour highlighted the center's state-of-the-art halls, modern amenities, sustainability practices, and advanced digital solutions, underscoring its position as a leading regional hub for exhibitions and conventions.

The summit concluded with the ICCA Middle East Awards

ceremony, where several pioneers of the global meetings and conventions industry were honored for their innovation, development efforts, and visionary contributions to advancing the region's business events sector.

HE Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, said: "We are proud that Bahrain has become a promising regional hub for international events, supported by its strategic location, excellent connec-

tivity, and exceptional hospitality. This summit showcased the Kingdom's clear vision for driving innovation, collaboration, and inclusivity. Our partnership with ICCA has provided the ideal platform for knowledge exchange and growth opportunities within the meetings industry, while further reinforcing Bahrain's position in business tourism, a key pillar of the 2022-2026 Bahrain Tourism Strategy."

Zain Bahrain Supports Employees During Back-to-School Week with Flexible Working Hours

Manama

Zain Bahrain, a leading telecommunications and technology provider in the Kingdom, has announced a special initiative to support its employees during the back-to-school season.

For seven working days, all parent employees will be granted two hours of reduced working time per day. They will have the flexibility to either start work two hours later or leave two hours earlier, allowing them to better manage school preparations, drop-offs, and other responsibilities during this important period.

This initiative is part of Zain's IDE and "Be Well" programs and underscores the company's unwavering commitment to fostering a healthy work-life



balance and cultivating a family-friendly workplace culture. It also reflects the company's deep understanding of the challenges parents and children face during the first days of school, offering meaningful support that enables employees

to be fully present for their children during these important moments.

This step is one of the many ways Zain Bahrain strives to enhance its employees' experiences and promote a balanced lifestyle.

Jaguar Land Rover 'severely disrupted' by cyberattack

London, United Kingdom

Jaguar Land Rover said Tuesday its retail and production activities have been hit by a cyber attack, in the latest blow to the tariffs-hit automaker.

British-based JLR, owned by India's Tata Motors, said it took immediate action to shut down its systems to curb the impact of the incident.

"At this stage there is no evidence any customer data has been stolen but our retail and production activities have been severely disrupted," it said in a statement.

The company added that it is "working at pace" to restart its global operations.

Cyber gangs have increasingly targeted luxury brands and



retailers.

British retailer Marks and Spencer recently suffered a cyberattack that crippled its on-

line services for weeks and cost the group £300 million (\$402 million).

The luxury department store Harrods and the Co-op food chain have also been hit in recent months.

The cyberattack is the latest setback for JLR, which reported a sharp reduction in sales after it halted exports of its cars to the United States in April in response to President Donald Trump's tariffs.

The automaker said in July it planned to cut up to 500 UK management jobs.

A trade agreement between London and Washington reduced the tariff on UK car exports to 10 percent from 27.5 percent, on a limit of 100,000 vehicles annually.

Bahrain Indian School achieves ‘Outstanding’ ratings in BQA evaluation

Manama

Bahrain Indian School (BIS), a leading CBSE-affiliated institution in the Kingdom of Bahrain, becomes the fastest among the CBSE schools to receive the prestigious honour of receiving an “Outstanding” grade in the latest review conducted by the Bahrain Quality Assurance (BQA) Authority. This exceptional milestone was reached in just 10 years since the school's establishment in 2014. This recognition highlights BIS's commitment to academic excellence, innovative teaching, holistic development, and creating an inclusive environment where every learner can thrive. This prestigious recognition is a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to excellence in education, stu-



School Management

dent achievement, leadership, and community engagement. The BQA's rigorous evaluation process assesses schools on key performance indicators, including teaching quality, student progress, curriculum design, and school leadership. In its official report, the BQA praised Bahrain Indian School for: Exceptional students' performance and aca-

demic progress across all stages. High-quality teaching and learning strategies that engage and inspire. Strong leadership and governance that drive continuous improvement. A nurturing school environment that promotes student well-being and values. While talking to the media, School Directors Mr. Himanshu Verma & Ms. Ritu Verma said:

“We are deeply honoured to receive the ‘Outstanding’ rating from BQA. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of our dedicated teachers, motivated students, supportive parents, and the school leadership team. It reaffirms our mission to deliver a holistic and globally competitive education rooted in Indian values.” The school also extended

gratitude to the Ministry of Education, the Indian Embassy, and the broader BIS community for their continued support and trust. Since its modest beginnings, BIS has evolved into a full-fledged secondary school, known for blending tradition with modern educational practices. Guided by a clear vision and driven by dedicated leadership, the school has implemented strategic goals, enriched curricula, and embraced technology to meet the dynamic needs of its learners. The Outstanding rating celebrates the collective efforts of our passionate educators, resilient students, and supportive parent community who together have shaped BIS into a beacon of quality education in Bahrain. Beyond academics, BIS nurtures creativity, critical think-

ing, and character through a range of co-curricular activities, performing arts, and community engagement initiatives. As look ahead, BIS remains steadfast in its mission to inspire and empower young minds, setting new benchmarks in education and preparing students to succeed in a rapidly changing world. The speed with which new technologies and emerging business practices are transforming industries requires us to approach learning with a futuristic view. BIS follow various techniques and approaches in the classroom, where students actively participate in their learning through activities like debate, discussions, problem-solving, and reflection, rather than passively listening to lectures.

Gold hits high, stocks retreat as investors seek safety

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets fell and gold hit a record high yesterday as investors fled to safe havens over concerns about US President Donald Trump's Federal Reserve fight, tariffs uncertainty and Europe's public finances. Wall Street's main indexes opened sharply in the red as investors returned from the Labor Day holiday while European stock markets were down in afternoon deals. The borrowing costs of the United States, France and Britain rose as the yield on their sovereign bonds jumped. “September can be a strange month for financial markets, as stocks historically tend to underperform,” noted Kathleen Brooks, research director at XTB traders. “However, a selloff in the bond market and a rush to the dollar and gold are signs that investors are rushing into safe havens and liquid assets,” she added.

Key figures at around 1335 GMT

New York - Dow:	▼ 1.2% at 45,005.03 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 1.3% at 6,378.58
New York - Nasdaq:	▼ 1.6% at 21,119.04
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.7% at 9,131.91
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.6% at 7,663.42
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 1.8% at 23,595.30
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.3% at 42,310.49 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index:	▼ 0.5% at 25,496.55 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.5% at 3,858.13 (close)
New York - Dow:	Closed Monday for a public holiday
Euro/dollar:	▼ at 1.1647 from \$1.1705 on Monday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at 1.3380 at from \$1.3547
Dollar/yen:	▲ P at 148.49 from 147.27 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 87.03 pence from 86.57 pence
Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 0.5% at \$68.49 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 1.5% at \$64.99 per barrel

Gold reached \$3,501.59 an ounce Tuesday, beating its previous record of \$3,500.10 in April. In the United States, investors were watching developments in Trump's bid to oust Fed Governor Lisa Cook, with a court hear-

ing her challenge on Tuesday. The case has major implications for the US central bank and its independence. “Investors are increasingly concerned about President Trump's interference with the



People look at jewelry on display at a jewelry store in the Diamond District in New York City

running of the US Federal Reserve,” said David Morrison, senior market analyst at financial service firm Trade Nation. Analysts also cited concerns over Trump's tariffs campaign after a court on Friday ruled that many of his duties were illegal because he did not have authority to impose them.

The court, however, allowed the tariffs to stay in place through mid-October, allowing the parties to take the case to the Supreme Court. “This combination of tariff uncertainty, Fed concerns, and seasonal weakness left markets on edge as the month began,” Morrison said.

The yield on 30-year Treasury bonds rose to almost 5%. The dollar, however, rallied against the euro and British pound as French and UK government borrowing costs hit multi-year highs. France's long-term borrowing cost jumped to its highest level since the eurozone debt crisis in 2011 as investors fret over a confidence vote next week that could topple the minority government. The yield on 30-year government bonds topped 4.5% ahead of Monday's vote, which was called by Prime Minister Francois Bayrou to settle a budget fight but which he is tipped to lose. The yield on 30-year UK government bonds hit the highest level since 1998 owing to worries over Britain's struggling economy. Elsewhere, oil prices soared on stalled peace negotiations between Ukraine and major energy producer Russia, according to analysts.

Zain Bahrain launches National qualifiers for FIFAe World Cup – A New Era for Esports in the Kingdom

- Tournament is set to take place at Zain Esports Lab on September 5-6, 2025.
- The top player will represent the Kingdom at the FIFAe World Cup on the global stage.
- Two thrilling categories, eFootball Mobile (1v1) and eFootball Console (2v2)

Manama



Zain Bahrain, the Kingdom's leading telecommunications and technology innovator, is proud to announce the launch of the Bahrain National Qualifiers for

the FIFAe World Cup, set to take place at Zain Esports Lab on September 5-6, 2025. This initiative marks a significant milestone in Zain Bahrain's continued investment in the Kingdom's esports ecosystem and further reinforces its strategic partnership with the Bahrain Esports Federation. The event is organized, by Teal Flamingo Studios, a prominent Bahraini-based media production company specializing in video production, broadcasting, content creation, and event management, promises to deliver an electrifying and professionally run esports experience. The tournament is set to feature two thrilling categories, eFootball Mobile (1v1)

and eFootball Console (2v2), the qualifiers will spotlight the Kingdom's most skilled esports athletes as they battle for the honor of representing Bahrain on the global FIFAe World Cup stage. Since the launch of Zain Esports Lab, Zain Bahrain has hosted numerous successful tournaments across various gaming titles, building a strong and inclusive community of local gamers. Zain has continuously provided platforms for aspiring and professional gamers to showcase their skills in a professionally managed, world-class environment. This latest FIFAe Qualifier is a natural extension of that legacy, reaffirming Zain's role as a pioneer in the MENA

Participation is exclusively open to Bahraini citizens of both genders aged 16 and above, offering a unique opportunity for young players to showcase their skills on the global stage in a competitive and professional environment.

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News in brief

◆ **The UN Support Mission** in Libya said Tuesday that it was “gravely alarmed” over new military mobilisations by rival groups in the Libyan capital. In recent days, armed vehicles have reportedly moved into Tripoli from Misrata, around 200 kilometres (125 miles) away, and on Monday night gunfire was heard in the capital, according to witnesses and videos circulated online. UNSMIL said the recent “rapidly escalating tensions and military mobilisation” in Tripoli “could lead to armed confrontation”. Sabiha Mohamad, a resident in western Tripoli, told AFP she had heard the gunshots but said “there was more fear than harm”. There were no official reports of casualties, and it remained unclear who fired the shots.



UN ‘gravely alarmed’ by military mobilisation in Libya’s capital

◆ **The UN atomic watchdog** has discovered uranium particles in Syria during a probe into a site it suspects once housed a nuclear reactor, according to a confidential report seen by AFP yesterday. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has urged Syria to cooperate fully over allegations that it had been building a covert nuclear reactor at a remote desert site called Deir Ezzor -- which Israel destroyed in a bombing raid in 2007. The probe has lasted for years, with the IAEA saying in a 2011 report it was “very likely” that a building at the Deir Ezzor site “was a nuclear reactor which should have been declared” to the agency. Syria, whose long-time authoritarian leader Bashar al-Assad was overthrown in December last year after 14 years of civil war, has repeatedly denied it was constructing a nuclear reactor.

UN nuclear watchdog says finds uranium particles at Syria site

◆ **The son of Norway’s crown princess** will go on trial in February accused of raping four women, an Oslo court said Tuesday, a case that could see him jailed for up to 10 years. Marius Borg Hoiby, son of Crown Princess Mette-Marit from another relationship before she married Crown Prince Haakon, was charged on August 18 with four rapes and 28 other crimes, including acts of violence against ex-girlfriends. It is the biggest scandal to hit the Norwegian royal family. Seven women are listed as victims in the case, four of them of rapes, including one of Hoiby’s ex-girlfriends, Nora Haukland, and glamour model and pop singer Linni Meister. The trial will take place in the Oslo district court from February 3 until March 13, it said. Hoiby, 28, was arrested on August 4, 2024, suspected of having assaulted his then-girlfriend. He has admitted to acts of violence in that case, but has denied the other charges against him, according to his lawyers.

Son of Norway princess to go on trial in February



SPOTLIGHT

ChatGPT to get parental controls after teen’s death



Paris, France

American artificial intelligence firm OpenAI said yesterday it would add parental controls to its chatbot ChatGPT, a week after an American couple said the system encouraged their teenaged son to kill himself. “Within the next month, parents will be able to... link their account with their teen’s account” and “control how ChatGPT responds to their teen with age-appropriate model behavior rules,” the generative AI company said in a blog post. Parents will also receive notifications from ChatGPT “when the system detects their teen is in a moment of acute distress,” OpenAI added. The company had trailed a system of parental controls in a late August blog post. That came one day after a court filing from California parents Matthew and Maria Raine, alleging that ChatGPT

provided their 16-year-old son with detailed suicide instructions and encouraged him to put his plans into action. The Raines’ case was just the latest in a string that have surfaced in recent months of people being encouraged in delusional or harmful trains of thought by AI chatbots -- prompting OpenAI to say it would reduce models’ “sycophancy” towards users. “We continue to improve how our models recognize and respond to signs of mental and emotional distress,” OpenAI said Tuesday. The company said it had further plans to improve the safety of its chatbots over the coming three months, including redirecting “some sensitive conversations... to a reasoning model” that puts more computing power into generating a response. “Our testing shows that reasoning models more consistently follow and apply safety guidelines,” OpenAI said.

Israel builds up forces ahead of Gaza City **offensive**

Nearly a million people live in Gaza City and its surroundings



Palestinians mourn by the body of a relative killed in Israeli strikes on Gaza City at dawn, at the Al-Shifa hospital

- **40,000 reservists were being called up**
- **Israeli forces killed at least 56 people yesterday**
- **Belgium became the latest Western country to recognise Palestine**

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel intensified its military build-up on Tuesday as reservists began responding to call-up orders ahead of a planned offensive to capture Gaza City, nearly two years into a devastating war. Despite mounting pressure at home and abroad to end its campaign in the Palestinian territory, Israel is gearing up to seize Gaza’s largest city -- intensifying bombardments and operating in the out-

skirts in recent days. The United Nations estimates that nearly a million people live in Gaza City and its surroundings, where a famine has been declared. In a statement, the military said it had been preparing in recent days “ahead of expanded combat operations and the large-scale mobilisation of reservists”. Speaking at an event in Jerusalem, Defence Minister Israel Katz said: “Tens of thousands of reservists have left their homes, families and jobs to once again answer the national call -- the return of all hostages and the neutralisation of Hamas.” Approving the military’s plans for the conquest of Gaza City in late August, Katz said he had authorised the call-up of about 60,000 reservists. Israeli media reported that some 40,000 reservists were being called up in the first mobilisation wave. On the ground in Gaza City, weary Palestinians told

AFP they felt helpless and desperate ahead of the looming offensive. “There is no place for us to go, and no means to get there. We are exhausted physically and mentally from displacement and from the war,” 60-year-old Amal Abdel-Aal, who lives in a tent in western Gaza City, told AFP by telephone. “We have come to wish for death.” In a post on X on Tuesday, the military’s Arabic-language spokesman warned Gazans of the upcoming “expansion of combat operations towards Gaza City”. “We wish to remind you that in Al-Mawasi enhanced services will be provided, with an emphasis on access to medical care, water and food,” Avichay Adraee said, referring to an area in the south which Israel designated a humanitarian zone in the early months of the war but which has been hit by repeated strikes. Gaza’s civil defence agency said Israeli forces killed at least

56 people on Tuesday, including 10 in an air strike on a residential building in the southwest of Gaza City. Belgium on Tuesday became the latest Western country to say it will recognise the State of Palestine at the UN General Assembly this month, following similar announcements by Australia, Canada and France.



Hamas’s October 2023 attack on Israel resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli figures. Of the 251 hostages seized during the assault, 47 are still being held in Gaza, including 25 the military says are dead. Israel’s retaliatory offensive has killed at least 63,633 Palestinians, most of them civilians, according to figures from the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza that the United Nations considers reliable.



Israeli army soldiers stand atop the turret of a Merkava main battle tank positioned near armoured military bulldozers along the border with the Gaza Strip in southern Israel

San Marino, one of the smallest nations in the world and the world's oldest republic still in existence, is founded by Saint Marinus

Oliver Cromwell's English New Model Army defeats a Scottish force in a surprise attack at the Battle of Dunbar



World War II: Britain declares war on Germany after the invasion of Poland; France follows six hours later, quickly joined by Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Canada

Holocaust diarist Anne Frank is sent to Auschwitz concentration camp

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I stand in full solidarity with the people of Afghanistan after the devastating earthquake that hit the country earlier today. I extend my deepest condolences to the families of the victims and wish a speedy recovery to those injured.

@antonioGuterres

02



A defining chapter in India's semiconductor journey is unfolding, with innovation and investment driving a new wave of growth. Addressing Semicon India 2025 in Delhi.

@narendramodi

03



I appreciate @POTUS' call for transparency and sharing of all data demonstrating the life-saving power of the COVID-19 vaccine. Public trust in health and science depends on such openness.

@DrTedros

04



Anyone who commits rape, robbery or other violent crime should be deported immediately

@elonmusk

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Modi, Putin, Xi share bonhomie ahead of SCO plenary session

TDT | agencies

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping shared light moments ahead of the SCO Summit's plenary session.

The leaders were seen holding discussions and having a conversation in a pull aside.

President Putin and Prime Minister Modi greeted each other with a warm hug, after which they walked towards the stage for a family photo of the SCO members.

The interaction between PM Modi and President Putin came ahead of their bilateral meeting which is scheduled to take place after the plenary session.

"Prime Minister will be addressing the plenary session of the Summit, where he will outline India's approach to fostering regional cooperation under the SCO umbrella. After this engagement, he is scheduled to have a bilateral meeting with President Vladimir Putin of Russia, following which he will depart for India," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said on Sunday.

PM Modi held bilateral talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the SCO leaders' summit, during which both leaders welcomed the positive momentum and steady progress in bilateral relations since their last meeting in Kazan on the sidelines of the



BRICS Summit in October 2024.

Both reaffirmed that the two countries were development partners and not rivals and that their differences should not turn into disputes and called for a stable relationship and cooperation between India and China based on mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity, necessary for the growth and development of the two countries, as well as for a multipolar world and a multipolar Asia befitting the trends of the 21st century.

The Prime Minister also underlined the importance of peace and tranquility in the

border areas for the continued development of bilateral relations.

The SCO comprises 10 members. In addition to India, they include Belarus, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. There are also several dialogue partners and observers. India has been a member of the SCO since 2017, having been an observer since 2005.

During its membership period, India has held the chair of the SCO Council of Heads of Government in 2020 and of the SCO Council of Heads of State from 2022 to 2023.

'Mockery of science'

US experts blast Trump climate report

AFP | Washington, United States

A report commissioned by the Trump administration that disputes the scientific consensus on human-caused climate change mimics tactics once used by the tobacco industry to manufacture doubt, leading US experts said yesterday.

In a sweeping 440-page rebuttal, 85 scientists accused the government of relying on a small group of handpicked contrarians who drew on discredited research, misrepresented evidence, and bypassed the peer review process to reach pre-determined conclusions.

The Trump administration's 150-page report was published on the Department of Energy's website in late July to support the administration's proposal to overturn the 2009 "Endangerment Finding" -- a bedrock determination that underpins much of the federal government's authority to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

"This report makes a mockery of science," Andrew Dessler, a climate scientist at Texas A&M University and one of the co-authors, wrote in a statement.

"It relies on ideas that were rejected long ago, supported by misrepresentations of the body of scientific knowledge, omis-

sions of important facts, arm waving, anecdotes, and confirmation bias. This report makes it clear DOE has no interest in engaging with the scientific community."

Entitled "A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the US Climate," the DOE document made sweeping claims: that extreme weather events linked to human-caused emissions were not increasing, US temperatures were not rising, and that higher carbon dioxide levels would benefit agricultural productivity.

The rebuttal marshals experts from multiple disciplines to challenge each assertion.

"Contrary to the authors' claims, the human-induced global warming signal is clearly discernible in all-time high and low temperature records over the continental United States and throughout the world," scientists wrote in one example.

On agriculture, the rebuttal notes that while elevated carbon dioxide can sometimes spur greater yields in isolation, rising heat and shifting rainfall patterns are expected to cause overall declines.

The DOE report also downplays the threat of

ocean acidification, stating that "life in the oceans evolved when the oceans were mildly acidic" billions of years ago.

But according to the rebuttal, this is "irrelevant for evaluating whether current or near-future conditions are suitable for modern ecosystems to continue," since complex multi-cellular life had not evolved at the time.

U.S. President Donald Trump walks around Trump National Golf Club



Iran says open to US nuclear talks, rejects missile curbs

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Security chief Ali Larijani said yesterday that Iran was open to nuclear talks with the United States but ruled out any restrictions on its missile programme.

"The path for negotiations with the US is not closed; yet these are the Americans who only pay lip service to talks and do not come to the table; and they wrongly blame Iran for it," said Larijani, the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council.

"By raising unrealisable issues such as missile restrictions, they set a path which negates any talks," Larijani said in a post on X.

The remarks came days after the United States welcomed a move by European powers to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran

but said it remained "available for direct engagement with Iran".

Nuclear talks between Tehran and Washington, which had begun in April, broke off in mid-June when Israel attacked Iranian nuclear facilities, swiftly followed by the United States.

On Thursday, Britain, France and Germany -- the so-called E3 -- triggered a "snapback" clause in the moribund 2015 nuclear agreement between Iran and major powers that allows for UN sanctions to be reimposed in the event of non-compliance with its provisions.

That agreement effectively collapsed in 2018 when US President Donald Trump withdrew from it during his first term and restored crippling sanctions.

Trump expected to announce US Space Command move

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump is set to make an announcement on moving the headquarters of the US Space Command, reversing a decision by his predecessor Joe Biden.

Trump is expected to relocate the base from Colorado to Alabama following a bitter, years-long battle between the two states over which should host the facility.

Democrat Biden had decided to keep Space Command -- which oversees US operations in outer space -- at its temporary location in Colorado despite a ruling by Republican Trump in his first term in 2021 that it should move to

Alabama.

Colorado, in the western US, leans Democrat while the southern state of Alabama leans Republican.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement sent to AFP that Trump "will be making an exciting announcement related to the Department of Defense" but gave no more details.

Trump is due to speak from the Oval Office at 2:00 pm (1800 GMT) in his first official public appearance for a week.

The Department of Defense's image distribution website initially listed Trump's announcement as being about "US Space Command Headquarters."



Bulgaria won't probe suspected Russian GPS jamming of EU chief plane: PM



AFP | Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgaria will not open an investigation into the GPS jamming that hit a plane carrying EU chief Ursula von der Leyen as it readied to land in the Balkan nation, its prime minister said Tuesday.

The European Commission said on Monday that Bulgarian authorities believed Moscow was responsible for the weekend incident but it was not clear whether the aircraft was deliberately targeted as GPS jamming has become common in the region since war broke

out in Ukraine more than three years ago.

Bulgaria's Prime Minister Rumen Radev said there was "nothing unusual" about the GPS jamming, "one of the consequences" of the war in Ukraine, which has been raging since Moscow launched its invasion in 2022.

"These interferences do not target a specific plane," he told reporters.

"There is no reason to open an investigation," he said, adding such disruptions were "not classified as hybrid or cyber-threats".

Madagascar receives skull of king beheaded by France

France handed over the skulls in Paris on August 27

● The remains arrived in Madagascar late Monday

● The skull believed to be the king's will rejoin the rest of his skeleton in a tomb

● Following the 1897 Ambiky massacre, the skulls were taken to France as trophies

● They were kept in Paris's national history museum alongside hundreds of other remains from Madagascar

AFP | Antananarivo, Madagascar

Madagascar marked at a ceremony yesterday the return from France of the skulls of three men killed by French troops 128 years ago, including one believed to be that of a decapitated king.

France handed over the skulls in Paris on August 27, in the first such restitution since it passed a law in 2023 facilitating the return of human remains seized during its colonial conquests.

They are believed to belong to King Toera of the Sakalava people, who was beheaded by French troops in 1897, and two of his warriors.

The remains arrived in Madagascar late Monday and were received at the airport by members of the Sakalava group dressed in traditional robes.

Held in three boxes draped with the flag of the Indian



The three Sakalava skulls are carried by Madagascar security servicemen during the State Ceremony for their restitution to Madagascar from France at the Mausoleum in Antananarivo

Ocean nation, they were driven through the capital Antananarivo to the city's mausoleum Tuesday, where they were welcomed by President Andry Rajoelina and a gathering of government and Sakalava dignitaries.

"If we want to move forward, we must know our past, our history," Rajoelina told the gathering.

"We are proud to have had a king and his soldiers who protected the nation," he said, praising a people who rose against

French colonial troops "with courage and daring".

King Toera's great-grandson, the newly enthroned Sakalava king Georges Harea Kamamy, sprinkled water from the sacred Tsiribihina River to welcome home his ancestor's remains.

"We Sakalava are relieved. Today is a day of joy," Kamamy said.

He however regretted that the skulls were handed to Madagascar's government instead of the royal family.

Reunited with skeleton

The skulls will take a four-day, 800-kilometre (500-mile) journey by road to the west coast area of Menabe, where they are expected to be buried later this week.

The skull believed to be the king's will rejoin the rest of his skeleton in a tomb in Ambiky, where he was killed in 1897.

"It is a source of pride and immense inner peace that my ancestor is back among us," a



The three Sakalava skulls are placed in front of descendants of the Sakalava King Toera as they prepare to asperge them with red wine during a welcome ceremony



A hearse carrying the three Sakalava skulls parades in front of the public gathering

royal descendant and leader of the second Sakalava clan, Joe Kamamy, told AFP.

He hinted at disagreements within the royal family about the final resting place of the artefact.

"I have only one regret: that the skulls are not kept in Mitsinjo (in the centre-west), with the relics of the other (Sakalava) kings," he said.

Following the 1897 Ambiky massacre, the skulls were taken to France as trophies.

They were kept in Paris's national history museum alongside hundreds of other remains from Madagascar, which declared independence in 1960 after more than 60 years of French colonial rule.

France has in recent years sent back various artefacts plundered during its imperial campaigns.

Yet each return required special legislation, until parliament adopted the 2023 law simplifying the repatriation of human remains.

Once king of the seas, a giant iceberg is finally breaking up

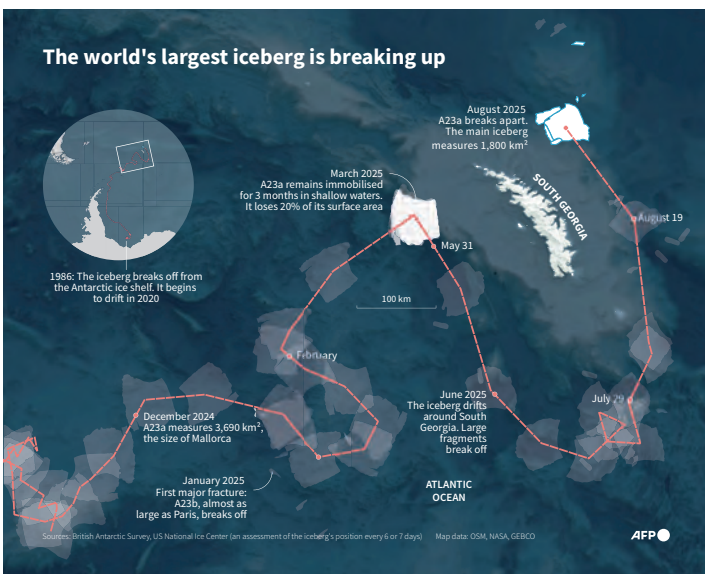
AFP | Paris, France

Nearly 40 years after breaking off Antarctica, a colossal iceberg ranked among the oldest and largest ever recorded is finally crumbling apart in warmer waters, and could disappear within weeks.

Earlier this year, the "megaberg" known as A23a weighed a little under a trillion tonnes and was more than twice the size of Greater London, a behemoth unrivalled at the time.

The gigantic slab of frozen freshwater was so large it even briefly threatened penguin feeding grounds on a remote island in the South Atlantic Ocean, but ended up moving on.

It is now less than half its original size, but still a hefty 1,770 square kilometres (683



square miles) and 60 kilometres (37 miles) at its widest point, according to AFP analysis of satellite images by the EU earth ob-

servation monitor Copernicus.

In recent weeks, enormous chunks -- some 400 square kilometres in their own right -- have broken off while smaller chips, many still large enough to threaten ships, litter the sea around it.

It was "breaking up fairly dramatically" as it drifted further north, Andrew Meijers, a physical oceanographer from the British Antarctic Survey, told AFP.

"I'd say it's very much on its way out... it's basically rotting underneath. The water is way too warm for it to maintain. It's constantly melting," he said.

"I expect that to continue in the coming weeks, and expect it won't be really identifiable within a few weeks."

'Doomed'

A23a calved from the Antarctic shelf in 1986 but quickly grounded in the Weddell Sea, remaining stuck on the ocean floor for over 30 years.

It finally escaped in 2020 and, like other giants before it, was carried along "iceberg alley" into the South Atlantic Ocean by the powerful Antarctic Circumpolar Current.

Around March, it ran aground in shallow waters off distant South Georgia island, raising fears it could disrupt large colonies of adult penguins and seals there from feeding their young.

But it dislodged in late May, and moved on.

Swinging around the island and tracking north, in recent weeks the iceberg has picked up speed, sometimes travelling up to 20 kilometres in a single day, satellite images analysed by AFP showed.

Exposed to increasingly warmer waters, and buffeted by huge waves, A23a has rapidly disintegrated. Scientists were "surprised" how long the iceberg had kept together, said Meijers. "Most icebergs don't make it this far. This one's really big so it has lasted longer and gone further than others."

But ultimately, icebergs are "doomed" once they leave the freezing protection of Antarctica, he added.

Iceberg calving is a natural process. But scientists say the rate at which they were being lost from Antarctica is increasing, probably because of human induced climate change.

CELEBS

‘The Rock’ finds new range in Venice debut ‘The Smashing Machine’

AFP | Venice

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson said Monday he had turned his heavily muscled back on action movie roles to be able to express himself as an actor in his latest film “The Smashing Machine” which premiered in Venice.

The 53-year-old was the day’s star attraction at the Venice Film Festival -- his first appearance at a European festival -- where he mixed with arthouse directors and independent movie fans on the Lido.

The “Fast and Furious” star told reporters that he’d taken on previous roles for commercial reasons and “the box office in our business is very loud and it can be very resounding and it can push you into a category and into a corner.”

“I understood that, and I made those movies ... some were really good and did well, and some not so,” the wrestler-turned-actor confided.

“I just had this burning de-

sire and this voice that was saying ‘Well, what if? What if there is more and what if I can?’”

On paper, the role in the “The Smashing Machine” by US director Benny Safdie was tailor-made: Johnson plays wrestler Mark Kerr, a real-life former mixed martial-arts fighter in the 1990s and 2000s.

But Kerr -- in a contrast to many of Johnson’s previous roles -- is a flawed and nuanced character with a sometimes toxic relationship with his girlfriend Dawn (Emily Blunt).

“The film isn’t about fighting. It’s a love story about Mark and Dawn and his

relationship,” Johnson said, while also revealing he had had to bulk up for the role at Safdie’s request.

In its review, film bible Variety called Johnson a “revelation”, adding that “he seems like a new actor.”

Shakers

Elsewhere on Monday, Mona Fastvold, one half of the star writer-director couple behind Oscar-winning “The Brutalist”, showcased her new movie “The Testament of Ann Lee” about the founder of the radical “Shakers” religious sect in the 1700s.

Packed with music, singing and dance, the feature was co-written by Fastvold and partner Brady Corbet, who used Venice last year to launch “The Brutalist” that went on to win three Oscars, including a best actor award for Adrien Brody.

Fastvold embraced tearful lead actress Amanda Seyfried (“Mean Girls”, “Mank”) during a long standing ovation at the end of the projection.



Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson

Steve Carell hailed by Judd Apatow for turning The 40-Year-Old Virgin into a comedy classic

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Steve Carell has been hailed by Judd Apatow for turning The 40-Year-Old Virgin into a comedy classic.

The movie -- Judd’s directorial debut and Steve’s first leading role -- marked its 20th anniversary on 11 August and on its original release it grossed more than \$177 million at the global box office.

Judd, 57, reflected on the legacy of the film during an episode of the Where Everybody Knows Your Name podcast, hosted by Cheers star Ted Danson -- saying its success was due to planning with Steve.

The director explained the idea for the 2005 movie originated from a conversation

Steve Carell



with the actor, now 62, after the actor’s breakout supporting role in Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.

Judd recalled asking if Steve had any concepts for a feature film, and the star pitched a character he had once performed in a comedy sketch.

Judd said: “He was in a poker game, and they’re all telling dirty sex stories. And when you get to him, it’s clear he’s never had sex and he’s lying.”

The director added he could “relate” to the idea, and from there the project was born.

Ted admitted he had only recently seen the film for the first time.

Watching it with his wife, Mary Steenburgen, he said the pair “howled with laughter”, describing it as “such a sweet, loving, raunchy movie”.

Benedict Cumberbatch uses a ‘two-week rule’ with his family

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Benedict Cumberbatch refuses to be away from his family for more than two weeks at a time.

The 49-year-old actor has revealed that he has a “two-week rule” with his family, because he wants to retain a close bond with his loved ones.

Asked what irritates his family, Benedict said on the Happy Sad Confused podcast: “Being away from home p**** them off.”

Benedict - who has Christopher, ten, Hal, eight, and Finn, six, with his wife Sophie Hunter -



Benedict Cumberbatch

also hates being away from his family for long periods of time.

The actor explained that he tries to prioritize his family life by implementing the “two-week rule”.

He said: “It p***** me off too, so we try and do as much to make that not the case -- the two-week rule, and try to work as hard as possible on making work happen here nearer home so I can get home, or

take them with me.”

Benedict previously admitted that he’s thought more about “mortality” since becoming a dad.

The film star revealed that fatherhood has changed his entire outlook on life.

Speaking to Variety, Benedict explained: “The minute you have kids this sense of time sinks in far more profoundly.”

“My youngest is turning six, and I’m like, ‘I will be in my 60s when he’s 21,’ you know? It’s crazy. It’s gone so fast. So there’s a huge shift in priorities, and it makes you value what you do with your life in a very different way.”

“It does weigh on me. When you become a parent, your thoughts turn more towards mortality.”

In 2004, Benedict and some friends were robbed and abducted by six men while they were in South Africa.

Sophie Turner ‘never wants to move again’

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Sophie Turner hopes to live in the UK for the rest of her life.

The 29-year-old actress lived in the US during her marriage to pop star Joe Jonas, but Sophie returned home to England after their split and she doesn’t intend to leave her homeland anytime soon.

Sophie - who has daughters Willa, five, and Delphine, three, with Joe - told Flaunt: “I just feel so at home here; I never want to move again.”

Sophie loves that she’s surrounded by her friends and family once again.

She said: “Living in the States, I didn’t appreciate how much you need friends and family and how integral they are to your wellness until you’re away from them. I came back with an abundance of appreciation for them.”

Sophie plays an actress who hides in a remote cabin after a scandal in Trust, the new thriller film, and the movie star was able to bring her own

life experiences into the project.

She said: “I feel lucky to have worked on something that comments on so much that I have been personally affected by.”

Sophie was also able to lean into her experience of motherhood.

She explained: “Being a mother has affected me more than I can ever say. I can now bring so much of that into my work and into this film too.”

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Sophie Turner



ophie recently revealed that she found filming Trust to be a “super cathartic” experience.

The actress was in the midst of her divorce during the shoot, and Sophie actually enjoyed being able to throw herself into the project.

Sophie - was married to Joe between 2019 and 2024 - said on Late Night with Seth Meyers: “I’m not sure if anyone’s aware, but when I started shooting this movie,

I was going through, like, a media hell.

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Yesterday's solution

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Osaka crushes Gauff at US Open as Sinner, Swiatek roll into quarters

Japanese star returns to form as Grand Slam contenders continue strong campaigns in New York

- **Osaka beats Gauff 6-3, 6-2**
- **Sinner crushes Bublik in 81 minutes**
- **Swiatek extends Grand Slam streak to 11**
- **De Minaur, Auger-Aliassime also advance**

AFP | New York

Naomi Osaka delivered a statement win at the US Open by thrashing home favourite Coco Gauff in the last 16 on Monday as Jannik Sinner and Iga Swiatek charged into the quarter-finals.

The Japanese star powered past third seed Gauff 6-3, 6-2 in a highly-anticipated but lopsided fourth-round showdown of former US Open champions on the Labor Day holiday in New York.

Osaka broke in the very first game in front of an expectant Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd and was untouchable on serve in a ruthless display against a misfiring Gauff, who hit 33 unforced errors.

“This is my favourite court in the world and it means so much to me to be back today,” said Osaka, who looks primed for a tilt at a fifth Grand Slam.

“This is kind of uncharted territory at this point of my career,” added Osaka. “I’m just enjoying it. I’m having fun.”

The 27-year-old, a two-time US Open champion, is enjoying her deepest run at a major since winning her second Australian Open title in 2021.

It has been a painstaking climb back towards the top of the game for Osaka, who returned to tennis last year following the birth



Japan's Naomi Osaka (L) and USA's Coco Gauff hug at the net

of her daughter in 2023.

“I was in the stands two months after I gave birth watching Coco and I just really wanted an opportunity to come out here and play,” said Osaka, who also beat a 15-year-old Gauff at the US Open in their first meeting in 2019.

Gauff conceded the mental toll of a challenging first week and the efforts to remodel her faltering serve had weighed heavily on her.

“I think emotionally how much this week was, I think today I just stepped in, and I maybe was a little bit empty,” she said.

Osaka plays Czech 11th seed Karolina Muchova in Wednesday’s quarter-finals. Muchova beat Ukrainian 27th seed Marta Kostyuk 6-3, 6-7 (0/7), 6-3 and is seeking a third straight semi-final at Flushing Meadows.

Reigning men’s champion Sinner obliterated the unpredictable Alexander Bublik 6-1, 6-1,

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6-1 in just 81 minutes to start the night session.

Bublik, the only player to beat Sinner this season aside from Carlos Alcaraz, had not dropped serve all tournament but was broken eight times by the world number one.

“He had a very tough match the last match, today he didn’t serve as well as he usually serves, and I broke him early,” said Sinner. “Overall, I’m very

happy.”

Bublik smiled as he embraced Sinner at the net after the defeat, and could be heard telling the Italian: “You’re so good, this is insane.”

Sinner is trying to become the first man to defend the US Open since Roger Federer won the last of his five successive titles in 2008.

He advances to an all-Italian match-up with 10th seed Lorenzo Musetti, who demolished unseeded Spaniard Jaume Munar 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 to reach his first US Open quarter-final.

Swiatek ‘in the zone’

Swiatek brushed off Russian 13th seed Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-3, 6-1 in barely an hour to extend her Grand Slam winning streak to 11 matches as she targets a second US Open crown.

“I felt like in the beginning she played fast but later on I felt in my bubble, in the zone,” said Swiatek.

YOU KNOW WHAT

Osaka revealed she watched Gauff play from the stands just two months after giving birth to her daughter in 2023

The Polish second seed faces Amanda Anisimova in a repeat of the Wimbledon final, which Swiatek won 6-0, 6-0. The American thumped Brazilian 18th seed Beatriz Haddad 6-0, 6-3.

Men’s eighth seed Alex de Minaur sealed his passage to the quarter-finals with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 win over Swiss qualifier Leandro Riedi.

De Minaur put the world number 435 to the sword with eight breaks as he swept into a sixth Grand Slam quarter-final. He has never made it past the last eight though.

The Australian next meets Canada’s Felix Auger-Aliassime, who defeated Andrey Rublev 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 to reach his first Grand Slam quarter-final in three years.

Auger-Aliassime’s best run at a Grand Slam came when he advanced to the semi-finals of the US Open in 2021.

“It feels even better than the first time,” Auger-Aliassime, 25, said of returning to the last eight in New York.

“I think the first time at 21 I was kind of on my way up. To have a few setbacks, injuries, struggles with confidence... to come back for a second time to the quarter-finals here, it feels much better.”

Vingegaard takes Vuelta red as Vine wins stage 10

AFP | Madrid

Jonas Vingegaard claimed the overall Vuelta a Espana lead yesterday while Jay Vine earned stage 10 victory for his second triumph of the race.

Two-time Tour de France winner Vingegaard overhauled Torstein Traen’s lead to head the general classification by 26 seconds from the Norwegian, with Joao Almeida third and trailing the Dane by 38 seconds.

Vine put in an unmatched performance on the final climb to finish ahead of Spanish Movistar riders Pablo Castrillo and Javier Romo.

Attackers tried their best to escape at the start of the 175 kilometre run from the Sendaviva nature park to the Larra-Belagua ski resort near Spain’s border with France, but were not allowed to break free.

A mass crash in the bunch affected Spaniard Raul Garcia Pierna, who withdrew from the race.



Jay Vine celebrates winning the stage

Vine carved out a few seconds on the pack but was caught 75 kilometres in as the peloton persisted for two intense hours.

Finally a large break formed over halfway through the race, earning three minutes on the peloton.

Almeida’s team-mate Juan Ayuso made headlines during the rest day on Monday as his split with Team UAE at the end

of the season was made public.

The Spaniard was criticised by Almeida for not showing solidarity last week but led out for the Portuguese to help the peloton cut down the gap up the road.

With Almeida driving on, followed by Vingegaard and Tom Pidcock among others, the red jersey-wearing Traen was dropped.

Isak vows to ‘make history’ with Liverpool after British record move

Swedish striker becomes British record signing after protracted Newcastle standoff

- Striker joins Liverpool for £125M
- Signs six-year deal with Liverpool
- Newcastle sign Nick Woltemade as replacement

AFP | Liverpool

Liverpool striker Alexander Isak vowed to make history with the Premier League champions after finally completing his British-record £125 million (\$169 million) move from Newcastle on Monday.

Isak agreed a reported six-year contract with the Reds after they convinced Newcastle to accept an improved bid ahead of the Premier League's transfer deadline.

The 25-year-old's arrival at Anfield will increase the expectation that Liverpool are set for a dominant period and Isak is happy to shoulder the bur-

den.

"I think it's a mixture of what the club is building, but what they're building on top of what the club already is. The history of the club. Me getting the chance to be a part of this, I want to create history," Isak said.

"I

want to win trophies. That's ultimately the biggest motivation for me.

"I feel like this is the perfect place for me to grow even further and to take my game to the next level and help the team as well."

Arne Slot's side had a £110 million offer rejected by Newcastle in August, but Isak's determination to force

through the move paid off after the transfer saga grew increasingly tetchy.

Isak told Newcastle he wanted to leave and spent part of pre-season training alone at his former club Real Sociedad rather than linking up with Eddie Howe's team.

He was left out of Newcastle's pre-season tour of Asia with what was said to be a thigh injury and accused the Magpies hierarchy of breaking a commitment that he could leave if a suitable offer came in from a top club.

Howe had repeatedly stated his desire to keep Isak, who scored 27 times in 42 appearances in all competitions last season.

Isak's goals helped secure Champions League qualification and ended Newcastle's 56-year trophy drought with a League Cup final win over Liverpool.

But Newcastle's swoop for Stuttgart striker Nick Woltemade on Saturday paved the way for the Swedish forward to secure his dream move.

"It has been a long summer but I'm just looking forward, not looking at the past," Isak said.

"It's done now and I know I can get back to doing what I love the most. Really looking forward to it. I want to win everything."

Liverpool's record window

Isak's move to Anfield

Alexander Isak

BETTER YOU KNOW

Alexander Isak's record transfer takes Liverpool's summer spending to an estimated £416 million, shattering the previous Premier League record of £400 million set by Chelsea in 2023

Slot is looking to cement Liverpool's hold on the Premier League title, while also challenging for a seventh Champions League crown.

If Liverpool can win the Premier League again this season it would take them past Manchester United alone as the most successful team in English top-flight history, with 21 titles.

The Reds have not lifted the title in successive seasons since winning three in a row from 1982 to 1984.

With Isak now the fulcrum of Liverpool's formidable attack, Slot will be under pressure to deliver the record-breaking title.

The Dutchman has a wealth of forward options, with new signings Isak, Wirtz and Hugo Ekitike joining Mohamed Salah, Cody Gakpo and Federico Chiesa.

The spending spree marks a dramatic shift in policy for Liverpool, with Chiesa the only senior arrival at Liverpool during the 2024 summer transfer window, for an initial fee of £10 million.

Luis Diaz, Darwin Nunez, Jarell Quansah, Caoimhin Kelleher, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Tyler Morton and Ben Doak have all been sold by Liverpool over the summer, with the club recouping around £190 million.

Slot's men already sit top of the Premier League with the only 100 percent record left in the division after beating title rivals Arsenal 1-0 on Sunday to make it three successive victories to open the season.

Bahrain stars target World Athletics Championships glory

Olympic champions Yavi and Salwa lead a strong Bahraini squad to Tokyo



Winfred Yavi poses with her 2024 Olympic gold medal

- Men's and women's squad competes globally
- Yavi, Salwa, Olkemi headline team
- Event runs September 13–21

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Athletics Association has confirmed its squad for the 20th World Athletics Championships, taking place in Tokyo from September

13 to 21. Around 2,000 athletes from 200 countries are expected to compete.

Leading the delegation is Olympic gold medallist Winfred Yavi, the 3,000m steeplechase champion who set a new Olympic record of 8:52.76 in Paris 2024 and won World Championship gold in Budapest with 8:54.29.

Salwa Eid Naser, silver medallist in the 400m at Paris 2024, is another standout. She is a former world champion (Doha 2019, 48.14) and recently claimed first place in the 400m at the 2025 Diamond League in Zurich (48.70), making her



Salwa Naser poses with her 2024 Olympic silver medal

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Yavi holds both an Olympic record (8:52.76) and a World Championship gold (Budapest 2023) in the 3,000m steeplechase

a strong contender for the podium.

Also among the women's squad is Adeku Olkemi, a leading 400m hurdles athlete in Asia, having won the 2014 Asian Games (55.77) and 2015 Asian Championship (54.31).

Olkemi was ranked world number one in 2015 but missed Paris 2024 due to injury. Bahrain's women's team also includes middle-distance runner Nelly (800m) and marathoners Jompa, Chitai, and Taigest.

On the men's side, Berhanu Belau will compete in the 5,000m.

Australian fast bowler Starc retires from T20 international cricket

AFP | Sydney

Prolific Australian fast bowler Mitchell Starc announced his immediate retirement from T20 international cricket yesterday, saying he wanted to focus on his Test and ODI career.

"Test cricket is and has always been my highest priority," the 35-year-old said in a statement, ruling himself out of the T20 World Cup in February-March.

"I have loved every minute of every T20 game I have played for Australia, particularly the 2021 World Cup," he added.

Starc, who played 65 matches for his country in the shortest format, was part of the Australia side that lifted the world title that year.

His 79 wickets in T20Is make him the second-highest for Australia after Adam Zampa.

Starc steps away with a busy schedule to come, including a home Ashes series starting later this

year and a one-day World Cup on the horizon.

"Looking ahead to an away Indian Test tour, the Ashes and an ODI World Cup in 2027, I feel this is my best way forward to remain fresh, fit and at my best for those campaigns," said Starc.

"It also gives the bowling group time to prepare for the T20 World Cup in the matches leading into that tournament," he added.



Mitchell Starc

Abdulkadir masterclass leads Bahrain to playoffs

High-scoring display vs. India shows Bahrain's growing confidence

- **Abdulkadir dominates with 31-point performance**
- **Bahrain defeats India 111-80 in finale**
- **Upcoming playoff clash offers historic chance**

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's youth team wrapped up the group phase of the FIBA U16 Asia Cup with a 111-80 win over India yesterday morning at the Buyant Ukhua Sport Complex in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The result meant Bahrain finished as runners up in Group A with six points, while defending champions Australia topped the pool with a perfect nine. Australia now advance directly to the quarter-finals after they beat Lebanon yesterday (73-61). Bahrain, meanwhile, move on to the Qualification to Quarter-Finals stage, where they will face the Philippines tomorrow at 6:30AM. The winner of that match will then meet China in the quarter-finals on Friday, after the Chinese secured first place in Group C with a 97-81 win over Korea.

A Strong Finish

Bahrain's win over India capped an encouraging turnaround after their tournament-opening 141-47 loss to Australia. The team bounced back with a pulsating 70-68 win against Lebanon, and yesterday's performance highlighted their improved control under pressure. Quarter by quarter, Bahrain steadily widened their lead: up 30-27 after the first frame, they pulled clear by halftime (53-39) and continued to dominate in the second half, outscoring India 58-41.

Still to Come

With the group stage now complete, Bahrain's focus shifts



Topscorer Hassan Abdulkadir in action against the Indians

to Thursday's Qualification to Quarter-Finals clash with the Philippines. A win would set up a match against China in the quarter-finals on Friday, and keep alive their hopes of reaching the U16 Asia Cup semi-finals for the first time. Today will be a rest day for all teams.

Standout Performances

- Hassan Abdulkadir (BRN): 31 points, 21 rebounds, 7 assists, 2 blocks, 4 steals – a dominant all-around performance
- Somto Patrick (BRN): 30 points, 18 rebounds
- Hussain Faud (BRN): 14 points, 7 assists
- Mohamed Adel (BRN): 10 points
- Arman (IND): 23 points, 9 rebounds
- Shekhar Rathee (IND): 22 points, 8 assists

Upcoming Games (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)

Schedule timings are based on Bahrain local time

Qualification to Quarter-Finals - Thursday, Sep 4

- Korea vs Kazakhstan 11:30AM
- Chinese Taipei vs Lebanon 9AM
- Iran vs Malaysia 2PM
- Bahrain vs Philippines 6:30AM

Quarter-Finals - Friday, Sep 5

- Australia vs TBD
- Japan vs TBD
- New Zealand vs TBD
- China vs TBD

Semi-Finals - Saturday, Sep 6

Final - Sunday, Sep 7 2PM

INSIDE THE GAME

Bahrain's fast break frenzy leaves India struggling



Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain ran past India 111-80 in Ulaanbaatar, turning pace and smart transition play into an impressive performance. From the opening jump ball, Hassan Abdulkadir and Somto Patrick Onoduenyi set the tone in the paint, while Bahrain's defense and fast breaks kept India on the back foot. Rebounds, forced turnovers, and second-chance points quickly piled up, leaving India struggling to respond.

Q1: Bahrain Sets the Tone

The match began with Bahrain's Hassan Oshobuge Abdulkadir winning the opening jump ball. The team quickly capitalised on transition opportunities, with Yousif Yaqoob Meshaei scoring a fast-break layup after a steal highlighted Bahrain's early defensive intensity. India's Ansh Tomer and Mohammad Raza Khan added points, but Bahrain's consistent steals and fast breaks allowed them to edge ahead. The first quarter ended with Bahrain narrowly leading 30-27, setting up a competitive but controlled game.

Bahrain's Somto Patrick Onoduenyi converted a thunderous dunk, while Mohamed Adel Abdulla's layup after a steal highlighted Bahrain's early defensive intensity. India's Ansh Tomer and Mohammad Raza Khan added points, but Bahrain's consistent steals and fast breaks allowed them to edge ahead. The first quarter ended with Bahrain narrowly leading 30-27, setting up a competitive but controlled game.

Q2 - Bahrain Pulls Away

Bahrain's dominance became clearer in the second frame. Onoduenyi and Abdulkadir combined inside the paint, extending Bahrain's lead through dunks and hook shots. India tried to respond with Suneriya's hook shot and Tomer's layup, but Bahrain's defensive rebounds and fast breaks, led by Hussain Faud's three-pointer, kept them in control.

By halftime, Bahrain led 53-39, with clear advantages in points in the paint (78-24), fast-break points (39-14), and second-chance opportunities (30-21). Their largest lead at this stage was six points, punctuated by decisive 7-0 and 8-0 scoring runs that swung momentum firmly in their favor.



Hussain Faud goes for a layup against India

The final statistics reflected Bahrain's excellence

- Total rebounds: 64-49
- Defensive rebounds: 37-20
- Assists: 25-22
- Steals: 18-15
- Points off turnovers: 29-20
- Bench points: 30-2

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Q3 - Maintaining Relentless Pressure

After the break, Bahrain continued to assert themselves. Onoduenyi's dunk and Abdulkadir's hook shot showed their inside scoring ability, while India's Arman hit several three-pointers, keeping Bahrain honest. Shekhar Rathee added a layup for India, but Bahrain's defense limited opportunities and converted turnovers into fast-break points, stretching their lead to 78-60 by the quarter's end.

Bahrain's bench also began contributing, highlighting the team's depth. Despite eight lead changes and 5:05 of tied play across the game, Bahrain led for

over 34 minutes, showing their sustained control.

Q4 - Bahrain Seals the Win

In the final quarter, India's Suneriya and Rathee attempted a late rally, with Rathee sinking a three-pointer. But Bahrain's defensive blocks and offensive rebounds kept them in control. Bench contributions from Ali Khalil Habib closed out a comfortable 111-80 win.

India had slight edges in offensive rebounds (29-27), turnovers (25-23), and personal fouls (23-13), but these were not enough to challenge Bahrain's overall dominance.

If Bahrain can carry the same pace and defensive intensity into tomorrow's qualifier against the Philippines, a spot in the quarter-finals could be well within their reach.

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This was Bahrain's best offensive performance of the tournament so far