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Well-known Indian businessman Atlas Ramachandran dies



Atlas Ramachandran, 80  
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**F**lamboyant Indian jeweller Atlas Ramachandran, whose life was punctuated by extraordinary ups and downs, died yesterday.

The 80 years old was suffering from age-related illness. Ramachandran, who hailed from the South Indian state of Kerala, started his career as a banker in Kuwait.

In the late eighties, he set up his first jewellery in Kuwait City, beginning the magnificent success odyssey as a trailblazing jeweller in the Mideast and India. His brand, Atlas, synonymous with his name, had showrooms across the GCC, including Bahrain (Manama Gold Souq) and many Indian cities.

Things took a challenging turn in 2015 when he was jailed in the UAE over accusations of non-payment of loans. He had to spend nearly four years in jail before his release. However, since his release, Ramachandran was seen with reverberating charm and confidence as he appeared in television interviews, signalling a significant comeback, for which he devised strategies.

An avid movie enthusiast, Ramachandran also produced a few movies apart from wearing the robes of an actor.

His death has shocked many in the region and Kerala, who see him with great inspiration and admiration. His life has come full circle, broadly carrying points of remarkable rise and fall.

He was also renowned for many charitable acts.

# Promoting dialogue, peaceful coexistence

HM King Hamad welcomes Pope Francis and Al Azhar Grand Imam visit to Kingdom

His Majesty hails HRH Prince Salman for 'dedication and fruitful efforts' to consolidate all development paths

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**H**is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has welcomed the upcoming historic official visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Kingdom of Bahrain, as well as that of His Eminence Dr Ahmed Al Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al Azhar.

Both Pope Francis and Dr Al Tayeb are participating in the "Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence", which will be held under the patronage of His Majesty the King on November 3-4.

HM King Hamad praised the major role played by them to promote the culture of dialogue, coexistence and tolerance, as well as support human fraternity.

While tackling regional and global issues, His Majesty reaffirmed the Kingdom's stance on the importance of activating the channels of dialogue, negotiations and peaceful solutions to achieve peace and progress for all countries.



HM the King and HRH Prince Salman hold a meeting yesterday

This came as HM the King received His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in the presence of several senior officials, at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday.

Pride

HM the King expressed pride in HRH Prince Salman's dedicated work and fruitful efforts to consolidate all development paths, and adopt plans and programmes to develop all government sectors, valuing highly the wide-ranging achievements attained by the government thanks to the dedication, hard work and solidarity of its competencies.

During the meeting, they reviewed a number of local issues, particularly ways to enhance the landmark achievements attained by the Kingdom under the comprehensive development and renaissance witnessed by Bahrain at all levels to better serve the nation and the citizens.

Outcomes

HM King Hamad lauded the outcomes of his recent visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

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HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

praising HM's fruitful talks with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and meeting with the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

HM the King stressed that the fraternal Saudi visit would strengthen the deep-rooted bilateral relations, bolster joint cooperation and coordination, as well as consolidate joint action in a way that would benefit both kingdoms and serve the aspirations of their brotherly peoples.

## Bahrain is set to host two-day global interfaith forum next month

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**B**ahrain has announced it will host a global interfaith forum next month, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Pope Francis and His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al

Azhar, Shaikh Dr Ahmed Al Tayeb, the Chairman of the Muslim Council of Elders will take part in the forum.

The Bahrain Dialogue Forum will be held on November 3-4 under the theme "The East and The West for Human Coexistence".

It is expected to attract over 200 global faith leaders, renowned media personalities and scholars.

The forum is organised by the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Bahrain, in cooperation with the Muslim Council of Elders and the King Hamad

Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence.

The two-day event will feature a series of poignant discussions that aim to further cement the values of peace and tolerance.

Its sessions will include discussions on global coexistence

and human fraternity, dialogue in promoting coexistence (Bahrain Declaration as a model),

the role of faith leaders in addressing current challenges, and global interfaith dialogue for world peace (Document on Human Fraternity as a model).

Bloody protests crackdown

## 92 people killed in Iran following Amini death

Oslo

**A**t least 92 people have been killed nationwide in Iran's crackdown on two weeks of protests that erupted following the death of Mahsa Amini who had been arrested by the morality police, the Norway-based Iran Human Rights (IHR) NGO said yesterday.

"The international community has a duty to investigate this crime and prevent further crimes from being committed by the Islamic Republic," said IHR director Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam.



Thousands of Iranians have taken to the streets over the last two weeks to protest the death of Mahsa Amini

Its previous toll had said 83 people were confirmed to have been killed in the protests.

Meanwhile in the city of Zahedan in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan, at least 41 people were killed by the Iranian security forces in clashes that erupted last week, IHR NGO said.

IHR accused the security forces of "bloodily repressing" a protest that erupted on Friday after prayers in Zahedan over accusations a police chief in the port city of Chabahar, also in Sistan-Baluchistan province, had raped a 15-year-

old girl from the Sunni Baluch minority.

It said the identities of those killed had been confirmed by the regional NGO Baluch Activists Campaign (BAC). Iran says five members of the Revolutionary Guards were killed in Zahedan in what official media described as a "terrorist incident".

Ali Mousavi, IRGC intelligence chief of Sistan and Balochistan, was shot during the confrontation with protesters. The IRGC-affiliated Tasnim News Agency reported that Mousavi was pronounced dead at a hospital.

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

ACTIVE CASES  
 2904

DEATHS  
 1520

DISCHARGED  
 676786

NEW CASES  
 405

220 fils (includes VAT)





HM the King



HRH Prince Salman

## Bahrain leadership greets Germany on Unity Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to President Frank-Walter Steinmeier of Germany, on the German Unity Day.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman wished the president good health and happiness,

and further progress and prosperity to the people of Germany.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to the Chancellor of Germany, HE Olaf Scholz.

His Majesty received a cable of thanks from President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi of Mozambique, in reply to HM's congratulations on his country's Independence Day.

## CBB pushes for women's presence in private sector

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Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) Governor Rasheed Mohammed Al Maraj has issued provisions related to enhancing the representation of women on the boards of directors of joint stock companies listed on the Bahrain Stock Exchange by introducing amendments to the rules related to corporate governance within the chapter of supreme controls of the sixth directive volume issued by the bank.

It was in implementation of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

These provisions stipulate the necessity of taking into account the representation of women when forming the

board of directors of listed joint stock companies and the disclosure of membership statistics classified by gender in their board of directors in the company's annual report.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Zayed bin Rashid Al-Zayani, also issued a decision to amend the provisions of the Corporate Governance and Management Charter, stipulating taking into account the representation of women in the formation of the board of directors of the public joint stock company.

The company shall also commit to disclose membership statistics on its board of directors within the company's annual corporate governance report and disaggregate this statistic by gender.

## Ibn Khaldoun School greenhouse experience on Unesco homepage



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Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi has praised the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) to display the greenhouse farming experience, implemented by the Ibn Khaldoun National School in Isa Town, on the homepage of its website. It is one of the distinguished projects implemented by the Unesco Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) worldwide.

Dr Al Nuaimi, also Chairman of the Bahrain National Committee for Education, Sci-

ence and Culture, extended thanks to the school's Board of Trustees and president, as well as the administrative and teaching staff, for the efforts they are making to take care of environmental projects, contributing to achieving Unesco's goals related to sustainable development.

He underlined the ministry's keenness to support private schools and encourage their students to participate in various local and external events, wishing everyone continued success.

It aims to use the school facilities in preserving the environment.

# Hotline set up to support poll candidates infected with virus

According to top election officials, poll candidates can file their nominations from Wednesday to Sunday

Zahra Ayaz

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A new hotline has been set up by the Elections Committee to support poll candidates infected with Covid-19.

The infected person who wishes to run for candidacy must contact the hotline 77277277 to book an appointment with the supervisory committee.

The nomination form for candidates is available on vote.bh.

According to Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission President and Election Executive Director Nawaf Abdullah Hamza, a special mechanism has also been developed to allow candidates infected with virus to exercise their constitutional right to run for election and to take precautionary measures in order to maintain the security and health of all.

"When a candidate arrives at the supervisory committee, he or she will be greeted by a committee member who will verify his or her identity. The candidate should submit the nomination form and the required documents, as well as pay the candidate fee, while the candidate is in the car," Mr Hamza said.

He urged citizens who want to run for elections to ensure they meet the requirements, noting that all required documents are available on the of-



Prospective candidate Hamid Samir Sultan speaks to the media at the Electoral Supervisory Committee office in the Capital Governorate

ficial election website, 'www.vote.bh'.

Mr Hamza pointed out that nomination application for membership of parliament and municipal councils should be submitted to the supervisory committees of each candidate, namely the Khawala Secondary Girls School for the Capital Governorate, Al Hidayah Al Khalifiya Secondary Boys' School for the Muharraq Government, the Yathreb Intermediate Girl's School for the Northern Governorate, and the Al-Mustaqbal Primary Girl's School for the Southern Governorate, from 5pm to 9pm during the nomination period.

He highlighted the commitment to uphold citizens' constitutional rights of choosing their representatives throughout the two decades since the launch of the first legislative term in 2002.

He stressed that the electoral process will be monitored and supervised by the judiciary throughout all its stages, to ensure transparency and the integrity of the elections. And that the higher committee will continue to cooperate with independent civil societies to monitor the electoral process.

Mr Hamza said those wishing to run for parliamentary elections should pay their candidacy fees BD200 at the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry.

The BD50 fee for municipal elections may be paid at the candidate's municipality.

Candidates are also allowed to pay their fees at their relevant supervisory committees while submitting their nomination application

The candidate lists will be



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NAWAF ABDULLAH HAMZA, LEGISLATION AND LEGAL OPINION COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND ELECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

displayed for three days, from October 10 to 12, during which time potential candidates can challenge the supervisory committees' decisions. The committees must issue their final decisions by October 15, which can be challenged in court no later than October 18, and court rulings must be issued by October 25.

The final list of candidates will be announced on October 26. The total number of voters will be disclosed on Thursday.

# LuLu Exchange Bahrain to celebrate nine years of serving the country!

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Incepted in the year 2013, LuLu Exchange Bahrain has now become an integral part of the country and its people's lives.

Through sheer dint of hard work, and excellent services, LuLu Exchange Bahrain has transformed into people's first choice for transactions. To serve the evolving needs of customers, the country operations later opened 16 branches in Bahrain, over the years.

Through unprecedented innovations and value additions, the LuLu Exchange Bahrain team has advanced and progressed at each stage. The company introduced the concept of Exclusive Relationship Management, a first-of-its-kind service for all the Super Elite and Elite set of customers, offering them warmth and one to one attention, with exciting value additions.

The Bahrain team incepted the LuLu Money App, which witnessed the highest digital remittance conversion penetration among all the other players in Bahrain's Exchange House Industry.

To encourage existing customers and bring in new customers, LuLu Exchange Bahrain



LuLu Exchange Bahrain celebrates years of achievements

introduced the Value-Added Loyalty Program for LuLu Money and Gold Card holders, with exciting offers on various categories.

In an effort to make cross-border remittances and currency exchange transactions seamless, LuLu Exchange introduced EazyPay and BenefitPay, both cutting-edge technologies which facilitate cashless settlement process for customers.

LuLu Exchange Bahrain launched a special initiative - The Digital Women drive, to empower women when it comes to choosing digital payment solutions and enabled them to find freedom in sending money.

To improve efficiency and productivity of the Bahraini staff, and thereby create vibrant future leaders for the country, LuLu Exchange implanted the

Future Leader Programme by aiding training program through internal and external facilitation.

To increase financial literacy and financial inclusion in the country, innovative initiatives were also incepted and carried out by the Bahrain team, witnessing superlative results over the years.

By supporting and coordinating social and cultural events in the country, LuLu Exchange Bahrain has effectively created a strong bond between the customers, employees, and the brand.

According to Mr Edison Fernandez, General Manager, LuLu Exchange Bahrain, "When the brand was incepted in Bahrain nine years ago, we aimed to become the one-stop solution for remittance, forex, and payment



solution needs, and we can say that we have achieved this goal today. Along the way, we have also focused on empowering the nation as a whole and supporting the country's people in realising their full potential. We look forward to maintaining our brand leadership and further enhancing the lives of Bahrainis and expatriates in the many years ahead and thank you all for your support and love throughout our journey."

**COURT STORIES**

**Five years in jail for attempting to smuggle 98 capsules of drugs**

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The High Criminal Court sentenced an Asian man to five years in prison for attempting to smuggle 98 capsules stuffed with methamphetamine.

It also ordered the deportation of the defendant after serving the punishment and fined him BD3,000. The defendant was sent on trial for possessing illicit drugs with the intent to peddle and use them.

The accused had arrived in the Kingdom of Bahrain via Bahrain International Airport from his Asian country and his behaviour raised suspicion.

As a result, the defendant was requested to go to the

red lane for extensive search. He was clean, thus, he was ordered to be x-rayed. It was discovered that he was carrying 98 capsules inside his body.

Anti-narcotics investigations indicated that the accused was working within a network that brings narcotics to the Kingdom with the intent of trafficking. The role of the accused is to transport narcotic substances in his gut by ingestion of them.

By examining the capsules in a laboratory it is proven they contained methamphetamine. His urine sample proved that he had taken narcotic drugs. He admitted that people offered him to smuggle the drug into Bahrain for BD1,000.

**Man on trial for bringing 8K of mercury to Bahrain**



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An Asian passenger almost caused a disaster on one of the flights coming to Bahrain and heading to one of the Gulf countries as he carried 8 kilograms of mercury inside one of his bags, and the substance leaked onto the floor of the baggage compartment on the board of the plane.

As a result, the defendant was sent for trial before the High Criminal Court over accusations of putting the plane and the passengers at risk.

According to court files, the defendant almost caused a catastrophe as the mercury could have interacted with

other substances and materials in the place and made it permanently unusable or even destroyed it. The passengers aboard the plane were at risk of losing their lives.

As per the documents, the material was spotted by workers tasked to transport the luggage from the defendant's plane to another one as Bahrain was not his final destination.

They informed the Civil Defence, whose members arrived and handled the matter. The plane wasn't allowed to fly as a replacement was provided for the safety of the passengers. The defendant admitted to using mercury in cleaning gold.

**Residency rule violators**



The Southern Governorate Police Directorate, in cooperation with the Southern Municipality, has carried out an inspection campaign in Hajjiyat area. Several individuals were arrested for violating the residency rules, and illegal selling areas were removed and products seized. Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the violators to the Public Prosecution.

**Warning message against 'excess use of antibiotics'**

It could bring a dangerous level of health hazard, according to Gulf Health Council

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A prominent health authority in the region has made a warning call against the excess use of antibiotics, which could supposedly bring a dangerous level of health hazard among the populations of the region.

"Take antibiotics only if prescribed by physicians," said the Gulf Health Council yesterday in a warning message issued.

"It has now become a common habit to buy antibiotics and consume whenever a person is infected with common cold, flu or any other health disorder. This is a very dangerous self-medication act, which will have implications on the micro and macro levels over the world's healthcare sector," the council highlighted.

Antibiotics are crucially important tools doctors have to fight life-threatening bacterial diseases, but are losing their effectiveness against some infections. The Tennessee Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cite overuse and misuse of antibiotics, which can decrease their healing capabilities and contribute to the rise of drug-resistant bacteria.

"Antibiotics are not benign medications and they should not be prescribed or taken unless



Health authorities have been continuously warning against the excess use of antibiotics

absolutely necessary to combat bacterial infections. Antibiotics have the strength to kill bacteria, which are living organisms. Our bodies have good bacteria that help with food processing and preventing illness. If these good bacteria are destroyed along with bad bacteria, we are at risk for a variety of serious health problems."

"As we approach cold and flu season, our concern about misuse of antibiotics increases. Antibiotics fight bacteria, not viruses. Because the common cold and most respiratory infections are caused by viruses, antibiotics should not be prescribed or used. Taking antibiotics when not necessary can make future infections harder to treat and

increases your risk of becoming ill from antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Taking unnecessary antibiotics can also cause allergic reactions in some people, as well as other side effects."

"Antibiotics are generally safe medications, but they can cause side effects, some of which are serious. Allergies are the most frequent side effects of antibiotics, but many other adverse effects are possible, including reducing the barriers to infection by drug-resistant bacteria such as *Colostridium difficile*, a deadly diarrhea, and drug-resistant staph infections."

The Kingdom's Health Ministry has also many times issued warnings against the unnecessary or over use of antibiotics.

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According to Bahrain Medical Bulletin, the judicious use of antimicrobials could stop the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. "It is advised to improve antibiotic prescription through establishing hospital antibiotic guidelines, consulting infectious disease physicians, a microbiologist and clinical pharmacist for their input regarding the use of the medications. An Antibiotic Stewardship Program (ASPA) could optimise the management of infections and lower the adverse effect of antimicrobials."

**Effective anti-drug campaign cuts crime rates by 30%**

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The security forces have accomplished reducing crime rates by 30%, Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa announced.

In this context, the Director-General of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, Brigadier Abdulaziz Al Rumaihi, highlighted comprehensive efforts to build anti-narcotics capabilities. He said that the launch of the National Anti-Drug and Psychotropic Substances Plan comes to tackle drug cases.

He revealed that the recovery programme has contributed to helping 416 addicts. At the same time, hotline 996 was launched this year to provide an easy and safe way to report drug cases with confidentiality. The hotline has so far received 1,049 cases.

He highlighted the directorate's awareness role through holding lectures at schools, mosques, community centres (Maatam), worksites and clubs.



Drug suspects arrested with illegal substances



He said that in 2021, a total of 1,048 cases were registered, leading to the arrest of 1,229 individuals. The Anti-Narcotics Police discovered 997 cases from the beginning of 2022 until September 25. The confiscations

reached 1,97 items. Anti-Narcotics personnel contributed to the arrest of 73 suspects in the last three months in cooperation with concerned authorities. Confiscations from the arrestees were worth thou-

sands of dinars. He hailed regional cooperation between Gulf countries as from 1 January 2021 to 1 September 2022 reached the coordination involved around eight cases.

**Tenant expelled for failing to pay nine-month rent**

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The High Commercial Court has ordered the expulsion of a supermarket occupying a building after its owner defaulted payments worth BD16,500.

According to the landlord's lawyer, the tenant failed to cover the rental fees for nine months,

as a result of which a case was filed against him to force him to leave the building.

The defendant is said to have agreed to a lease contract which stipulates him to pay BD1,800 for renting the space to operate a supermarket. The defendant handed several cheques to cover the monthly rental fees, but they

bounced back as his account was empty.

His lawyer stated that the Court ruled to expel the defendant from the building, and obligate him to pay the plaintiff an amount of BD16,200 for his failure to pay the rent for a period of nine months.

"The plaintiff provided sufficient evidence that a contract was signed and it matured. The defendant defaulted in paying for nine months, therefore, he is obliged to pay and at the same time to leave the place due to the fact that the contract has expired," the Court said in its ruling.

# A successful celebration

Indian Club Onam Fest '22 marks fitting conclusion with grand Onasadhya Feast

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The Indian Club Onam Fest '22 came to a successful conclusion on 30 September with the Indian Club Onasadhya Feast.

Around 2,500 taste lovers, including patrons, members, invited guests and sponsors sat down together to enjoy a sumptuous banquet of 26 items. The feast was prepared by well-known celebrity sadhya specialist Mr Ajith Kumar, specially flown in from India to make this grand gala lunch.

The traditional Onasadhya Feast was inaugurated by H.E. Mr Piyush Shrivastava - Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain - along with H.E. Mr Steven C. Bondy (Ambassador of the US), H.E. Ms Paola Amadei (Ambassador of the Republic of Italy), H.E. Mr Shazryll Zahiran (Ambassador of Malaysia), Mr Abdunabi Al Sho'ala (Former Minister and Shura Council Member), Mr Yousif Lori (Director of Information and Follow up at the capital Governorate), Mr Khalil Daylami (Philantropist/Social Worker), Mr K.G. Baburajan (MD-QEL Holdings), Mr Pambavasan Nair (MD-AMAD Group), Mr Ajith Kumar (CEO - Dadabhai), Mr Soman Baby, Prince Natarajan (Chairman of Indian School), Mr Ijaz Ahmed (Indian Embassy) and past presidents of the Indian Club.

The feast started as planned with all the preparation and safety measures. A veritable army of Club Members and volunteers, all wearing traditional costumes; worked tirelessly to serve the guests and to keep the schedule on track.

The Onam Fest '22 was a series of programs conducted as part of Onam celebration, which included of a number of traditional competitions and variety of activities like the musical night led by reality show



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artist/playback singer Mr Abid Anwar, Thiruvathira Competition, Natyolsavam 2022, Payasa Mela, Onappattu Competition, Onapudava Competition, Ona Chanda, Pookalam Competition, Tug of War, Musical Night performed by reality show Artist/Play Back Singer Mr Sudheesh U. Sasikummar, Nadaswaram Fusion, Historic Mega Mohiniyattam performed by more than 100 ladies, Musical Night led by Playback Singer Mr. Rahul Sathyanadh, Ghoshayatra competition and Nadan pattu by renowned folk singer Praseetha Chalakudy.

On behalf of the members of the Indian Club, the president and the executive committee expressed their sincere grati-



Indian Ambassador Piyush Shrivastava joins the Indian community in various activities celebrating the traditional Onasadhya Feast

tude to all the sponsors with a special mention to the major sponsors of the event - BFC, Lulu & Bira.

## Filipino expatriates in Bahrain hold charity work



The Federation of Professionals and Expatriates (FPEX), which is under the Association of Chiefs of Police of the Philippines, Police Community Relation, has donated clothes and toys for Rashid Al-Zayani Foundation on 28 September. It was received by Wesal Al Fadhel, Project Manager of the Reuse Campaign. The Rashid Al Zayani Charity Foundation was founded in 2009 whose mission is to extend help and services to groups and individuals in need. Various projects of the foundation are in line with the programs in education, healthcare, child welfare, infrastructure development, and religious institutions.

## CBB holds third board meeting for 2022

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The Central Bank of Bahrain's (CBB) Board of Directors Chairman Hassan Khalifa Al Jalahma held its third meeting for the year 2022.

The board reviewed topics on the agenda in addition to CBB's performance report and developments in the financial sector for the third quarter of 2022.

They discussed CBB's financial performance report as of end of August.

The meeting followed up on the recommendations made during the previous

Board meeting and reviewed the work in progress with regards to the Financial Services Sector Development Strategy (2022-2026).

The board reviewed key monetary and banking developments, as the data showed an increase in liquidity whereby money supply in its broad sense, M3 totalled BD15.2 billion at the end of August, an increase of 3.7% compared to the end of August 2021.

As for retail banks, total private deposits increased to around BD13.5 billion at the end of August 2022, an increase of 6.1% compared to the end of August 2021.

# Indian School swears in student leaders for new academic year

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The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) Prefectorial Council for the academic year 2022-2023 was formally inducted during an investiture ceremony held at the Jashanmal Auditorium on October 1.

Hon. Chairman Prince S. Natarajan, Vice-Chairman Jayafar Maidani, EC Members Mohammad Khursheed Alam, Binu Mannil Varughese, Rajesh Nambiar, Principal VR Palaniswamy, Staff Representative Johnson Devassy, Vice-Principals and Heads of Sections, teachers, and students were among those who attended the investiture ceremony. Aadersh Abhilash and Vigneshwari Natarajan from XII P were selected respectively as the Head Boy and Head Girl of the Prefectorial Council for Level A which consists of classes XI and XII.

Gopu Ajith (X N) and Aradhya Kanodathil (X C) were selected as Head Boy and Head Girl for Level B consisting of grades IX and X. Head Boy Joel Shaiju (VIII N) and Head Girl Agrima Yadav (VIII P) were selected from level C consisting of grades



Top school officials with the student council members at the investiture ceremony



VI-VIII. Ahmed Mostafa Hassan Said (V P) and Anika Ragahendra (V U) are the Head Boy and Head Girl of Level D grades IV and V.

The council consists of students from classes IV to XII who were selected on the basis of their academic and leadership qualities.

Natarajan, who inaugurat-

ed the programme, urged the student council members to be promising leaders and fulfil the vision and mission of the school by excelling in their journey towards a holistic development.

He reminded the student leaders to take their responsibilities in the true spirit of teamwork which will help in bringing all students together.

The oath of office was administered by Principal VR Palaniswamy. The Principal congratulated the newly elected student council and emphasised that they should perform their duties as student leaders to the best of their ability.

Aryan Arora and Aiswarya Sinilal compered the programme. The ceremony started with na-

tional anthems, recitation from Holy Quran and school choir.

A march past of student leaders holding school flag was carried out in perfect synchronisation with the beat of the school band. The principal welcomed the gathering and administered the oath of office to the newly elected prefects.

Vice-Principals Anand Nair

(Senior Section) and Vinod S (Middle Section) read out the list of office bearers. The school officials pinned the badges and handed the flag to the head boy.

The Head Boy and Head Girl in their acceptance speech reaffirmed the diligence and dedication with which the new student council would function. Anand Nair prosed vote of thanks.

# Danube Supermarket opens at Al Liwan in Hamala



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BinDawood Holding, one of the leading grocery retail operators of hypermarkets and supermarkets in Saudi Arabia announced the opening of its first international store, Danube Supermarket in Al Liwan, which was developed by Seef Properties in Hamala area in the Northern Governorate.

Danube supermarket at Al Liwan is the brand's first branch in Bahrain and also the first store outside Saudi Arabia. It marks the opening of the 55th Danube branch, and the 82nd for BinDawood Holding.

Located on a total area of over 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the new supermarket offers Al Liwan visitors a unique

shopping experience through a selection of high-quality products, exclusive imported goods, speciality foods, fresh juice and fish sections, as well as fresh bakery items.

BinDawood Holding has two unique retail chains, BinDawood and Danube, with a nationwide grocery retail chain footprint of 82 stores in 16 cities across Saudi Arabia and now in Bahrain.

Ahmed Yusuf, CEO of Seef Properties, commented on this

occasion: "BinDawood Holding's choice of Al Liwan for its first branch outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia means a lot to us, especially since Al Liwan strives to combine modern facilities with diversity hospitality, retail and entertainment options to represent a promising tourist destination for citizens, residents and visitors from outside Bahrain, especially our Saudi brethren."

Khalid BinDawood, Managing Director, BinDawood Holding,

commented: "The opening of the new supermarket reflects our ambitious plans to enhance our presence in neighbouring markets, with the Kingdom of Bahrain having a special standing among Saudi companies and investors."

It is worth noting that Al Liwan occupies 122,000 square metres in a strategic location opposite to the eastern side of Wali Al Ahd Highway with 136 stores and various restaurants.

## LEGAL VIEWPOINT

### Duties of founders in joint stock companies



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As per the Company Law in Bahrain, there are many types of companies to enable interested investors to choose the type that suits them. Some companies are open for the public, a joint shareholding. The idea of establishing a joint stock company starts by the founders. The first idea to establish a public joint stock company, as a matter of fact, starts in the mind of one or group of persons whom we could call or deem as pioneers or entrepreneurs in that particular project. This is because they were the first people to think about starting a new venture through a public joint stock company.

Legally speaking, this group of persons constitutes the foundation for the new venture and this is why they are called, as the founders of the company. The presence of the founders, for establishing a new public joint stock company is mandatory and we could say it is a must according to the Company Law.

According to the law, any person to take a positive step towards establishing a public joint stock company shall sign the Initial Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association. The signature signals the interest and shows the commitment as a founder member in the company to be established.

The Company Law, in certain countries, requires the availability of at least 10 founders for the initial licensing of the Joint Stock Company and its incorporation. I believe that this minimum number is required to ensure the commitment of reasonable number of certain persons who are eager and interested to put their heads together towards achieving their joint goal, however, in some instances the competent authority could be approached to reduce the number, which could be reduced based on the application submitted for this purpose. It is important to mention that, in case the government or any other quasi-government agency wants to establish a public joint stock company, the requirement of having many founding members is waived.

The number of the founders, in some cases, is very big and it is neither possible nor practical for all of them to work together to incorporate the company and therefore they are allowed by law to form a committee from themselves to undertake and follow up the incorporation process. This committee, normally, shall be composed of three to five members and they should be given the required legal authority to take all steps to incorporate the company.

An interesting legal question arises here regarding the legality of the actions taken by the founders. Legally speaking, the company (under the process of incorporation) has the legal entity only to the extent necessary for the incorporation. In other words, the company and the founders have limited legal authority and this authority is confined to the steps required for the incorporation process only. If any step taken by the founders is not required for this particular purpose, then this step shall be deemed ultra vires and accordingly it shall fall outside the legal responsibility of the company.

It has been observed, that some founders have exceeded their powers and limits and they performed some actions, which are not required for the incorporation of the company. In such cases, the founders are personally responsible and they should be accountable for what they have done. As an example of the premature actions taken by some founders, we could mention, negotiating and signing contracts on behalf of (the supposed-to-be-company), incurring unnecessary expenses, investing money outside the country which puts the available money in great risk... etc. Legally speaking, the founders are not free nor allowed to do anything according to their wishes. They are guided at this stage by the law and the necessary directives issued, from time to time, by the competent authority.

All actions that are legally required for the process of incorporation of the company are binding on the company after its incorporation, and by all means, the founders are not personally responsible. This is a call for founders to understand their role and perform their duties in a legally acceptable manner.

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## AFS honoured for workforce nationalisation efforts

TDT | Manama

Arab Arab Financial Services (AFS), the leading digital payment solutions provider and fintech enabler in the Middle East and Africa, has been recognised and honoured for its workforce nationalization efforts on the sidelines of the GCC ministerial meetings in Saudi Arabia. AFS was the only financial institution from Bahrain to receive this honour.

Samer Soliman Arab Financial Services (AFS) CEO said: "This is a tremendous honour for AFS and reflects the importance we place on recruiting and nurturing local talent."

Minister of Human Resources and Social Development (HRSD), in Saudi Arabia, Ahmed bin Sulaiman Al-Rajhi, honoured 19 leading companies in the fields of labour and development across the GCC states, at the event. Re-



The award ceremony

ceiving the award on behalf of AFS was Zainab Ali, Senior Human Resources Officer.

With 70% Bahrainisation across

its Bahrain operations, AFS is committed to its national workforce investment while offering exciting career opportunities both

locally and regionally. Most recently, AFS successfully concluded its inaugural Summer Internship Programme: AFS iSuites.

## India's Reliance Jio to launch 4G enabled low-cost laptop at \$184

● Reliance partnered with Qualcomm (QCOM.O) and Microsoft for the JioBook

New Delhi

Reliance Jio will launch a budget laptop priced at \$184 (15,000 Indian rupees) with an embedded 4G sim card, aiming to replicate the success of its low-cost JioPhone



A woman waits at a bus stop with an advertisement of Reliance Industries' Jio telecoms unit in Mumbai, India

in India's highly price-sensitive market, two sources said.

The Mukesh Ambani-led conglomerate has partnered with global giants Qualcomm (QCOM.O) and Microsoft for the

JioBook, with the former powering its computing chips based on technology from Arm Ltd, and the Windows OS maker providing support for some apps.

The laptop will be available to enterprise customers such as schools and government institutes from this month, with a consumer launch anticipated within the next three months, sources said. As with the JioPhone, a 5G-enabled version will follow.

The JioBook will be produced locally by contract manufacturer Flex with Jio aiming to sell "hun-

dreds of thousands" of units by March, one of the sources said.

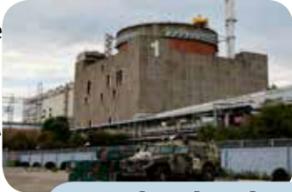
The laptop will run Jio's own JioOS operating system and apps can be downloaded from the JioStore.

Jio, which raised around \$22 billion from global investors such as KKR & Co Inc (KKR.N) and Silver Lake in 2020, is credited with disrupting the world's no. 2 mobile market when it launched cheap 4G data plans and free voice services in 2016, and later the 4G smartphone at a cost of just \$81.

News in brief

◆ **The head of the U.N.**

nuclear watchdog called for the release of the director-general of Ukraine's Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, saying his detention posed a threat to safety and security. A Russian patrol detained Ihor Murashov on Friday, the state-owned company in charge of the plant said on Saturday, and the International Atomic Energy Agency said Russia had confirmed the move. "IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi expressed the hope that Mr Murashov will return to his family safely and promptly and will be able to resume his important functions at the plant," the agency tweeted late on Saturday. The IAEA has been in contact with relevant authorities seeking clarifications on his temporary detention, which it said had a "very significant impact" on him and nuclear safety and security standards.



**IAEA head seeks release of Ukrainian nuclear plant head**



**Pope begs Putin to end 'spiral of violence and death', cites nuclear threat**

◆ **Pope Francis made** an impassioned appeal yesterday to Russian President Vladimir Putin to stop "this spiral of violence and death" in Ukraine, saying the crisis there was risking a nuclear escalation with uncontrollable global consequences. In an address dedicated to Ukraine and made to thousands of people in St. Peter's Square, Francis also appealed to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to be open to any "serious peace proposal". Francis said he was making an urgent appeal "in the name of God" for an end to the conflict and said it was "absurd" that the world was risking a nuclear conflict. "My appeal goes above all to the president of the Russian Federation, begging him to stop this spiral of violence and death, even out of love for his own people," Francis said.

◆ **Russian Deputy Prime Minister**

Alexander Novak said yesterday that it was technically possible to restore the ruptured offshore infrastructure of the Nord Stream gas pipelines, TASS news agency reported. A total of four leaks were discovered last week on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines in the Baltic Sea near Denmark and Sweden, with a significant fall in gas pressure leading to the detection of the ruptures. "There have never been such incidents. Of course, there are technical possibilities to restore the infrastructure, it takes time and appropriate funds. I am sure that appropriate possibilities will be found," Novak said.



**Russian Deputy PM says restoration of Nord Stream possible - TASS**

◆ **Israel gave its preliminary nod** yesterday to a draft US-brokered deal demarcating a maritime border with Lebanon that may lead to profit-sharing in a disputed Mediterranean gas prospect. Hoping to defuse one source of conflict between the enemy countries and prod them toward accommodation, U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein last week submitted a new proposal that would pave the way for offshore energy exploration. Israeli approval of the draft awaited legal review, Prime Minister Yair Lapid told his cabinet at its weekly session.

◆ **Israel upbeat on draft Lebanese demarcation deal**

**COVID-19 Countries worst affected**

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	98,248,623	1,084,891	
2 India	44,594,487	528,673	
3 France	35,437,807	155,112	Deaths
4 Brazil	34,720,437	686,304	
5 Germany	33,386,229	150,064	6,550,424
6 S. Korea	24,819,611	28,489	
7 UK	23,672,855	190,317	Recovered:
8 Italy	22,500,346	177,130	
9 Japan	21,330,772	44,965	603,204,369
10 Russia	21,049,027	387,468	
11 Turkey	16,873,793	101,139	New cases
12 Spain	13,422,984	114,179	
13 Vietnam	11,480,518	43,149	+149,485
14 Australia	10,240,631	15,221	
			New deaths
			+340

Figures as of closing

**Middle East**

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	816,664	+89	9,355	+2	803,790	3,519
UAE	1,028,333	+400	2,345		1,007,528	18,460
Kuwait	658,520		2,563		655,316	641
Oman	397,993		4,260		384,669	9,064
Qatar	452,533	+858	682		445,932	5,919



# Ukraine takes back key logistic hub

Military uniform lays next to an abandoned Russian infantry fighting vehicle BMD-4 in the village of Kurylivka

● **Lyman is key logistics hub in eastern Donetsk region**

● **Capture could aid attacks on neighbouring Luhansk region**

● **Loss triggers Russian criticism, call for escalation**

Reuters | Kyiv

Ukraine said yesterday it was in full control of the eastern logistics hub of Lyman, Kyiv's most significant battlefield gain in weeks, which a senior official said could provide a staging post for further gains to the east.

"As of 1230 (0930 GMT), Lyman is fully cleared," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said in a short video clip on his Telegram channel.

There was no comment from the Russian armed forces on Sunday on the status



Ukrainian troops pose for a photo in Lyman, Ukraine

of the city. The Russian defence ministry said on Saturday it was pulling troops out of the area "in connection with the creation of a threat of encirclement".

The latest stinging setback for Russian President Vladimir Putin came after he proclaimed the annexation of four regions covering nearly a fifth of Ukraine on Friday, an area that includes Lyman.

Kyiv and the West have condemned the proclamation as an illegitimate farce.

Russian forces captured Lyman from Ukraine in May and had used it as a logistics and transport hub for its opera-

tions in the north of the Donetsk region. Losing it is Russia's largest battlefield loss since Ukraine's lightning counteroffensive in the northeastern Kharkiv region last month.

Serhiy Gaidai, governor of the Luhansk region that neighbours Donetsk, said control over Lyman could help Ukraine reclaim lost territory in his region, whose full capture Moscow announced in early July after weeks of grinding advances.

"The liberation of this city in the Donetsk region is one of the key factors for the fur-

ther de-occupation of the Luhansk region," Gaidai wrote on the Telegram messaging app on Sunday.

Zelenskiy on Saturday promised more quick successes in the Donbas, which covers the Donetsk and Luhansk regions that are largely under Russian control.

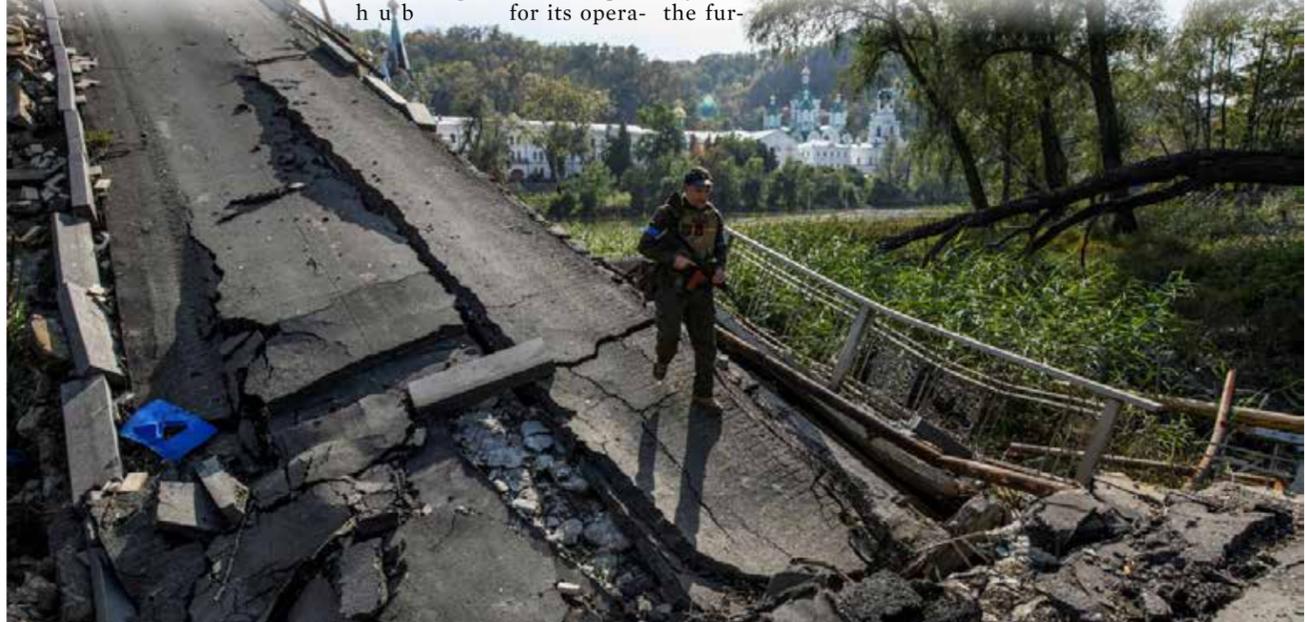
"Over the past week, the number of Ukrainian flags in Donbas has increased. There will be even more a week's time," Zelenskiy said in an evening address.

The areas Putin claimed as annexed - the Donbas regions and the southern regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia - form a swath of territory equal to about 18% of Ukraine's total surface land area.

**RUSSIAN ANGER**

The battlefield setbacks have triggered a fresh wave of criticism within Russia of how its military operation is being handled.

Putin ally Ramzan Kadyrov, the leader of Russia's southern Chechnya region, on Saturday called for a change of strategy "right up to the declaration of martial law in the border areas and the use of low-yield nuclear weapons."



A service member of Ukraine's National Guard walks on a bridge over the Siverskiy Donets river destroyed during Russia's attack on Ukraine, in the town of Sviatohirsk, Donetsk region, Ukraine

Vercingetorix, leader of the Gauls, surrenders to the Romans under Julius Caesar, ending the siege and battle of Alesia



Dafydd ap Gruffydd, Prince of Gwynedd, Wales, becomes the first person executed by being hanged, drawn and quartered

1st facsimile photo sent over city telephone lines, Washington, D.C.

Reunification of East and West Germany. West German flag is raised above the Brandenburg Gate on the stroke of midnight.

Destroyed buildings are seen after Hurricane Ian caused widespread destruction in Sanibel Island, Florida



A destroyed car is seen in the Matanzas Pass



Beachgoers look at a large shrimp boat that was swept ashore



Stranded shrimp boats are seen in the Matanzas Pass



A destroyed marina in the Matanzas Pass

# Hurricane-ravaged Florida, Carolinas face daunting recovery

Reuters | Miami

The largely innocuous but soggy remnants of Hurricane Ian drifted through Virginia early yesterday, leaving in their wake storm-ravaged residents in Florida and the Carolinas facing a disaster recovery expected to cost tens of billions of dollars.

The storm's toll on human life also was expected to rise as floodwaters receded and search teams pushed farther into areas initially cut off from the outside world, seeking stranded survivors and the remains of anyone

who may have perished. At least 50 storm-related deaths have been confirmed since Ian crashed ashore Florida's Gulf Coast with catastrophic force on Wednesday as a Category 4 hurricane, packing maximum sustained winds of 150 miles (240 km) per hour.

Florida accounted for the bulk of fatalities, with 35 tallied by the sheriff's office in coastal Lee County, which bore the brunt of the storm when it made landfall, and 11 other deaths reported by state officials in four neighboring counties.

North Carolina authorities

said at least four more people had been killed there. No deaths were immediately reported in South Carolina, where Ian made its second US landfall on Friday.

Chugging over land since then, Ian has diminished into an ever-weakening post-tropical cyclone, with the National Hurricane Center (NHC) lifting all remaining watches and warnings related to the fading weather system by Saturday evening.

The NHC said heavy additional rainfall was possible across portions of West Virginia and western Maryland into Sunday morning, even as "major to re-

cord flooding" was forecast to continue in central Florida.

As the full scope of devastation came into clearer focus days after Ian struck, officials said some of the heaviest damage was inflicted by raging wind-driven ocean surf that rushed into seaside communities and washed buildings away.

Satellite images from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) showed beach cottages and a motel that lined the shores of Florida's Sanibel Island had been demolished by storm surges.



Supporters evacuate a man



A damaged car is pictured following a riot



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● Around 180 injured during crowd stampede

● Indonesia football association suspends league to investigate

● Police say they fired tear gas to control crowd



Fans invade the soccer field after a match between Arema FC and Persebaya Surabaya at Kanjuruhan Stadium, Malang, Indonesia



Supporters evacuate a man due to tear gas fired by police during violence after the football match

# 125 dead in soccer stadium stampede

Reuters | Malan, Indonesia

A stampede at a soccer stadium in Indonesia has killed at least 125 people and injured 180 after police sought to quell violence on the pitch, authorities said yesterday, in one of the world's worst stadium disasters.

Officers fired tear gas in an attempt to disperse agitated supporters of the losing home side who had invaded the pitch after the final whistle in Malang, East Java, on Saturday night, the region's police chief Nico Afinta told reporters.

"It had gotten anarchic. They started attacking officers, they damaged cars," Nico said, adding that the crush occurred when fans fled for an exit gate. Some local officials had put the death toll at 174, but East Java Deputy Gov-

ernor Emil Dardak said the number of fatalities had subsequently been revised down to 125. The earlier figure may have included duplicate fatalities, he said. The stadium disaster appeared to be the world's worst in decades.

Video footage from local news channels showed fans streaming onto the pitch after Arema FC lost 3-2 to Persebaya Surabaya around 10 p.m. (1500 GMT), followed by scuffles, and what appeared to be clouds of tear gas and unconscious fans being carried out of the venue.

Many victims at the nearby Kanjuruhan hospital suffered from trauma, shortness of breath and a lack of oxygen due to the large number of people at the scene affected by tear gas, said paramedic Bobby Prabowo.



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On the International Day of Non-Violence, we celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday & values of peace, respect & the essential dignity shared by everyone. We can defeat today's challenges by embracing these values & working across cultures & borders to build a better future.

@antoniogetterres

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Paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi At Rajghat. His ideals reverberate globally and his thoughts have provided strength to millions of people.

@narendramodi

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Republicans are always talking about the deficit. Well, guess what? The last guy increased the debt with tax cuts for big corporations. Not a penny of it was paid for. This year, we've reduced the deficit by more than \$1 trillion.

@JoeBiden

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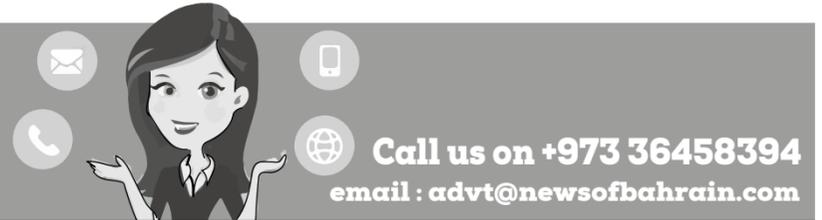


Moscow's atrocities and illegitimate attempts at changing Ukraine's borders by force will never work. I reiterated our steadfast commitment to Ukraine to @DmytroKuleba and underscored our support to strengthen Ukraine militarily & diplomatically so they can defend their homeland.

@SecBlinken

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# Iran lawmakers chant "thank you, police" amid growing public fury over woman's death

- Despite the growing death toll and a fierce crackdown by security forces using tear gas, clubs, and in some cases, live ammunition, Iranians continue to protest
- Protests sparked by death in custody enter 3rd week
- Strikes reported across Kurdish regions



A police motorcycle burns during a protest over the death of Mahsa Amini, a woman who died after being arrested by the Islamic republic's "morality police", in Tehran, Iran

Reuters | Dubai

Iranian lawmakers chanted "thank you, thank you, police" during a parliament session yesterday, amid weeks of anti-government protests across Iran following the death of a young woman in police custody, Iranian state media reported.

The protests, sparked by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini from Iranian Kurdistan, have spiralled into the biggest show of opposition to Iran's authorities in years, with many calling for the end of more than four decades of Islamic clerical rule.

tollah Ali Khamenei, the lawmakers chanted: "The blood in our veins is a gift to our leader", a video shared on Iranian state media showed.

Khamenei has not commented on the protests, which began at Amini's funeral on Sept. 17 and quickly spread to Iran's 31 provinces, with all layers of society, including ethnic and religious minorities, taking part.

Despite the growing death toll and a fierce crackdown by security forces using tear gas, clubs, and in some cases, live ammunition, Iranians continue to protest.

Videos on social media showed demonstrations in several cities such as Kermanshah, Shiraz and Mashhad on Sunday, with participants chanting "independence, freedom, death to Khamenei".

Activist Twitter account 1500tasvir, which has more than 160,000 followers, posted a video of protesters in the central city of Isfahan calling for a

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Amini's death and the crackdown have drawn international criticism of Iran's rulers, which accuse the United States and some European countries of exploiting the unrest to try to destabilise the Islamic Republic. Iran said last week it had arrested nine people from Germany, Poland, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and other countries for their role in the protests.

nationwide strike and setting up a road block to bring truck drivers to their ranks.

Reuters could not verify the videos.

Amini was arrested in Tehran for "unsuitable attire" by the morality police who enforce the Islamic Republic's strict dress code and died in hospital after falling into a coma.

Iran's police authorities say Amini died of a heart attack and deny claims by her family that she was beaten to death in custody.

The country's hardline President Ebrahim Raisi, who ordered an investigation into Amini's death, said last week that forensics would present a report in "coming days".

# Kuwait crown prince accepts government resignation following elections



Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait

Reuters

Kuwait's crown prince accepted the government's resignation yesterday following a parliamentary election in the Gulf Arab country in which opposition candidates made considerable gains, state news agency KUNA reported.

Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah, who has taken over most of the ruling emir's duties, asked the outgoing government headed by Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf al-Sabah to remain in a caretaker capacity until a new cabinet is formed.

Kuwait, an OPEC oil producer, held early elections on

Sept. 29 after Sheikh Meshal dissolved parliament in a bid to end a political standoff between the government and the legislature that has hindered fiscal reforms.

The crown prince had appointed Sheikh Ahmad prime minister in July after opposition lawmakers in the dissolved parliament pressed for a new premier and for the removal of the parliament speaker, who bowed out of the September polls.

Stalemates between Kuwait's government and parliament have often led to cabinet reshuffles and dissolutions of the legislature over the decades, hampering investment and reforms.

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A demonstrator has her lips painted like sewn as she takes part in a protest following the death of Mahsa Amini in Iran



## BFA President highlights re-election of Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim as AFC president

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Bahrain Football Association (BFA) President Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa congratulated HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on the nomination of Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa as President of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) for a new term (2023 – 2027).

Shaikh Ali also congratulated HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Human Work and Youth Affairs, and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS)'s First Deputy Chairman, General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman and Bahrain Olym-



Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

pic Committee (BOC) President.

BFA president extended his sincere congratulations to Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, noting that the endorsement by the Asian football federation confirms the numerous achievements made by AFC during his tenure.

## Bahrain junior golf teams to play in Arab championship

● **Nine-golfer squad to compete in Tunisia competition from today to 9 October**

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A nine-member Bahrain national team is in Tunisia to participate in the Arab Junior Championship 2022, which will be held in the city of Hammamet.

The competition is scheduled to take place from today to 9 October, and it is being held under the umbrella of the Arab Golf Federation.

The Bahraini delegation is headed by Bahrain Golf Association official Abdulla Mohammed Al Habbal and it includes coach Abdulla Sultan Al Hakam.

Play will be held in three age-categories.

Bahrain will be represent-



Abdulla Mohammed Al Habbal

ed in the under-18 division by Abdulrahman Ibrahim Saad, Abdulla Rashid Al Maliki and Sultan Abdulla Faraj.

The under-15 category will see Abdulrahman Hassan Moheiz, Yousef Mohammed Siddiq and Faisal Abdulla Faraj for Bahrain. The Kingdom's under-13 team features Khaled Mohammed Siddiq, Abdulla Khalil Mubarak and Yousef Ibrahim Abdulkarim.

## Great achievements by Bahraini Jiu-Jitsu players in Dammam and Abu Dhabi

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Bahrain Jiu-Jitsu accomplished great achievements in Dammam Jiu-Jitsu championship in Saudi Arabia and in Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship.

In Dammam championship, Bahraini males had achieved more than 16 medals in several weights and belts. While Bah-



Isa Abdulaziz after winning gold in Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship

raini females also participated in accomplishing achievement where A'ala'a Salah won the golden medal, and Narjis Diwani won the bronze medal.

In Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship, Isa Abdulaziz won the gold medal in the under 69 kilograms category.



Winners celebrate on the podium after in Dammam Jiu-Jitsu championship

# Chicherit leads Hunter challenge in Morocco

Sebastien Loeb battles on after early setback for Bahrain Raid Xtreme as Saudi Arabia's Yazeed Al Rajhi takes lead after third round

● **Guerlain Chicherit disputes lead for much of third stage in a fascinating battle with Qatar's Nasser Al Attiyah, finishes third**

● **Sebastien Loeb halted for 20 minutes with early technical problems on 316km opening desert stage from Agadir to Tan-Tan**

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Guerlain Chicherit competes in his Prodrive Hunter in yesterday's third stage

After a difficult day for Sebastien Loeb in the Rallye Du Maroc, another Frenchman at the wheel of a Prodrive Hunter announced his challenge in the third round of the World Rally-Raid Championship.

Partnered by Fabian Lurquin in his Bahrain Raid Xtreme (BRX) Hunter, Loeb was halted for 20 minutes with early technical problems on yesterday's opening desert stage, a 316km competitive section from Agadir to Tan-Tan.

The nine-time World Rally

Champion, third fastest on the previous day's opening Prologue stage, was forced to stop to change a front wishbone after just 20km, but recovered to reach the finish and prepare for another day.

While the misfortune dropped the nine-time World Rally Champion to seventh place at the end of the leg, Guerlain Chicherit in another Prodrive Hunter grabbed third position, nine minutes 45 seconds behind the leader, Saudi Arabia's Yazeed Al Rajhi in a Toyota Hilux.

Chicherit had disputed the lead for much of the stage in a fascinating battle with Qatar's Nasser Al Attiyah, who ultimately completed it holding second spot in his Toyota, 3:05 secs adrift of Al Rajhi.

Argentine Orly Terranova and Spanish co-driver Alex Haro, who also had their problems on the day, still reached the end of the leg holding fourth place in their BRX Hunter.

Chicherit, enjoying his first competitive drive in the Prodrive Hunter in the colours of GCK Motorsport, had been



**Guerlain Chicherit is enjoying his first competitive drive in the Prodrive Hunter in the colours of GCK Motorsport**

highly impressed with the car's performance during testing in Morocco.

He took an early lead as the rally headed south from Agadir to the desert town of Tan-Tan, on tracks rising and descending through the hills, with a flat out race along the beach, and sandy sections providing a stern navigational test.

After the Frenchman and Al Attiyah had contested the lead for the majority of the stage, it was only near the end of the special that Al Rajhi grabbed the advantage.

The Rallye Du Maroc continues today with a 315km stage from Tan-Tan to the oasis city of Laayoune.

## Haaland, Foden hat-tricks help Man City thrash Man Utd 6-3

AFP | Manchester

Erling Haaland and Phil Foden scored hat-tricks as Manchester City thrashed Manchester United 6-3 to move to within a point of Premier League leaders Arsenal yesterday.

Haaland has scored hat-tricks in each of his last three Premier League home games to take his tally as a City player to 17 in 10 competitive games for the English champions.

Antony's strike and Anthony Martial's late double ensured United avoided a record defeat in the Manchester derby as they remain in sixth, nine points off the top.

Since also conceding four times inside the first 45 minutes at Brentford in August, United had bounced back with four consecutive Premier League wins to offer hope they are heading in the right direction under Erik ten Hag.

But the Red Devils were given a rude



Manchester City's Phil Foden (R) celebrates with his teammate Erling Haaland after scoring a goal

awakening of the gulf that still exists between the Manchester giants.

City could have scored many more than the four they managed in a blistering first half performance that swept away any doubts caused by an inconsistent start to the season from Pep Guardiola's men.



**Not bad. We score six goals, it's amazing, to win at home and score six goals is nice. You see the passes we give each other. We always want to go forward and attack. It's what I love about the team**

ERLING HAALAND

Within four minutes it took two goal-line clearances and a fine save from David de Gea to deny Haaland, Kevin De Bruyne and Bernardo Silva the opening goal.

Four minutes later, City did open the floodgates when Foden swept home Silva's cross for the Manchester native's first derby goal.

Ilkay Gundogan's free-kick hit the post and Foden blasted another big chance wide before Haaland inevitably made his mark.

## Verstappen's title on hold after Perez wins in Singapore

AFP | Singapore

Sergio Perez won a rain-affected Singapore Grand Prix yesterday meaning his Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen, who finished seventh, must wait at least another week to retain his Formula One world championship.

The Mexican took the chequered flag 7.5sec ahead of the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc, whose teammate Carlos Sainz was third in the night race that started more than an hour late because of a storm.

Verstappen had a mathematical chance to clinch a second world title in Singapore, but needed to win and have other results go his way.



Red Bull's Sergio Perez (R) is congratulated by teammate Max Verstappen

The Dutchman was always going to struggle after starting eighth on the grid at the Marina Bay Street Circuit but he battled back from a slow start where he dropped to

13th to finish seventh.

It means his world championship lead over Leclerc has been cut to 104 points ahead of next week's Japanese Grand Prix. Perez is two points behind Leclerc.



**It was certainly my best performance, I controlled the race. The last few laps was so intense I didn't feel it that much in the car but when I got out I felt it. I gave everything for the win today**

SERGIO PEREZ

# HH Shaikh Nasser claims royal victory!

Royal Endurance Team captain adds to international accomplishments after winning World Endurance Championship for Eight-Year-Old Horses, held in Spain

● His Majesty the King follows race and congratulates HH Shaikh Nasser on his win

● HH Shaikh Nasser outclasses 57 elite riders from 20 countries from across the globe

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**H**is Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Captain of the Royal Endurance

Team, yesterday wrote another chapter in the rich history of the Kingdom of Bahrain by winning the title in the World Endurance Championship for Eight-Year-Old Horses, held in Spain. HH Shaikh Nasser claimed his spectacular victory after outclassing a wide pool of 57 elite riders representing 20 countries from across the globe. The race was followed by HM King



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa raises the Bahrain flag atop the podium alongside riders from Uruguay and Spain

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and this played a key role in spurring HH Shaikh Nasser to increase his efforts en route to winning the race.

HH Shaikh Nasser clocked a triumphant time of six hours, 20 minutes and 10 seconds in finishing first.

#### Strong competition

The race featured strong competition from riders hailing from Uruguay, the UAE and Spain in addition to many other countries.

On this occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser expressed to HM the King his sincere thanks and ap-

preciation for his win.

HH Shaikh Nasser added that this accomplishment is the fruit of His Majesty's backing and follow-up to the equestrian sport in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

HH Shaikh Nasser explained that equestrian sports in the Kingdom have proven their high ability and capability, which has allowed Bahrain to make notable successes in races held all over the world.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Nasser praised the backing and support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa,



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa reacts as he is about to clinch the win

**His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa clocked a triumphant time of six hours, 20 minutes and 10 seconds in finishing the race in first place**

Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and HRH Prince Salman's keenness to provide full support to equestrian sports in Bahrain. HH Shaikh Nasser led the Royal Endurance Team in the race. HH Shaikh Nasser's teammates who were also competing included Mayoof Al Rumaihi, Sultan Abdulaziz Al Rumaihi, Isa Al Enzi, Mohammed Khalifa Al Ruwaie and Khalifa Mubarak Sabt.

## BIC to host first Fitness on Track of the season tomorrow

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", will be hosting the first Batelco Fitness on Track of the 2022/2023 season this Tuesday.

The Batelco Fitness on Track offers participants the chance to partake in a fun, physical activity within a casual and safe environment—either on foot or on a bicycle.

Batelco Fitness on Track is now one of the most popular public events on offer at BIC. This first edition of the new campaign continues BIC's year-round calendar of events and activities happening both on and off the race track.

Tuesday's event is scheduled to be held between 6pm and 10pm. Runners and cyclists alike will be able to get a mid-week workout under the brilliance of BIC's bright, state-of-the-art floodlights.

BIC is expecting the activity to be hugely popular with fans



Participants ride their cycles at BIC (file photo)

due to the great popularity of past events. Those interested in taking part are therefore advised to book online in advance at BIC's official website [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com) or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

All who register must pay upon booking. The cost to take part remains the same as last season at BD2 for cyclists and BD1 for runners.

Those under the age of 12 can participate for free if accompanied by a paying adult.

The running and cycling will take place on separate track layouts. Runners and walkers will be utilising the 2.550-kilometre Inner Track, while cyclists will be able to ride their bikes along BIC's 3.543-kilometre Outer circuit, with a dedicated area for children's cycling.

All taking part will be able to enjoy the activity within BIC's secure and controlled setting.

For more information, visit [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com) or call the BIC Hotline.

## Muharraq power past Isa Town in basketball league

● Bader Abdulla Malabes fires in seven three-pointers in 24-point performance to spearhead victors

TDT | Manama

Muharraq powered past Isa Town 101-80 last night as week four tipped off in the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League, currently being played at Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam.

The victors pulled away from their rivals in the second quarter after holding a slim 22-21 advantage at the end of the first. They outscored Isa Town 25-14 to go up 47-35 at the half and never looked back.

Muharraq enjoyed leads as big as 24 points en route to securing their second win in three tries. Isa Town, on the other hand, suffered their third loss to go with just one victory.

Both teams were playing without a foreign professional on their roster.

Six Muharraq players finished in double figures. Skipper Bader Abdulla Malabes led the way, pouring in 25 points including a red hot seven three-pointers while also dishing out eight assists.

Mahmood Abbas Isa chipped in with 13 off the bench, while Hussain Salman had an impressive double-double with 12 points and 10 assists.

Ali Jaffar, Younis Kowayed and Ali Shukrallah finished with 11 markers each for Muharraq.

Mohammed Nabeel paced Isa Town with 22



Younes Kowayed goes for a lay-up during their game against Sitra

points, while Talal Qaheri contributed 20 and Hussain Mahdi had 18.

League action continues on Wednesday with two games on the cards. Al Hala face Sitra in the early fixture followed by Al Ettihad taking on Bahrain Club. On Thursday, Nuwaidrat face off with Al Najma in the evening's lone contest.