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HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa received in Malaysia by Johor royalty and senior officials

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

Bahrain condemns Houthi attack on Saudi power station

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Bahrain has strongly condemned continued attacks by the Iran-backed Houthi militia against Saudi Arabia, following the reported targeting of the Taibah power distribution station in Madinah, which supplies electricity to the Prophet's Mosque.

In a statement issued on October 1, Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs described the attack as a serious violation of international law, international humanitarian law and the charters of the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

Lawmakers condemn Houthi attack on Madinah

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Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam condemned the Houthi attack on the Taibah electricity station in Madinah, which supplies the Prophet's Mosque.

They expressed Bahrain's solidarity with Saudi Arabia and support for measures to protect its security, stability, civilians and holy sites.

The lawmakers also backed calls for the UN Security Council to take firm action against Houthi attacks and ensure implementation of relevant resolutions, including 2216 (2015) and 2817 (2026).

They stressed that Saudi Arabia's security and stability are integral to Bahrain's national security.

Bahrain's winning formula



HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister praises Bahraini talent as 22nd Grand Prix reaches Sepang

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Bahrain's Formula 1 story has crossed borders, with the Kingdom's 2026 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix taking centre stage at Malaysia's Sepang International Circuit and showcasing Bahraini talent, culture and organisational expertise to a global audience.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, arrived in Malaysia yesterday ahead of the race, marking the 22nd edition of Bahrain's Grand Prix and another milestone in the Kingdom's motorsport journey.

Upon arrival, HRH was received by HH Tunku Idris Iskandar Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, Tunku Temenggong of Johor; HH Tunku Abdul Rahman Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, Tunku Panglima of Jo-



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with Bahraini organisers of the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at the Petronas Sepang International Circuit

hor; and HH Tunku Abu Bakar Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, Tunku Putera of Johor, along with senior Malaysian officials, Bahraini ministers and officials.

The race is being hosted by Malaysia with the blessings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, reflecting the close bilateral

ties between the two countries. Formula 1 and the FIA confirmed that Sepang would host the Bahrain Grand Prix from October 2 to 4, preserving the race on the 2026 calendar.

Later, at the Petronas Sepang International Circuit, HRH met the Bahraini organisers behind the event and praised the national workforce, say-

ing the people of Bahrain remain the Kingdom's greatest asset.

HRH said Bahrainis working abroad reflect the competence and commitment that advance His Majesty's vision, and commended their dedication in demonstrating the depth of Bahraini talent on the international stage.

His Royal Highness was also briefed on accompanying initiatives, including Bahrain Village, which showcases the Kingdom's tourism, culture and heritage to an international audience. The village is part of a wider programme bringing Bahraini cultural experiences to fans at Sepang.

The visit concluded with HRH meeting Bahraini marshals and organisers working on the ground and praising their role in delivering the event to the highest international standards.

The Bahrain Motor Federation later said the presence of the Crown Prince reflected his sustained encouragement of national talent on the world stage.

The Malaysian-hosted event also represents the return of Formula 1 to Sepang after a nine-year absence.



MOI pavilion at Malaysia F1 showcases ministry services and security efforts



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister briefed on the "Bahrain Village," an initiative showcasing the Kingdom's tourism, culture and heritage to visitors

Gulf Air opens historic Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 in Malaysia

Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, marked the start of the FORMULA 1 GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX 2026 IN MALAYSIA at the Sepang International Circuit as title sponsor of the race, a position it has held since Bahrain brought Formula 1 to the Middle East in 2004. The three-day event, running 2-4 October, is the first time the Bahrain Grand Prix has been staged outside the Kingdom.

At the Sepang International Circuit, the Gulf Air Fan Zone will be open to all ticket holders throughout the weekend, bringing fans closer to the action of the race and to the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Fans who discover Bahrain this weekend at Sepang can experience it for themselves by booking through gulfair.com or the Gulf Air app.

Gulf Air's presence will also be felt above the circuit. On race day, Sunday 4 October, the airline will perform a ceremonial fly-past over Sepang International Circuit, its first at a Formula 1 race outside Bahrain. The fly-past, a tradition of the Bahrain Grand Prix at home,

will be operated by a Gulf Air Boeing 787. Mr. Martin Gauss, CEO of Gulf Air, said: "The FORMULA 1 GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX brings together two worlds built on the same foundations: engineering excellence, absolute discipline on safety, and teamwork under

pressure. For every driver on the grid there are hundreds of engineers, strategists and mechanics behind the garage door. For every Gulf Air flight there are engineers, dispatchers, ground crews and cabin crew working to the same standard, where margins are measured

in seconds and nothing is left to chance. That is why this partnership has lasted more than two decades, and why it has always felt natural to see Gulf Air's name at the heart of this race." "This year our partnership travels further than ever. Hosting the race in Sepang on the same week we launched direct flights to Kuala Lumpur makes this more than a race weekend for Gulf Air. It is a milestone moment between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Malaysia." Beyond Formula 1, Gulf Air supports a number of sporting events, reflecting the airline's long-standing commitment to representing Bahrain on international platforms.



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Workers sharing a boon for Bahrain Cos

More flexibility for firms, more job opportunities for Bahrainis, MPs stress

- Companies can use licensed foreign workers employed by businesses within the same group.
- Workers can work for another employer for up to three months with LMRA approval and the consent of all parties.
- The system could help businesses meet temporary staffing needs without recruiting workers from overseas.

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's new worker-sharing framework could help businesses manage fluctuating workloads, reduce recruitment costs and make better use of foreign workers already licensed to work in the Kingdom, MPs said.

MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen said the changes give businesses a



clearer way to handle temporary staffing needs through defined and officially registered procedures.

The rules allow workers to be moved between businesses owned by the same employer or within the same group. They also allow a foreign worker to work for another employer for up to three months, with Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) approval and the consent of the worker and both employers.

Dr Maryam Al Dhaen, MP



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Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) approval and the consent of the worker and both employers.

Dr Al Dhaen said both employers would remain responsible for protecting the worker's rights during the three-month period.



rates.

MP Jalal Kadhem said the move matched a legislative proposal he had previously submitted to allow firms to make short-term use of foreign workers already licensed to work in Bahrain.

He said companies would not need to bring in new workers from abroad whenever they faced a temporary increase in demand.

"This kind of regulation helps cut recruitment costs, supports small and medium-sized businesses and gives firms a clear legal route to make use of workers already in Bahrain," he said.

Mr Kadhem also said the system could help curb irregular work by bringing such arrangements under formal rules and official oversight.

He reiterated that the added flexibility must not come at the expense of Bahraini jobseekers or Bahrainisation requirements.

Jalal Kadhem, MP

LMRA Decision No. 2 of 2026 permits an employer to use a licensed foreign worker at another business owned by the same employer or within the same group, subject to the Bahrainisation rate for the activity.

It also permits a foreign worker to work for another employer for up to three months, subject to LMRA approval and the consent of the worker and both employers.



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War, terrorism and AI on agenda as Bahrain lawmakers head to Tanzania

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Bahraini lawmakers are heading to Tanzania for a global parliamentary summit where they will join the race to choose a new Inter-Parliamentary Union president and debate issues ranging from war and terrorism to artificial intelligence and food security.

The five-day 153rd IPU Assembly will be held in Arusha from October 5 to 9, with Bah-

rain's delegation led by Jamal Fakhro, First Deputy Chairman of the Shura Council.

Hala Ramzi will serve as deputy head of the delegation, joined by MPs Ahmed Al Salloom, Hassan Ebrahim, Zainab Abdulameer and Ali Saqer Al Dosari.

The assembly will elect its president and vice-presidents and choose a new IPU president. Members will also consider requests for emergency

agenda items and discuss major international developments.

This year's theme is "Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all", linked to UN Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions.

The Bahraini delegation will take part in meetings of the Gulf, Arab, Islamic and Asian parliamentary groups to dis-

cuss common positions and cooperation.

The programme includes the 218th session of the IPU Governing Council, the Women Parliamentarians' Forum and meetings involving young MPs.

Bahraini lawmakers will also participate in committees covering democracy and human rights, international peace and security, UN affairs and sustainable development. An open session will focus on respect

for international humanitarian law.

Bahrain is also due to participate in the signing of a co-operation agreement between the Latin American and Caribbean geopolitical group and GCC parliaments within the IPU.

Workshops during the assembly will examine parliamentary responses to terrorism, oversight of extractive industries, mental health across

generations and the ethical use of AI in protecting children's rights.

Other sessions will address access to healthy food amid climate change, digital violence in politics, enforcement of international humanitarian law and the role of women in diplomacy and peacebuilding.

The Bahraini delegation will also attend a hearing featuring candidates for the IPU presidency.

Iranian aggression monitored closely

- Derasat committee documenting attacks on Bahrain under leadership directives

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Bahrain is closely monitoring and documenting Iranian attacks on the Kingdom, Derasat Chairman Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa said.

He said the efforts are guided by the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal High-



ness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah, also the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, made the remarks while chairing Derasat's third-quarter board meeting, attended by board members and CEO Abdullah Mohammed Al Ahmed.

He said investment in people remains central to Bahrain's development, with Derasat supporting national priorities through strategic research, specialised talent and international partnerships.

The board reviewed a high-level dialogue on Bahrain's digital transformation, organised by Derasat and the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bahrain at UN headquarters in New York during the 81st session of the UN General Assembly.

It also reviewed preparations for Bahrain's National Human Development Report, being developed with UNDP and focused on placing people at the centre of digital transformation.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah highlighted the second round of the Strategic Dialogue Initiative between Gulf and US think tanks, which concluded in Washington. Organised by Derasat with the American Foreign Policy Council and in coordination with the GCC Secretariat General, the initiative promotes research and diplomatic engagement. Its third phase will conclude with an expanded event in Manama in November.

The board also reviewed Dr Shaikh Abdullah's visit to the King Fahd National Library in Riyadh, where a memorandum of understanding was signed to strengthen scientific and knowl-

edge cooperation, including exchanges of expertise, information and documents and joint programmes.

The board praised Derasat for completing its "Energy Transition and Decarbonisation Pathways in Alba" study for Aluminium Bahrain (Alba). The study examines pathways through 2050 using modelling and scenario analysis to support a more sustainable and diversified energy mix.

The meeting also reviewed Derasat's third-quarter research, international dialogues, partnerships and academic activities, along with priorities for the final quarter of 2026.

US Ties Discussed



Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani met US Ambassador to Bahrain Stephanie Hallett at the Foreign Ministry to discuss bilateral ties, regional developments and maritime security. The meeting covered efforts to safeguard navigation in the Strait of Hormuz and Bab Al Mandab, as well as regional security and stability. They also discussed continued coordination during Bahrain's membership of the UN Security Council. Ambassador Hallett was accompanied by Ambassador Saeed Abdulkhaliq Saeed, Head of the Ministry's Coordination and Follow-up Sector.

Pakistan relations reviewed



Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani also met Pakistan's Ambassador to Bahrain Saqib Rauf to discuss the longstanding friendship between the two countries. The meeting focused on expanding bilateral cooperation and advancing shared interests and aspirations. The officials from both sides also exchanged views on a number of issues of mutual interest. Ambassador Mohammed Rashid Al Suwaidi, Head of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Sector, attended the meeting.

Mangrove belt proposed behind Bahrain airport

Mohammad Darwish
TDT | Manama

A mangrove belt has been proposed for the lagoon behind Bahrain International Airport to protect the coast, create breeding grounds for marine life and birds, and add greenery between Qalali and Hidd.

Muharraq Municipal Council member Mohammed Al Moqahwi proposed planting mangroves in the lagoon, saying the site is well suited to support the marine environment.

He said mangroves provide nursery grounds for fish and crustaceans, shelter wildlife, absorb carbon dioxide, filter pollutants and help reduce coastal erosion caused by



Mohammed Al Moqahwi, Muharraq Municipal Council member



wind and currents.

The project would also improve the shoreline's appearance and give the area a more natural character, he said. The proposal was submitted under Municipalities Law No. 35 of 2001 as part of efforts to expand green schemes along Bahrain's coast.

It follows an earlier mangrove proposal by Al Moqahwi in Hidd. In 2023, Muharraq Municipal Council approved his request to establish a mangrove nature reserve in Block 102, modelled on the Arad Bay Protected Area.

That plan also proposed eventually linking the reserve with a waterfront development along Qalali coast overlooking the main Dry Dock Highway.

Bahrain prepares to host GCC Labour Ministers' meeting

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Labour and Legal Affairs Minister Yousuf bin Abdullhussain Khalaf met Mohammed bin Hassan Al Obeidli, Director-General of the Executive Office of the GCC Council of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs.

The meeting reviewed preparations for Bahrain to host the 12th meeting of GCC Labour Ministers, as part of the Kingdom's presidency of the 46th



session of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

They also discussed strengthening cooperation and coordination in labour affairs and supporting joint GCC efforts in the field.

One dead, one injured in Al Fateh elevator shaft fall

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One person died and another was injured after two people fell into an elevator

shaft in a building in the Al Fateh area yesterday.

Civil Defence responded to the incident and carried

out the necessary rescue operations at the scene, while taking the required safety measures.

Diabetes conference opens

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Health experts from Bahrain and the region have gathered for the second Bahrain Diabetes and Obesity Conference, focusing on prevention, early detection and new approaches to chronic disease management.

Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Health and Chairman of the Bahrain Diabetes Society, opened the two-day event, organised by the Bahrain Diabetes Society with Education Plus.

Dr Shaikh Mohammed high-



lighted Bahrain's focus on preventing diabetes and obesity through awareness, early detection and modern healthcare technologies.

The conference features sessions and workshops on child-

hood diabetes and obesity, precision medicine, AI, glucose monitoring, cardiovascular health, weight management and insulin pump technologies, with specialists from Bahrain, GCC countries and Jordan.

ASU, Housing Ministry sign MoU to boost cooperation

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Applied Science University (ASU) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in education, training, research and community service.

The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the Social Housing Innovation Conference and Exhibition 2026 by ASU President Professor Hatem Masri and Ministry Undersecretary Fatima Ibrahim Al Mannai.

ASU Board of Trustees Chairman Professor Waheeb Al Khaja said partnerships with govern-



ment institutions would help turn academic and research expertise into initiatives supporting national development.

Prof Masri said the agreement would connect academic knowledge with society's needs and create opportunities for collaboration and exper-

tise-sharing.

The MoU provides for joint programmes and initiatives, exchange of academic and professional expertise, and greater use of both sides' capabilities to develop national skills, promote innovation and support sustainability.

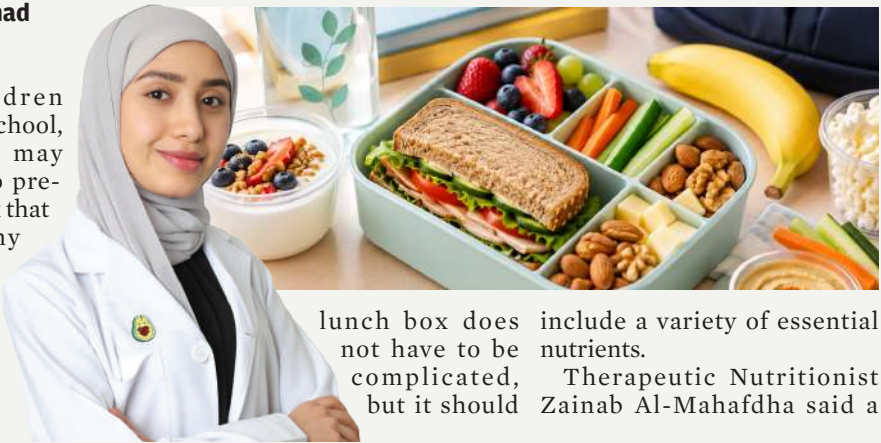
What does a healthy lunch box look like?

Balanced meals help children stay focused throughout the school day

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

With children back at school, many parents may wonder how to prepare a lunch box that is both healthy and enjoyable. A balanced

Zainab Al-Mahafdh,
Therapeutic Nutritionist



lunch box does not have to be complicated, but it should

include a variety of essential nutrients.

Therapeutic Nutritionist Zainab Al-Mahafdh said a

healthy lunch box should include complex carbohydrates, protein and healthy fats, along with vitamins and minerals from fruits and vegetables. These nutrients provide children with the nourishment they need and help them stay focused throughout the school day.

What should a lunch box include?

Complex carbohydrates, such as wholemeal bread, are a good option. The lunch box should

also include protein sources and healthy fats, which are important for brain function and concentration.

Instead of sweets and chips, parents can offer healthier choices such as popcorn, corn, rice cakes, oatmeal biscuits, or hummus with cucumber and carrot sticks. Fruits can also be included as healthy snacks.

Suitable drinks include milk, laban or water, while pieces of fruit can also be included as part of the meal.

Foods to avoid or limit

Parents are advised to avoid or limit fried foods and processed meats such as sausages, as well as pastries and pies. Sugary foods, sweets and packaged juices should also be limited.

A healthy lunch box can be simple and varied. Choosing balanced ingredients can help children get the nutrients they need while supporting their focus and energy throughout the school day.

Al Salam Bank and J.P. Morgan Payments Feature Overnight Murabaha Liquidity Solution

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Al Salam Bank, Bahrain's largest and fastest growing domestic bank, features the successful implementation of J.P. Morgan Payments' Overnight Murabaha solution as the first bank globally to adopt the service as a key part of its asset and liability management framework. The implementation of this innovative liquidity management tool reflects Al Salam Bank's pioneering approach to treasury and liquidity management while reinforcing its commitment to adopt advanced solutions to enhance efficiency and performance.

The milestone was featured during the Bahrain Formula 1 Grand Prix in Malaysia attended by senior representatives from Al Salam Bank and J.P. Morgan Payments, underscoring the strength of the longstanding relationship and collective role in advancing financial solutions on a global scale. The Overnight Murabaha offering is increasingly relevant amid growing global demand for Shari'a-accepted financial services, particularly



across Asia, where the Islamic finance ecosystem continues to expand.

Launched in 2026, the Overnight Murabaha solution enables banks to generate Murabaha-based overnight returns on balances held within nostro accounts with J.P. Morgan Pay-

ments. The solution is designed to enhance liquidity optimization and strengthen treasury operations by enabling banks to deploy short-term funds more efficiently. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in the longstanding relationship between Al Salam Bank and J.P.

Morgan Payments, reflecting a shared commitment to innovation and excellence in financial services.

Commenting on the occasion, Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank, said: "This collaboration marks a key milestone in the evolu-

tion of liquidity management across the financial services sector, with Al Salam Bank becoming the first bank globally to implement J.P. Morgan Payments' Overnight Murabaha solution. Our relationship with J.P. Morgan Payments reflects a clear strategic priority of

translating global connectivity into practical capabilities. This pioneering implementation underscores our commitment to advancing banking solutions through innovation that addresses evolving business needs."

Hooi Ching Wong, Senior Country Officer, J.P. Morgan Malaysia and ASEAN Head of Corporate Sales, J.P. Morgan said, "Our longstanding relationship with Al Salam Bank is built on trust and a shared commitment to developing solutions for a changing treasury landscape. This collaboration demonstrates the value of combining our global payments capabilities with a deep understanding of our clients' requirements."

The introduction of this solution reinforces Al Salam Bank's continued focus on enhancing its treasury and financial institutions' capabilities through the adoption of globally recognized best practices. Through strategic collaborations and differentiated offerings, the bank continues to support the development of the Islamic finance industry while delivering tangible value to its stakeholders.

G7 say to release '100 mn barrels' of diesel and crude

Paris, France

G7 countries agreed Friday to release 100 million barrels of diesel and crude oil from their reserves over four months, leaders said, agreeing to "refrain from export restrictions on energy" and urging others to do the same.

The announcement came after G7 leaders held talks to coordinate action on fuel prices, after the United States upped pressure on Europe to release its strategic reserves by threatening a diesel export ban.

The seven countries agreed to "a coordinated release through the IEA of 100 million barrels to begin immediately over four months, including a frontloaded substantial diesel release within the first 20 days," they said in a joint statement released by French President Emmanuel Macron's office.

The leaders also said that there would be no ban on diesel exports between them.

"We reaffirm our commitment to refrain from export restrictions on energy and energy products between G7 countries and call on all producers to refrain from imposing bans that could exacerbate market tensions," the leaders said.

"Our citizens' concerns about energy prices remain a top priority," they added.

"We will monitor developments closely and stand ready to adjust measures as needed."

LuLu Exchange Bahrain Marks 13 Years of Growing Trust

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LuLu International Exchange, one of Bahrain's fastest-growing companies, marks its 13th anniversary in Bahrain, reflecting on a journey shaped by the changing needs of the Kingdom, its residents and the expatriate communities. The milestone was celebrated at the company's first branch in Hidd in the presence of senior management.

Since opening in 2013, the company has grown from providing remittance and currency exchange services to supporting a wider range of everyday payments. LuLu Exchange's transformation reveals how customers' financial routines have changed with more people choosing digital services while continuing to value personal assistance when they need it.

A money transfer is part of a bigger responsibility for many expatriates. Keeping those connections dependable has remained central to LuLu Exchange's commitment in Bahrain even as the ways customers access its services have evolved.

The expansion of its customer engagement centers across key locations has brought services closer to residential and business communities. Alongside this physical presence, the LuLu Money App has given customers flexibility to make international transfers from their phones, fitting payments around work schedules and family commitments.

"Our customers schedule money transfers around busy working days and responsibilities to their families. Some pre-



fer the app while others want to speak to someone at a customer engagement center. Our job is to make both experiences straightforward and dependable," said Mr. Edison Fernandez, General Manager, LuLu Exchange. "In the proud 13th year of LuLu Exchange in Bahrain, I thank our customers for continuing to choose us and inspiring us to keep innovating."

The company has seen continued growth in digital transactions and customer adoption. Local and international bill pay-

ments, LMRA visa payment services and school fee payment solutions address needs for residents, workers and families.

LuLu Exchange has expanded its cross-border payment capabilities across major currencies, supporting companies with international payment requirements. Partnerships with banks, financial technology providers, schools and corporate organisations have helped broaden the services available to customers in Bahrain. Participation in social initiatives has helped it

maintain relationships with the communities it serves. These connections provide opportunities to listen, understand changing expectations and keep services relevant to customers' daily lives.

"Bahrain has been an important part of our journey since 2013. Over that time, our business has grown as customers have come to us with a wider range of financial needs," said Mr. Adeeb Ahamed, Managing Director, LuLu Financial Holdings. "Our expansion in the Kingdom will continue with a focus on services that make everyday payments simpler and help businesses manage their financial needs. That is how we intend to build on the trust earned over these 13 years."

LuLu Exchange Bahrain will continue to focus on digital access, customer experience and partnerships that meet practical financial needs. The priority is to grow with the country and its people, making payments easier while preserving the trust built through service over the past 13 years.

Novartis in \$575 mn deal with China's Abogen for RNA drugs

TDT | Zurich, Switzerland

Swiss pharma giant Novartis has signed a deal to jointly develop RNA drugs with the Chinese lab Abogen Biosciences, including a potential new treatment for autoimmune diseases, the companies said yesterday.

The deal calls for an initial payment by Novartis of \$575 million to Abogen, rising to a potential \$7.2 billion if development and sales goals are met.

"Achieving effective and durable immune reset remains an important goal across a number of autoimmune diseases," Novartis' head of biomedical research, Fiona Marshall, said in a statement.

Abogen's AMO2203 compound, a messenger RNA treatment, could help manage hard-to-treat diseases like lupus or multiple sclerosis, in which the body's immune system begins attacking healthy cells by mistake.

Abogen did not say if ABO2203 is already in clinical trials.

Novartis has shifted its focus to RNA and gene and cell therapies in recent years, seen as innovative technologies for developing neuroscience and immunology treatments.

"We are thrilled to be able to accelerate ABO2203 and unlock new therapeutic targets through this agreement with Novartis," Abogen's chief Bo Ying said in the statement.

Lebanon PM says scale of war recovery beyond state's capacity

AFP | Beirut

Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said yesterday that rebuilding regions destroyed in the latest Israel-Hezbollah war was beyond the state's capacity, calling for funding as he visited the heavily damaged south.

"I am aware of the magnitude of the crisis" including the destruction, displacement and loss of livelihoods, Salam said in Nabatieh, a major southern city hit hard by Israeli airstrikes.

"But the scale of the needs exceeds the capacities of the Lebanese state and its ability to bear these burdens alone," Salam added. "We still need significant funding" for reconstruction, the prime minister said.

New islands appear after Indonesia's Anak Krakatau volcano erupts

AFP | Jakarta

Two new islands have emerged in the waters surrounding Mount Anak Krakatau following a major eruption last month that grounded flights for days, the Head of Indonesia's Volcano Monitoring Agency said yesterday.

The islands were spotted in satellite images of the water-filled caldera in which Anak Krakatau stands, Rita Susilawati of the PVMBG Centre for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation told said.

Lula, Bolsonaro trade scandal fire in final scramble for votes

AFP | Brasilia

Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and his election rival Flavio Bolsonaro are leaving no controversy unturned in their last-ditch efforts to discredit each other and win over voters ahead of Sunday's nail-biter election.

A campaign dominated by scandals and insults has done little to ease the deep political polarization in Latin America's biggest economy, one of the last major leftist bastions in the region.

The tight race pits Lula, 80, against the son of former far-right president Jair Bolsonaro, a close ally of Donald Trump who has backed a wave of victorious right-wing candidates in Latin America.

Pilot in flydubai attack says 'could not let all those people die'

Injured captain recounts cockpit attack details

Modi hails pilot for averting disaster

AFP | Dubai

An Indian pilot attacked by his co-pilot aboard a flight from the UAE to Israel said yesterday that he "could not let all those people die", in his first public remarks after he helped stop the plane from crashing.

His actions on Wednesday helped avert disaster when he managed to open the cockpit door despite suffering injuries, allowing passengers and crew to take control of the plane and make an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia.

The co-pilot has been returned to the United Arab Emirates, where the incident is under investigation to determine any "terrorist activity or intent".

The mostly Israeli passengers on the flight have been flown back to Israel on a replacement plane.

Flydubai captain Smit Machchhar told Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a call from his hospital bed that he knew he had to act quickly, saying his opening the cockpit door was a "last push" to get help.

"I had suffered so many injuries that I had collapsed. At that



A video grab shows Smit Machchhar (L) and Narendra Modi (R) during their call

time, I could feel that the aircraft was going down. I knew this was the last push, that the door was right there," he said.

"I was being hit even then, but I just opened the door and everyone came in."

Machchhar, who has 17 years of aviation experience -- 11 as a captain -- described the moment he realised the plane was going down while he was lying injured.

He told Modi that during the ordeal, he had recited a Hindu devotional prayer dedicated to the deity Hanuman.

"I know God himself saved me," he said.

He said years of aviation experience allowed him to understand what was happening even while he was wounded.

'Kill me, kill me'

The circumstances of the confrontation are under investigation, but the co-pilot allegedly attacked Machchhar, leaving him wounded and triggering a struggle for control of the aircraft.

Passengers described rushing the cockpit and a fight for control after the plane suddenly plummeted -- losing around

17,000 feet of altitude in the span of a minute, according to the Flightradar24 website.

Modi said Machchhar's actions helped save many lives and avert "a great tragedy".

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu earlier also credited Machchhar, as well as the flight's passengers, with averting catastrophe.

US President Donald Trump warned on Thursday that if Iran was found to be linked to the attack the country would be "hit very hard". Netanyahu has said the suspect had undergone "Islamist radical indoctrination".



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SMIT MACHCHHAR

"The attacker, he calls out to the aircrew, 'Kill me, kill me'," Netanyahu told US media, adding it was "clear he was suicidal".

The Israeli leader identified the co-pilot as an Omani national and said Israel would check how he had been cleared to work on flights to the country.

"We have constraints that say that you can't have pilots from countries that don't have diplomatic relations with Israel. Obviously he was able to go through that," Netanyahu told Fox News.

Flydubai has suspended flights to and from Israel since the attack, leaving some Israelis stranded in the UAE.

Israel's flag carrier El Al is planning replacement flights to bring them home but was forced to cancel them yesterday, saying Emirati authorities had not given landing permission.

UAE official says attack 'terrorist act' as he praises pilot

A senior UAE official said yesterday that the incident aboard a flydubai flight to Israel this week was a "terrorist act," praising the captain who helped stop the plane from crashing after he was attacked by his co-pilot.

Presidential adviser Anwar Gargash said on X that Smit Machchhar, an Indian nation-

al, was a "true hero" and deserved "every appreciation."

"In confronting a serious terrorist act and a potential disaster, he embodied the true meaning of courage and responsibility," Gargash said.

"Vigilance and caution remain essential in the face of the dangers of extremism and terrorism," Gargash said.

Netanyahu warns 'very heavy price' if any power behind incident

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned yesterday that Israel would impose a "very heavy price" on any power behind the flydubai incident, without offering evidence that any country was responsible.

"As time passes, the picture is

becoming clearer: The attacker underwent Islamist radicalisation. He came to crash the plane with all passengers on board," Netanyahu said in a statement.

"We are investigating whether he was sent, and whoever sent him will pay a very heavy

price," Netanyahu said of the co-pilot assailant.

Netanyahu did not identify any country as a potential culprit but for years has been quick to point the finger at Iran, which Israel and the United States attacked in February.

New clashes erupt as protests disrupt over 560 French schools

AFP | Paris

French high school students yesterday lit fires and hurled projectiles at police who responded by firing tear gas, as new clashes erupted nationwide in an escalating protest movement demanding better conditions in education.

The government says that the pupils in their mid-to-late-teens studying in lycees have every right to air grievances but has condemned violence which has included a policeman being chased, kicked and beaten by a group of youths.

The movement, which began in the Paris region in September and rapidly spread nationwide, has seen teenage pupils at lycees in their final years of schooling block access to buildings and



A protestor throws a stop sign into a fire as protesting students carry out blockading action near the Kerichen high school in Brest

clash with police.

Almost 400 schools were shut yesterday with education dis-

rupted at least 564 high schools out of the 3,700 in the country, according to the education min-

istry.

The students say their school hours are excessively long, conditions inadequate including overheated classrooms, and that there are too many staff absences.

"For a whole year, we didn't have a science teacher. We don't have any textbooks," said Simon, a 15-year-old who declined to give his surname outside the Turgot high school in central Paris.

"And still, we're the lucky ones. It's even worse in the suburbs."

'Intolerable'

In the western city of Brest, police used tear gas at the Kerichen high school as pupils hurled projectiles at security forces.

Meanwhile Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said images from

the eastern city of Belfort showing a group of youths encircle a lone policeman and kick him to the ground were of a "rare violence and intolerable".

A 17-year-old high school student was arrested over the incident. The policeman lost consciousness but his condition was not a cause for concern, said Nunez.

In Paris yesterday, fire damaged the entrances of two high schools -- Leonard de Vinci in the south of the city and Gaston-Bachelard in the southeast -- with the fire brigade called to extinguish the blazes, an AFP photographer said.

Students have accused police of using excessive force and causing injuries by regularly firing tear gas canisters to disperse the protests.



G7 agrees deal to ease global energy supply concerns



French President Emmanuel Macron (C) speaks next to France's Economy, Finances and Industry Minister Roland Lescure (L) and Secretary-General of the Office of the President of the French Republic Pierre-Andr  Imbert (2ndR) following a videoconference with G7 leaders from the  lys e Presidential Palace in Paris

● G7 agrees 100 million-barrel release

● Reserves released over four months

● Diesel release starts within 20 days

AFP | Paris

G7 countries agreed yesterday to release 100 million barrels of diesel and crude oil from their reserves over four months to ease global energy supply concerns, leaders said, pledging not to impose export restrictions on energy.

The announcement came after G7 leaders held a video conference chaired by French President Emmanuel Macron, as the United States stepped up pressure on Europe to release strategic reserves and threatened a diesel export ban.

The talks, convened by Macron after a conversation with

US President Donald Trump, focused on coordinating a response to soaring fuel prices among the other G7 economies of Britain, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States.

The US-Israeli war with Iran has sent energy prices skyrocketing, coming back to bite Trump at home with high fuel costs that have become a key issue ahead of midterm congressional elections in a month.

Trump has floated the possibility of banning US exports of diesel, which is used in trucks and other hauling vehicles, an alarming prospect for the EU, which relies heavily on fossil fuel imports.

The seven countries agreed to a coordinated release through the International Energy Agency (IEA) of 100 million barrels "to begin immediately over four months, including a frontloaded substantial diesel release within the first 20 days," the leaders said in a statement released by Macron's office.

They also said there would

be no ban on diesel exports between them.

"We reaffirm our commitment to refrain from export restrictions on energy and energy products between G7 countries and call on all producers to refrain from imposing bans that could exacerbate market tensions," the leaders said.

"Our citizens' concerns about energy prices remain a top priority."

Trump said European countries had agreed to release a "massive amount" of diesel from their reserves.

"The process will begin immediately," he posted on his Truth Social network.

Earlier the EU pushed back hard against US threats to impose a diesel export ban, something Macron also warned against during his conversation with Trump.

"We fully reject any ban on diesel," European Commission spokeswoman Anna-Kaisa Itkonen said, warning it would "undermine our trust in the United States as a reliable partner."

Bahrain Needs Increased Urban Green Footprint



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Strategically designed city plans comprising of lush green landscapes consisting of integrated green infrastructure such as parks, green roofs and native vegetation work in tandem to actively restore ecological balance of the city and peri-urban areas as well. This combined with rationalisation of concrete and paved surfaces along with green building architecture can play a major role in reducing the urban heat island effect and rein in ambient temperature spikes. This in turn reduces peak energy demand levels in the form of electricity for air-conditioning. High urban temperatures are a challenge for any nation and more so for arid and desert nations such as Bahrain.

Over the past one decade, urban Bahrain has experienced rising levels of heat in the urban areas. As a result, residents have been increasingly forced to be indoors. This has triggered unprecedented peaks in grid consumption sometimes exceeding 3798 Mw as residents rely entirely on high-capacity air conditioning systems. But interestingly, there is a lesser discussed collateral damage of rising temperatures, which is infrastructure fatigue. Prolonged thermal stress accelerates the wear and tear of roads, building materials, and physical utilities, reducing their overall operational lifespan and needing frequent repairs and replacements.

To counter this urban heat stress, Bahrain has actively prioritised the National Afforestation Plan. The commendable progress under this initiative is helping to build newly integrated vegetation networks that will ensure reduced land surface temperatures especially in urban areas. But to make a quantum progress, Bahrain must also scale up the cool roof mandate. This initiative will ensure that reflective high albedo coatings are made mandatory as they can slash surface temperatures by 10 degrees. Moreover, rain and moisture on the pavements, parking lots and walkways is lost due to non-porous solid concrete used. This can be altered to porous, water retentive surfaces that capture water and let it percolate to ground.

Wind ventilation is yet another excellent way to diffuse rising urban heat levels. Bahrain must plan and redesign future urban geometry in such a manner that street layouts are visualised and constructed parallel to gulf breeze patterns. This breeze leverage can help increase wind velocity through urban heat pits and flush out stagnant hot air and anthropogenic emissions. This coupled with varied building heights can pay rich dividends in increasing urban thermal comfort as different building heights create pressure differentials which catch sea breeze and directs them downwards towards street level resulting in a cooler ambient climate. Add to this, Bahrain can deploy hyper-local pocket parks in all available empty plots. This will prevent these plots from absorbing thermal mass during peak solar hours.

Increased urban greenery can rein in spiking temperatures.

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South Korea warns 'further measures' if Ukraine refuses public apology

AFP | Seoul

South Korea's leader warned yesterday of unspecified "further measures" if Ukraine did not apologize for revealing that Kyiv had sent North Korean prisoners of war to South Korea.

Seoul has already summoned Ukraine's ambassador in the diplomatic row over the disclosure that South Korea said could expose the POWs' families to risk in North Korea.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced last week at the U.N. General Assembly the handover of the two North Korean troops who were captured while fighting for Russia.

South Korea maintains it had a confidentiality agree-

ment with Ukraine over the transfer, which Kyiv has not officially acknowledged.

"If Ukraine continues to refuse to acknowledge the facts and publicly apologize, we will take further measures," said South Korea's President Lee Jae Myung, accusing Kyiv of making him out to be a "liar."

Lee did not elaborate on what further measures could include.

Ukraine's embassy in South Korea did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

The South Korean leader has already spoken up against Zelenskyy's comments and Seoul has demanded an official apology from Ukraine, citing concerns for the safety of the POWs' families in North Korea.



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Very good to speak with Finance Minister Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa & CBB Governor Humaidan. We discussed Bahrain's strong human capital, economic outlook and the importance of preserving stability.

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02



Millions of Yemenis are facing increasing hunger and displacement while growing insecurity and inadequate funding are making it difficult to deliver assistance. @WFP has been providing support but stocks are depleting. Without renewed funding, people will lose that lifeline.

@WFPchief

03



Mahatma Gandhi set an inspiring example of how to create deep, lasting change while holding fast to the principles of peace. Amid rising tension & conflict, his lessons speak to us with renewed urgency. Let's heal divisions through genuine dialogue & diplomacy, end suffering & build a peaceful world through non-violence.

@antonioгутerres

04



Good news from @WHO ahead of the weekend: people are living longer. Global life expectancy reached 73.3 years in 2023, almost fully recovering the years lost during COVID-19. Now we must make sure people don't just live longer, but live those extra years in good health. #HealthForAll

@DrTedros

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Bihar pitches green energy investment opportunities

TDT | Agencies

Bihar is seeking investment in renewable energy, power generation and energy storage projects, with the state government outlining planned investments of Rs. 1.88 lakh crore in the sector at the Rising Bihar Investor Summit-2026.

Energy Minister Shailesh Kumar said Bihar offered significant opportunities in solar power, battery storage, pumped storage and other green energy projects as the state works to expand its power infrastructure.

The government has approved the solarisation of 2,554 agricultural feeders, involving solar power plants with a combined capacity of 2,585 MW under the PM-KUSUM scheme. Work is also under way to promote around 250,000 rooftop solar systems.

Energy Secretary Ajay Yadav said the state had approved its Green Hydrogen Policy-2026 and was pursuing projects covering generation, transmission, distribution and renewable energy.

The investment plan includes solar parks, biomass projects, Green Energy Corridors and



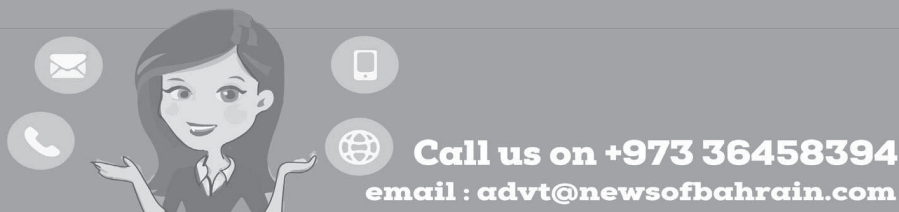
Pumped Storage Projects, alongside measures to strengthen networks supplying new industries.

The summit, attended by around 200-250 industry representatives, investors and financial institutions, included a dedicated energy session and meetings between investors and government officials. Discus-

sions covered renewable energy policy, energy storage, green hydrogen, solar projects, land availability and infrastructure requirements.

Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary has set a target of attracting Rs. 5 lakh crore in investments by November 2026, according to a message issued for the summit.

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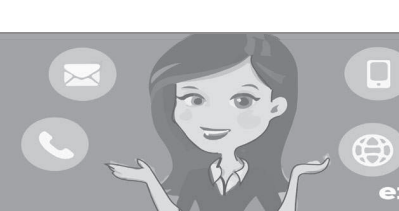
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The Buzz

The Avengers Are Back on Top, Seven Years Later

A re-release beat three new films as cinemas enjoy a bumper year

Brad Pitt. Robert Pattinson. A brand-new animated family film. All three opened in American cinemas last weekend. All three lost to a film from 2019. Avengers: Endgame, the second-highest-earning film ever made, is back at number one. Billed as Endgame: Encore, the new version comes with a changed ending and fresh scenes after the credits, built to lead straight into the next Marvel event, Avengers: Doomsday, in December.

Fans clearly could not resist. The re-release took \$26 million in America and another \$60 million around the world. And the cinemas themselves are celebrating. Ticket sales last weekend were up 58.5 per cent on the same weekend last year. The record-breaking is not slowing down either. Spider-Man: Brand New Day has become the most successful film in American history, and the new Resident Evil passed \$100 million there in less than two weeks.



One Person's Old Toy Is Another's Treasure



Someone is about to find the piece their collection has been missing for years. The Collect Me Expo is bringing collectors and sellers together at the Crowne Plaza on 2 and 3 October, and today is the final day to visit. The Palace Mystery Hit Now Speaks Arabic Somewhere inside the emperor's palace, a young servant notices what everyone else misses.

Netflix Unveils Packed October 2026 Lineup



Netflix is bringing a wide mix of new films, returning series and documentaries to viewers this October, with the streaming giant leaning into both major dramas and Halloween-season entertainment. The month features highly anticipated titles including East of Eden, starring Florence Pugh, Christopher Abbott and Mike Faist, alongside Ben Affleck's thriller Animals, which follows a Los Angeles mayoral candidate and his wife after their son is kidnapped. Netflix Returning favourites also include The Diplomat Season 4, Lupin, Nobody Wants This and Love Is Blind Season 11. Meanwhile, comedy fans can

explore documentaries celebrating Martin Mull, Norm Macdonald, Maria Bamford and the legendary sketch series SCTV. Netflix With Halloween approaching, Netflix is also expanding its horror selection throughout the month, offering viewers plenty of darker titles and seasonal entertainment.

'The Mummy 4' Filming Creates Buzz

The long-awaited return of The Mummy franchise is generating fresh excitement as filming gets underway in England. Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz have been spotted on set, reprising their iconic roles as adventurer Rick O'Connell and Egyptologist Evelyn O'Connell for the first time together since 2001's The Mummy Returns.

Recent set photos show Fraser filming a 1957 speed-trials sequence in Suffolk, including scenes involving a vintage rocket car, while Weisz was photographed in period costume near London's British Museum. Plot details remain largely under wraps, but the period setting and elaborate production have sparked interest among longtime fans.

The film is being directed by Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett, with John Hannah, Oded Fehr and Kevin J. O'Connor among the returning cast. The untitled sequel is currently scheduled to reach cinemas on October 15, 2027. The project marks a major reunion for Fraser and Weisz, whose performances helped make the original films popular worldwide.



Don't Say Its Name: Türkiye's Jinn Horror Arrives in Bahrain



In Türkiye, some words are better left unsaid. Instead of naming the jinn out loud, many people simply call them üç harfliler — "the three-lettered ones," after the three letters of the Turkish word cin. It is that quiet fear that gives one of Türkiye's best-known horror series its name. The newest chapter, Üç Harfliler: Mühür (The Three-Lettered: The Seal), has been showing in Bahrain cinemas since 1 October. It begins like a dream. Fatma and her family move into a grand old mansion, ready for a fresh start. Then an unexpected guest arrives. And after that visit, nothing in the house is ever quite right again.

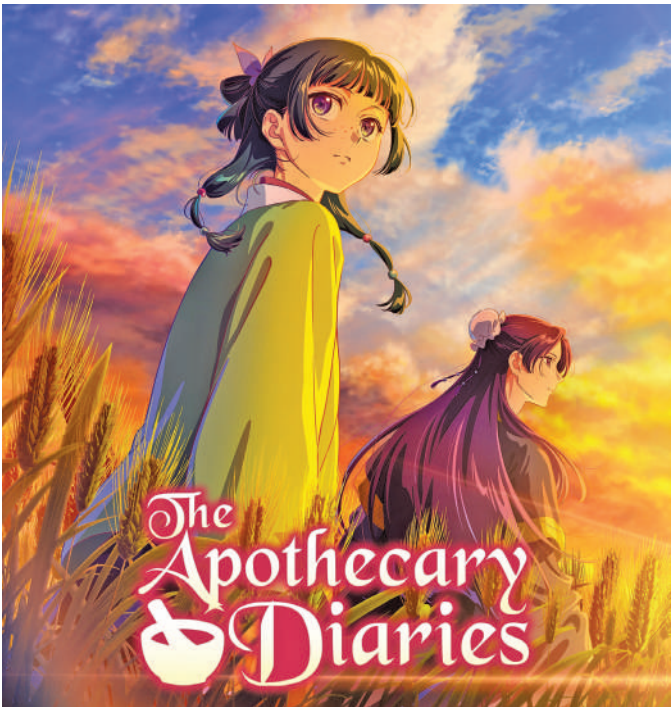
A door that will not stay shut. A noise with no source. Small things at first. Then an unseen evil begins to creep into the family itself — into their minds, their trust in each other, their will to fight back. At the heart of it all is a mysterious seal placed on a baby who has not yet been born. Only one person might understand what it means: Müzeyyen, the fortune teller who has become the series' most famous face. But the closer she gets to the truth, the deeper she is pulled into the jinn's trap — part of a plan far older, and far more dangerous, than anyone in the house could imagine. A warning for the brave: you may want to leave the lights on.

He Has No Magic. He Never Gave Up. And He's Back Today.



Imagine a world where magic decides everything — your job, your future, your worth. Now imagine being the only boy born without any. That is Asta, the loud, stubborn, unstoppable hero of Black Clover, who dreams of becoming the greatest wizard in the kingdom anyway. Five and a half years ago, his story stopped. Not at the end. Right in the middle of a battle. The reason was almost funny: the cartoon had been made so fast that it ran out of comic pages to follow. Fans waited. And waited. Today, the wait is over. The comic finally finished in May after 11 years, so the cartoon now has a complete story to follow. The new season begins on Crunchyroll in the Middle East today, 3 October, with episode 171. Its title says everything: "War Begins".

The Palace Mystery Hit Now Speaks Arabic



Somewhere inside the emperor's palace, a young servant notices what everyone else misses. Season three began yesterday on Crunchyroll in the Middle East—and this time, families across the region can watch it in Arabic, with Arabic dubbing and subtitles alongside English. The season continues until the end of the year, with its second half arriving in April and a film also on the way.

Remember This One?

Three schoolgirls. One ordinary day. Then, suddenly, they are pulled into a magical land, and told they are the legendary knights who must save it. If that sounds familiar, you may have watched Magic Knight Rayearth in the 1990s. Created by CLAMP, a famous team of four women manga artists, it has now been remade from the very beginning as a brand-new cartoon. It arrives on Crunchyroll



on 7 October. Time to find out if it is as good as you remember.

Sharipov wrestles his way to bronze

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Shamil Sharipov claimed wrestling bronze for Bahrain at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, yesterday after an impressive run through the men's freestyle 125kg competition.

Sharipov won three of his four bouts at Nagoya City Inae Sports Center, beginning his campaign with a dominant 11-0 victory over South Korea's Kim Gwanuk in the round of 16.

The Bahraini won by technical superiority without conceding a point and repeated the feat in the quarter-finals, beating Kyrgyzstan's Arslanbek Turdubekov by the same 11-0 scoreline to reach the last four.



Action from the men's freestyle 125kg competition

Sharipov then faced China's Buheerdun in the semi-finals and built a 7-4 advantage before his opponent turned the contest

around to win by fall, sending the Bahraini into a bronze-medal match. He responded in style against

Mongolia's Nambardagva Batbayar, shutting out his opponent 9-0 to secure Bahrain's latest medal with a victory by points.

Iran's Amir Hossein Zare went on to take gold in the division, with Buheerdun settling for silver. Sharipov shared bronze with Kazakhstan's Yedige Kassimbek.

The medal took Bahrain's overall tally to 22, comprising 11 gold, five silver and six bronze, leaving the kingdom ninth in the medal table.

Elsewhere, Bahrain's Khidir Saipudin



bowed out in the men's freestyle 86kg round of 16 following a 9-5 defeat to Kyrgyzstan's Malik Shavaev.

Alibeg Alibegov also saw his campaign end in the men's freestyle 65kg last after a closely fought contest against South Korea's Yun Junsik finished 5-5 on technical points, with Yun awarded the victory by points.

Alibegov was eventually classified 14th.

Bahrain return to the mat today for the concluding day of wrestling, with Magomedrasul Asluev facing Tajikistan's Viktor Ras-Shamil Sharipov with his bronze medal

Asian Games Medal Tally				
#	Nation	G	S	B Total
1	China	162	81	73 316
2	Japan	72	83	85 240
3	South Korea	33	39	62 134
4	Uzbekistan	20	23	22 65
5	India	16	25	35 76
6	Iran	15	17	13 45
7	Thailand	15	11	17 43
8	Kazakhstan	12	21	44 77
9	Bahrain	11	5	6 22

sadin in the men's freestyle 74kg round of 16 and Magomed Sharipov taking on Uzbekistan's Sherzod Poyonov in the 97kg last 16.

The wrestling programme concludes on the penultimate day of the Asian Games.

Hero's welcome for handball champions



Bahrain's handball team with officials on their return to the kingdom

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Bahrain's Asian Games gold-medal-winning handball team were warmly received

on their return to the kingdom on Thursday evening. The Bahrain Olympic Committee organised a reception at the VIP hall of Bahrain International Airport following

the team's triumph at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. The players and coaching staff were greeted by General Sports Authority chief executive

Dr Abdulrahman Askar, Bahrain Olympic Committee secretary general Faris Mustafa Al Kooheji and several Bahrain Handball Association board members.

Two decades on the line

● Bahrain's Ali Makki Takes the Whistle to Nagoya

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For more than twenty years, Ali Makki has watched volleyball evolve from the sidelines — not as a player, but as the man entrusted to call it fair. Now, that journey has taken him to Japan, where the Bahraini international referee is officiating at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya.

Makki's path began modestly in 2004, calling local matches and slowly sharpening his instincts for the game. It would take more than a decade of steady work before he reached a turning point: in 2016, he completed his international refereeing studies in Qatar, followed by Bahrain's own certification requirements in 2018. Each step, he says, demanded more than rulebook knowledge — it demanded discipline.

"A successful referee does not depend only on knowledge of the laws of the game," Makki explains. Composure under pressure, split-second judgment and self-belief matter just as much, he says, especially when the game itself keeps changing — tactically, technically, and through new refereeing technology.

Officiating internationally, Makki notes, carries a weight beyond personal achievement. Every call made abroad reflects on the country he represents, a responsibility he has carried through numerous regional, Arab and Asian tournaments



Ali Makki during the 20th Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan

“The international level was not merely about obtaining a classification or certificate. It was a greater responsibility because an international referee represents his country in external competitions and must demonstrate a high level of commitment, discipline and technical competence

ALI MAKKI

over the years.

His presence in Nagoya, extended through an invitation from the Asian Volleyball Confederation, adds another chapter to that record — and reinforces Bahrain's growing footprint in the sport, not just on the court but in the officials who keep its games running.

From a local gymnasium in 2004 to center stage at Asia's largest multi-sport event, Makki's career stands as quiet proof that the men in stripes have stories worth telling too.

Spikers set for Arab title defence

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Bahrain's senior men's volleyball team will leave for Amman, Jordan, tomorrow to defend their title at the 24th Arab Men's Volleyball Championship.

The regional competition is scheduled to run from October 4 to 14 at the Sports Palace in Al-Hussein Youth City.

Bahrain head into the tournament as defending champions, having lifted the trophy on home soil in November 2024 after defeating Qatar in four sets in the final.

That triumph, achieved under former head coach Jorge Elgueta, was the kingdom's third Arab title following previous successes in 1992 and 2008.

The Bahrainis will this time be led by Montenegrin head coach Ivan Joksimovic, who



Bahrain's senior men's volleyball squad

took charge in April after guiding Dar Kulaib to an unbeaten domestic league title. Joksimovic enjoyed an impressive start to his tenure, steering Bahrain to GCC Games gold in Doha in May without dropping a set before leading them to fourth place at the AVC Men's Cup in India.

Their most recent outing came at last month's AVC Men's Continental Championship in

Japan, where they exited the pool stage. Among those who featured for Bahrain in that tournament were setters Ali Ebrahim and Mahmood Alafyah; outside hitters Sayed Hashem Ali, Mahmood Abdulwahed, Mahmood Salman and Ahmed Mohamed Saleh; middle blockers Mohamed Abdulla, Ali Yusuf and Hasan Haider; opposite hitters Ali Khamis and Abdulla

Ebrahim; and liberos Ayman Haroon and Abbas Sultan. Nine teams had initially been listed for the Arab championship, with hosts Jordan joined by Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt, Algeria, Palestine and Tunisia.

The final line-up could be reduced, however, with reports indicating that Egypt and Tunisia have withdrawn from the competition.

Kalawadh falls short in Asiad taekwondo

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Bahrain's Fatema Kalawadh bowed out of the women's -49kg taekwondo competition at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, yesterday after a round-of-16 defeat.

Kalawadh faced Chinese Taipei's Wang Chieh-ling at Toyohashi Gymnasium, where she was beaten 2-0 in rounds.

Wang controlled the open-

ing round to win 9-0 before a much tighter second finished 2-2, with the Chinese Taipei athlete awarded the round by superiority to seal the contest.

The result left the Bahraini joint ninth in the 16-woman competition. Wang went on to lose in the quarter-finals to the Philippines' Tachiana Keizha Mangin, who eventually took silver.

China's Ma Jingyue claimed gold, with Japan's Ruka Oka-

moto and Thailand's Patcharakon Poolkerd securing the two bronze medals.

Bahrain return to action today on the concluding day of taekwondo, with Ola Aldoseri facing South Korea's Song Dabin in the women's +67kg round of 16 at Toyohashi Gymnasium at 4.12am Bahrain time.

The competition concludes on the penultimate day of the Asian Games.

Faraj Bows Out of Jiu-Jitsu

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Bahrain's Khaled Faraj bowed out of the men's -94kg jiu-jitsu competition at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, yesterday following a round-of-16 defeat.

Faraj received a bye through the opening round at Aichi Prefectural Martial Arts Hall before facing South Korea's Park

Sunghu in the last 16.

The Bahraini was beaten 5-0 on points in a contest lasting five minutes and 53 seconds, bringing his campaign to an end.

Park continued his run all the way to the gold-medal contest, where Saudi Arabia's Omar Tariq Nada defeated him by submission.

Nada consequently took gold, with Park settling for silver,

while the UAE's Amaar Alhosani and South Korea's Kim Hee-dong secured the two bronze medals.

Faraj was Bahrain's final representative in jiu-jitsu, with the competition concluding today.

The kingdom's campaign also included Abdulla Ali, who reached the round of 16 in the men's -62kg competition before being eliminated by Kyrgyzstan's Taalaibek Baiyshev.



Max Verstappen and Charles Leclerc **quickest** in first two practices

F1 marks return to Malaysia's iconic track with first of three days of top-class racing and entertainment

● **Marco Manson and Juste Mulder go fastest in Formula Trophy Malaysia practices**

● **Axwell set for first of two mega concerts this F1 weekend on Saturday night**

● **Family fun continues with off-track attractions at SIC**

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Max Verstappen and Charles Leclerc marked Formula 1's return to Sepang International Circuit (SIC) today by topping the timesheet in the first two practice sessions of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026.

Verstappen set the fastest lap in the opening hour-long runs for Red Bull Racing. The four-time F1 world champion set a top mark – also the best overall of the day – of 1min 37.520secs to go 0.383s quicker than George Russell of Mercedes. Verstappen's Red Bull teammate Isack Hadjar placed third 0.783s behind.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc followed in fourth 0.847s behind, while world championship leader Kimi Antonelli in the other Mercedes ranked fifth 1.060s adrift.

Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton was sixth 1.070s back, while rounding out the top 10 were Pierre Gasly (+1.195s) of Alpine, Liam Lawson (+1.586s) and Arvid Lindblad (+1.677s) of Racing Bulls, and Nico Hulkenberg (+1.691s) from Audi.

Completing the classification from 11th to 22nd, respectively, were McLaren's Oscar Piastri and Lando Norris, Audi's Gabriel Bortoleto, Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso, Haas' Esteban Ocon and Oliver Bearman, Williams' Alexander Albon, Aston Martin's Lance Stroll, Alpine's Franco Colapinto, Williams' Carlos



Sainz, and Cadillac's Valtteri Bottas and Sergio Perez.

Leclerc was then the top man in the second session. He had a best lap time of 1:37.528 to beat Hadjar by a mere 0.099s. Norris was third 0.137s behind, Verstappen fourth 0.257s back, and Hamilton fifth 0.305s adrift.

Also in the top 10 were Piastri (+0.371s), Russell (+0.492s), Antonelli (+0.532s), Lawson (+0.968s), and Gasly (+1.060s).

Completing the classification were Lindblad, Bortoleto, Hulkenberg, Ocon, Alonso, Bearman, Sainz, Stroll, Bottas, Albon, Perez, and Colapinto.

F1 returns to the track on Saturday (Editor's note: 3 October) for a third 60-minute practice, which will run from 12.30pm local time/7.30am Bahrain time. Qualifying will then follow at 4pm local time/11am Bahrain time, setting the starting grid for the 56-lap F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026, which will

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held on Sunday at 3pm local time/10am Bahrain time.

Fans attending this weekend's events at SIC are advised to plan their trip carefully and arrive as early as possible to avoid peak traffic times. Gates are scheduled to open on Saturday at 9am.

Before arriving at the circuit, race-goers are reminded to make sure they have their valid ticket for the event, as well as the correct pre-purchased parking pass to access the SIC vicinity. The parking pass is a must due to the limited parking available at the venue, and all vehicles without passes will not be permitted entry.

Alternatively, ticket and pass holders are encouraged to take the public shuttle services to get to SIC. These are available at Mitsui Outlet Park, KLIA Terminal 2, KLIA Long-Term Car Park, and De-Village @ Enstek. The public shuttles are available from 7am to 12midnight on all three days of F1 weekend.

For those intending to travel by taxi or an e-hailing service, only public and Grab taxis, plus Limousine KLIA premier services, will be permitted entry to the venue and will be required to drop off their passengers only at the designated areas. For those leaving the circuit, taxis will be available from a designated taxi rank.

Also at the grand prix, internal shuttle buses will be operating during opening

hours. They will run every minute within the SIC vicinity.

BIC advises race-goers to check the latest event information before travelling. This will be available on BIC and SIC social media channels.

Manson, Mulder go fastest in FTM practices

Marco Manson of Pinnacle Motorsport and Juste Mulder from Evans GP were quickest today in the two practice sessions of Formula Trophy Malaysia (FTM), held as part of the support race programme in the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026 at Sepang International Circuit.

Manson topped the timesheet in the opening practice with a fastest lap of 2mins 12.219secs. David Cosma-Cristofor of Evans GP was second-fastest 0.208s behind, while Sicong Chen of Black Blade Racing ranked third 0.537s back.

Mulder was then quickest in the second session. He had a best mark of 2mins 11.678secs. Manson followed 0.105s behind while Inigo Anton of Axle Sports was classified third 0.157s adrift.

FTM returns to action on Saturday with Qualifying at 10.30am local time/5.30am Bahrain time, with the weekend's first of two races to be held at 2.15pm local time/9.15am Bahrain time. Race two is then scheduled for Sunday at 11.45am local time/6.45am Bahrain time.

Axwell set for first of two mega concerts this weekend on Saturday night

Grammy-nominated DJ and producer Axwell will be taking to the stage at SIC on Saturday evening for the first of two mega concerts being held as part of Bahrain's F1 weekend.

Axwell's live performance is scheduled for a 7.35pm start local time. Those attending are advised to pick up their concert wristband from one of the collection points to be able to enter the designated concert venue.

Axwell's concert Saturday night will be followed by that of multi-platinum-selling hit-maker Martin Garrix on Sunday to headline the post-race celebrations. It is scheduled for 8.40pm local time.

Tickets for each concert are available exclusively to race-weekend ticket holders and are priced at US\$50 per person for the Axwell concert and US\$100 per person for the

Martin Garrix concert.

A separate ticket is required for each performance and tickets are available at bahraingp.com.

Axwell is the co-founder of both Swedish House Mafia and Axwell Ingrosso. He is a sought-after remixer, delivering popular remixes of 'Burn' by Usher, 'Maybe' by N.E.R.D., 'Angel' by Pharrell, and 'Jump' by Madonna, to name a few. Axwell has claimed a spot on DJ Mag's 'Top 100 DJs' list nine times and won four DJ Awards.

val, and Tomorrowland.

Entertainment attractions to keep fans busy at SIC off the track

The off-track entertainment continues on Saturday at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026.

There is something for the whole family at the SIC fanzone and it has all been put together in signature Bahrain style, with shows, activations, and fun performers on all three days.

These include the Bahrain Village, where the Kingdom's rich cultural identity is being showcased, internationally renowned Chinese acrobats, an army of delightful roaming performers, concerts featuring A-list music artists, plus so much more.

The Bahrain Village is a major part of the attractions over the weekend and it has welcomed thousands so far. It offers visitors an immersive experience featuring a programme of traditional experiences, cultural activities, and live handcraft demonstrations.

The Bahrain Village is an opportunity for fans to discover Bahrain's heritage firsthand and gain a deeper appreciation of the traditions that continue to shape the national identity. It also highlights the archipelago's vibrant contemporary charm through the participation of local Bahraini food and beverage brands. Visitors are being treated to authentic Bahraini flavours while discovering the diversity and creativity of the Kingdom's growing culinary scene.



Martin Garrix is one of the youngest and most successful DJs and producers in pop and electronic music, collaborating with some of the biggest names in the industry throughout his career including Dua Lipa, Ed Sheeran, U2, Bebe Rexha, Khalid, Macklemore, Avicii, and Madonna. Aside from F1, Martin Garrix has also performed at some of the world's biggest events and festivals, including the Winter Olympics, Coachella, Lollapalooza, Ultra Music Festi-



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