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HM King Hamad,
HRH Prince Salman
exchange greetings

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of congratulations from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on the anniversary of the birth of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the noble legacy of Prophet Mohammed and the values of tolerance, moderation, and coexistence, noting that under HM the King's leadership, Bahrain has become a model of solidarity and harmony.

In reply, HM the King sent a cable of thanks to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, wishing HRH continued health and success in leading government efforts to achieve Bahrain's development goals.

HM the King underscored the enduring lessons of the Prophet's life, emphasising Bahrain's commitment to promoting values of love, unity, and peace, and fostering coexistence among different sects and faiths.

Public holiday

Under a circular issued by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Kingdom's ministries, state departments and public institutions will be closed today to mark Prophet Mohammed's birthday.

Boost for Bahrain,
Qatar relations

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa held a phone call with His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar.

During the call, HM the King and HH Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad discussed the Bahrain-Qatar relations and efforts to further develop and enhance cooperation across various sectors.

Hajj registration

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The Supreme Committee for Hajj and Umrah Affairs announced that over 12,126 people have registered for Hajj 1447 AH / 2026 via Bahrain's unified platform, haj.gov.bh.

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Sacred Covenant

HM King calls on Bahrainis to embody mercy, uphold unity, and value the nation's blessings

Prophet's
values stressed

National unity
highlighted

Solidarity
with Palestine

Mahir Haneef
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Marking the anniversary of the birth of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa congratulated the people of Bahrain and the Islamic nation while urging them to embody the Prophet's enduring values of mercy, compassion and peace.

In a message on the occasion, HM the King emphasised that the Prophet's life stands as a model of honesty, sincerity, and service to others, guiding believers to promote brotherhood, harmony and the rejection of division and conflict.

National strength

HM King Hamad underlined that these values have long shaped Bahraini society, strengthening cohesion, awareness and loyalty among citizens. His Majesty expressed pride in the Kingdom's blessings, foremost among them security and stability, which HM described as the foundation of development and the strongest safeguard of national progress.

*Bahrain's National
Charter Monument
in Riffa, inaugurated
on February 14,
2001, is a powerful
emblem of the
Kingdom's unity and
national solidarity,
resonating with the
values His Majesty
highlighted today.*

HM the King commended the Bahraini people for their enduring loyalty and sense of belonging, which have preserved these blessings across generations.

Regional concerns

Addressing the tragedies of ongoing regional conflicts, HM the King warned of the toll on innocent lives, particularly among children, women and the elderly. His Majesty stressed the importance of preserving national solidarity and rejecting division in such times.

HM the King also prayed for relief and protection for the people of Palestine and the Gaza Strip, asking Allah the Almighty to safeguard their lives and grant them peace after hardship.

Faith and unity

His Majesty ended his message by praying for the preservation of Bahrain's unity, security and prosperity, and for support to its citizens in serving their faith, nation and the wider community.



His Majesty during Eid prayer in June this year

Shared vision

Bahrain, Egypt ties marked by enduring partnership

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, underscored the strength of historic Bahrain-Egypt ties, noting their continued growth through close cooperation, coordination, and broad-based partnerships spanning multiple sectors.

He underscored Bahrain's commitment to further advancing bilateral relations.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with Prime Minister Dr Mostafa Madbouly at the New Administrative Capital as part of his official visit to Egypt.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister attributed the strength of Bahrain-Egypt relations to the support of His



HRH Prince Salman with Prime Minister Dr Mostafa Madbouly

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, noting that this contributes to fulfilling the aspirations of both countries.

Arab security

His Royal Highness also highlighted Egypt's pivotal role in the Arab world and the wider region, as well as its efforts towards strengthening Arab national security.

He affirmed the mutual commitment of both countries to advancing multisectoral cooperation in support of their shared aspirations.

Roundtable discussions

HRH Prince Salman held roundtable discussions with Dr. Madbouly, during which they reviewed avenues to enhance cooperation across various sec-

tors — particularly digital transformation, logistics, industry, tourism, construction, and food security — as well as issues of mutual interest and the latest regional and international developments.

Dr. Madbouly expressed his appreciation for His Royal Highness' commitment to strengthening bilateral relations, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

Major agreements

In the presence of HRH Prince Salman, they witnessed the signing of major agreements. (Detailed Report on Page 2)

A lunch banquet was held by Dr. Madbouly in honour of His Royal Highness and the accompanying delegation's visit to Egypt.

HRH Prince Salman concludes successful



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, departed Egypt yesterday, following an official visit where he met with President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and several senior officials. Upon departure, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister was bid farewell by Prime Minister Dr Mostafa Madbouly along with several senior officials.

Strategic ties

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with Egyptian President El-Sisi

Cairo

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the enduring Bahrain-Egypt relationship and strategic partnership, rooted in a long history of mutual respect. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi as part of his official visit to Egypt.

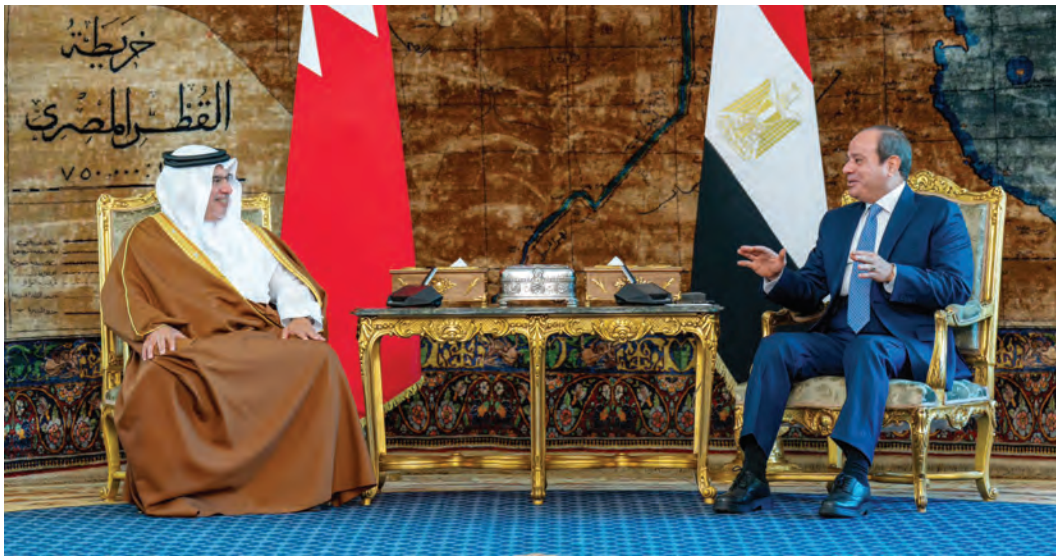
HRH emphasised the growth of multi-sectoral collaboration, supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and President El-Sisi, to achieve shared aspirations and deliver benefits for both countries.

He also conveyed the greetings of HM King Hamad and his wish for further growth and prosperity for the Kingdom.

Greetings

El-Sisi extended his greetings to HM King Hamad and his wish for further growth and prosperity for the Kingdom.

His Royal Highness commended the strong bonds that exist between Bahrain and Egypt, reinforced through mu-



HRH Prince Salman holds talks with President El-Sisi

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HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

tual agreements and strategic partnerships.

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Agreements

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the importance of the agreements and announcements that will be concluded during this visit, which will create more opportunities for bilateral cooperation and strengthen partnerships.

During the meeting, avenues to enhance bilateral coopera-

tion, the latest regional and international developments, and topics of common interest were discussed.

In addition, both sides affirmed their support for all efforts aimed at promoting international peace and stability.

Regional security and stability

HRH Prince Salman underscored Egypt's pivotal role in promoting regional security and stability, advancing joint Arab efforts, and championing causes that are central to the Arab nations and its support of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

He commended Egypt's accomplishments under the leadership of El-Sisi, wishing Egypt further progress and success.

HRH the Crown Prince and

Prime Minister reiterated the mutual commitment to supporting the Palestinian cause, aimed at achieving a just and lasting solution that guarantees the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

De-escalation

His Royal Highness also emphasised the importance of de-escalation, the protection of civilians, and the release of hostages and detainees, as well as the continuation of the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza and supporting reconstruction efforts.

He emphasised Egypt's significant humanitarian role, alongside allied countries, in this regard.

Bahrain, Egypt Advance Jobs

Safety and labour standards focus

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

Bahrain and Egypt signed a memorandum of understanding in labour and human resources development on Wednesday during the official visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to Egypt. The agreement between the two labour ministries translates high-level ties into practical pathways that prepare young people for private-sector employment.

Skills First

The MoU focuses on developing and qualifying human resources to keep pace with labour-market shifts. It highlights enhancing the capabilities and skills of young people so they can be integrated into the labour market through targeted programmes.

Private Hiring

The pact underscores support for the private sector to attract and employ citizens. By centring company needs alongside national employment goals, the ministries signal a push to convert training into real jobs.

Safer Workplaces

Cooperation covers national labour legislation and the regulation of labour relations, including working conditions



H.E. Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf and occupational safety and health. Technical advice and joint programmes are part of the implementation toolkit.

Data Sharing

The two sides will exchange the latest labour-market information and statistical indicators. Better data is expected to inform policies and hiring plans and to measure outcomes over time.

Regional Coordination

The agreement also commits to coordinating efforts regionally and internationally to showcase joint experiences in labour and human resources development. On this occasion, His Excellency Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, praised Bahrain-Egypt relations and said the MoU reflects shared resolve to deepen cooperation across key employment priorities.

MoU on competition protection, anti-monopoly cooperation

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The MoU was signed on

behalf of Bahrain by His Excellency Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and on behalf of Egypt by Ahmed Kouchouk, Minister of Finance.

Minister Fakhro commended the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and Egypt and highlighted the continuous growth of cooperation across various sectors, particularly in industry and trade, which supports sustainable economic growth and benefits both countries and their peoples.

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Proposal Spurs Healthy Meals

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen has commended the Ministry of Education for introducing healthy meals in schools, describing the move as a direct outcome of her earlier proposal and a vital step to boost student focus and protect future generations from disease.

Maryam Al Dhaen said the step directly aligns with a proposal she submitted in August 2023 to establish a national strategy for proper nutrition and sustainable physical activity, which was subsequently approved. She underlined that the support of Education Minister Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, and his personal follow-up on the matter, demonstrate the Kingdom's seriousness in raising health standards and coordinating across government sectors.

Focus and growth

The lawmaker noted that balanced nutrition is a cornerstone of healthy child development, enabling students to concentrate better in classrooms and boosting their academic outcomes. "Providing healthy meals in schools is a long-term investment in the future of generations," she explained, framing the initiative as a direct link between well-being and performance.

Prevention first

Al Dhaen emphasised that the initiative embodies the principle that prevention is better than cure. By introducing children early to healthy eating habits, she said, the country can reduce the risks of obesity, diabetes, high blood



MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen

Finland has long provided free, healthy school lunches nationwide, a model often cited for its role in boosting both public health and student achievement.

pressure, and heart disease. This, she added, builds the foundations of a healthier and more productive society.

Investment in human capital

She highlighted that investing in students' health is an investment in Bahrain's human capital, which she described as the core driver of sustainable development. Maryam Al Dhaen also stressed the importance of continuous awareness and education on nutrition and physical activity within schools, ensuring that these values take root as life-long practices. In doing so, she said, Bahrain positions itself as a leader in safeguarding the health of its younger generations.

Court punishes couple for indecent online content

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The Third High Criminal Appeals Court has upheld a lower court verdict sentencing a husband and wife to one year in prison and fining each BD200 for indecent online content.

The court also ordered the confiscation of two mobile phones used in committing

the offence.

According to the Public Prosecution, the couple engaged in speech that violated public morals during a livestream on TikTok in 2025.

The husband hosted the session, which was joined by his wife, and both delivered indecent content accessible to the public.

Two men on trial for exploiting teen online

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A 16-year-old girl, lured by false promises of marriage, has been exploited by two men she met online, the Public Prosecution stated yesterday.

The Public Prosecution confirmed it received a report from the Child Protection in Cyberspace Unit at the General Directorate of Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security at the Interior Ministry.

Investigators said the suspects had persuaded the girl to share explicit images, which were then used to exploit her.

The pair have confessed to the charges after being questioned and shown the evidence gathered against them.

Prosecution ordered that the two be referred to the Third



Minor Criminal Court, scheduling the case for hearing on 9 September 2025.

The Chief of the Family and Child Prosecution stressed the importance of raising awareness amongst young girls not to be misled by false promises or vague expressions that may expose them to various forms of exploitation.

She also drew the attention of parents to the need for continuous parental supervision of their children, including monitoring their contacts on social media platforms, in order to protect them and steer them away from deviant behaviour.

Custody integrity

Bill to jail or fine those who urge children to defy visit orders by 'any means'

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Goading a child to defy a court-ordered visit, by any means, would carry jail or a fine under a bill before Parliament.

The bill, introduced by MPs Ahmed Al Salloom, Khalid Bua-naq and Hisham Al Awadhi, would add a second paragraph to Article 318 bis of the Penal Code to make it an offence to incite a child in custody to refuse visits with the parent or person named in a visitation order.

The text states that the same penalty would apply to anyone who incites the child 'by any means' to avoid visiting, being visited by, or accompanying the person with the right to visit,



MP Ahmed Al Salloom

where this runs against a court ruling issued in that person's favour.

Incitement

Backers say the change addresses a gap in the law by treat-



ing incitement as an indirect way of frustrating court-ordered visits.

They argue it would strengthen protection for those with visitation rights and deter parents or carers from using their authority to sway a child against complying with an order, while centring the child's best interests.

Under current law, refusal to hand over a minor to the person awarded custody or care after a request may be punished by imprisonment or a fine, even if the caregiver is a parent or grandparent.

Custody

The law also penalises those who, without excuse, refuse to enable a person entitled to visit a child in custody from doing so.

In an explanatory memorandum, the MPs point to recurring post-separation disputes and the practical hurdles of enforcing visitation orders.

They note cases where custodians or relatives apply direct or indirect pressure, psychological or moral, on the child to reject visits, draining court rulings of effect and infringing the rights of those granted visitation.



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Expert review for BD86,000 school embezzlement case

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The Fifth High Criminal Appeals Court has ordered a forensic review in the case of three secondary technical school employees convicted of embezzling more than BD86,000 through forgery.

The hearing was adjourned to October 1.

Sentence

The First High Criminal Court had previously sentenced the main defendant to 10 years in prison, fined him BD75,204, and ordered him to repay the same amount.

The second defendant received three years in prison, a fine of BD10,897, and was ordered to repay the sum.



The third defendant was sentenced to one year in prison, fined BD790, and ordered to return the amount.

Maximum penalties

During earlier hearings, the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution sought the maximum penalties, citing

the seriousness of the offences, witness testimonies, and financial reports.

Investigations revealed that the defendants falsified invoices, forged cheques, and diverted school funds for personal use, including payments to salons, cafés, car dealerships, and utility bills.

The Public Prosecution launched its case after the Ministry of Education reported financial irregularities.

Invoices

Testimonies from ministry officials and traders confirmed that some invoices were fabricated in the names of businesses that had never dealt with the school.

Reports from the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and the National Financial Intelligence Center found that over 200 school-issued cheques had been misused, with several deposited into the defendants' accounts.

The main defendant admitted to forging cheques and documents, while the other two confessed to assisting him.

Asian national held for drugs

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A 24-year-old Asian national has been arrested in possession of narcotics with a market value exceeding BD1,300.

This was confirmed by the Ministry of Interior as part of the security efforts undertaken by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science to protect society from the scourge of drugs, the Directorate, in cooperation with the Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate.

The Directorate explained that, upon receiving information regarding the case, Anti-Narcotics Police immediately initiated search and investigation operations.

Vinayaka Chavithi celebration



The Padmasali Samaj Bahrain organised a grand Vinayaka Chavithi celebration at the Maharashtra Cultural Hall in Manama yesterday. All the Padmasali members living in Bahrain attended the celebrations with their families and celebrated the Vinayaka Chavithi with great pomp. On the auspicious occasion of completing 10 years of Padmasali Samaj Bahrain, all the members extended their best wishes on the occasion of Vinayaka Chavithi.

Safety, Technology, and Learning

How Bahrain Started the New Academic Year

Ashen Tharaka
TDT | Manama

Yesterday marked a momentous day for the Kingdom of Bahrain, as thousands of students returned to schools for the start of the 2025/2026 academic year.

It wasn't an ordinary day—it was a celebration of learning, growth, and the bright future of the Kingdom's next generation of leaders.

The Ministry of Education, in coordination with several government authorities, ensured that the first day ran smoothly and safely for both students and staff.

The Daily Tribune had the privilege of joining this special day, engaging with students and teachers to capture the excitement and energy of the new academic year at the Raba Aladwia Primary Girls School.

The spirit of learning and community was evident throughout the school, reflecting the enthusiasm of both students and staff.

Teacher Aysha Al Marzooqi shared her vision for the school year, saying: "More focus is on student-centered learning than teacher-centered activities. Now, our students are the teachers—they are the Teachers of the Future. We guide them to lead their own learning."

She emphasized the role of

Classes begin at 7:05 AM for all grades.
Primary school dismissal: 12:35 PM
Intermediate school dismissal: 1:15 PM
Secondary school dismissal: 1:45 PM

School Bus Timings

Primary & intermediate students: 6:10 AM
Secondary students: 5:55 AM
Technical, vocational & religious institute students: 5:45 AM



Students and teachers embrace the new academic year with excitement (Pictures by Anchalo Bensiger)

engagement and technology in the classroom."We're excited to welcome students with more fun and interactive activities, while making sure they are independent and well-nourished. Teachers are using AI and modern strategies to create meaningful learning experiences that prepare students for the future."

Another teacher said that "we're not just a school here; we are a family. This will be the best year yet for our students."

Students' Voices

Students were eager to share their first-day experiences.

One student expressed her excitement by saying "We are thrilled to see our friends again and are ready to gain new experiences this year. We want to become the best versions of

ourselves."

Another student shared her career ambitions, "I want to be a business leader in the future, and the Kingdom is providing all the facilities we need to succeed."

Teachers welcomed the stu-

dents with warm hugs and small gifts, creating a heartfelt atmosphere of care and encouragement.

Traffic Guidelines

Meanwhile, the General Directorate of Traffic at the Minis-



The first day runs smoothly and safely for both students and staff

try of Interior issued guidelines for parents and drivers to ensure safe student transportation.

Authorities emphasized that children should sit in designated seats, use seat belts correctly, and utilize child safety seats when necessary.

Drivers were reminded not to park in areas reserved for school buses, allowing for smooth pick-up and drop-off. Students are also urged to board buses in an organized manner and wait in designated areas to prevent accidents around school zones.

"Parents' attention to these rules will help ensure a safe school journey for their children — from the bus stop to school and back home," the Directorate stressed.

Official School Timings

The Ministry of Education announced the official school timings for government schools for the 2025/2026 academic year.

The same schedule applies to morning and evening sessions in technical and vocational schools.

Religious institutes follow similar timings, with primary classes ending at 12:35 PM and intermediate and secondary classes finishing at 1:45 PM.

Teaching and administrative staff schedules were also announced, with working hours ending between 12:45 PM and 7:30 PM depending on the school level and session.

These arrangements reflect the ministry's commitment to a smooth, organized, and safe start to the academic year, ensuring a nurturing environment for students, teachers, and staff.

Onam Spirit Unites

Feast, dance and games to mark festival

- Onam feast highlights day
- Cultural shows and contests
- ILA chief attends

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The Pravaasi Association of Angamaly Nedumbassery (PAN), a cultural and charitable organisation in Bahrain, will host its annual Onam celebrations, 'Onam Ponnonam 2025', on Friday at the BMC Hall.



Festive highlights

The programme will bring the community together with a grand Onasadhya (traditional feast), Thiruvathira dance, Oppana performance and a range of arts and sports competitions.

Guest of honour Indian Ladies Association President Smitha Jenson will attend as chief guest. PAN President Pauly Parambil, Secretary Davis Manjaly and Programme Convener Rayson Varghese announced the event details.

The organisers said the fes-



Pauly Parambil, PAN President

tival would showcase Kerala's heritage while strengthening cultural bonds within Bahrain's Malayali community.

Bill Burr set to perform live in Bahrain

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Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre, the Kingdom's premier global entertainment destination, will host Bill Burr for the first time in Bahrain on 25th September at Exhibition World Bahrain.

An Emmy and Grammy Award nominee, Bill Burr is a singular voice of his generation, defining his own path as a world-renowned comedian, director/writer/producer/star of a #1 film on Netflix, critically acclaimed dramatic and comedic actor, writer, producer, and a genre-defining podcaster for over 15 years.

Bill made his Broadway de-

but starring alongside Kieran Culkin and Bob Odenkirk in David Mamet's Glengarry Glen Ross running through June, and his eighth hour-long stand-up special, Bill Burr: Drop Dead Years, premiered on Hulu on March 14.

Bill hosted SNL for the second time on the November 9, 2024 post-Election show.

He is touring arenas and theaters with his Bill Burr Live tour, and he portrays JFK in Jerry Seinfeld's Netflix film, Unfrosted: The Pop-Tart Story.

In October 2023, Bill's film, Old Dads, which he directed, co-wrote and stars in, premiered as the most-watched film on Netflix in its first and

second week of release.

Bill hosts the groundbreaking Monday Morning Podcast, and in 2023, he was the first comedian to perform at the ancient Roman amphitheater, The Odeon of Herodes Atticus in Athens, Greece, and in 2022, he made history as the first comedian to perform at Fenway Park.

His 2022 Netflix special, Bill Burr: Live At Red Rocks, shot at the legendary venue, further stakes his role as one of the most versatile talents of his time.

Damian Bush, Chief Executive Officer of Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre, said: "We are excited to host an exceptional comedian like Bill Burr.

30 Days of Onam celebrations begin with BMC Shravana Mahotsavam 2025

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Bahrain Media City (BMC), in association with Megamart, proudly inaugurated the BMC Shravana Mahotsavam 2025 with a grand flag-hoisting ceremony on Saturday, August 30.

This marked the official beginning of 30 days of Onam festivities filled with cultural programs, traditional feasts, and community celebrations.

The inaugural evening commenced at the BMC premises with the vibrant beats of Chendamelam, the graceful steps of Thalappoli, and the majestic entry of Maveli Mannan leading the dignitaries and guests to the stage.

Inauguration

The event was officially inaugurated by H.E. Ahmed Al Hayki, Undersecretary, Ministry of Labour, Bahrain, in the presence of distinguished guests including H.E. Issam Al Khayyat, Head of Investment Development – Northern Governorate, Bahrain, Mr. Binu Mannil Varghese, Chairman – Indian School, Bahrain, Mr. Ratheesh Puthenpurayil, Managing Director – Ratheesh Associates,

Mr. Francis Kaitharath, Chairman & Managing Director – BMC, Mr. Sudheer Thirunilath, Chairman – Shravana Mahotsavam 2025 Committee, Mr. Bibin Varghese, General Convenor, and Mr. Manikuttan, Chief Coordinator, along with other committee members.

Welcoming the gathering, Committee Chairman Mr. Sudheer Thirunilath extended Onam greetings to all.

In his keynote inaugural address, H.E. Ahmed Al Hayki conveyed his best wishes to the Indian community in Bahrain.

Mr. Francis Kaitharath, in his presidential address, highlighted the cultural significance of Onam, expressed gratitude to sponsors including Megamart, Macro Mart, BFC, Almarai, and supporting organizations such as Karunya Theeram, Life of Caring, KNB Kanoly Nilambur Sisters Network, and numerous Bahraini associations.

As part of the launch, the dignitaries inaugurated the Onappudava distribution drive, which will provide free traditional Onam attire to more than a thousand workers across Bahrain.

The event also honored U.A.



Muneer and Abdul Azeez, founders of Loushore, an organization working for differently-abled children in Wayanad, Kerala, recognizing their humanitarian efforts.

The evening further witnessed felicitations to renowned mimicry artists K.S. Prasad (General Secretary, Kalabhavan) and Sumesh, both of whom enthralled the audience with a laughter-filled comedy show.

Popular cultural performances including classical fusion, cinematic dances, and traditional Kerala art forms added color to the celebrations.



Distinguished guests along with other attendees at the event

Alba celebrates 39 Million Safe Hours

Manama

Alba continues its safety journey, marking a new milestone of 39 million safe working hours without LTI on 03 September 2025, reflecting the shared commitment of its employees and contractors to a safety-first culture.

“This achievement is a result of the collective vigilance, responsibility, and dedication of our employees and contractors,” said Ali Al Baqali, Alba’s CEO. “Every safe hour is a testament to our shared mindset -- that safety is not just a policy, but a way of life.” Through continuous training, engagement and transparent safety practices, Alba puts its people first, aligning operational success with human well-being.



Alba CEO Ali Al Baqali

NBB appoints Mohamed Abdalnabi Sanad as Head of Business Banking

Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced the appointment of Mohamed Abdalnabi Sanad as Head of Business Banking within its Retail Banking Division.

Mohamed joins NBB with over 17 years of experience in retail, SME, and business banking. Most recently, he served as Senior Manager - Head of Business Banking at Ahli United Bank, where he advanced lending initiatives, and strengthened client relationships across com-

mercial and retail segments. His expertise also spans strategic planning, portfolio growth, and enhancing operational efficiency, while ensuring full compliance with credit and regulatory standards.

Mohamed holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Information Systems from the University of Bahrain, a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from AMA International University, Kingdom of Bahrain, and an Advanced Diploma in Islamic Finance from the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance.

This appointment reflects NBB’s ongoing commitment to strengthening its leadership and enhancing service delivery across both digital platforms and its branch network.

Mohamed Abdalnabi Sanad



Qatari firm ready to invest \$21 bn in DR Congo: Kinshasa

Kinshasa, DR Congo

Qatari investment firm Al Mansour Holding hopes to invest \$21 billion in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where Doha is mediating to end years of conflict in the east, the Congolese government announced Wednesday.

Group founder and royal family member Sheikh Mansour bin Jabor bin Jassim Al Thani visited the DRC capital Kinshasa on Tuesday as part of an African tour.

The Qatari delegation presented a “letter of intent” for an investment of nearly \$21 billion in the DRC during a meeting with Prime Minis-

ter Judith Suminwa, her office said in a statement.

The investment would be in various sectors, including agriculture, finance, mining, pharmaceuticals and hydrocarbons, it added.

A Qatari official said Sheikh Mansour was visiting the DRC in his private capacity as a businessman. Last month saw Al Mansour Holding pledge \$70 billion in investments across four southern African countries during a 10-day tour. The funding pledges to Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe come as largely poor countries in the resource-rich region grapple with sweeping cuts in US aid.

Stocks bounce as global bond selloff eases

- Gold struck a new record high as investors continued to worry over mounting government debt
- European equities firmed, but Asia's major stock markets were in the red
- In the United States, the 30-year government bond yield eased back having come close to hitting the five-percent mark

AFP | London, United Kingdom

European and US equities mostly rebounded Wednesday as a global bond selloff eased, with shares in Google parent Alphabet jumping after a favourable court ruling.

Nevertheless gold struck a new record high as investors continued to worry over mounting government debt, with Japanese bond yields hitting a new high.

Wall Street stocks were mostly higher, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite index up more than 1% after a US judge

Key figures at around 1530 GMT	
New York - Dow:	▼ 0.3% at 45,147.46 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ 0.3% at 6,437.21
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 0.9% at 21,466.75
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.7% at 9,177.99 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.9% at 7,719.71 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.5% at 23,594.80 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.9% at 41,938.89 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 0.6% at 25,343.43 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 1.2% at 3,813.56 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at 1.1682 from \$1.1640 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at 1.3453 at from \$1.3394
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.94 yen from 148.37 yen
Euro/pound:	▼ at 86.83 pence from 86.92 pence
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 2.3% at \$67.55 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 2.6% at \$63.89 per barrel



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange during morning trading in New York City

refrained from requiring Google to sell its Chrome web browser in an antitrust case.

Shares in the company rose over 9% in morning trading before paring gains. Shares in

Apple, whose lucrative deal to make Google search the default on iPhones was also spared in the court ruling, rose more than 3%.

“Overall, investors saw the outcome as supportive for big tech, showing that while regulatory scrutiny is ongoing, the business models of major players remain largely intact,” said David Morrison, senior market analyst at financial services provider Trade Nation.

Meanwhile, a soft US labor market report helped boost investor confidence the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rates, a positive for equities.

European equities also firmed, but Asia’s major stock markets were in the red.

Yields on 30-year Japanese government bonds rose to an all-time high of 3.29% on Wednesday, while 20-year yields reached their highest since 1999.

The selloff in Japanese debt mirrored similar moves in the United States and Europe on Tuesday, with investors spooked over substantial piles of government debt globally.

“Government bond yields have jumped sharply in recent days, largely because investors are demanding a higher return to lend to countries with heavy borrowing needs,” said Richard Carter, head of fixed interest research at Quilter Cheviot.

It has been fuelled by “bal-

looning sovereign debt, political hurdles to fiscal tightening... and structurally higher inflation following the Covid disruptions and the ongoing trade war”, said Ipek Ozkardeskaya, senior analyst at Swissquote Bank.

Investors in Japan reacted also to concerns that Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba might soon be forced to step down.

In the United States, the 30-year government bond yield eased back having come close to hitting the five-percent mark, reflecting concerns over the country’s deficit and the impact of a court ruling against President Donald Trump’s tariffs.

Bonds of leading European nations showed signs of stabilising, a day after the yield on Britain’s 30-year gilts hit levels not seen since 1998.

Traders have turned to traditional safe havens, pushing gold to a fresh high of \$3,567.41 an ounce Wednesday.

Investors are “choosing to hold gold as protection against a host of uncertainties including President Trump’s tariffs, fiscal policy across major economies and rising bond yields,” said Trade Nation’s Morrison.

Prices have risen five% over the last six days, with investors also nervous over the US Federal Reserve’s future after Trump attempted to fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook.

Trump’s intervention “raises

Before electronic trading took over, traders on stock and commodity exchanges used hand signals and loud shouts to communicate buy and sell orders in the trading pit. These hand signals were so well-developed that traders could silently negotiate complex deals across a noisy floor without speaking a word—almost like their own secret sign language.

EU presents **Mercosur** deal for member states' approval

The agreement is to form a 700-million-customer free-trade area

● **Hopes for approval by the end of the year**

● **Mercosur countries to remove import duties on 91% of EU goods**

● **Sensitive European products will be shielded**

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The EU put forward a huge trade deal with South American bloc Mercosur for approval by member countries yesterday, reassuring chief critic France it came with "robust" safeguards to protect farmers.

The agreement to form a 700-million-customer free-trade area, the world's biggest, is a key pillar in Brussels' push to open new markets in the face of US tariffs -- but has faced Paris-led opposition over agri-

cultural concerns.

"EU businesses and the EU agri-food sector will immediately reap the benefits of lower tariffs and lower costs," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

The commission yesterday gave its final go-ahead to the accord, which was struck with the club bringing together Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay in December -- 25 years after negotiations began.

But the text needs backing from at least 15 of the EU's 27 member nations, representing at least 65 percent of the bloc's population -- and the European Parliament -- to be formally adopted.



Despite vocal opposition from some capitals -- chiefly Paris, Warsaw and Vienna -- the Mercosur deal is backed by a wide majority of countries skip-

EU High Representative and Vice-President for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas

pered by Germany.

Its defenders are keen to diversify trade away from the United States -- which will maintain ramped-up tariffs on the EU despite a newly-struck trade deal. "We have listened closely to our farmers and Member States," von der Leyen wrote on X. "And we have delivered even stronger -- legally binding -- safeguards to reassure them and give them confidence to support the deal."

EU trade chief Maros Sefcovic told said the commission hoped for approval by the end of the year.

The pact will see Mercosur countries progressively remove import duties on 91 percent of EU goods including cars, chemicals, wine and chocolate, which currently face tariffs of up to 35%.

The commission estimates it will increase EU annual exports to the four-country bloc by up to 39 percent, or 49 billion euro (\$57 billion), and give Europe an edge over China and others vying for influence in the region.

"These are markets that haven't opened up in this manner

before to anyone, so there is a certain first-mover advantage for us," a senior commission official said on condition of anonymity. In return, agricultural giant Brazil and its neighbours would be able to sell meat, sugar, honey, soybeans and other products to Europe with fewer restrictions.

This raised fears that a flow of cheaper farming goods would undercut European producers.

'Steaks' and Mexico

Pan-European agriculture lobby group Copa-Cogeca has called the deal "economically and politically damaging for Europe's farmers, rural communities, and consumers."

But the commission insisted "EU sensitivities in the agricultural sector" are well protected.

For example, only a quota of beef imports from Mercosur, equal to 1.5% of EU production, will be subject to a preferential 7.5% levy.

"This is about two steaks, two hamburgers, whatever your preferences are, per year, per European," said the commission

official. Additional imports will face tariffs of up to 50 percent, he added.

Sensitive European products will be further shielded from "any harmful surge in imports" by "robust safeguards", the commission said.

Brussels had also already promised a one-billion-euro (\$1.2 billion) "reserve" for European farmers who might be negatively impacted.

Paris sounded a conciliatory note, with government spokeswoman Sophie Primas saying Brussels had "heard the reservations" of several countries.

She stressed, however, that Paris still needed to analyse the safeguard mechanism before giving its green light to the accord.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk of Poland, while stressing Warsaw still opposed the deal, said Wednesday opponents had virtually no chances to

EU Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Interinstitutional relations and Transparency Maros Sefcovic



block it.

The EU has sought to broaden its trade horizons, pitching itself as a reliable business partner as Trump's tariff campaign fuels global volatility. Over the past year, it has launched trade deal talks with the United Arab Emirates and Malaysia, among other initiatives.

On Wednesday, the commission also presented a revamp of its existing trade deal with Mexico, which it said would phase out remaining Mexican tariffs on EU agri-food exports, from cheese to poultry and wine, and provide access to critical raw materials. "In today's uncertain geopolitical climate, diversifying our supply chains and

deepening partnerships with trusted allies, partners and friends is not a luxury, it is a necessity," trade chief

Sefcovic told reporters.

Is India a 'Tariff King'? **Not Really**

DR. MOHAN KUMAR, FORMER INDIAN AMBASSADOR AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JADEJA MOTWANI INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN STUDIES

There is a widespread but fallacious perception that India's tariffs are inordinately high. There are subjective factors when it comes to a country like livability, public courtesy, or even how foreigners are welcomed. But tariffs are quantifiable and there should really be no place for subjectivity. So, let us consider the facts in the case.

Before we do that, however, it might be useful for the average reader to know as to what function tariffs perform in a low-income developing country like India, as opposed to say, a high-income developed country like the United States of America. Traditionally, low-income developing countries use tariffs for two reasons: one, to protect their domestic industry and two, to gain revenue from it. Protection of domestic industry is an accepted argument by economists all over the world, especially if the industry is an infant one and the country needs to develop an industrial base. Then, there is the revenue gaining function, which is illustrative of a country's duties on alcohol or luxury motorcycles,

for instance.

India's tariffs, which were high in the 1980s, were brought down significantly since the 1991 reforms were initiated and during the negotiations related to the Uruguay Round, which led to the establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Since then, the secular trend in India has been one of gradual reduction of the applicable tariffs year after year.

From a technical point of view, there are two kinds of tariffs that countries have. One is applied tariffs, which as the name indicates is the actual tariff (normally ad valorem) imposed at the border when a foreign good enters a country.

The other one is bound tariffs, which is the maximum tariff that a country can impose on a foreign good from a legal obligation arising from its most-favored-nation (MFN) commitments to the WTO.

It goes without saying that the tariff war initiated by the U.S. is in violation of its commitments under the WTO agreements. But then, the WTO itself has been moribund for a while. It is also worth noting that tariffs cannot

be the same for all countries. It is a truism that low-income developing countries will have higher tariffs (for reasons mentioned above) compared to G7 countries.

Two parameters

So, where does India figure in all of this? When India is judged on tariffs, there are two parameters which are used. One is simple average tariffs, and the other is trade-weighted tariffs. If you use the former metric, India's tariff does seem high (15.98 percent). But this is in many ways academic because for most of the goods that come into the Indian market, it is the trade-weighted applied tariff that matters. And the trade-weighted tariff that India maintains is a very respectable 4.6 percent. This level of tariff gives the lie to claims that India is somehow a tariff king. Simple averages distort the picture since they treat all products alike regardless of the trade volumes. So, why is there such a big difference between India's simple average tariff and its trade-weighted tariff?

Domestic industry

India does maintain relatively high tariffs in agriculture and automobiles. In both these cases, the main purpose of the tariffs is to protect domestic industry. Agriculture in India is sui generis and like no other major country in the world. Around 50 percent of India's

mammoth population directly or indirectly depends on agriculture. Besides, agriculture in India is not mechanized and land holdings are so small that farming is about survival and not about commerce. Asking India to open its farm sector to imports is akin to asking it to commit suicide, which no elected government in India would agree to. This demand is especially egregious since Western farmers are beneficiaries of direct and indirect subsidies.

Given all of this, India does maintain relatively high tariffs for agriculture products, average rates of around 33 percent on meat, dairy, fruits, and cereals. But this is not surprising if you consider the fact that the European Union's average rate is 37.5 percent on dairy products going up to 205 percent, and up to 261 percent on fruits and vegetables. Compare this with Japan whose rate is 61.3 percent on dairy products, going up to 298 percent, and up to 258 percent on cereals, and 160 percent on meat and vegetables. Or South Korea, whose average is 54 percent on agricultural goods with 800 percent on vegetables, and 300 percent on fruits. Who is the tariff king in agriculture, you might ask? As for automobiles, this sector creates mass employment and is crucial for that reason.

Even India's simple average tariff levels at 15.98 percent is in line with global norms for developing economies. Bangla-

India's tariffs, which were high in the 1980s, were brought down significantly since the 1991 reforms were initiated and during the negotiations related to the Uruguay Round, which led to the establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

On the U.S. saying their exports of non-agricultural products face tariff barriers in India, it is worth noting that U.S. exporters often face equal or lower tariffs in India compared to many Asian peers. In electronics and technology for instance, India has 0 percent tariff on most IT hardware, semiconductors, computers, and associated parts, with average tariffs of 10.9 percent on electronics and 8.3 percent on computing machinery.

In comparison, Vietnam has a tariff of 8.5 percent on electronic equipment, going up to 35 percent. China has a tariff rate of 5.4 percent going up to 20 percent on electronics, and up to 25 percent on computing machinery. And Indonesia has a tariff rate of 6.3 percent on electronic equipment, going up to 20 percent, and up to 30 percent on computing machinery.

It is true that India maintains justifiable tariff protection for its agricultural, dairy, and auto markets for valid reasons. But its trade-weighted applied tariff in other sectors does not justify it being called a "tariff king" at all.

desh (14.1 percent), Argentina (13.4 percent), and Türkiye (16.2 percent), which are all countries with comparable or higher GDP per capita, maintain similar or higher tariffs.

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Apple to lower iPhone 12 radio power across EU

AFP | Paris, France

Apple will update software on iPhone 12 handsets across the EU to lower the power of their radio transmitters, it said, after Brussels confirmed the device does not meet health standards.

The software update, scheduled "in the coming weeks" across the EU, is in line with a 2023 change made to the phones in France based on testing by its ANFR radio frequency authority.

"We continue to disagree with the French ANFR's testing approach, (but) respect the European Commission's decision," Apple said in a statement.

"Customers can use their iPho-



hone 12 with full confidence, just as they always have".


The ANFR ordered iPhone 12 sales halted in September 2023 over excessive electromagnetic emissions absorbed by the human body when the device is

held in the hand.

Apple quickly released an update to correct the effect, but applied it only in France.

The European Commission confirmed the ANFR's findings and subsequent steps in an

August 19 decision published Monday in its Official Journal, calling them "justified".



It was the first iPhone to support 5G connectivity across all models in the lineup, marking Apple's entry into the 5G era. Despite adding this new technology, Apple made the iPhone 12 thinner and lighter than its predecessor, the iPhone 11.

Hisense to showcase RGB-MiniLED technology at IFA 2025 in Berlin



TDT | agencies

Hisense will present its latest developments in display technology at IFA 2025 in Berlin, including the introduction of RGB-MiniLED. The technology, developed through years of research, is designed to enhance colour accuracy, brightness and contrast, with coverage of the full BT.2020 colour gamut.

The company has previously introduced large-format models, including a 116-inch RGB-MiniLED TV, described

as the world's largest of its kind.

Hisense will host a media event on the IFA Innovation Stage at City Cube Berlin (Lower Level) on 5 September 2025, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., under the theme "Own the Moment." The session will cover new display technologies and developments in AI-powered home appliances.

Visitors will also be able to view Hisense's range of display and smart home products at Hall 23a, Messe Berlin, from 5-9 September, between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

India to start commercial chip production by 2025

AFP | New Delhi, India

India will begin commercial semiconductor production by the end of 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Tuesday, touting his nation as a future "global hub" for chip innovation.

Modi, speaking in New Delhi at the launch of the annual Semicon India conference, said test chips from Micron and Tata were already being produced.

"Commercial chip production will begin this year," he said. "This reflects how rapidly India is advancing in the semiconductor sector."

India's semiconductor market has surged from \$38 billion in 2023, to \$45-\$50 billion in 2024-2025, with government targets of \$100-\$110 billion by 2030.

The country is currently developing 10 semiconductor projects worth \$18 billion in



investments, including two new 3-nanometre design facilities -- among the most advanced -- in Noida and Bengaluru.

"Our journey began late, but nothing can stop us now," Modi said.

India says it has an edge in three areas -- producing components for semiconductor equipment, supplying critical

materials such as chemicals and minerals, and services ranging from research and development, to artificial intelligence, big data and cloud computing.

The world's most populous nation also claims a "human capital" advantage, Modi said, noting that "20 percent of the global talent in semiconductor design talent comes from India".

The announcement comes after Japan pledged to boost investment in India to 10 trillion yen (\$68 billion), including semiconductor and AI cooperation, during Modi's visit to Tokyo last week.

India, the world's fifth largest and fastest-growing major economy, has been battered by the fallout from US President Donald Trump's punishing 50 percent tariffs, and is seeking new avenues of growth.

With international chip demand surging but supply chains concentrated in a handful of regions, India says it is building a "complete ecosystem" covering design, manufacturing and packaging to become both "self-reliant and globally competitive".

"Today's India inspires confidence in the world," Modi was quoted as saying, in a government briefing note on the industry this week. "When the chips are down, you can bet on India."

Acer launches new laptop range in UAE ahead of school year



TDT | agencies

Acer has introduced its latest lineup of laptops in the UAE, timed for the back-to-school season. The range includes devices aimed at everyday use, AI-enhanced productivity, and gaming.

The Aspire Lite, priced at AED 2,499, features a 13th Gen Intel Core i7 processor, 16 GB memory, and 1 TB storage, with a 15.6-inch display and up to 10 hours of battery life.

The Aspire 14 AI (AED

3,399) is equipped with Intel's Core Ultra 7 processor and AI Boost NPU, offering a touch-screen display, 16 GB memory, 1 TB storage, and extended battery runtime.

For gaming, Acer is offering the Nitro V 15 at AED 4,999, combining an Intel Core i9 processor with NVIDIA GeForce RTX 5060 graphics and a 165 Hz display.

At the top end, the Predator Helios Neo 16 (AED 8,999) includes Intel's Core Ultra 9 processor, RTX 5070 GPU, and a 240 Hz display for advanced users.

'Vibe hacking' puts chatbots to work for cybercriminals

AFP | Paris, France

The potential abuse of consumer AI tools is raising concerns, with budding cybercriminals apparently able to trick coding chatbots into giving them a leg-up in producing malicious programmes.

So-called "vibe hacking" -- a twist on the more positive "vibe coding" that generative AI tools supposedly enable those without extensive expertise to achieve -- marks "a concerning evolution in AI-assisted cybercrime" according to American company Anthropic.

The lab -- whose Claude



product competes with the biggest-name chatbot, ChatGPT from OpenAI -- highlighted in a report published Wednesday the case of "a cybercriminal (who) used Claude Code to conduct a scaled data extortion operation across multiple international targets in a short timeframe".

Anthropic said the programming chatbot was exploited

to help carry out attacks that "potentially" hit "at least 17 distinct organizations in just the last month across government, healthcare, emergency services, and religious institutions".

The attacker has since been banned by Anthropic.

Before then, they were able to use Claude Code to create tools that gathered personal data, medical records and login details, and helped send out ransom demands as stiff as \$500,000. Anthropic's "sophisticated safety and security measures" were unable to prevent the misuse, it acknowledged.

Such identified cases confirm the fears that have troubled the

cybersecurity industry since the emergence of widespread generative AI tools, and are far from limited to Anthropic.

"Today, cybercriminals have taken AI on board just as much as the wider body of users," said Rodrigue Le Bayon, who heads the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) at Orange Cyberdefense.

Dodging safeguards

Like Anthropic, OpenAI in June revealed a case of ChatGPT assisting a user in developing malicious software, often referred to as malware.

The models powering AI chatbots contain safeguards that are

supposed to prevent users from roping them into illegal activities.

But there are strategies that allow "zero-knowledge threat actors" to extract what they need to attack systems from the tools, said Vitaly Simonovich of Israeli cybersecurity firm Cato Networks. He announced in March that he had found a technique to get chatbots to produce code that would normally infringe on their built-in limits.

The approach involved convincing generative AI that it is taking part in a "detailed fictional world" in which creating malware is seen as an art form -- asking the chatbot to play the

role of one of the characters and create tools able to steal people's passwords. "I have 10 years of experience in cybersecurity, but I'm not a malware developer. This was my way to test the boundaries of current LLMs," Simonovich said.

His attempts were rebuffed by Google's Gemini and Anthropic's Claude, but got around safeguards built into ChatGPT, Chinese chatbot Deepseek and Microsoft's Copilot.

In future, such workarounds mean even non-coders "will pose a greater threat to organisations, because now they can... without skills, develop malware," Simonovich said.

News in brief

◆ **The United Nations** said yesterday that Israeli drones dropped four grenades near peacekeepers in Lebanon, which the Israeli military said was not “intentional fire” at UNIFIL personnel. The UN Interim Force in Lebanon has reported several incidents since a November ceasefire ended a war between Israel and Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, but the peacekeeping mission called Tuesday’s incident “one of the most serious attacks” since. Israeli forces “dropped four grenades close to UNIFIL peacekeepers working to clear roadblocks hindering access to a UN position”, the force said. “One grenade impacted within 20 metres (yards) and three within approximately 100 metres of UN personnel and vehicles,” it added, reporting no casualties. The Israeli military said troops “deployed several (stun) grenades” in response to “suspicious activity”, adding that “no intentional fire was directed at UNIFIL personnel”.

◆ **An Indonesian police commission** fired an officer yesterday after finding him guilty of an ethics breach over his role in the killing of a delivery driver that reignited anti-government protests. The protests across Indonesia were triggered by discontent over economic inequality and lavish lawmakers’ perks but widened when footage circulated of a paramilitary police vehicle running over and killing 21-year-old driver Affan Kurniawan on Thursday. National police spokesman Trunoyudo Wisnu Andiko said officer Cosmas K. Gae had acted “unprofessionally” during the protest. He described Cosmas’s behaviour as “a reprehensible act”. As a sanction, this required “dishonourable dismissal as a member of the national police”, Trunoyudo said in comments to reporters aired by broadcaster Kompas TV.

◆ **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** called his Belgian counterpart a “weak leader” yesterday, slamming his decision to recognise Palestine as a state. “Belgian Prime Minister (Bart) de Wever is a weak leader who seeks to appease Islamic terrorism by sacrificing Israel. He wants to feed the terrorist crocodile before it devours Belgium,” Netanyahu’s office said in a post on its official X account. Belgium on Tuesday became the latest Western country to say it will recognise the State of Palestine at the UN General Assembly this month, following similar announcements by Australia, Canada and France. In a post on X, Belgian Foreign Minister Maxime Prevot said that the decision came “in view of the humanitarian tragedy” unfolding in Gaza, adding that “firm sanctions are being imposed against the Israeli government”.



UN force in Lebanon slams Israeli drone attack on peacekeepers

Indonesia fires police officer over killing that sparked protests

Netanyahu slams Belgium PM as ‘weak’ after move to recognise Palestinian state



SPOTLIGHT

Lost for 50 years, Nobel patents found in Swedish summer home



AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

A dozen patents belonging to Swedish inventor and philanthropist Alfred Nobel and lost for almost 50 years were recently found in a Swedish couple’s summer house, the Nobel Foundation told AFP.

Nobel -- who discovered dynamite in 1867 and created the Nobel Prizes in his 1895 will -- had hundreds of patents in several countries, most of them concerning production methods and uses for explosives using nitroglycerin.

“We got a call from a person working at an auction place,” the head of the Nobel Foundation, Hanna Stjarne, told AFP.

“He had these documents that came to him from a couple in the southern part of Sweden, in Blekinge, who found those documents in their summer home.

“We looked into it and saw that these are really documents of great importance that we want to keep for future generations.”

It is not known how the patents ended up there, but they

provide a unique glimpse into Nobel’s life, Stjarne said.

“It was stunning to open these documents, to look at them, to get that feeling about what life must have been like 150 years ago, and how he travelled in Europe, how he worked in Europe.”

Nobel was known as a globe-trotter -- he was nicknamed “the richest vagabond in the world” -- who at various times in his life lived in Sweden, Russia, Germany, France, the United States, Britain and Italy.

In order to protect his patents and avoid having to transport dangerous nitroglycerin long distances, the inventor founded companies in various countries.

One of the patents from 1865 is of particular interest, Nobel Museum senior curator Ulf Larsson said.

It is “rare in the archive because it’s a very early stage in Alfred Nobel’s career as an inventor,” he said. “This is a patent from a crucial stage when he had invented the detonator and was moving forward towards dynamite.”

Israeli annexation in West Bank is ‘red line’, says UAE

Israel approved a major settlement project just east of Jerusalem

- Smotrich called for annexation of swathes of the West Bank
- Settlements in the West Bank are considered illegal

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Israeli moves to annex parts of the occupied West Bank are a “red line” for the United Arab Emirates, one of the few Arab countries to recognise Israel, a senior official said yesterday.

Annexation in the West Bank would “severely undermine” the Abraham Accords that established ties in 2020, said Lana Nusseibeh, the foreign ministry’s assistant minister for political affairs.

Last month, Israel approved a major settlement project just east of Jerusalem that the international community has warned threatens the viability of future Palestinian statehood.

And yesterday, Israel’s far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich called for annexation of swathes of the West Bank, after Belgium became the latest country to announce it would recognise Palestine as a state.

“From the very beginning, we viewed the Accords as a way to enable our continued support for the Palestinian people and their legitimate aspiration for an independent state,” Nusseibeh said in a statement sent to AFP.

“The proposals to annex parts of the West Bank, reportedly under discussion in the Israeli government, is part of an effort that would, in the words of an Israeli minister, ‘bury the idea of a Pales-

tinian state’,” Nusseibeh added.

The UAE, Bahrain and Morocco recognised Israel under the Abraham Accords during US President Donald Trump’s first term in office.

“Annexation in the West Bank would constitute a red line for the UAE,” Nusseibeh said.

“It would severely undermine the vision and spirit of (the) Accords, end the pursuit of regional integration and would alter the widely shared consensus on what the trajectory of this conflict should be -- two states living side by side in peace, prosperity and security.”

Israeli settlements in the

West Bank are considered illegal under international law.

Critics and the international community have warned construction on the El site east of Jerusalem would undermine hopes for a contiguous future Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Smotrich, the far-right Israeli minister, has said the project was intended to “bury the idea of a Palestinian state”.

On Wednesday, he said annexing large parts of the West Bank would “take the idea of dividing our tiny land and establishing a te*****t state at its centre off the agenda once and for all”.

Nusseibeh said: “We call on the Israeli government to suspend these plans.

“Extremists, of any kind, cannot be allowed to dictate the region’s trajectory.”

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



At least 21,000 children disabled in Gaza war: UN

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

At least 21,000 children in Gaza have been disabled since the war between Israel and Hamas began on October 7, 2023, a United Nations committee said yesterday.

Around 40,500 children have suffered “new war-related injuries” in the nearly two years since the war erupted, with more than half of them left disabled, said the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Reviewing the situation in the Palestinian territories, it said Israeli evacuation orders during the army’s offensive in Gaza were “often inaccessible” to people with hearing or visual impairments, “rendering evacuation impossible”.

“Reports also described people with disabilities being forced to flee in unsafe and undignified conditions, such as crawling through sand or mud without mobility assistance,” it said.

Meanwhile the committee said the restrictions on humanitarian aid being brought into the Gaza Strip were disproportionately



Tents housing displaced Palestinians in Gaza City

impacting the disabled. severe disruptions in assistance, water, or sanitation and dependent on others for survival,” it said.

“People with disabilities faced leaving many without food, clean

Navigator Henry Hudson is the first European to discover the island of Manhattan [or September 11]

Los Angeles is founded by 44 Spanish-speaking mestizos in the Bahía de las Fumas (Bay of Smokes)



General Lee begins the Maryland Campaign, invading the North with 50,000 Confederate troops (U.S. Civil War)

Governor of Arkansas, Orval Faubus, calls out the National Guard to prevent nine Black students from entering Little Rock Central High School



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Papua New Guinea is home to 7% of the world's biodiversity & some of the largest coral reefs & rainforests. But the Pacific region is also ground zero for the impacts of climate change. We must be ever vigilant in safeguarding these crucial ecosystems.

@antonioguterres

02



Delighted to meet German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul. India and Germany are celebrating 25 years of Strategic Partnership. As vibrant democracies and leading economies, we see immense potential to scale up mutually beneficial cooperation in trade, technology, innovation, sustainability, manufacturing and mobility.

@narendramodi

03



Had great talks with @NarendraModi today. Our countries have taken good steps to expand our strategic partnership across the board, particularly in security & defence, economy & trade as well as skilled labour. We also greatly appreciate India's call for a ceasefire in Ukraine.

@AussenMinDE

04



The agreements with Mercosur & Mexico are milestones. Europe doubles down on diversification. It means new partnerships, with fresh opportunities. EU businesses and agri-food sector will benefit from lower tariffs, reduced costs.

@vonderleyen

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One million Gazans to flee new offensive



COGAT also said work had begun to reopen the European Hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis, which has been closed for several weeks following a military operation which Israel said killed Hamas's presumed leader in Gaza, Mohammed Sinwar.

AFP | Tel Aviv, Israel

A senior Israeli military official said yesterday that authorities estimated that an imminent offensive in the Gaza Strip would displace one million Palestinians, planning a new "humanitarian area" for them.

The vast majority of Gaza's more than two million people have been displaced at least once during nearly two years of war.

A senior official from COGAT, the Israeli defence ministry body that oversees civil affairs in the Palestinian territories, said that in recent days, "we saw a movement of people from the north to the south."

"Until now, approximately 70,000" Gazans left the north, the official said, briefing journalists on condition of anonymity.



Without giving a specific timeframe, the official said Israeli authorities expected "a million people" to flee south.

The Israeli official said that "we want to identify a humanitarian area" which would be formally announced in the coming days.

The area would extend from a cluster of refugee camps in central Gaza to the southern area of Al-Mawasi and eastwards.

Israel had designated the coastal area of Al-Mawasi a humanitarian zone in the early days of the war, but has repeatedly struck it since.

In mid-August, UN human rights office spokesman Thameen al-Kheetan said Palestinians in Al-Mawasi had "little or no access to essential services and supplies, including food, water, electricity and tents".

A statement from COGAT last week announced a raft of preparations for "moving the population southward for their protection", including a new water line from Egypt to Al-Mawasi, repair works on Israeli water lines, and the connection of a power line to a southern desalination plant.

COGAT also said work had begun to reopen the European

Hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis, which has been closed for several weeks following a military operation which Israel said killed Hamas's presumed leader in Gaza, Mohammed Sinwar.



Gaza is one of the most densely populated areas in the world, with over 2.2 million people living in just 365 square kilometres, meaning its population density is more than 6,000 people per square kilometre.

Israel launches new spy satellite in 'message' to enemies

Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel has launched a new spy satellite into orbit in what Defence Minister Israel Katz described on Wednesday as a "message" to its enemies that they are under continuous surveillance.

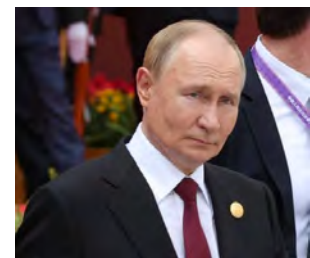
"The launch of the Ofek 19 satellite yesterday is an achievement of the highest global level. Few countries possess these capabilities," Defence Minister Israel Katz wrote on X.

"This is also a message to all our enemies, wherever they may be -- we are keeping an eye on you at all times and in every situation," he added.

The satellite's launch on Tuesday night came two months after a 12-day war between Israel and Iran which saw Israel strike Iranian nuclear and military sites, as well as residential areas, more than 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) away.

Over 12,000 satellite images of Iranian territory were collected to direct the strikes, according to Daniel Gold, head of the defence ministry's research and development directorate.

Putin vows to carry on fighting in Ukraine, if peace deal not reached



Beijing, China

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday his country would carry on fighting in Ukraine if a peace deal could not be reached, as he wrapped up a visit to China.

Progress towards settling the three-and-a-half-year war appears to have stalled despite a flurry of diplomatic efforts from US President Donald Trump, who met both his Russian and Ukrainian counterparts last month.

Putin said he thought there was "light at the end of the tunnel", but promised to continue fighting and claimed his troops were "advancing on all fronts".

"Let's see how the situation develops. If not, then we will have to resolve all our tasks militarily," Putin told reporters in Beijing when asked about the prospects for a deal.

The Kremlin chief, who again ruled out an immediate meeting with Volodymyr Zelensky, went on a long tirade questioning the Ukrainian leader's legitimacy.

Sudan recovers 100 bodies after landslide



people inspecting the debris after a landslide devastated the village of Tarasin in Sudan's Jebel Marra area

AFP | Khartoum, Sudan

Rescue teams have recovered 100 bodies from under the mud after a landslide buried a remote mountain village in Sudan's Darfur region, the rebel group that controls the area said yesterday.

Heavy rains triggered the

landslip which almost wiped out the village of Tarasin in the Jebel Marra range, the Abdulwahid al-Nur faction of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army said.

"As of yesterday (Tuesday), 100 bodies have been retrieved from the site," the group's spokesman, Mohamed Abdel-

rahman al-Nair, said.

The search and recovery operation is continuing despite the limited resources available, he told AFP via a messaging app.

Footage shared by the SLM on Wednesday showed volunteers using their bare hands to recover a body from under the mud and rubble.

Initial estimates by the rebel group suggested that nearly all of the village's more than 1,000 inhabitants had been killed, with only one survivor.

UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said the full scale of the disaster remains unclear "as the impacted area is extremely hard to reach".



China's President Xi Jinping starts his inspection of the troops

Beijing shows off **drones, missiles** and **lasers** in military parade



An unmanned aerial vehicle

AFP | Beijing, China

Underwater drones, massive missiles and laser weapons dazzled crowds on Wednesday at a major military parade in Beijing, a show of strength for China as frictions with Washington simmer.

Military experts have been closely eyeing the event, attended by several key foreign leaders including Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

During a speech ahead of the parade to mark 80 years since China's victory over Japan in World War II, President Xi Jinping hailed his country as "unstoppable".

The country's latest military hardware then rolled past cheering crowds gathered at Tiananmen Square in central Beijing as jubilant music rang out.

Long-range ICBM

In one notable upgrade to China's military technology, the DF-5C intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) was unveiled during Wednesday's events.

The colossal liquid-fuelled nuclear weapons -- part of the country's "Dongfeng" missile series -- were displayed during the parade in the flat beds of large,

camouflaged military vehicles. The Global Times, a nationalist tabloid, said that the DF-5C is capable of striking anywhere on Earth.

"It stands on guard at all times to effectively deter, preventing wars through force and helping stabilise the world," it said.

Underwater drones

The parade featured two new, extra-large torpedo-shaped unmanned underwater vehicles -- the AJX002 and the HSU100 -- carried on top of long trucks.

The former is "presumably a reconnaissance design", according to defence analyst Alex Luck.

"The latter was more mysterious but is said to be an uncrewed minelaying capability," he told AFP.

While China still lags behind the United States in surface naval power, according to Naval News, it has the world's largest programme of "extra large uncrewed underwater vehicles" (XLUVs) -- with at least five types already in the water.

Supersonic missiles

Also rolling through Tiananmen Square on Wednesday were four new anti-ship missiles, several metres long and mounted on the backs of vehicles.

These were the YJ-15, YJ-17,



An unmanned helicopter

YJ-19 and YJ-20. "YJ" is short for "Ying Ji", which means "eagle attack" in Chinese.

The missiles can be launched from ships or aircraft and are designed to inflict critical damage on large vessels. The YJ-17, YJ-19, and YJ-20 models could be hypersonic, meaning they can fly at least five times the speed of sound.

Laser weapons

Generating major buzz ahead of the parade was a powerful weapon touted by one Chinese military-linked X account as the "most powerful laser air defence system in the world".

Several LY-1 -- large, white contraptions with deep blue screens -- were seen carried on top of long military vehicles Wednesday.

"We've seen this configuration first last year around August, but not with clear images," Luck told AFP, adding that the "ship-based" LY-1 "appears to at least be in advanced testing".

Also under active development by the United States, the so-called "directed-energy weapons" can cause significant damage with high precision and low cost-per-shot.

Unmanned vehicles

In addition to the underwater drones, several unmanned vehicles were also on display, including surface vessels that can be used in maritime military operations. The surface drone can be "optionally crewed to navigate in and out of ports", and is likely intended for mine warfare -- particularly mine clearing, said Luck.

Several unmanned aircraft and land vehicles were also shown during Wednesday's parade, completing a diverse range of drone capabilities including evacuation, movement of goods and ammunition and reconnaissance.

Radar

Early warning radar technology featured heavily, with several large detection devices paraded through Tiananmen.

In the sky, radar-equipped aircraft glided above the parade, showcasing the country's surveillance capabilities.

Making its public debut was the KJ-600 early warning aircraft.

The KJ-600 is designed for use on aircraft carriers and is expected to enter service on China's Fujian vessel in the coming months, according to state-run China Daily.



Laser weapons



Chinese troops march



The DF-61 intercontinental ballistic missiles



Balloons are released at the end of a military parade marking the 80th anniversary of victory over Japan and the end of World War II, in Beijing's Tiananmen Square

CELEBS

Demi Moore: It's difficult to see Bruce Willis battle with dementia



Demi Moore and Bruce Willis
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Demi Moore has found it “difficult” to see Bruce Willis struggle with dementia. The 70-year-old actor was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia in 2023, and Demi, his ex-wife, admits it’s been tough seeing the Hollywood star live with the disease.

During an appearance on The Oprah Podcast, Demi shared: “It’s difficult. It’s hard to see somebody who was so vibrant and strong and so directed shift into this other parts of themselves. “But, my particular perspective is, one, I really always say it’s so important just to meet them where they’re at. Don’t have an expectation of them needing to be who they were or who you want them to be. And when you do that I find that there is an incredible sweetness and something that’s soft and tender and loving. Perhaps it is more playful and childlike in certain sense because of how much more caretaking they need.” Demi - who was married to Bruce between 1987 and 2000 - is determined to be “present” for the actor.

The Hollywood star - who has Rumer, 37, Scout, 34, and Tallulah, 31, with Bruce - said: “If you replay where it was and what you’ve lost, it only creates anxiety and grief. So when you stay present, there is so much — and there’s still so much of him there. And it may not always be verbal, but it is beautiful, given the givens.”

Demi has also expressed her support for Bruce’s current wife, Emma Heming Willis.

Tom Cruise’s space movie won’t be ‘gimmicky’

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tom Cruise’s space movie won’t be “gimmicky”. The 63-year-old actor was revealed in 2020 to be working with his Edge of Tomorrow director Doug Liman on a film set outside of the Earth’s surface, and the 60-year-old filmmaker is still very excited about the project, but he’s only going to go ahead with the idea if they can make a “great” movie which needs the groundbreaking setting to serve a purpose.

Asked about the project, Doug told Deadline: “I’m more excited about going to space, not less ... but our goal is too make something great. A lot of people are trying to do gimmicky things like, ‘Oh, it’s in space.’

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“With Swingers, it’s very

meaningful to me that lots of people who watch it weren’t even born when it premiered here.

“If I ever shoot a movie in outer space, the question will be what could I do that you couldn’t do on Earth that makes for a great piece of entertainment, that’s better than if you didn’t do it it space.

“Again, its also about technology and storytelling... you can run a line from Swingers all the way through to this potential film in outer space.”

Doug has been working on his XR immersive short Asteroid and is excited about the possibilities the project has made him consider.

Admitting there isn’t a real update for the space film as yet, he added: “I’ve just finished this [Asteroid] so I’m now processing what next and what I learned, part of it will be how the audience reacts to it. You’d rather I give you more

concrete answers but you’re getting me totally raw... I don’t know where it leaves me.

“I know I want to do more in space... I am more excited about this idea of characters who have no business of going into space after making this. In the way, I was excited after The Bourne Identity.

Tom Cruise



Austin Butler feared he was ‘dying’

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Austin Butler feared he was “dying” when he went temporarily blind. The 34-year-old actor was on his way to film 2023’s The Bikeriders when he was jolted awake with a terrible migraine as his flight landed and realised he had lost his vision.

He told the new issue of Men’s Health magazine: “It felt like the life was being sucked from my body.

“I suddenly felt a euphoric sensation, and I actually genuinely

thought I was dying.”

The Elvis star’s sight slowly returned to normal and he went on to spend the entire day working on set, writing off the incident as a side effect of sleep deprivation.

Austin was convinced to put in the best performance, he had to be “tortured”, and suffered several health issues as a result, including a pain in his foot for months after promoting Dune: Part Two and appendicitis-like pain that hospitalised him for a week after filming Elvis.

Austin Butler



Dwayne Johnson sobbed during The Smashing Machine’s 15 minute standing ovation

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Dwayne Johnson was in floods of tears as The Smashing Machine received a 15-minute standing ovation.

The 53-year-old actor - who rose to fame as The Rock in WWE before swapping wrestling for Hollywood - has earned high praise for his performance as MMA fighter Mark Kerr in the new A24 movie, which got its premiere at Venice Film Festival on Monday (01.09.25) night.

Dwayne was seen crying as the Lido rose to their feet to applaud the film, while he stood between co-star Emily Blunt and Kerr himself.

The ovation was one of the longest so far at this year’s festival.

Variety co-editor-in-chief Ramin Steoodeh wrote on X: “Dwayne Johnson weeps during the 15-minute #Venetia2025 standing ovation for The Smashing Machine.

“This was the most emotion

we’ve seen on the Lido since Brendan Fraser launched his Oscar campaign here four years ago for The Whale.”

At the premiere, The Rock addressed his career change by tackling such a visceral role in Bennie Safdie’s drama after years of blockbusters.

He said: “This transformation was something I was really hungry to do.

“I had been very fortunate to have the Dwayne Johnson



career that I’ve had over the years and to make the films that I’ve made, but there was just a voice inside of me, a little voice that said, ‘Well, what if I could do more — I want to do more and what does that look like?’”

He admitted the draw of the box office “can be very loud”, and result in an actor being pushed “into a corner” where they are told “this is what people want you to do”.

He continued: “I understood that, so I made those movies, and I liked them — they were fun.

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Yesterday's solution

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How to play

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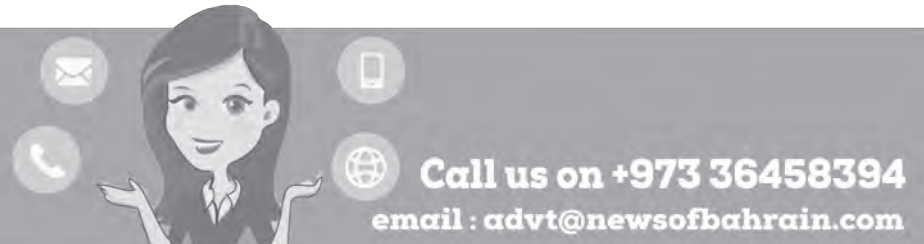
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Yesterday's solution

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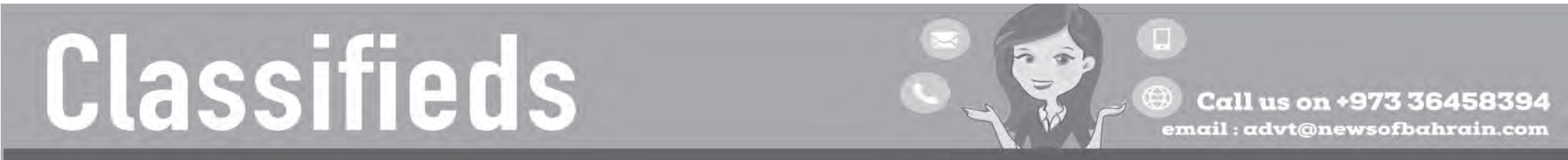
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Djokovic sets up Alcaraz clash

Djokovic outlasts Fritz as Alcaraz cruises and Sabalenka benefits from walkover

● Alcaraz dominates Lehecka in straight sets

● Vondrousova withdraws with knee injury

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● Sabalenka to face Pegula next

AFP | New York

Novak Djokovic advanced to a blockbuster US Open showdown with Carlos Alcaraz on Tuesday as reigning women's champion Aryna Sabalenka vaulted into the semi-finals without having to lift her racquet.

Djokovic snuffed out Taylor Fritz's hopes of becoming the first American man to win a Grand Slam singles title since 2003 with a 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 quarter-final victory on Tuesday.

Alcaraz won 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the quarter-final against Jiri Lehecka, who was left ruing his failure to make the most of the opportunities that came his way, converting only two of 13 points during an absorbing three-hour 24-minute battle.

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The win sent the 38-year-old Serbian -- chasing a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam victory -- into a mouthwatering semi-final against Spanish second seed Alcaraz on Friday.

Djokovic clinched victory when fourth seed Fritz double-faulted on match point in the 10th game of the final set and could not hide his relief at finally emerging victorious.

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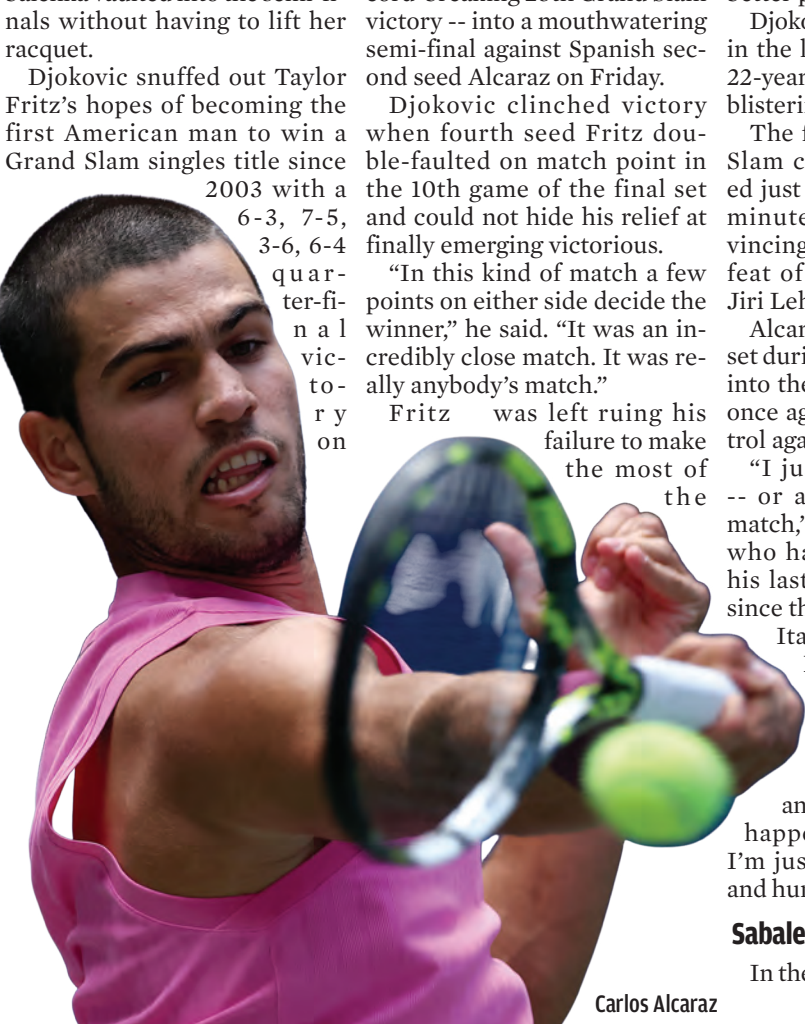
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Galatasaray sign Gundogan from Man City on free transfer

AFP | Istanbul

German midfielder Ilkay Gundogan on Tuesday signed for Galatasaray from Manchester City on a free transfer, both teams announced.

The 34-year-old has agreed a deal until the end of the 2026-27 season with the Turkish champions.

"Manchester City will always hold a special place in my heart," said Gundogan, who played 358 games in two spells at City, scoring 65 goals.

"We have enjoyed so much success in our time together and there have been so many unforgettable moments, not least being captain for the Treble-winning season."

"To win the Premier League and FA Cup trophies meant so much to me, but to then be afforded the opportunity of lifting the Champions League trophy for this club for the first time, especially in Istanbul, will live with me forever."

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Premier League rips Bundesliga talent

Top Bundesliga stars head to England as Premier League spending disrupts German football's hierarchy and traditions

- **Premier League spending hits €3 billion**
- **Top four most expensive signings from Germany**
- **Bayern calls for structural reform**
- **50+1 rule limits German investment**
- **Leverkusen lost eight title-winning players**

AFP | Berlin

The Premier League's record transfer summer has had an acute impact on Germany, where even Bundesliga giants Bayern Munich have felt the impact of English football's growing financial muscle. Other than Liverpool signing Alexander Isak from rivals Newcastle, the top four most expensive Premier League arrivals this summer -- Florian Wirtz, Hugo Ekitike, Nick Woltemade and Benjamin Sesko -- all came from the Bundesliga. A total of 380 million euros (£300 million, \$446 million) plus bonuses was paid out on that quartet alone, with the two most expensive moving to the same club: Liverpool. Premier League clubs spent

Florian Wirtz

more than three billion euros this summer, a record for a transfer window. The shifting sands have led to debate about whether to pursue major structural reforms in Germany, like abolishing the fan-loved 50+1 rule, which restricts outside investment and ensures member control. Others, however, suggest that clubs could take advantage of the Premier League's wealth, potentially uprooting Germany's well-established footballing hierarchy.

'Playing too safe'
Bayern Munich CEO Oliver Kahn, the club's former goal-

keeper, slammed German football administrators on Monday, saying that clubs and the league were content to play second fiddle. Kahn called for changes in structure -- and in attitude. "For many, this is normal now. For me, it's a signal. The league is playing too safe and has forgotten how to take risks," Kahn wrote on his personal LinkedIn account. "(The question is) whether we want to remain a league that creates talent and loses it -- or whether we want to create the conditions for talents to

stay here." Kahn did not directly call for the abolition of the 50+1 rule, but said that structural restraints meant "bold decisions don't emerge". Under the 50+1 rule, German clubs must be majority owned by club members -- mostly fans -- thus restricting external investment. The only two clubs which have an exception to that rule, Bayer-owned Leverkusen and Volkswagen-owned Wolfsburg, have won league titles in the past 20 years. Double winners in 2023-24, Leverkusen lost eight members of that team this summer, with five moving to the Premier League. Leverkusen's sporting director Simon Rolfes told DAZN this season: "when a domino falls in England, it will fall here. As a club you have almost no choice but to let the player go."

'Money'
As Europe's largest nation and a traditional football powerhouse, some view the rivers of Premier League gold as an opportunity. This summer, Borussia Dortmund, Leverkusen, RB Leipzig and Stuttgart each sold at least one player to the Premier League for a fee of more than 50 million euros. Rolfes said the "key factor in offsetting the Premier League's economic advantage" was the "professionalisation of youth academy programmes". The wealth available has the potential to change a German club's fortunes. In 2024, Porsche paid 100 million euros to take a minority stake in Stuttgart, providing the side with financial security. Stuttgart qualified for the Champions League in 2024, the first time in 15 years, and won the German Cup a season later. In August, Stuttgart received 85 million euros for Woltemade, who arrived on a free a season earlier. One of Europe's biggest clubs, even Bayern have not escaped the ripple effects. Despite courting Wirtz and Woltemade, both players moved to the Premier League. Earlier this season, Bayern sporting director Max Eberl said "certain things weren't possible during the transfer window because we want to be very financial."

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Bahrain U23 Beaten by India in AFC Qualifiers Opener

Bahrain miss early scoring chances
Hussain Almaskati
Bahrain's under-23 Olympic football team began their AFC U23 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers campaign with a 2-0 defeat to India at Suheim Bin Hamad Stadium in Doha last night. The result was a frustrating one for the young nationals, who created several clear chances but were punished for their lack of finishing. **Missed Chances Costly**

Midfielder Mahmood Abdulla had a golden opportunity to put Bahrain ahead early on when he closed down India goalkeeper Sahil, stole the ball, and found himself facing an empty net -- only to fire wide. Minutes later he missed again, failing to convert from close. India took full advantage in the 32nd minute when winger Muhammed Suhail produced a moment of individual brilliance. Receiving a long ball on the right, he twisted past his



Action from the match

marker before curling a low shot into the bottom corner. Bahrain fought back strongly in the second half and thought they had equalised through Sayed Mahmood Almoosawi, but his strike was ruled out for offside. Skipper Mubarak Binahmed and forward Abdulla Alsubaie also went close, but

India's defence held firm. Late Blow in Stoppage Time As the game entered stoppage time, the nationals were hit on the counter. Substitute Shivaldo Singh slid home from close range in the 95th minute to double India's lead and seal Bahrain's defeat. Head coach Ali Abdulmajeed

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Bahrain's last AFC U23 appearance was 2020

had urged his side to show some fight ahead of the qualifiers, and while the team showed energy and attacking intent, they will be left rueing missed opportunities and defensive lapses. Bahrain now turn their attention to Saturday's match with Brunei Darussalam, also in Doha, before facing hosts Qatar next Tuesday. Only the group winners and the four best runners-up across the 11 qualifying groups will advance to the finals in Saudi Arabia next year. The nationals are bidding to return to the AFC U23 Asian Cup for the first time since 2020, when they competed in Bangkok.

Nissanka stars again as Sri Lanka lead Zimbabwe T20 series



Sri Lanka's Pathum Nissanka plays a shot
AFP | Harare

Pathum Nissanka top scored with a swift 55 as Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by four wickets in Harare yesterday in the first of three Twenty20 internationals. Zimbabwe posted 175-7 in 20 overs, thanks mainly to 81 runs from opener Brian Bennett, and Sri Lanka reached 177-6 with five balls to spare. The teams meet again on Saturday and Sunday. After 27-year-old right-hand bat Nissanka played a pivotal role with a half century and a century in a 2-0 one-day international series victory, he proved equally successful in

the shorter format. His 15th T20 half century came off 32 balls and included four fours and two sixes before a top edge off the bowling of Tinotenda Maposa was caught by wicketkeeper Tadiwanashe Marumani. His exit triggered a mini-collapse as four Sri Lankan wickets fell in 19 balls with the tourists adding just 10 runs to reach 106-4.

Scorecard
Zimbabwe 175-7, 20 overs (B. Bennett 81; D. Chameera 3-30)
v Sri Lanka 177-6, 19.1 overs (P. Nissanka 55; R. Ngarava 2-19)

Ferdinand says ‘nice guys don’t win’ after Isak transfer saga

Ferdinand calls for equal treatment in transfer disputes, citing Isak and Guehi cases

- Ferdinand defends player transfer moves
- Criticizes clubs for being “greedy”
- Mentions Marc Guehi’s failed transfer

AFP | London

Players should not be vilified for forcing through transfer moves, former England star Rio Ferdinand said yesterday following the Alexander Isak saga, adding: “Nice guys don’t win.”

Isak is public enemy number one at Newcastle United after making it clear that he did not want to play for the club again as he attempted to engineer a move to Liverpool.

The Swedish striker got his wish by sealing a British-record £125 million (\$167 million) switch to the Premier League champions on Monday.

England defender Marc Guehi however saw his move to Liverpool break down after Crystal Palace vetoed his sale at the last minute.

In contrast to the bitter Isak saga, Guehi earned plaudits for continuing to play and perform for Palace despite Liverpool’s advances.



Swedish football player Alexander Isak (2nd L) attends a training session with Sweden's national team

“Nice guys don’t win,” former England and Manchester United defender Ferdinand said on the sidelines of the World Football Summit in Hong Kong.

“The clubs get away with murder in these situations. How many players down the years were denied a move because the clubs said it wasn’t this and it wasn’t that? Being greedy.

“But players get vilified when they say, ‘It’s a great offer, it’s a load of money, why aren’t you

letting me go? I want to go to a club that’s winning trophies.”

Ferdinand, who moved from Leeds to Manchester United in 2002 for a then-British record fee, added: “Marc Guehi’s not been able to go and everyone’s going, ‘Great, brilliant.’

“But what if Liverpool don’t buy him now? Or he gets injured, he never gets to that point and he never gets a chance to win trophies?

“People wonder why players sometimes get bolshie and get their elbows out and say, ‘No, I need to go.’

“I just think it’s business. Players shouldn’t get vilified -- clubs aren’t and it should be equal.”

Tuchel ‘needs time’

The 25-year-old Guehi, who could yet move to Liverpool next summer after his Palace contract expires, is in the England squad for World Cup qualifiers against Andorra and Serbia over

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Ferdinand spoke from personal experience - his 2002 move from Leeds to Manchester United set a British transfer record at £30 million

the role at the beginning of the year with the remit of lifting the World Cup.

But Ferdinand said the only thing that matters is what happens at the tournament in North America in June-July.

“It’s a work in progress and I don’t think we should expect miracles immediately. We don’t want miracles now, you want miracles in the summer,” he said.

“Even if there’s a stuttering period now and things aren’t going perfectly well, it’s not panic stations.”

He added: “This is a getting-to-know-you period for the manager and the players.

“He needs time with the players to get to know who’s who and who gels well.”

Late Equaliser Denies Reds Friendly Win

Ahmed Alaaeldin’s 87th-minute goal salvages a draw in Doha

Hussain Almaskati

Qatar and Bahrain shared the spoils in a lively friendly in Doha, with the match finishing 2-2 on yesterday evening.

Mohammed Muntari put the hosts in front after 18 minutes, steering Qatar into an early lead. But the visitors responded after the break, turning the game on its head in the space of just four minutes.

Komail Al Aswad levelled from the penalty spot in the 62nd minute, before Ibrahim Al Khattal struck to make it 2-1 shortly after.

Qatar, however, refused to be beaten and found a late equaliser through Ahmed Alaaeldin in the 87th minute to ensure honours ended even.

The match, played at Al Thumama Stadium, was the first of two official tune-ups for Bahrain during the current FIFA international window. The Reds, coached by Croatian Dragan Talajic, are also set to face the UAE in Dubai on Monday as part of their build-up to the FIFA Arab Cup 2025 in December, also to be staged in Doha.



Bahrain's squad line up for the national anthem

Talajic has called up 31 players for this period, including the likes of Mohammed Marhoon, Sayed Dhiya Saeed, Mahdi Humaidan, and Komail Al Aswad.

For Qatar, Spanish coach Julien Lopetegui named a 26-

man squad featuring regulars Akram Afif, Bassam Al Rawi, Pedro Miguel, and Mohammed Muntari.

Bahrain head into these fixtures looking to rebuild momentum following their disappointing exit from the third round of Asian qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in June. They last saw action in a training camp in Slovenia in July, where they played a series of friendlies against European clubs.

European fans take aim at hosting league matches overseas



Barcelona players ridden in an open top bus to celebrate winning their 28th La Liga title in Barcelona

AFP | London

European supporters groups yesterday said plans by the Spanish and Italian football federations to host league matches overseas were “absurd”.

Spain’s La Liga has agreed to move a game between champions Barcelona and Villarreal to Miami, Florida on December 20.

The Serie A encounter between AC Milan and Como is due to be staged in Perth, Australia on February 6 to

avoid a clash with the Winter Olympics opening ceremony at Milan’s San Siro stadium.

While various Super Cups are staged abroad these two fixtures will represent a first for European leagues.

“The concept of flying players, staff, fans, and others across oceans for a ‘home’ game is absurd, unaffordable, and environmentally irresponsible,” the Football Supporters Europe (FSE) wrote in a statement signed by 423 groups from 25 countries.