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HRH Prince Salman wishes Labour Minister good health



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, commended His Excellency Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, Minister of Labour, for his distinguished contributions across various government workstreams within Team Bahrain, and extended his best wishes for his continued health and well-being. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with H.E. Humaidan at Gudaibiya Palace, to inquire about his well-being following his recent medical condition. For his part, the Minister expressed his gratitude to His Royal Highness for his kind gesture and concern, noting the positive impact it had on his morale. H.E. Humaidan conveyed his wishes for His Royal Highness’ continued health and happiness, and for the Kingdom of Bahrain’s ongoing progress and prosperity. H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, also attended the meeting.

Bahrain Expands Licenses for Private Schools

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Bahrain’s private education sector is set to grow with the approval of eight new institutions, including a school, an educational center, and six nurseries.

One existing school received approval to add a secondary stage, while the license of a kindergarten was transferred to new ownership.

Education Minister H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Jumaa said the decisions reflect surging demand and the ministry’s push to expand quality education across all regions.

H.E. added that faster licensing is helping meet population needs, especially for early childhood and secondary education, while upholding national regulatory standards.

Stifling weather to persist through end of the week

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The stifling heat and humidity currently affecting Bahrain are expected to continue until at least the end of the week, according to the Meteorology Department at the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The department reported that maximum daytime temperatures will range between 43°C and 45°C during this period.

# Upscale boom

Luxury housing market in Bahrain set to top \$6 billion by 2030

Mohammed Darwish  
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Luxury housing in Bahrain is expected to reach \$4.26 billion in market value by 2025, with forecasts rising to \$6.12 billion by 2030.

The market is growing at an average annual rate of 7.5 per cent, driven by demand from wealthy buyers across the Gulf and a steady inflow of foreign capital.

Sales

Villas and houses continue to lead, accounting for more than 70 per cent of sales in 2024.

Flats and residential blocks are gaining ground and are projected to grow by nearly 8 per cent a year over the next five years.

Manama remains the most active region, holding close to a third of the market, although the Northern Governorate is expanding more quickly than any other area.

Transactions

Sales made up more than half of the market last year, with resale transactions accounting for over 60 per cent.

Demand for newly built homes is rising, with off-plan purchases growing at over 8 per cent annually.

The rental segment is also expanding, with activity expected to rise by almost 9 per cent each year through to 2030.

The rise in the number of wealthy individuals across the region is helping to push demand.

In 2024, the Middle East saw a 2.7 per cent increase in residents with considerable wealth, and nearly one in ten now holds



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31.55pct

Manama’s share of the luxury housing market in 2024.

assets exceeding \$100 million.

Full ownership

Bahrain allows full foreign ownership of property, and a residency route is available for buyers who invest at least \$530,000, which has made the market more accessible to international investors.

The movement of more than 6,700 millionaires into the UAE

last year has shifted investment flows, with neighbouring countries now drawing fresh capital.

Many of these investors are seeking property that offers income and long-term value. In Bahrain Bay, some waterfront villas have already achieved pre-sales above 80 per cent.

Large-scale developments along the coast, such as Bahrain Bay and Diyar Al Muharraq, are changing the face of the market.

Price

These areas include homes, shops and hotels, and are often priced 20 to 30 per cent higher than similar inland properties.

Buyers are attracted to the gated streets, walkable layouts and shared facilities that are rarely found in stand-alone homes.

Homes are increasingly being

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built to withstand flooding.

Raised floors and water-resistant designs are becoming more common and are proving popular among buyers who take environmental risks into account.

Transport improvements are also reshaping the market.

Travel times

The planned metro will cut

travel times between the Northern Governorate and central Manama, while the King Hamad Causeway is expected to improve road access to Saudi Arabia.

These upgrades are helping developers market larger homes outside the capital at more attractive prices.

Buyers, particularly younger expatriates, are showing growing interest in neighbourhoods that favour walking over driving.

Demand

As a result, demand is spreading across multiple areas rather than staying fixed in the city centre.

Cultural preferences still have a strong influence on the market. Villas are preferred by many families who value privacy, outdoor space and room for several generations.

Wealthier buyers tend to purchase early in construction and keep properties within the family.

Attention

Flats are drawing attention from a younger set of buyers, including expatriate professionals.

These buyers tend to favour smaller, fully furnished homes that are easier to maintain.

Although ownership remains the main approach, more investors are entering the rental market to balance their portfolios.

Manama held 31.55 per cent of the luxury housing market in 2024.

Interest

Seef, the Diplomatic Area and Bahrain Bay all continue to attract interest due to their shopping, dining and access to marinas.





# Bahrain affirms support for Palestinian cause

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received His Excellency Eitan Na'eh, the outgoing Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Kingdom of Bahrain, at Gudaibiya Palace.

HRH Prince Salman reiterated the importance of diplomatic channels in promoting constructive dialogue, which plays a vital

role towards achieving peace, stability, and development in the region and across the world.

His Royal Highness outlined the Kingdom's steadfast position in supporting the Palestinian cause, aimed at achieving a just and lasting solution that guarantees the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also emphasised the importance of de-escalation, the protection of civilians, and



HRH Prince Salman with H.E. Israel Ambassador Eitan Na'eh

the release of hostages and detainees.

His Royal Highness commented on the need to ensure the continued delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza and commended the efforts of allied countries in this regard.

His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, and His Excellency Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, also attended the meeting.

## Diplomacy essential for constructive dialogue



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister receives H.E. Philippines Ambassador Anne Jalando-On Louis

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Jalando-On Louis, the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Bahrain, at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime

Minister underscored the vital role of diplomatic channels in fostering constructive dialogue, which in turn contributes to strengthening the foundations of global stability and sustainable development.

## Two Down, One to Go

H.E. Interior Minister sets sights on full national coverage

### ● Muharraq, Northern accredited

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain has moved a step closer to becoming a fully WHO-accredited "Healthy Cities" nation after Muharraq and Northern Governorates received official recognition under the global programme.

Interior Minister His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received the accreditation certificates from

Lieutenant-General H.E. Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Health, and Health Minister H.E. Dr. Jalila bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan during a meeting in Manama.

He congratulated the governorates on what he described as a national achievement, citing the effort of local communities and officials in meeting WHO's comprehensive criteria.

The Interior Minister directed the Southern Governorate to intensify its work to meet international standards, in a bid to declare all of Bahrain's governorates as officially recognised

healthy zones.

He stressed that the Healthy Cities Project is aligned with Bahrain's sustainable development goals and reflects its broader push for community-led health and wellbeing under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Northern Governorate received its WHO accreditation following an evaluation visit in November 2024. Muharraq passed its assessment in February 2025.

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# Retail Sweep



- 1,411 shops inspected
- 14 irregular workers detained
- 106 deportations confirmed

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Shops and commercial outlets came under heightened scrutiny last week as the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) carried out over 1,400 inspection campaigns across Bahrain, with most of them targeting street-level businesses.

From July 27 to August 2, the LMRA conducted 1,425 inspection campaigns and visits, of which 1,411 were direct visits to various shops in all governorates. These efforts led to the detention of 14 irregular workers and the deportation of 106 individuals found in violation of labour and residency laws.

### Joint Oversight

In addition to standalone inspections, 14 joint campaigns were conducted in coordination with several government bodies, including the Ministry of Interior, represented by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), as well as the respective Police Directorates and the Social Insurance Organisation.

The campaigns were spread across the kingdom, with three in Muharraq, six in the Northern Governorate, and five in the Southern Governorate. The LMRA confirmed that legal measures had been taken in response to all observed violations.

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In Bahrain, the Labour Market Regulatory Authority has conducted over 50,000 inspections since 2021 to combat irregular employment and protect market stability.

### Stability Focus

Authorities said the campaign was part of ongoing coordination to protect the integrity of the labour market and ensure compliance among businesses.

The LMRA reaffirmed its commitment to intensifying inspection efforts in cooperation with relevant ministries and entities, with a focus on rooting out practices that undermine economic or social stability.

### Public Participation

The agency also urged residents and businesses to support these efforts by reporting suspected violations via its website (www.lmra.gov.bh), call centre (17506055), or through the government's Tawasul platform.

The statement reiterated that addressing illegal labour practices is a shared responsibility aimed at preserving the Kingdom's competitive edge and social security.

# Camera Job Scam

Freelancers lured, equipment stolen

- Victims flown to Bahrain
- Gear stolen from hotel room
- WhatsApp used to lure targets

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A freelance photography job that appeared legitimate turned into a costly deception for three Qatar-based professionals after they were flown to Bahrain and robbed of their camera gear.

The fraud has raised alarm over job scams circulating in social media groups targeting creative workers in the Gulf.

The victim, a photographer residing in Qatar and hailing from Kalikavu in Malappuram district of the southern Indian state of Kerala, responded to a poster shared in a Qatar-based WhatsApp group. It advertised freelance photography work across GCC countries and included a Saudi contact number.

He was told the assignment was with a UK-based company and would take place in Bahrain. Due to "visa sensitivities,"



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details were withheld until after arrival. After expressing interest, he received a flight ticket and travelled to Bahrain on Saturday.

### Well-planned setup

At the airport, he was received by an Asian man who escorted him to a hotel apartment in Juffair. The man claimed there was no work that day and held on to a spare key to the room. Later, he took the victim out for dinner and said the project would start the following day.

On Sunday, a taxi picked up the victim and dropped him at a beach resort in Jaw. He was asked to wait in the lobby for two hours, then told to proceed to a star hotel. After a long wait with no client in sight, the victim returned to his room to find

it ransacked. His Sony camera, charger, memory cards, and other gear worth around BD1,300 were missing.

### Pattern of theft

When he reported the incident to hotel staff, they revealed that similar cases had occurred in other rooms. At the Nabih Saleh Police Station, he met two other Qatar residents who had been targeted in the same manner. Together, the three lost equipment valued at nearly BD 15,000.

The Asian man had booked the room under his own name and submitted valid passport details, but police found that he had boarded a flight to Pakistan the previous afternoon. A forensic team inspected the apartment and the investigation

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Scams involving fake photography jobs have been reported across the GCC, with some victims in the UAE, Oman, and Bahrain losing thousands in camera gear over the past three years.

is ongoing.

The case has drawn attention to the risks faced by freelance professionals in the Gulf who often operate without contracts or formal safeguards. With platforms like WhatsApp and Telegram now being used for informal recruitment, job scams have become harder to detect.

Authorities have urged job seekers to verify credentials before accepting overseas assignments, especially those that require no paperwork or rely on vague instructions. The victims returned to Qatar yesterday.

# 5,000 Bahrainis Aided by New Charity

- 5,000 families supported
- Hala Almoayyed joins board
- 2025 plan prioritises expansion

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

The Better Life Association, a charitable initiative established in 2023, announced that it has supported more than 5,000 individuals and families in Bahrain.

The update came during the association's ordinary general assembly meeting, where



Better Life Association's ordinary general assembly meeting

its members reviewed past achievements and approved strategic plans for the year ahead.

Board members and founding trustees attended the meeting, which featured a presentation of the 2024 annual report. The report highlighted a wide range

of health, education, and empowerment programmes delivered across Bahrain, underscoring the association's expanding reach and rising influence in local philanthropy.

### Strategic plans

The assembly also ap-

proved the 2024 financial report and adopted the estimated budget for 2025. The plan outlines efforts to expand the association's sustainable programmes and strengthen its operational infrastructure in line with its institutional goals.

# Bahrain Airport Joins UN GARD First

- Crisis preparedness boost

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Bahrain International Airport has become the first in the Arabian Gulf to join the UN-backed Airports Emergency Readiness (GARD) programme.

The move strengthens Bahrain's crisis preparedness in civil aviation, aligning with directives from the Interior Minister.

Launched in cooperation with the UNDP, DHL, and national agencies, the initiative includes field assessments, staff training, and crisis simulation.

### Role

Officials highlighted its role in enhancing national resilience and logistical continuity during disasters.

The GARD programme applies global best practices in emergency planning and Bahrain's participation reflects a commitment to operational safety and international standards.

# Seminar on AI, satellite data in managing disaster

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His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Ebrahim Al Aseeri, CEO of the Bahrain Space Agency (BSA), participated in a seminar organised by Planet in partnership with the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), focused on the application of artificial intelligence and satellite data in disaster management.

It brought together experts and stakeholders to explore how emerging technologies can enhance early warning

systems, accelerate damage assessments, and support more effective responses to natural disasters such as floods, wildfires, and earthquakes.

The event also highlighted international case studies demonstrating the practical use of satellite imagery and AI in real-time monitoring and post-disaster recovery efforts.

### Solutions

The discussions focused on utilising cutting-edge solutions in disaster management, particularly the integration of artificial intelligence.

# Housing Goes Mobile

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Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning is drawing praise for its 'Mobile Branch for Housing Finance' initiative, launched in cooperation with Eskin Bank.

The mobile unit brings housing services into public spaces, making it easier for citizens to explore finance options and receive guidance without visiting traditional offices.

The branch was recently set up at The Avenues Mall, allowing visitors to access services such as real-time eligibility

checks, financing consultations, and digital property tours.

Citizens said the initiative helped them better understand the housing programmes available and clarified the steps required to apply.

### Real-Time Guidance

Ahmed Al-Ali, who visited the branch, said the experience helped him identify housing options suited to his income and family circumstances. He received a detailed explanation of eligibility criteria, the financing ceiling, and how allowances are factored into the assessment.



# Bring back mediators

MP calls for return of traditional Mukhtar system to settle local disputes

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

Reviving Bahrain's traditional Mukhtar system (local community mediator) would ease the strain on the justice system by sorting out minor disputes informally, MP Jalal Kadhem has said.

Kadhem urged the government to reintroduce the Mukhtars legally under the Governorates Law, suggesting the system could reduce case-loads on the courts by settling disagreements amicably within neighbourhoods.

"Many cases reaching official

channels today are quite minor and could be handled perfectly well by a Mukhtar," he said. "It saves official resources and builds trust in community-driven solutions."

The Mukhtar once played a strong role in Bahraini neighbourhoods, mediating in disputes, assisting locals with paperwork, and acting as a link to government bodies.

### Problems

Kadhem said the return of Mukhtars would help communities identify problems early and deal with them quietly.

"Historically, the Mukhtar



system succeeded in keeping communities together," he said. "Restoring it would mend family divisions and restore traditional social bonds."

He noted the Cabinet had previously backed the system in

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- MP JALAL KADHEM

2011 as a way to support local governors and maintain public order.

### Social shift

According to Kadhem, current social shifts and rising family

disputes mean that reviving it has become urgent.

"The Mukhtar helps maintain Bahraini customs and traditions," he said. "They can defuse family disagreements and calm tensions without involving the

courts."

Kadhem also criticised reliance on social media to air family grievances, suggesting it usually inflames tensions rather than resolving them.

"Social media thrives on controversy, not calm," he warned. "Problems are best handled discreetly by trusted community figures."

Kadhem concluded by saying the reintroduction of Mukhtars across Bahrain's villages and towns matched the leadership's vision of community collaboration and would prevent minor issues from growing into serious crises.

## Barbar sewer network completed for 169 homes



Council chairman Dr Sayed Shubber Ebrahim Al Wadaei visits the site

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A new sewerage network serving 169 properties in Block 522 of Barbar has been completed, the Northern Municipal Council has confirmed.

The work was carried out by the Ministry of Works following requests from residents and proposals put forward by the council.

### Cooperation

Council chairman Dr Sayed Shubber Ebrahim Al Wadaei said cooperation between the council and the ministry had helped keep the work moving and remove delays on the ground.

He said council members had worked alongside ministry field teams, passing on reports and helping to smooth out snags.

Tasks were divided between both sides, with direct contact in the field used to deal with issues as they arose.

Dr Al Wadaei said the project falls within the ministry's wider effort to keep pace with urban growth by extending infrastructure to more areas and improving daily life for both citizens and residents.

### Support

He also thanked Minister of Works Ibrahim bin Hassan Al Hawaj and Undersecretary Shaikh Mishaal bin Mohammed Al Khalifa for backing the council's proposals.

## Online investment scam

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A ruling is expected on 26 August in the case of three defendants, two Arab and one foreign, along with their company, accused of laundering nearly BD500,000 linked to a series of online frauds.

Prosecutors say the accused lured victims through online adverts claiming to offer investment opportunities in cryptocurrency, stock trading and gold.

People transferred money, believing they were securing future profits, only to realise later that the entire operation was a sham.

The Financial Intelligence National Centre (FINC), drawing on confidential sources, identified a company established by the second and third defendants.

It was registered as a gold investment business but is believed to have served as the



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main vehicle for the fraud.

The group allegedly ran online campaigns promising stable returns, backed by doctored images of growing financial portfolios sent to reassure investors.

Investigators estimate that over BD400,000 were collected.

The money was then sent out of Bahrain and converted into cryptocurrency, with the aim of concealing its origin.

Transfers were carried out through several overseas banks.

The matter came to the attention of the authorities after a number of victims filed complaints.

Each had responded to adverts, deposited funds and later found themselves ignored.

The court is due to rule on the charges against the three accused and their company later this month.

## Appeals Court clears Bahraini employee in vehicle seizure case



### Company owner fined BD500

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A six-month prison sentence handed to a Bahraini employee for obstructing enforcement procedures has been overturned by the Second High Appeals Court, which acquitted him and instead imposed a BD500 fine on the company owner involved in the case.

The pair had been accused of deliberately preventing the seizure of a company-owned vehicle that was meant to be sold at auction, according to the employee's lawyer, Reem Al Mahari.

Prosecutors alleged that the two men concealed one of the company's cars from enforcement officers tasked with executing court rulings against the firm in 2024.

The Lower Criminal Court had found them guilty and sentenced each to six months in prison, setting bail at BD100 to suspend the punishment. Both defendants challenged the decision.

### Evidence

In its ruling, the appeals court said the evidence presented against the employee gave rise to doubt.

The judges stated that after examining the case file and hearing the arguments, they were not satisfied that the man had taken any steps to hide the vehicle or help someone else to do so.

The incident began when a

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private bailiff moved to carry out seizure orders against a company owned by the Asian co-defendant.

Two cars were handed over at the company premises, while the location of a third was shared separately.

### Vehicles

The bailiff managed to secure the two vehicles on site, but the third was missing.

The court found no clear link between the Bahraini employee and the missing vehicle.

It ruled there was no proof he had concealed it or acted in collusion with the owner.

That gap in the prosecution's case led the court to clear him of all charges.

### Rule

The judges referred to the long-standing rule that doubt must be weighed in favour of the accused.

They added that the risk of convicting someone without firm grounds would do more harm than letting someone go free.

The earlier verdict was overturned, and the employee was acquitted. The company owner, however, remains liable for a BD500 fine.

### New office for trafficking victims



The Ministry of Interior has established a specialised office under the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science to support victims of human trafficking. The office, aligned with international standards, provides a safe environment for victims to give testimony and includes a dedicated space for children. It aims to enhance cooperation with judicial authorities from investigation to prosecution. This step reflects Bahrain's commitment to combating trafficking in persons, in line with Law No. 1 of 2008 with Respect to Trafficking in Persons and the Palermo Protocol, ratified under Law No. (4) of 2004.

## Boat seized for illegal fishing in restricted zone

### Asian suspects arrested during routine patrols

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As part of ongoing efforts to enforce maritime law and ensure safety at sea, the Coast Guard has seized a boat carrying two Asian nationals found fishing in a prohibited marine area. The Coast Guard Command confirmed that the individuals were apprehended

during routine patrols and that all necessary legal procedures are being undertaken in connection with the incident.

Authorities reiterated their commitment to safeguarding Bahrain's maritime environment and enforcing regulations across territorial waters.



The American University of Bahrain

# American University of Bahrain and Cisco Forge Strategic Partnership to Advance Technical Education

Manama

The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cisco, a global leader in networking and information technology, to expand the reach of the Cisco Networking Academy Program (NetAcad) in Bahrain.

This collaboration is tailored to provide students with advanced training in computer networks and next-generation technologies, in alignment with the dynamic competencies. Under the terms of the agreement, Cisco's globally accredited curriculum will be seamlessly integrated into the academic programmes at the American University of Bahrain, thereby enhancing students' digital fluency and reinforcing their readiness for future employment.

Beyond curricular enrichment, the partnership establishes a framework for expanded institutional cooperation focused on the continuous development of pedagogical



methodologies and academic infrastructure. A key element of this initiative includes the professional development of AUBH faculty members through targeted training programmes aimed at ensuring the effective and innovative delivery of the integrated content.

Moreover, the agreement gives AUBH students unrestricted access to Cisco's comprehensive suite of instructional resources, digital learning tools, and the full breadth of the Networking Academy (NetAcad) platform. It also promotes joint research endeav-

ours and facilitates engagement with Cisco's latest technological advancements, reinforcing the university's commitment to fostering a technologically empowered academic environment.

Dr. Wafa Almansoori Interim President and Provost of the

American University of Bahrain,[LB1] commented, "This agreement with Cisco marks a milestone in our strategic efforts to enrich technical education in Bahrain's higher education sector. It signals a transformative move towards innovative learning models that

align with the digital era and contribute meaningfully to the Kingdom's long-term development goals as outlined in Bahrain's Vision 2030."

Dr. Almansoori further added, "This partnership presents a pivotal opportunity to position our students at the forefront of transformative disciplines such as computer networking, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity—fields that constitute the backbone of the global digital economy. By embedding Cisco's internationally accredited curriculum within our academic framework, we are delivering an education that is not only rigorous and globally benchmarked, but also acutely aligned with the practical and strategic demands of the modern workforce. This initiative exemplifies our institutional commitment to cultivating graduates equipped with the advanced technical competencies and critical thinking skills required to lead innovation and actively contribute to Bahrain's national digital transformation agenda."

# BP makes largest oil, gas discovery in 25 years off Brazil

Located oil and gas 404 kilometres (251 miles) from Rio de Janeiro



- 10th discovery by BP in 2025
- 40 wells planned over the next three years
- 15 to be drilled this year

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Britain's BP announced yesterday it made its biggest oil and gas discovery in 25 years off the coast of Brazil, as it shifts back to its fossil fuel business.

The discovery comes as a boost to the struggling energy major as it undergoes a major overhaul to focus on its more profitable oil and gas business, shelving its once industry-leading renewable energy strategy.

The company said it had locat-

ed oil and gas at the Bumerangue prospect, 404 kilometres (251 miles) from Rio de Janeiro, in a water depth of 2,372 metres.

"This is another success in what has been an exceptional year so far for our exploration team, underscoring our commitment to growing our upstream," said Gordon Birrell, BP's executive vice president for production and operations.

It marks the 10th discovery by BP in 2025.

Shares in the company rose more than one percent on London's top-tier FTSE 100 index following the announcement.

BP is ramping up its global exploration programme, with around 40 wells planned over the next three years, including as many as 15 to be drilled this year.

The group expects to grow its daily global output to between 2.3 million and 2.5 million barrels of oil equivalent in 2030.

"BP will want to use its latest numbers to convince the market it has truly revamped its strategy and moved away from the green push which proved unpopular with a significant portion of its shareholder base," said AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould.

BP publishes its latest earnings on Tuesday, after rival Shell last week reported a 23-percent slide in first-half net profit, hit by lower oil and gas prices.

# UN to boost air parcel security a year after DHL depot explosions



AFP | Montreal, Canada

The United Nations yesterday announced plans to enhance air mail security, one year after parcels exploded at DHL depots in Germany and Britain, in a plot blamed on Russia.

The strategy announced by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and Universal Postal Union -- two specialized UN agencies -- aims to improve threat detection, officials told AFP.

European intelligence services believe Russia was behind the explosions last July at DHL depots in Leipzig, Germany and Birmingham in Britain.

Several people implicated in the operation were believed to be "disposable" agents with no official position in the Russian

intelligence services, according to German media reports.

Such low-level agents were typically recruited via messaging apps to carry out tasks for money, the reports said.

German intelligence officials have said the planes carrying the

parcels would have crashed had they exploded mid-flight.

Canada-based ICAO's head of aviation security, Sonia Hifdi, did not directly name Russia when laying out the plan, but said: "In the last 12 months, we have seen more sophisticated ac-

tors aiming to cause disruptions in the supply chain."

The joint "multi-year action plan" strives to train all personnel who handle air mail, and will work towards increased data sharing between postal and aviation authorities.



Major airlines like Emirates, Lufthansa, and Singapore Airlines operate dedicated cargo divisions (e.g., Emirates SkyCargo, Lufthansa Cargo) that handle millions of air parcels globally each year -- including everything from small packages to high-value goods and medical supplies. These services often partner with couriers like DHL, FedEx, UPS, and national postal services to complete door-to-door deliveries.



National Bank of Bahrain

# NBB Delivers Financial Literacy Workshops as Part of its Sponsorship of Youth City 2030

Manama

As part of its involvement in the 14th edition of Youth City 2030, the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) organised a series of financial literacy sessions to educate the youth on smart money management.

The sessions were delivered in the form of interactive workshops, gamified challenges, peer-to-peer interactions, and simulated exercises. Participants got the opportunity to develop an essential understanding of budgeting, saving and goal-setting, digital banking fundamentals, and spending



discipline. NBB also hosted a Yal-



la-themed booth to offer interactive financial guidance to visitors, alongside an activity featuring engaging education-

ed cash prizes to the top 3 scorers.

The multi-format approach encouraged widespread participation and allowed attendees to learn through both competition and collaboration.

NBB's active involvement in Youth City 2030 reflects its broader strategy of creating meaningful youth empowerment opportunities in collaboration with public and private sector entities.

The Bank remains committed to engaging more closely with the next generation and fostering their personal and professional development.

# Trump says to name new economics data official

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said yesterday that he would pick an "exceptional replacement" to his labor statistics chief -- after ordering her dismissal as a new report showed weakness in the US jobs market.

In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump reiterated -- without immediately providing evidence -- that an employment report released last Friday "was

rigged."

He alleged that the official had manipulated data to diminish his administration's economic accomplishments.

"We'll be announcing a new (labor) statistician some time over the next three-four days," Trump earlier told reporters.

He added Monday: "I will pick an exceptional replacement."

US job growth missed expectations in July, figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed Friday, and sharp revisions to

hiring figures in recent months brought them to the weakest levels since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Shortly afterwards, Trump ordered the removal of Erika McEntarfer, the department's commissioner of labor statistics.

Trump told reporters Sunday: "We had no confidence. I mean the numbers were ridiculous."

Trump added that the same official, just before the 2024 election, "came out with these phenomenal numbers on (Joe) Biden's economy."

He claimed those job numbers were "a scam."

The United States added 73,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate rose to 4.2 percent, the Department of Labor reported.

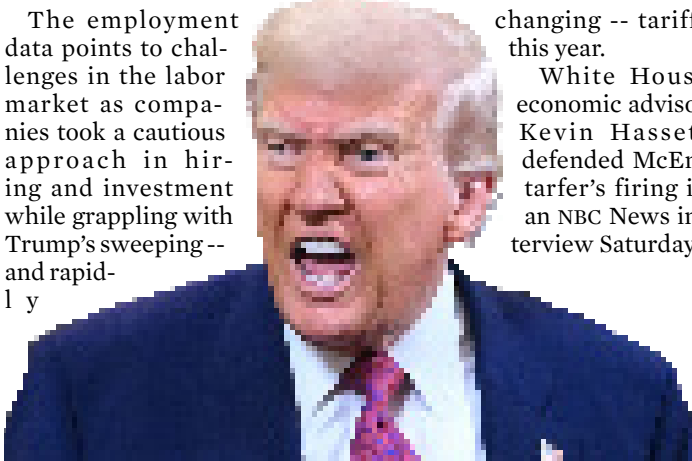
Hiring numbers for May were revised down from 144,000 to 19,000. The figure for June was shifted from 147,000 to 14,000.

This was notably lower than job creation levels in recent years. During the pandemic, the economy lost jobs.

The employment data points to challenges in the labor market as companies took a cautious approach in hiring and investment while grappling with Trump's sweeping -- and rapid-

changing -- tariffs this year.

White House economic advisor Kevin Hassett defended McEntarfer's firing in an NBC News interview Saturday.



BlueFive Capital

# BlueFive Capital Announces Mumtalakat's Acquisition of a Stake in the Global Investment Platform

Manama

BlueFive Capital announced today that Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, has acquired a stake in the firm, un-

derscoring Mumtalakat's commitment to supporting emerging financial players.

Mumtalakat's stake follows BlueFive Capital's successful close of its Founding Shareholders Circle, and it joins the 25 prominent GCC and glob-

al investors backing the firm. This latest investment provides BlueFive with long-term institutional backing as it continues to scale internationally.

Founded in 2024, BlueFive Capital has rapidly grown to manage more than \$2.6 billion

in assets. As well as a flagship office in Manama, the firm operates across key global centres including London, Abu Dhabi and Beijing. It is founded by private equity veteran Hazem Ben-Gacem and chaired by Sheikh Mohamed Isa Al Khalifa, the

former Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain's national pension fund.

BlueFive Chairman Sheikh Mohamed Isa Al Khalifa, said: "Welcoming Mumtalakat as one of our anchor shareholders is both a milestone and a strong

statement of confidence in our vision and capabilities. This partnership provides stability and credibility as we accelerate our global expansion, firmly rooted in Bahrain's dynamic financial landscape."

# Stocks rebound on US rate cut bets

- European indices mostly started the week on the front foot
- Asian investors started the week mixed
- Federal Reserve governor Adriana Kugler is stepping down six months early
- Oil prices fell more than 2% after a sharp output increase

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Most stock markets bounced on Monday on hopes of US interest rate cuts after weak jobs figures raised concerns about the world's top economy.

The broad gains followed a Wall Street sell-off on Friday in reaction to the jobs data and

news that dozens of countries would be hit with US tariffs ranging from 10 to 41%.

The main New York indices were up more than 1% in midday trading.

European indices mostly started the week on the front foot,

with Paris and Frankfurt both ending the day up more than 1%.

"Investors seem to be taking an optimistic view... betting on an increased likelihood of further monetary easing by the Fed after Friday's employment figures," said John Plassard, head

of investment strategy at Cite Gestion Private Bank.

CME's FedWatch tool has investors seeing an 87.5% of the Fed making a quarter-point cut in interest rates.

Plassard noted, however, that "uncertainty reigns" as US President Donald Trump's tariffs are set to take effect on Thursday.

Switzerland's stock market dropped around 2% at Monday's open, its first session as it returned from a holiday after a tough 39% US tariff rate was announced.

The index pared most of its losses to end the day off just 0.15%, on hopes the Swiss government, which announced it would make an improved offer to Washington, could negotiate a reduction in the levy, which is steeper than that imposed on the European Union and Britain.

London advanced, lifted by banking stocks after the sector was granted reprieve from the worst of feared compensation claims over controversial car loans dating back to 2007.

Lloyds Banking Group jumped nine percent while Close Brothers, listed on the FTSE 250, soared more than 23%.

Asian investors started the week mixed, with Hong Kong and Shanghai advancing while Tokyo fell.

Stocks had struggled Friday as US jobs growth missed expectation in July, with revised data showing the weakest hiring since the Covid-19 pandemic -- fuelling concerns that Trump's tariffs are starting to bite.

Trump responded to the data by firing the commissioner of labour statistics, accusing her of manipulating employment data for political reasons.

Markets reacted more favourably on Monday, as the hiring slowdown boosted hopes of Fed rate cuts to support the economy.

"Analysts are betting that rate-setters will prioritise recession avoidance over price controls," said Derren Nathan, head of equity research at Hargreaves Lansdown.

Observers also noted that news of Federal Reserve governor Adriana Kugler stepping down six months early, which gives Trump a chance to increase his influence on the Fed as he pushes for lower rates.

Kathleen Brooks, research director at trading platform XTB, said it was expected that Trump's choice to replace Kugler would be in line to later succeed Fed Chairman Jerome Powell when his term ends in May.

"Whoever replaces Powell is likely to be a dove and is more likely to acquiesce to President Trump's demands to cut rates," she said.

Elsewhere, oil prices fell more than 2% after a sharp output increase by eight OPEC+ countries, with markets anticipating abundant supply.

However, they later cut their losses after Trump threatened to hike tariffs on Indian goods further over its purchases of Russian oil.



BENEFIT

# BENEFIT Sets Gulf-Wide Benchmark with Dual ISO Certifications for E-Cheque System

Manama

**B**ENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first company in the Gulf region to be awarded two distinguished ISO certifications: ISO 15489-1:2016 for Information and Document Management – Records Management, and ISO 16175-1:2020 Information and Documentation standards on e-Cheque service.

These international certifications represent globally recognised benchmarks for excellence in records management practices. BENEFIT's receipt of ISO 15489-1:2016 underscores the company's robust capabilities in managing records throughout their lifecycle—spanning classification, storage, access, and secure disposal. The certification follows a comprehensive and meticulous audit conducted by the British



The award ceremony

Standards Institution (BSI), which confirmed that BENEFIT's e-cheque system adheres to the most rigorous standards in the management of docu-

mentation and data integrity.

The ISO 16175-1:2020 certification affirms that BENEFIT's digital systems supporting the e-cheque service meet essential

international requirements for functionality, security, and system reliability in records management software. The evaluation examined BENEFIT's digital

infrastructure and validated its alignment with global best practices for secure, integrated, and efficient digital records handling. This recognition reinforces the company's ability to systematically maintain customer records in ways that serve both operational excellence and long-term archival preservation.

Commenting on this landmark achievement, BENEFIT's Chief Executive, Mr. Abdulwahed AlJanahi, stated: "We take immense pride in being the first organisation in the Gulf to attain these prestigious certifications. This accomplishment reflects the culmination of years of strategic investment in quality management, digital innovation, and secure financial technologies. It is also a powerful endorsement of BENEFIT's continued commitment to upholding the highest standards of security, reliability, and service delivery across all our platforms. Our customers and partners can be assured of a best-in-class experience anchored in transparency and trust."

Mr. AlJanahi noted that, amid the rapid global transition toward digitalisation in the financial sector, aligning with ISO standards for e-cheque services marks a strategic move to build a secure and forward-thinking digital infrastructure. BENEFIT's e-cheque platform has become a recognised benchmark at both regional and international levels, reflecting a visionary approach to the future of financial services.

"I extend my sincere appreciation to the executive leadership, management, and every member of the BENEFIT team whose professionalism and dedication were instrumental in achieving this significant milestone. This accomplishment not only reflects our collective efforts but also reinforces BENEFIT's position as a trusted and dependable partner for both individual and corporate clients across the financial landscape," said Mr. Mr. AlJanahi.

# BDB grooms future bankers in new internship push

Real-world training for university students

● Internship across bank operations

● Focus on innovation and teamwork

● Supports Bahrain's Vision 2030

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

**B**ahrain Development Bank (BDB) has launched its 2025 Summer Internship Programme, offering university students hands-on experience across key banking functions in a move that ties directly into Bahrain's broader economic transformation strategy.

The initiative aims to bridge



the gap between academic learning and the operational realities of the financial sector, helping young people build the skills and confidence to contribute meaningfully to the economy. Interns will work under the guidance of BDB professionals and be embedded in real-world projects across the bank's operations.

## Human capital focus

Group Chief Executive Of-

ficer Dalal Al Qais said the programme reflects BDB's vision of national development not just through financing, but by investing in people.

"We welcome our ambitious next generation," she said. "This initiative aligns with our vision to be a key partner in national development, not only by providing financial support, but also by investing in human capital."

Al Qais added that she had

personally met the interns and wished them an "enriching experience."

## Strategic alignment

The programme, developed by BDB's Human Resources Department, is also designed to foster innovation and teamwork among participants. Chief Human Resources Officer Hend Mahmood said it provides an immersive experience in banking

operations, preparing youth to play an active role in economic growth. "This initiative reflects our belief in empowering youth with the knowledge and confidence needed to build successful careers," she said.

## Broader mandate

Established in 1992, BDB is a key player in Bahrain's SME ecosystem and national economic diversification agenda. The

bank's efforts in digital banking through its 'tijara' platform and women-led business support under the Riyadat scheme are among its contributions to inclusive financial access and sustainable growth. The new internship programme complements that mandate by ensuring that future banking professionals emerge with both technical skills and a deep understanding of the national development context.



Internships that combine banking experience with national development goals are increasingly seen as a pipeline for local leadership in GCC finance sectors.



News in brief

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said yesterday

that the plight of hostages held in Gaza should top the global agenda, ahead of a UN Security Council session on the issue. "The world must put an end to the phenomenon of kidnapping civilians. It must be front and centre on the world stage," Saar told a press briefing. "I will head to New York tonight to participate in a special UN Security Council session that I initiated, taking place tomorrow (Tuesday) on the situation of the hostages," the minister added. Of the 251 hostages seized during Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel that triggered the ongoing Gaza war, 49 are still held in the Palestinian territory, including 27 the Israeli military says are dead.



Israel wants Gaza hostages 'front and centre' on world stage: minister

Netanyahu asks Red Cross for help after 'profound shock' of Gaza hostage videos

Hamas's armed wing said it would allow the agency access to the hostages but only if "humanitarian corridors" for food and aid were opened "across all areas of the Gaza Strip". The Al-Qassam Brigades said it did "not intentionally starve" the hostages, but they would not receive any special food privileges "amid the crime of starvation and siege" in Gaza.

Sudanese paramilitary fighters have killed at least 14 civilians trying to flee a besieged city in Darfur, a rights group said yesterday, more than 27 months into their war against the army. The Emergency Lawyers, which documents atrocities in the war between the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese army, said that "dozens more were injured and an unknown number of civilians detained" in the paramilitary attack on Saturday on the outskirts of El-Fasher city, in the western Darfur region. The RSF has in recent days launched its latest attack on El-Fasher, the North Darfur state capital which it has besieged since May 2024 but has been unable to seize from the hands of the army. Just two days before Saturday's attack, the RSF's political administration urged residents to evacuate to Qarni village, where the Emergency Lawyers says the civilians were killed.

Sudan paramilitaries kill 14 civilians fleeing besieged city: monitor



SPOTLIGHT

South Korea removing loudspeakers on border with North



South Korean soldiers removing loudspeakers that were set up for propaganda broadcasts

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

South Korea said yesterday it was removing loudspeakers used to blare K-pop and news reports to the North, as the new administration in Seoul tries to ease tensions with its bellicose neighbour. The nations, still technically at war, had already halted propaganda broadcasts along the demilitarised zone, Seoul's military said in June after the election of President Lee Jae Myung. It said in June that Pyongyang stopped transmitting bizarre, unsettling noises along the border that had become a major nuisance for South Korean locals, a day after the South's loudspeakers fell silent.

"Starting today, the military has begun removing the loudspeakers," Lee Kyung-ho, spokesman of the South's defence ministry, told reporters on Monday. "It is a practical measure aimed at helping ease tensions with the North, provided that such actions do not compromise the military's state of readiness." All loudspeakers set up along the border will be dismantled by the end of the week, he added. He did not disclose the number to be removed, but a Yonhap news agency report -- which the defence ministry declined to verify -- said it was about 20.

Russia urges caution in nuclear 'rhetoric'

Trump said he would deploy two nuclear submarine

Medvedev accused Trump of "playing the ultimatum game"

Trump did not say whether he meant nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed submarines

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russia urged caution yesterday after US President Donald Trump said he would deploy two nuclear submarines following an online row with former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev. Trump said he had ordered the deployment in response to what he alleged were highly provocative comments by Medvedev, saying the submarines would be positioned in "appropriate regions".

Trump did not say whether he meant nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed submarines. He also did not elaborate on the locations, which are kept secret by the US military. "Russia is very attentive to the topic of nuclear non-proliferation. And we believe that everyone should be very, very cautious with nuclear rhetoric," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, including from AFP, on Monday. The row between Medvedev and Trump erupted against the backdrop of the US leader's ultimatum for Russia to end its military offensive in Ukraine or face fresh economic sanctions, including on its remaining trading partners.

Trump envoy's visit will be 'important', Moscow says

Washington, United States

The Kremlin said yesterday it was anticipating "important" talks with Donald Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, later this week, ahead of the US president's looming deadline to impose fresh sanctions on Moscow if it does not make progress towards a peace deal with Ukraine. Trump confirmed Sunday that special envoy Steve Witkoff will visit Russia, likely on "Wednesday or Thursday",

where he is expected to meet President Vladimir Putin. Speaking to reporters, Trump also said that two nuclear submarines he deployed following an online row with former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev were now "in the region". The Republican leader said Witkoff would visit "I

think next week, Wednesday or Thursday". Russian President Vladimir Putin has already met Witkoff multiple times in Moscow, before Trump's efforts to mend ties with the Kremlin came to a grinding halt. When reporters asked what Witkoff's message would be to Moscow, and if there was anything Russia could do to avoid the sanctions, Trump replied: "Yeah, get a deal where people stop getting killed." The Kremlin said another meeting with Putin was possible and that it considered talks with Witkoff to be "important, substantial and helpful".

Nuclear Strength Comparison: United States vs Russia

Feature	United States	Russia
Total warheads	~5,244	~5,889
Deployed strategic warheads	~1,770	~1,674
ICBMs	400	~310
Nuclear submarines	14 Ohio-class	10-11 (Borei, Delta IV)
Bombers	B-52H, B-2	Tu-95MS, Tu-160
Nuclear triad	Yes	Yes
Stockpile trend	Modernising, reducing	Modernising, expanding



Dmitry Medvedev, US President Donald Trump

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Monday backed Trump's actions. "The concept of peace through strength works," Andriy Yermak wrote on social media. "The moment American nuclear submarines appeared, one Russian drunk -- who had just been threatening nuclear war on X -- suddenly went silent."

Medvedev, who has not posted on social media since the spat, is currently the deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council. He served one term as president from 2008 to 2012, effectively acting as a placeholder for Putin, who was able to circumvent constitutional term limits and de facto remain in power. The chief of staff to



The Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Tennessee

Israeli PM says to brief army on Gaza war plan

Jerusalem, Undefined

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised Monday to update Israel's Gaza war plan, a day before a UN Security Council meeting on the fate of hostages still held in the Palestinian territory. Addressing a cabinet meeting nearly 22 months into the war, the Israeli

leader told ministers that later in the week he would instruct the military on how "to achieve the three war objectives we have set". Netanyahu's announcement comes as he faces increasing pressure to return the remaining hostages in Gaza, as well as mounting international calls to address the dire food situa-

tion in the Gaza Strip. Israel -- backed by the United States and Panama -- is preparing to convene a UN Security Council meeting on Tuesday to highlight the fate of the hostages. At the weekly cabinet meeting, Netanyahu reiterated that Israel's three war goals remain "the defeat of the enemy, the re-

lease of our hostages and the promise that Gaza will no longer pose a threat to Israel". His statement came after hundreds of retired Israeli security chiefs wrote to US President Donald Trump to urge him to convince Netanyahu to end the war. Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said ahead of the UN session in New York

that "the world must put an end to the phenomenon of kidnapping civilians. It must be front and centre on the world stage". Of the 251 hostages seized during Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel, 49 are still held in the Palestinian territory, including 27 the Israeli military says are dead.



Scottish resistance leader William Wallace is captured by the English near Glasgow and transported to London for trial and execution

Humphrey Gilbert claims Newfoundland for the British crown, the first English colony in North America and the beginning of the British Empire



Battle of Petrovaradin [Peterwardein]: Habsburgs under Eugene of Savoy defeat the Ottomans in a decisive victory

Battle of Mobile Bay won by the Union Navy, led by Rear Admiral David Farragut with the cry "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"



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TWEETS

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**T**edros Adhanom Ghebreyesus @DrTedros-6h We echo @ICRC's call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages held in #Gaza. We reiterate that all those being held must receive access to food and medical care, and must be treated without any form of humiliation.

@DrTedros

02



**S**hri Shibu Soren Ji was a grassroots leader who rose through the ranks of public life with unwavering dedication to the people. He was particularly passionate about empowering tribal communities, the poor and downtrodden. Pained by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family and admirers. Spoke to Jharkhand CM Shri Hemant Soren Ji and expressed condolences. Om Shanti.

@narendramodi

03



**I**n the future, people will find it wild that manual driving was a daily task, not a weekend thrill

@elonmusk

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**K**harkiv region. I met with the warriors of the 92nd Separate Assault Brigade named after Ivan Sirko. The fighters are holding a difficult section of the front – Lyptsi

@Zelenskyyua

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# Philippines' Marcos in India as navies hold joint drills



Philippines' President Ferdinand Marcos (2L) walks alongside India's Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita (C) as he inspects the honour guards upon his arrival at the airport in New Delhi.

AFP | New Delhi, India

**P**hilippines' President Ferdinand Marcos arrived in India on Monday on a visit aimed at strengthening defence and strategic ties between nations as they navigate tensions with China across the Asia-Pacific.

The five-day visit follows the Philippines' acquisition of India's BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system -- the first such export by New Delhi -- with deliveries beginning in April under a \$375 million deal signed in 2022.

The visit comes as Indian Navy warships take part in patrols of the disputed South China Sea with their Philippine counterparts for the first time.

The two-day sail includes three Indian vessels and started Sunday, a day before Marcos left on a trip that will include talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India's naval vessels, including the guided missile destroyer INS Delhi, arrived in Manila for a port visit late last week.

The patrol "started yesterday afternoon, then it's ongoing up to this moment... the activity at the moment is replenishment at sea," Lieutenant Colonel John Paul Salgado told AFP.

## Talks with Modi

Talks between Marcos and Indian Prime Minister Narendra



A crew member stands in front of the Indian Navy guided-missile destroyer INS Delhi armed with Brahmos anti-ship missiles (front R) after it docked at the international port of Manila

endra Modi are expected Tuesday with a focus on expanding maritime security coordination and intelligence-sharing.

The Philippines has heightened defence cooperation with a range of allies over the past year after a series of clashes in the contested waterway.

"Our unwavering commitment to regional peace and cooperation serve as a credible foundation of our active and growing maritime cooperation," Marcos said before his departure from Manila.

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Marcos said that both countries share a "geostrategic position as coastal states that border the busiest international trade routes".

India is a member of the Quad group, which includes fellow democracies the United States, Japan and Australia.

Beijing has repeatedly alleged that the four-way partnership, first conceived by late Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe, was created as a way of containing China.

China in response accused Manila of "drawing

in external countries to stir up trouble" in the South China Sea.

The joint patrol "undermines regional peace and stability", said Senior Colonel Tian Junli, spokesperson of the Chinese military's Southern Theater Command.

He said Beijing had conducted "routine patrols" in the South China Sea on Sunday and Monday, and remained on "high alert".

## BrahMos

While in India, Marcos is expected to sign pacts in such fields as law, culture and technology, according to foreign affairs assistant secretary Evangelina Ong Jimenez-Ducrocq, but all eyes will be on any potential defence agreements.

Before departing Monday, Marcos praised the two countries' "steadfastness in upholding international maritime law, including the UNCLOS", the UN treaty granting an exclusive economic zone within 200 nautical miles (370 kilometres) of a country's shores.

The Philippines has previously purchased BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles from India, a weapon which has a top speed of 3,450 kilometres (2,140 miles) per hour.

Police said they started investigating in September after Canada's border agency alerted Spanish authorities to multiple cases of Yemeni nationals trying to enter from Spanish airports using forged travel documents. Officers arrested 11 suspected gang members, including its alleged leader, in raids in northern Spain and Madrid. Police said they traced flight bookings, money transfers, credit card payments, airport surveillance footage, and electronic travel authorisations as part of their probe.



The Indian Navy survey vessel INS Sandhayak docks at the international port of Manila

**Trump says to raise tariff on India over Russia oil purchases**  
Washington, United States

**P**resident Donald Trump threatened yesterday to "substantially" hike US tariffs on goods from India over its purchases of Russian oil -- a key source of revenue for Moscow's war on Ukraine.

Trump's heightened pressure on India comes after he signaled fresh sanctions on Moscow if it did not make progress by Friday towards a peace deal with Kyiv, more than three years since Russia's invasion.

Moscow is anticipating talks with the US leader's special envoy Steve Witkoff, who is expected to meet President Vladimir Putin this week.

On Monday, Trump said in a post to his Truth Social platform that India was "buying massive amounts of Russian Oil" and selling it for "big profits."

"They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian War Machine," Trump added.

"Because of this, I will be substantially raising the Tariff paid by India to the USA."

But he did not provide details on what tariff level he had in mind.

For now, an existing 10 percent US tariff on Indian products is expected to rise to 25 percent come Thursday.

**Spain breaks up ring smuggling Yemenis to UK, Canada**

AFP | Madrid, Spain

**S**panish police said yesterday they have dismantled a criminal network suspected of smuggling mainly Yemeni migrants into Britain and Canada with fake passports.

After obtaining refugee documents in Greece, the migrants went to European airports where gang members would deliver them counterfeit passports to allow them to "irregularly" go to the two countries, police said in a statement.

The group allegedly facilitated more than 40 irregular migration attempts, charging up to 3,000 (\$3,250) per person.

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# 76 dead, dozens missing after migrant boat sinks off Yemen

32 people rescued from the shipwreck in the Gulf of Aden

## ● The accident occurred off Abyan governorate in southern Yemen

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

At least 76 people have been killed and dozens are missing after a boat carrying mostly Ethiopian migrants sank off Yemen, in the latest tragedy on the perilous sea route, officials said yesterday.

Yemeni security officials said 76 bodies had been recovered and 32 people rescued from the shipwreck in the Gulf of Aden. The UN's migration agency said 157 people were on board.

The accident occurred off Abyan governorate in southern Yemen, a frequent destination

for boats smuggling African migrants hoping to reach the wealthy Gulf states.

Some of those rescued have been transferred to Yemen's Aden, near Abyan, a security official said.

UN agency the International Organization for Migration earlier gave a toll of at least 68 dead.

The IOM's country chief of mission, Abdusattor Eshev, told AFP that "the fate of the missing is still unknown."

Despite the civil war that has ravaged Yemen since 2014, the impoverished country has remained a key transit point for irregular migration, in particular from Ethiopia which itself has been roiled by ethnic conflict.

Each year, thousands brave the so-called "Eastern Route" from Djibouti to Yemen across the Red Sea, in the hope of eventually reaching oil-rich Gulf countries such as Saudi Arabia

and the United Arab Emirates.

The IOM recorded at least 558 deaths on the Red Sea route last year, with 462 from boat accidents.

Last month, at least eight people died after smugglers forced migrants to disembark from a boat in the Red Sea, according to the UN's migration agency.

The vessel that sank off Abyan was carrying mostly Ethiopian migrants, according to the province's security directorate and an IOM source.

Yemeni security forces were conducting operations to recover a "significant" number of bodies, the Abyan directorate said on Sunday.

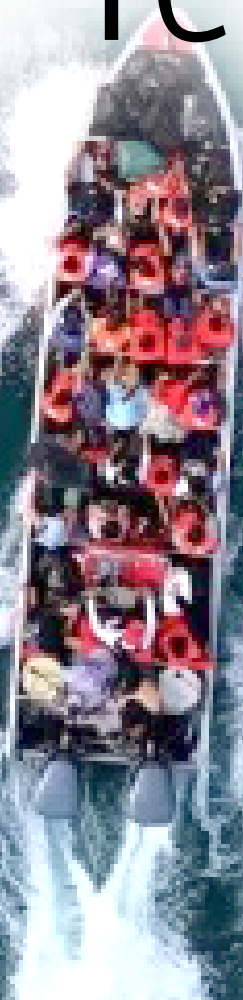
On their way to the Gulf, migrants cross the Bab al-Mandab Strait, the narrow waterway at the mouth of the Red Sea that is a major route for international trade, as well as for migration and human trafficking.

Once in war-torn Yemen, the Arabian Peninsula's poorest country, migrants often face other threats to their safety.

The IOM says tens of thousands of migrants have become stranded in Yemen and suffer abuse and exploitation during their journeys.

In April, more than 60 people were killed in a strike blamed on the United States that hit a migrant detention centre in Yemen, according to the Huthi rebels that control much of the country.

The wealthy Gulf monarchies host significant populations of foreign workers from South Asia and Africa.



## Suspects on trial over Moscow venue attack that killed 149



A group of defendants accused of involvement in the 2024 Crocus City Hall music venue gun attack that killed 149 people, goes on trial in Moscow

Moscow, Russia

Nineteen people went on trial in Moscow yesterday over an attack on a city concert hall that killed 149 people in one of the deadliest strikes in Russia.

Armed men stormed the Crocus City Hall on the outskirts of Moscow on March 22, 2024, opening fire and then setting the building alight, injuring hundreds of people.

The Islamic State (IS) group claimed responsibility.

The four suspected attackers, all from Tajikistan -- an ex-Soviet republic in central Asia -- and another 15 people accused of being accomplices have gone on trial.

An AFP reporter at the courtroom before saw some of the

defendants in glass cages, their hands cuffed behind their backs.

Around 30 survivors were also present.

One of them, Tatiana Ruzanova, told AFP she came to the court to see the defendants.

"They all sit quietly with their heads slumped in cages... I didn't see if they felt guilty, they all had their heads down," Ruzanova said.

On the night of the attack, she came to the concert of the Russian rock group Piknik with a friend but did not make it inside the hall.

"We saw everyone already in the foyer, maybe that saved us. We inhaled smoke. It was a miracle that we didn't make it," Ruzanova said.



(from L) Rachabalizoda Saidakrami, Dalerdjon (alternatively spelled Dalerdzhon) Barotov, Shamsidin Fariduni and Muhammadsobir Fayzov suspected of taking part in the attack

# Iran says US accountability for attacks on nuclear sites part of any future talks

## ● The United States struck key Iranian nuclear facilities on June 22

## ● Washington has dismissed Tehran's call for compensation as "ridiculous"

## ● Iran said future cooperation with the UN agency would take on a "new form"

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran said yesterday it would hold the United States accountable for attacks on its nuclear sites in any future negotiations, while ruling out direct talks with Washington.

The United States struck key Iranian nuclear facilities on June 22, briefly joining a war launched by Israel that had derailed talks on Tehran's atomic programme.

"In any potential negotiation... the issue of holding the United States accountable and demanding compensation for committing military aggression against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities will be one of the topics on the agenda," foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei told a press briefing on Monday.

Asked whether Iran would engage in direct talks with the United States, Baqaei said: "No."

In mid-June, Israel launched an unprecedented attack target-

ing Iranian nuclear and military sites, but also hitting residential areas over 12 days of war. US forces joined with attacks on nuclear facilities at Fordo, Isfahan and Natanz.

The fighting derailed talks that began in April and had been the highest-level contact between Tehran and Washington since the United States abandoned in 2018 a landmark agreement on Iran's nuclear activities.

Following the war, Tehran suspended cooperation with the United Nations' nuclear watchdog and demanded guarantees against military action before resuming any negotiations.

Washington has dismissed Tehran's call for compensation as "ridiculous".

Baqaei said on Monday that Iran was committed to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, but criticised what he described as the "politicised and unprofessional approach" of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The foreign ministry spokesman said that the IAEA's deputy chief is expected in Iran "in less than 10 days".

Later on Monday, the head of the Iranian parliament's national security commission, Ebrahim Azizi, said the visiting delegation from the IAEA "will be strictly and exclusively authorised to conduct technical and expert-level discussions with Iranian officials and experts".

"Under no circum-

stances will physical access to Iran's nuclear facilities be granted, and no inspections by this delegation or any other foreign entity will be permitted at the country's nuclear sites," the lawmaker said, according to Tasnim news agency.

Last month, Iran said future cooperation with the UN agency would take on a "new form".

On July 25, Iranian diplomats met with counterparts from Germany, Britain and France, in the first such meeting since the war with Israel ended.

The three European powers are parties to the 2015 nuclear deal, which unravelled after the US withdrew during Trump's first term.

In recent weeks, the trio has threatened to trigger sanctions if Tehran failed to agree a deal on uranium enrichment and cooperation with UN inspectors.

Iran has repeatedly called re-imposing sanctions "illegal" and insisted on its right to enrich uranium.

Israel and Western nations accuse Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran has consistently denied.



Iran is not known to possess nuclear weapons, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has consistently reported no credible evidence of a current, coordinated nuclear weapons program









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# Fast break to Cairo: Bahrain’s U-19s ready for Handball worlds

Bahrain’s juniors hit the world stage, opening against Japan in Group G

- Group includes host Japan, Egypt, and South Korea
- Preparation boosted by Saudi friendly week
- Eyes on main round return in Egypt

TDT | Manama

Bahrain’s next generation of handball talent will open their U-19 World Championship campaign in Cairo tomorrow, August 6, against Japan at 5:15 PM Bahrain time. It’s a tough welcome to Group G, often dubbed the “Group of Death,” with hosts Egypt on Thursday at 7:30 PM and South



Bahrain's squad during a pre-tournament training drill

Korea on Friday at 5:15 PM. Only the top two sides will move on to the main round. The rest drop into the President’s Cup.

### Friendly Fire

Preparation has been thorough. Bahrain capped off weeks

of intense domestic drills with a closed door friendly against Saudi Arabia, where they focused on defensive compactness and disciplined transition play under match pressure. The Saudi camp allowed coaches to fine tune tempo and execution ahead

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Bahrain reached the main round in their 2007 U-19 World debut and are eager to end the 18-year wait

of Egypt.

### Chasing a Return

Bahrain’s route to Cairo was paved by a fifth-place finish at last year’s Asian Youth Championship in Amman, where they faced familiar foes like Japan and Korea. Their 2007 debut remains their best U 19 World result, reaching the eight-team



Action from training

main round. In their four appearances since, they have never made it out of the group stage.

### Setbacks and Support

Goalkeeper Mohamed Sham-louh has been ruled out of the tournament with a shoulder

injury, a blow to Bahrain’s last line defense. Still, with strong backing from the Bahrain Handball Federation and Olympic Committee, including overseas training access, this squad enters Egypt better prepared than ever.

## Pakistan beat West Indies by 13 runs to capture T20 series



Pakistan’s Sahibzada Farhan, left, and Saim Ayub, right, celebrate reaching 100 runs with their opening partnership

AFP | Lauderhill

Sahibzada Farhan and Saim Ayub combined for a 138 opening partnership and Pakistan defeated the West Indies by 13 runs on Sunday to capture their T20 International Series.

Pakistan won the series opener by 14 runs but dropped the second match by two wickets to set up a Sunday night decider at Lauderhill, Florida.

After winning the toss and choosing to bat first, Pakistan were rewarded with a powerhouse performance by Farhan and Ayub.

Pakistan went 189 for four as Farhan hammered the hosts for 74 runs on 53 balls, smashing five sixes and three fours, while Ayub lasted 19 overs, finishing on 66 from 49 balls with two sixes and four fours.

Farhan was caught by West Indies captain Shai Hope at long off from a delivery by Shamar Joseph on the second ball of the 17th over.

Hasan Nawaz entered but was retired after only 15 runs, caught by Romario Shepherd at long off from a delivery by Roston Chase on the penulti-

mate ball of the 18th over.

Mohammad Haris was run out for only two runs by Gudakesh Motie to start the 19th over and Ayub finally exited on the last ball of the penultimate over, Jason Holder’s delivery grabbed by Sherfane Rutherford at sweeper cover.

Set 190 to win, West Indies struck for 30 runs on the first 10 balls from Hasan Ali and Mohammad Nawaz.

Jewel Andrew was caught by Hasan Ali at long on, bowled by Haris Rauf for 24, the first West Indies wicket falling at 44.

Ayub caught Hope bowled out by Nawaz for seven in the ninth over with the hosts still 116 runs from victory.

Alick Athanaze lasted 13 overs before being taken for 60, caught by Khushdil Shah bowled by Ayub with West Indies on 110, needing 80 runs off the last 42 deliveries.

Chase was retired on the last ball of the 17th over and his replacement, last-ball hero Holder from the win a night earlier, was bowled out by Su-fiyan Muqeem two balls later for a duck, leaving the hosts 41 runs shy with 16 balls remaining.

## Despondent Hamilton and Ferrari crash back to earth

- Hamilton finishes 12th in Hungary
- Vasseur defends frustrated driver

AFP | Budapest

Lewis Hamilton received support from his Ferrari team boss Fred Vasseur on Sunday just hours after the Briton cut a dejected figure following a lacklustre drive to 12th place in the Hungarian Grand Prix.

While team-mate Charles Leclerc proved unable to convert Ferrari’s first pole position of the season into victory due to unexplained mechanical problems during the race, seven-time champion Hamilton was battling to escape midfield and finished where he started.

As on Saturday, when he was dumped out of Q2 and appeared miserable, claiming he was “completely useless” and saying the team should “bring in another driver”, Hamilton seemed utterly deflated.

To most observers, it appeared as if the pressures of living up to the hype of his spectacular marquee move from Mercedes, where he won six titles, and adjusting to the culture, car and expectations at Ferrari were overwhelming him.

At 40, talk of imminent retirement circled around him.

But Vasseur was swift to defend Hamilton, who has always been prone to impulsive heart-on-sleeve reactions.

“I don’t need to motivate him,” said Vasseur. “Honestly, he’s frustrated, but not demotivated.”

“He’s demanding, but I think it’s also why he’s (a) seven-time world champion. I can perfectly understand this situation.”

“Sometimes, you are making comments on what the driver



Ferrari’s British driver Lewis Hamilton stops at the pits during the Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix

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After being knocked out in Q2, a dejected Hamilton claimed he was “completely useless” and said the team should “bring in another driver.”

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“Sometimes, just after the race or just after qualifying, you are very disappointed and the first reaction is harsh. I can understand the frustration, but we are all frustrated.”

### ‘He will be back’

Vasseur added Hamilton’s weekend appeared worse than it really was because of the tight

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FRED VASSEUR

and competitive times that led him to miss out on reaching Q3 on Saturday.

“For sure, when you are a seven-time world champion, your team-mate is on pole position and you are out in Q2, it’s a tough situation,” he said.

“But overall, we can also have a deep look that he was in front of Charles in Q1 and with the

first set that he was one-tenth off in Q2. We were not far away from having the two cars out in Q2.

“I can understand the frustration from Lewis. That’s normal and he will come back. He was stuck in a DRS train, but when he was alone, the pace was good.

“I’m sure that he will be back and he will perform.”

Fourth-placed Leclerc backed his team-mate.

“At the end, we are one team and as much as I want to finish in front of Lewis, I want both of us to be successful and for Ferrari to be successful, and obviously this weekend has been a tough one for Lewis,” Leclerc said.

“But I have no doubt that it’s a one-off and I’m sure the second part of the season will be a lot more positive.”

Hamilton, sixth in the drivers’ standings, but without a podium for Ferrari this year, said he was looking forward to a much-needed “break from work” during F1’s August holiday before the Dutch Grand Prix on the final weekend of this month.



# Fritz wins late-night Marathon

Fritz outlasts Lehecka in a 3-hour, 39-game battle without a single break

- Fritz beats Lehecka in triple tiebreak
- Completes set of all Masters quarter-finals
- Shelton edges Cobolli for 100th ATP win
- De Minaur outlasts Tiafoe in tense battle
- Rublev advances after Fokina retires mid-match

AFP | Toronto

Taylor Fritz battled into yesterday morning before finally getting past Czech Jiri Lehecka with a 7-6 (7/4), 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5) victory in three hours to reach the quarter-finals of the ATP Toronto Masters.

The US second seed finished off a complete matched set of Masters 1000 quarter-finals as the last piece of the puzzle fell into place in Canada.

The late-night marathon lasted 39 games without a break of serve, with 15 aggregate break points going begging.

Fritz delivered two aces in the final-set tiebreaker on his way to the narrow win, moving into the last eight as Lehecka drove long.

“Making all the Masters quarters is really cool,” Fritz said. “It shows consistency.

“Today I had to accept that

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The late-night marathon match between Taylor Fritz and Jiri Lehecka lasted for three hours and had no breaks of serve, with 15 aggregate break points going begging

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Fellow American Ben Shelton earned a second chance after Flavio Cobillo failed to serve out their match, with the fourth seed finally securing a somewhat contentious 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7/1) win.

The pair had words after the match, which Shelton characterised as nothing serious.

“(In the tiebreaker) he made a gesture (he said) it was not directed at me so we are cool,” Shelton said.

The winner, who now plays Alex de Minaur, earned his 100th ATP-level win after nearly two and a half hours, firing an ace on his second match point to wrap up a place in the last eight for a third straight tournament after Wimbledon and Washington.

“It was a difficult match, I was

down and out a break in the third set. But I gave myself a second chance. It was an absolute war -- not an easy one,” Shelton said.

“I was not hitting my spots on serve that well. I would do things differently. But coming through at the end speaks to my mental toughness and being scrappy.”

De Minaur pushed his ATP winning streak to seven matches as he fended off Frances Tiafoe 6-2, 4-6, 6-4..

The Australian won the Washington title on Sunday before plunging into the chaotic schedule at Toronto, where play began on the weekend and will continue through Thursday.

De Minaur added his voice to the growing chorus of player complaints about the new 12-day Masters calendar, which will see play start in Cincinnati this week before Canada completes its unorthodox Thursday night final.



Taylor Fritz

## ‘Proud of the effort’

The Australian said he wasn’t helped by a third-round walk-over -- which gave him three straight days off in the middle of the tournament.

“I didn’t enjoy having so much time. The body is used to going and going (during tournaments),” he said after ousting Tiafoe in just under two and a half hours. “It was almost like it switched off, I had to focus to switch it back on. I had to tell myself I was still playing a tournament -- still competing.

“I’m proud of the effort today.”

De Minaur has now beaten Tiafoe in three of four meetings. He profited from nearly 50 unforced errors off the American’s racquet while overcoming a serving slump in the second set and early into the third.

“It was never going to be easy. He has got the ability to switch it on whenever he wants. It was tricky to put him away,” De Minaur said, adding that the hot, windy conditions made it even trickier.

“I was just happy to sneak away with this win,” he said after booking a seventh quarter-final of the season.

Sixth seed Andrey Rublev, runner-up last year when the tournament was held in Montreal, reached his 14th Masters quarter-final 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/2), 3-0 when Spaniard Alejandro Davidovich Fokina was forced to retire with possible cramping.

Both men ended the battle with 37 unforced errors, with sixth seed Rublev to play Fritz for a semi-final spot.

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Making all the Masters quarters is really cool. It shows consistency. Today I had to accept that parts of my game were just not there. I was bailed out by a lot of first serves, but I was making too many mistakes

TAYLOR FRITZ

## Swiatek crashes out of WTA Canadian Open, Osaka races through

- Tauson beats Swiatek 7-6(1), 6-3
- Osaka defeats Sevastova 6-1, 6-0

AFP | Montreal

Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek became the latest seed to fall at the WTA Canadian Open on Sunday, stunned 7-6 (7/1), 6-3 by 19th-ranked Dane Clara Tauson in the fourth round.

Swiatek, ranked third in the world and seeded second in Montreal, followed top-seeded Coco Gauff, third-seeded two-time defending champion Jessica Pegula and fourth-seeded Mirra Andreeva out the door.

Fifth-seeded American Amanada Anisimova followed later with a straight-sets loss to Elina Svitolina.

Tauson avenged a fourth-round loss to Swiatek at Wimbledon and called her second career victory over a top-five player “unreal”.

“Obviously it’s really great and it shows all the hard work I’ve been doing has been the right thing,” Tauson said. “I’m getting more confidence in this kind of level and feeling like I belong here a bit more. I think that really helped me today in the important points.”

Tauson booked a quarter-final berth against Australian Open champion Madison Keys, who



Iga Swiatek of Poland congratulates Clara Tauson of Denmark for her victory

saved two match points on the way to a 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory over Czech Karolina Muchova.

It was the American’s third match win of the year in which she overcame a match point.

Meanwhile, it was clear sailing for former world number one Naomi Osaka, who needed just 49 minutes to blast past Anastasiya Sevastova 6-1, 6-0.

The second-quickest win of Osaka’s career put her into her first quarter-final at the 1000 or Grand Slam level since Doha in 2024.

Swiatek, playing her first tournament since winning her sixth Grand Slam title at the All England Club last month, looked out of sorts from the start on a breezy centre court.

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IGA SWIATEK

She fell behind a quick break and failed to convert a pair of break chances in the eighth game as Tauson took a 5-3 lead

in the first set.

The Polish star appeared to be finding her rhythm as she won the next three games to get her nose in front 6-5.

But Tauson, who won her third WTA title and her first since 2021 in New Zealand in January, held to force the tiebreaker and dominated, Swiatek surrendering the set with a double fault on the Dane’s first set point.

Swiatek had saved a pair of break points in the eighth game of the second set when another untimely double fault gave Tauson the break and a 5-3 lead.

Tauson calmly served it out, claiming the victory when Swiatek belted a backhand into the net.

## Messi out indefinitely with ‘minor muscle injury’: club

AFP | Miami

Inter Miami captain Lionel Messi will be sidelined indefinitely with what the MLS team described as a “minor muscle injury in his right leg” in a statement on Sunday.

The 38-year-old Argentine legend suffered an upper right leg injury early in Miami’s penalty-kicks home win over Mexico’s Necaxa on Saturday in a Leagues Cup match.

Messi went out in

the 11th minute but walked off the field and into the locker room.

Messi “underwent medical tests to evaluate the extent of the muscle discomfort he experienced” that forced him out of the match, Inter Miami said in its statement.

“The results confirmed a minor muscle injury in his right leg. His medical clearance will depend on his clinical progress and response to treatment.”

That means there

Lionel Messi



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Bahrain International Circuit

# BIC launches second phase of popular Early Bird promotion on tickets to F1 Bahrain GP 2026

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), ‘The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East’, announced today the launch of the second phase of its Early Bird promotion offering a 10% discount on tickets to the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026.

Following the completion of the first phase and the huge demand from fans, BIC continues its incredible deals for the Kingdom’s biggest sporting and social event next year, taking place 10 to 12 April as the fourth round of the 2026 FIA F1 World Championship.

Fans are invited to take advantage of the unbeatable rates for the F1 weekend, which will be part of F1’s exciting and highly anticipated new era featuring transformative regulations and an 11th team joining the grid.

Furthermore, all those who purchase their tickets during the Early Bird promotion will be able to enjoy free entry to Bahrain’s second three-day session of F1 Pre-Season Testing 2026, scheduled for 18 to 20 February next year. This is a fantastic bonus for F1 fans who will be able to experience



two major F1 events with one single ticket.

To purchase tickets, visit BIC’s official website bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000. Interested race-goers must act quickly as this promotional phase is only available for a limited period.

BIC’s 10% discount covers all ticket options across the circuit’s various grandstands, including the Main Grandstand, Turn 1 Grandstands, Beyon Grandstand, University Grandstand, and Victory Grandstand.

BIC’s Main Grandstand and Turn 1 Grandstand are two of the premier locations where fans can experience the most exciting action of the grand prix. The ticket prices are amongst the most affordable in the world for such seats, giving race-goers the best value for money to be a part of one of the most sought-after events in all of F1.

The F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 will be the 22nd edition of the Kingdom’s race and the 13th time it will be taking place under lights.

Aside from F1, there will be plenty more exciting motorsport action with an international support series line-up, along with a world-class, off-the-track entertainment programme for the whole family to enjoy on all three days.

For more information on tickets, the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, F1 Pre-Season Testing 2026, or other events and experiences at BIC, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline at +973-17450000, or follow the circuit on social media.

# Man United draws Everton, West Ham blanks Bournemouth in US tour finales



Bruno Fernandes of Manchester United greets teammates after the match  
AFP | Washington

Bruno Fernandes scored one goal and set up another as Manchester United drew Everton 2-2 on Sunday to capture the Premier League Summer Series title.

The Red Devils earned a final point in Atlanta to top the table with seven in the pre-season friendly tournament, having previously beaten West Ham 2-1 and Bournemouth 4-1 in the round-robin US tour.

“It’s improving,” Fernandes told Sky Sports after the match. “I think the club is doing the best that they can.

“We needed more competition for the players that were here. We needed more quality to get everyone to step up a lit-

tle bit more, to have more to do to get into the first 11. I think that’s what the club is trying to do, the manager, and hopefully we can get one or two players more to help with that.”

Manchester United finished last season 15th in the Premier League, their worst showing since relegation in 1973-74, managing only 11 wins and nine drawn from 38 matches.

“I think a lot of people have suffered from this,” Fernandes said. “The fans pay more for the tickets and we really appreciate all the efforts they do for us.

“So it’s up to us now players to repay it on the pitch.”

Fernandes said the club is working to improve from team and staff to facilities.

# India edge England in Oval epic

Mohammed Siraj took 5-104, including three wickets on the final morning, to seal a narrow victory

- India win by 6 runs
- England collapse from 339-6 to 367 all out
- Series finishes 2-2

AFP | London

Mohammed Siraj was the hero as India beat England by just six runs in a thrilling fifth Test at the Oval yesterday to end the series level at 2-2.

England, set 374 to win, were bowled out for 367, with fast bowler Siraj taking 5-104, including a sensational burst of 3-9 yesterday’s final morning.

It is India’s narrowest winning margin in a Test match.

“To be honest, it is so amazing,” Siraj told Sky Sports. “From day one to here, everyone fought so hard so we are very happy.

“I just wanted to make sure I hit the right areas, the wickets would fall, and anything else would be a bonus.

“When I woke up I believed I could do it.”

After resuming on 339-6, England lost four wickets for 28 runs on the final morning of a dramatic series.

The home side were soon 354-8 after Siraj, the leading bowler on either side this series, struck twice to remove Jamie Smith and Jamie Overton.

When injured England last



India players celebrate with fans

man Chris Woakes came in to bat with his left-arm strapped up owing to an injured shoulder, England still needed 17 more runs for victory.

Gus Atkinson hit a six off Siraj before England got the target down to single figures.

But Siraj set the seal on a superb series by bowling Atkinson (17) as he knocked over the batsman’s off stump to spark delirious scenes among the India team and their supporters in south London.

India were without Jasprit



India’s six-run win is their narrowest-ever margin in Test cricket history, surpassing a seven-run win over Australia in 1981

Bumrah at the Oval after deciding to stand by a decision to only play the world’s top-ranked Test bowler in three games of this five-match series.

Siraj, who featured throughout, ended the series with 23 wickets at 32.43.

Smith and Overton had struggled to get the ball off the square on their Surrey home ground Sunday.

And with play starting yesterday beneath grey skies, conditions favoured India’s quicks.

Overton pulled the first ball

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MOHAMMED SIRAJ

of the day, from Prasidh Krishna, for four -- a shot greeted by huge cheers from England fans in an impressively large Oval crowd -- and under-edged the second for another boundary

Siraj took up the attack from the Pavilion End and

India’s Mohammed Siraj celebrates taking a wicket



promptly twice beat Smith on the outside edge.

And with the third ball of his over Siraj had Smith caught behind, without the batsman adding to his score, to leave England 347-7.

The next delivery saw new batsman Atkinson edge the lion-hearted Siraj just short of the slip cordon.

But it was his Surrey county colleague Overton who fell next, lbw for nine to a Siraj ball angling into his pads. Overton reviewed but Kumar Dharmasena’s decision was upheld on umpire’s call.

Tailender Josh Tongue was then given out lbw to Krishna but the batsman’s review saw the decision overturned.

England had been cruising to victory while Harry Brook (111) and Joe Root (105) were sharing a fourth-wicket partnership of 195 on Sunday.

However, Brook’s exit sparked a mini-collapse, with England losing three wickets for 36 runs