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**Bahrain denies news on Israeli import**

Statement taken out of context: official source

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Bahrain's Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism yesterday denied reports that the Kingdom will import products and goods manufactured in the West-Bank and the Golan Heights.

An official source at the ministry said the statements attributed by Israeli journalist to the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism during his visit to Israel were "misinterpreted" and were taken "out of context". The official underlined the ministry's commitment to the firm position of the Government of Bahrain in adhering to the decisions of the United Nations, the League of the Arab States and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, regarding Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the Syrian Golan Heights.

**Aerial survey to update Bahrain's maps**

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The Survey and Land Registration Bureau said it would conduct an aerial survey to update Bahrain's national maps from December 5 to December 15.

**Outer track sets stage for desert thriller**

Mercedes 'Super Sub' George Russell tops both F1 practices to kick off Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix

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George Russell drives Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes during the first F1 practice yesterday

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) showcased its 3.543-kilometre Outer Track to the world for the first time yesterday, as the Formula 1 Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix got underway in thrilling fashion.

George Russell was the star of the night as he set the pace in both of F1's

90-minute practices, held under BIC's bright floodlights.

Russell stunned the field on his debut drive for Mercedes and had blistering sub-55 second laps in both sessions.

Russell is competing in place of Lewis Hamilton this weekend, and was quick to adapt to his championship-winning car while also getting immediately familiarised with the new track layout.

The sport's star drivers delivered

yesterday as expected, with ultra-fast practice laps and even quicker times expected in today's qualifying, aside from some traffic along the way due to the Outer Circuit's short length.

A third F1 practice will kick off today's F1 action, to be held over 60 minutes and starting at 5pm.

Qualifying will then take place at 8pm to set the grid for tomorrow's penultimate race of the F1 season.



George Russell in the BIC Paddock yesterday

**China never wanted to "behave normal"**

IISS Manama Dialogue 2020 opens with virtual address of Pompeo

**Pompeo warns Mideastern nations against allowing access to China**

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The IISS Manama Dialogue, the region's premier security summit, opened yesterday with the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo giving the opening address virtually.

In his opening remarks, Pompeo discussed regional issues, including but not limited to the Iranian nuclear deal, Abraham accords, Saudi-Qatari relations, and China's growing influence in the area.

Pompeo said the US had killed Qassem Soleimani to show Iran the red line. He added that the maximum pressure campaign has isolated Iran diplomatically, militarily, and economically with the help of Gulf allies.

Pompeo said he considered that the signing of the Abraham Accords at the White House in September would not have been possible without the full pressure campaign against Iran. "The Chinese Communist Party never wanted to behave like a normal regime because as its core, it's not one. Like Iran, the party is a revolutionary relic,"



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

Pompeo has seriously warned Middle Eastern countries about allowing China's access to areas such as telecommunication.

"Our deep commercial ties have blinded us to China's malign activities," Pompeo added.

**WHO failed**

"The World Health Organisation has failed miserably in every country represented by today's audience in IISS Manama Dialogue 2020. It has become a political tool, not a scientific platform," Pompeo added.

Pompeo's closing message focused on not letting the Chinese Communist Party treat Middle Eastern countries like a vassal state.

**Hopeful to resolve row**

Moving on, he said the United States was 'very hopeful' that a Gulf row that has seen Saudi Arabia and its allies boycott Qatar for over three years would be resolved, adding that was the 'right thing' for the people of those countries.

"The Iranian regime is terrorizing its people and promoting terrorism around the world. Iran has reached a rate of 20% enrichment, which means a violation of the nuclear agreement. Iran's support for the Assad re-

**Chinese envoy rejects Pompeo's allegations**



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gime has deserted many of the Syrian people. Iran should act like a normal country away from its malignant behaviour," Pompeo added.

Pompeo emphasized that the US stands with Iraqi Prime Minister al-Kahdimi in his campaign against the Iranian-backed militias and the Lebanese people who reject Hezbollah's corrupt rule.

"[Bahrain] agreed to combat all forms of antisemitism, including anti-Zionism and the delegitimization of the State of Israel. The descendants of Ismael are standing with the descendants of Isaac," added Pompeo.

"We do not want ISIS to return to Iraq or Iran's domination of it either; we want to have a balanced military presence in Iraq," he added.

The secretary of state also said that Violence in Afghanistan is "unacceptably high" adding that Washington has asked the warring parties to "stand back and indeed stand down."

"I made clear to them that the violence levels can't continue while these negotiations go on and it won't work," Pompeo said.

"We've asked all of them to stand back and indeed stand down in that respect," he said, adding that he hoped that the sides can begin to address some of the "front end" issues, including a nationwide ceasefire.

**Iran to accelerate uranium enrichment**

Reuters | Vienna

Iran plans to install hundreds more advanced uranium-enriching centrifuges at an underground plant in breach of its deal with major powers, a UN nuclear watchdog report showed yesterday.

The confidential International Atomic Energy Agency report said Iran plans to install three more cascades, or clusters, of advanced IR-2m centrifuges in the underground plant at Natanz, which was apparently built to withstand aerial bombardment.

Iran's nuclear deal with major powers says Tehran can only use first-generation IR-1 centrifuges, which are less efficient, at the underground plant and that those are the only machines with which Iran may accumulate enriched uranium.

Iran recently moved one cascade of 174 IR-2m machines underground at Natanz and is enriching with it.

**Bahrain second in world to authorise Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine use**



**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

TOTAL CASES  
87,600

ACTIVE CASES  
1,549

DEATHS  
341

DISCHARGED  
85,710

NEW CASES  
167

CRITICAL  
12

210 fils (includes VAT)



# HRH Prince Salman spotted driving a red vintage



screengrabs of a video circulating on social media showing HRH Prince Salman driving an old classic car

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**C**ruising down the highway in that classic car watching the landscape unfold before is a dream every car enthusiast love to realise.

People in Bahrain were blessed with such a rare sight yes-

terday as His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa took some time out to take his classic car out for a drive.

No wonder, some keen eyes spotted him and also managed to click some shots.

This happened as HRH Prince

Salman was on his way in a red vintage convertible.

A short video of the rare moment is now on Defend Bahrain's Instagram account.

The video shot in a close range shows HRH Prince Salman, in his casuals, on the driving seat of a red vintage "coupé convertible"

with a companion.

A smiling Prince Salman paused his ride for a short while to exchange pleasantries with the man behind the camera.

The video also shows him rides away waving his hands as the shot ends. This, however, is

not the first time a Royal family member is spotted riding classic cars on the roadways here.

Late Amir, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, was a well know car enthusiast.

In his days, Shaikh Isa, reportedly, was seen driving from royal

place to his house in Zallaq in his favourite classics including the Rolls-Royce Corniche convertible.

This love for cars also resulted in Bahrain biz hosting the Formula Grand Prix to the delight of petrolheads all across the GCC.

# Chinese envoy condemns Pompeo's remarks

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**Anwaer, Chinese Ambassador to Bahrain Issues Solemn Statement on the Remarks by Pompeo, US Secretary of State attacking China on the Opening Address of 2020 IISS Manama Dialogue**

**I**n the evening of 4 December 2020, Mr. Michael Pompeo, US Secretary of State, virtually participated the 16th IISS Manama Dialogue which is hosted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and made remarks on the opening address. Mr. Pompeo viciously attacked the Communist Party of China (CPC) in his speech, slandered Chinese high-technology enterprises, and accused China spreading the COVID-19 virus. Out of ideological prejudice and political self-interest, Mr. Pompeo has repeatedly slandered and smeared China, exaggerated the so-called China threat, and fabricated and spread political lies and political viruses against China. On behalf of the Chinese Embassy in Bahrain, I resolutely opposed, strongly dissatisfied and severely condemned to Mr. Pompeo's relevant remarks on China.

Firstly, Mr. Pompeo has been always viciously attacking the CPC, hype up ideological confrontation based on a groundless lie. The international community won't be fooled by Mr. Pompeo's words. China has been upholding peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit, sticking to the diplomatic principle of safeguarding world peace and promoting common development, proactively participating in international and regional affairs, and making major contributions to world development.

People can tell right from wrong. Mr. Pompeo should face up to and heed the rational, im-

partial calls from the international community, view in an objective manner China's achievements and contributions under the CPC leadership, and stay away from the narrow-minded anti-China approach which will only make them standing against the world and the trend of the times.

Secondly, Without any solid evidence, the US has launched a global campaign against a private Chinese company. Everyone can see easily and clearly that the US goal is to keep its monopoly in science and technology but deny other countries the legitimate right to development. It doesn't even bother to disguise its bullying. This not only violates the international rules of fair trade, but also hurts the free global market environment. The US conduct wire-tapping and mass surveillance around the globe, and these wrongful acts are already an open secret. The US is not qualified to build a coalition of "clean countries". Distortion, defamation or politically suppression of companies who are front-runners in 5G technology are despicable actions and, instead of gaining advantage or winning respect.

China recently put forward the Global Initiative on Data Security and called on ICT companies to not install backdoors in their products and services. Should need arise to obtain overseas data out of law enforcement purposes such as combating crimes, countries should do it through judicial assistance or other relevant multilateral and bilateral agree-

ments. China calls on all countries to support the Global Initiative on Data Security, jointly formulate global rules on data security, and together safeguard cyber security.

Thirdly, The report once again vindicates the fact that tracing the origin of the virus is a complex scientific issue, and it is up to scientists around the world to conduct international scientific research and cooperation. WHO officials have said virus tracing is an ongoing process that may involve multiple countries and localities. As this process evolves, we should be open to the possibility of various origins. China continues supporting scientists around the world in conducting global scientific research on the source and route of transmission of the virus. China also supports WHO-led cooperation among member states on the zoonotic source of COVID-19 and in other fields.

Since COVID-19 broke out, China has been working in an open, transparent and responsible manner to fulfill the IHR obligations and participate in international anti-epidemic cooperation. At the earliest possible time, China reported to WHO on the epidemic, identified and published the genome sequence of the virus, made public our diagnosis, treatment and containment measures, and shared the epidemic information and containment experience with the relevant countries and regions. In the face of the pandemic situation, China has provided assistance to more than 150 countries



Anwaer, Chinese Ambassador to Bahrain

and regions, joined COVAX, and actively supported WHO's crucial role in fighting the pandemic. The Chinese government puts people and life first, engages in cooperation, and the results we achieved can withstand the test of time and history.

How about certain US politicians? They've got all the resources they need. Still they wasted the precious window of opportunity. The United States withdrew from WHO and voted against the COVID-19 resolution in the UN General Assembly. It chose to stand on the opposite side of 169 countries by openly flouting international cooperation against the pandemic.

China has given a thorough account of its epidemic response with solid facts and a clear timeline. They try to blame China for their poor epidemic response and to discredit China in the service of their political gains. The American people and international community bear witness to their incompetence. They should understand that respecting facts and science is the only way to save American lives and defeat the virus.

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ANWAER, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN

# COVID-19 battle just got powerful

Bahrain second in world to authorise Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine use

● **NHRA gives Emergency Use Authorisation**

● **Decision follows a review undertaken by NHRA of all available data**

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Bahrain has become the second country in the world after the United Kingdom to approve the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for emergency use creating a historic moment in the fight against COVID-19. The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) in a statement announced giving an Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) of the vaccine against the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The approval allows citizens outside the trials to have the opportunity to get immunised against the COVID-19.

The vaccine will be made available to treat the elderly and people with chronic diseases and other groups identified by the Ministry of Health, the NHRA statement said.

The decision follows a study carried out by the NHRA and vaccination committee at the Ministry of Health on the information provided by Pfizer regarding vaccine safety and effectiveness.

The vaccine is also the second



Representative picture

approved by the Kingdom for Emergency Use against COVID-19.

Earlier in November, Bahrain authorised a Chinese experimental Covid-19 vaccine made by Sinopharm for emergency use.

No confirmation, however, is available on the number of doses of vaccine ordered.

The British government has said it would purchase 40 million doses of the vaccine, with its delivery starting next week.

Dr Maryam Al-Jalahma, CEO of NHRA, said, "The approval of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine will add a further important layer to the Kingdom's national Covid-19 response, which has strongly prioritised to protecting the health of all citizens and residents during the pandemic."

Al Jalahma said the authority held intensive sessions in the past two months to study the documents submitted by the company on the vaccines manufacturing quality and result of safety analysis.

The authority said it also held meetings with the company's team in the United States of America and its representatives to learn about the medicine.

The vaccine usage depends on several factors including quality, safety, effectiveness, target groups as well as dosage and vaccinating system.

Those meeting the set criteria will receive the vaccine at a centre designated for vaccination.

#### Historic moment

Lindsey Dietschi, Pfizer Gulf

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DR MARYAM AL-JALAHMA, CEO OF NHRA

Cluster Lead said; "Today's Emergency Use Authorization of Bahrain marks a historic moment in the fight against COVID-19."

"This authorisation is a goal we have been working toward since we first declared that science will win, and we applaud the National Health Regulatory Authority in Bahrain for their ability to conduct a careful assessment and take timely action to help protect the people of Bahrain."



Earlier this week, the UK approved Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use



Pfizer has cited clinical trial data to indicate that an efficacy rate of 95 per cent for its mRNA vaccine

## Bahrain nominates Shaikha Mai to the helm of UNWTO



Shaikha Mai met in Cairo Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Abul Gheit and Egyptian Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Dr Khalid Al-Anani.

● **She is currently on tour to meet leading officials as part of her campaign to the post**

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Bahrain has announced the nomination of Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al-Khalifa to the position of Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

The nomination, Bahrain said, is in recognition of her achievements in the sector of sustainable tourism and her pivotal role in promoting cultural tourism.

Shaikha Mai is currently the president of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA).

She is currently on tour to meet leading officials as part of her campaign to the post.

She met in Cairo Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Abul Gheit and Egyptian Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Dr Khalid Al-Anani.

Shaikha Mai has outlined her vision and strategy, which consist of seven axes to advance this vital sector globally,



The naming of the new Secretary-General for the 2022-2025 will take place at the twenty-fourth session of the UNWTO General assembly to be held in Morocco in September/October 2021.

with a focus on activating its role in achieving development and reaching the United Nations sustainable development goals.

The term for the current Secretary-General will expire on 31 December 2021.

Zurab Pololikashvili, a Georgian politician and diplomat, is the current Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organisation. He is in the position since 1 January 2018 after being elected by the 22nd Session of UNWTO General Assembly.

## Virtual reality centre at GAA, wheelchairs for disabled

Tender board opens 73 bids received for 15 tenders

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The Gulf Aviation Academy in the Kingdom is looking forward to establishing a virtual reality training centre amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The academy which offers an extensive range of training programmes for all aviation personnel including pilots, cabin crew and ground staff is now establishing a virtual reality training centre.

The centre has also placed a tender for the purpose, which was opened by the tender board to analyse the bids received.

Atyaf Esolutions Co is the sole bidder for the contract and quoted BHD 591,503.690 to take up the job.

The details emerged as Bahrain's Tender board, the independent regulatory body charged with overseeing government tendering and bidding practices, opened 73 bids received for 15 tenders.



Picture courtesy of Tender board

#### 75 wheelchairs

Ministry of Labour and Social Development, according to a tender, is aiming to supply 75 wheelchairs for persons with disabilities.

A tender place for the purpose attracted two players. Bahrain Handicap Services quoted BHD 145,392.850 - the highest- and Gulf Health Services quoted BHD 77,475.000, the lowest amount.

#### Advertising in capital

The capital municipality is auctioning various advertising sites in the city. The rental and operation of LED type boards for five years received five bidders. BHD 79,366.000 quoted by Al Nasher Promotion Advertising was the lowest and BHD 152,628.000 quoted by Bahrain Media was the highest.

The municipality also placed a tender for the rental and opera-

tion of 21 advertising locations for which for received bids. Bahrain Media quoted the lowest amount (BHD 38,231.000). Two others tenders by the capital municipality were for the rental and operation of lamp post type advertisements. Each contract found three takers.

#### Annual maintenance at Ministry

Ministry of Information Affairs was looking for a contractor to do annual maintenance service of UPS and Standby Diesel Generators for two years at the ministry premises. The tender found a single bidder who quoted BHD 61,208.900 to take up

the work.

Another tender by the Information affairs was for providing A/C, Plumping and Electrical Managed Professional Maintenance Services for all MIA Premises, Ras Hayyan and Outside. Eight bids received for this tender. BHD 297,000.000- the lowest amount- was quoted by Al Kooheji Technical Services.

The committee also opened a tender for the Electricity and Water Authority regarding supplying the units of the integrated control system, for which received two bids. Likewise, a tender by the Central Stores Department of the Electricity and Water Authority for purchas-

ing insulating oil for electrical transformers found four interest parties. Moreover, the committee received 15 bids for a tender by the Education and Training Quality Authority seeking information technology services by providing employees to work with the authority.

#### Catering in Rome

In the aviation sector, the committee opened three tenders for Gulf Air, the first was for the supplying amenities for Falcon Gold passengers, for which received six bids. The second tender was for appointing a vendor to provide smart market tools, for which received three bids.



Established in 2002 by Legislative Decree No: 36, the Tender Board is an independent, regulator of government procurement practices in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

**BD279.8 million**

In the first quarter of 2020, the board awarded 372 tenders, after evaluating 1,639 bids, valuing around BD279.8 million

# Muharraq Medical complex more than half finished

● The project, according to the Works Ministry, has achieved a 53 per cent completion

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A brand new 12.7 million Bahraini dinars Medical Complex is coming up in Muharraq Governorate, which would open doors in the third quarter of 2021.

The project, according to the Works Ministry, has achieved a 53 per cent completion.

The project, funded by the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) within the Gulf Development Programme, was scheduled to complete in 34 months.

## BD 17.875 million grant

The Saudi Fund has also allocated BD 17.875 million grant to cover consulting services, equipment, supplies, medical devices, furniture, computer and information technology requirements.

This came as Essam Khalaf, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning and Faeqa bint Saeed Al-Saleh, the Minister of Health, paid a visit to the review the progress of the work. The ministers visited the works sites of Muharraq Center for Private Health Care project and the Multiple Sclerosis Center.

Board of Trustees Chairman of Governmental Hospitals,



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Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, Works Affairs Undersecretary at the Works Ministry, Ahmed Al-Khayyat, Health Ministry's Undersecretary, Dr.

Waleed Khalifa Al Manea, CEO of Governmental Hospitals, Dr. Ahmed Al-Ansari, the Assistant Undersecretary for Construction Projects and Maintenance,



Essam Khalaf, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning and Faeqa bint Saeed Al-Saleh, the Minister of Health visiting the project site

Shaikh Misha'al bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, and a number of engineers in charge of the project were also present.

## Care and rehabilitation

The ministers reviewed the ongoing works at the Muharraq Healthcare Centre, a specialised centre for care and rehabilitation. The facility has a capacity of 100 beds with all the medical and administrative services support for people requiring longer stay in the hospital, in cases like cerebral palsy, and other disabilities.

The centre includes wards and rooms for brain paralysis patients as well as other diseases, isolation units for patients with infectious diseases, laboratory, pharmacy, X-ray rooms, patient

rehabilitation units, and a central building for non-medical services.

The Minister of Works said: "We are proud to have a footprint in development projects, in particular projects that serve Bahraini citizens of all categories. We also support the efforts of the Ministry of Health

The National Bank of Bahrain is financing the 3.7 million dinars Multiple Sclerosis Centre project

in implementing programmes and strategic plans to meet the needs of citizens who need access to treatment and health care."

Minister of Health said: "The health sector in Bahrain is witnessing tremendous development in providing comprehensive health care, raising the level of health awareness and promoting fairness in the distribution of health services."

## Multiple Sclerosis Centre

Works of the Multiple Sclerosis Centre, also the first specialised and independent MS centre in the Gulf region, is expecting completion in the first quarter of 2022.

The National Bank of Bahrain is financing the 3.7 million dinars project.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic immune disease that affects the central nervous system, brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves.

Establishment of the centre represents an advanced step in Bahrain and the Arab Gulf region and will help avoid the exorbitant cost.

The centre includes seven outpatient clinics, magnetic resonance diagnostics department, physiotherapy department, manual exercise therapy department, private and public treatment rooms, laboratory and pharmacy, scientific research centre, lecture hall, medical warehouses, service building, administrative offices and car parks.

**The health sector in Bahrain is seeing tremendous development in providing comprehensive health care, raising the level of health awareness and promoting fairness in the distribution of health services**

FAEQA BINT SAEED AL-SALEH

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ESSAM KHALAF

# Bahrainis least vulnerable to COVID-19 stress: top experts say

Support programmes, the correctness of news are helping people tide over the pandemic

● Bahrainis have high level of COVID19 awareness

● Government backs people with support and care programmes

● Bahrain's works are in line with sustainable development plans

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Bahrainis are the least vulnerable to mental disorders amid the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks to the ample support provided by the state, top experts have said.

The experts also cited high-quality government services in public health and other sectors for this achievement.

They, however, called to invest more attention in boosting the mental health of people here in a way that accelerates social and social recovery as the public life returns to normalcy.

The views came during a "Mental Health During and After the Covid-19 Pandemic" conference hosted by Bahrain remotely as part of a "Because You Are Important" initiative.

Stefano Pettinato, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Dr Basil Al-Yousifi, Director of the Center for Environmental Health Activities at the World Health Organization, Dr Manal Azzi, a specialist in occupational safety and health at the International Labour Organization, Saji Thomas, Regional Director of UNICEF and Child Protection, and Dr Michael Stanton, a specialist in clinical health and an assistant professor at East Bay University In California, and Margaret Nardegr, Chargé d' Affairs at the United States Embassy in Bah-



Participants of the "Mental Health During and After the Covid-19 Pandemic" conference held remotely

rain took part.

## High level of awareness

The speakers pointed out that the high levels of awareness in Bahrain, as well as correctness of sources, contributed to reducing the fear of infection among the population.

Lack of social rejection and voluntary acceptance of home isolation and quarantine are other factors that are helping Bahrain.

The experts also hailed Bahrain's financial support programmes, constant effort to support front line workers, distribution of aid to the needy families and those lost their jobs, distribution of electronic devices to needy students and provision

of remote consultation amongst others.

"This is happening at a time when the pandemic has caused a significant increase in anxiety and depression cases around the world due to changes in lifestyle, loss of job and income, limited social interactions and support."

Speakers also viewed that Bahrain's efforts in this context are in line with the third goal of the sustainable development goals, which ensures that everyone enjoys healthy lifestyles and prosperity at all ages.

## 800 thousand people die annually by suicide

The speakers explained that about one billion people around the world are currently suffering from mental disorders, and 1 in 5 of them are in conflict zones.

About 800 thousand people die annually by suicide, while nine million people die annually from neurological disorders.

They also pointed out that people with severe mental disorders die 10 to 20 years before

their normal life expectancy.

The speakers also viewed that many of the precautionary measures adopted to combat the pandemic are creating social interaction more difficult, increasing the feeling of isolation and loneliness.

## Work from home

"Work from home transformation for employees who accustomed to "office life" was difficult, causing their mental health to deteriorate," the speakers said stressing the importance of psychological support in the workplace.

Concerning the mental health of children, the speakers indicated that 20 per cent of children and youngsters around the world suffer from mental disorders.

## Care for children

"Investing in the psychological care for children will positively impact the general health levels of society as a whole, and contributes to reducing spending on crisis response services including generational violence, adult crime and juvenile crime," they said.

Wael Zaki, founder of the "Because You Are Important" initiative and advisor for human development and leadership, and Rola Al-Husseini, co-founder and a specialist in self-development and talent management, affirmed to follow up the recommendations during and after the COVID-19 pandemic in association with relevant authorities.

**3.7m**

The National Bank of Bahrain is financing the 3.7 million dinars Multiple Sclerosis Centre project

**1 bn**

About one billion people around the world are currently suffering from mental disorders, and 1 in 5 of them are in conflict zones.

Representative picture courtesy of Omnia insights

# UK, EU call in leaders to save trade talks

● Britain's David Frost and the EU's Michel Barnier said they would brief leaders to seek new impetus for the talks

● Earlier on Friday, there were contradictory reports of how far the talks had progressed

Reuters | London/Brussels

British and EU negotiators paused trade talks yesterday to call in their leaders to try to narrow gaps and get an agreement over the line, less than four weeks before Britain completes its Brexit journey out of the bloc.

After failing to agree the basis for a deal, Britain's David Frost and the EU's Michel Barnier said they would brief leaders to seek new impetus for the talks, which stumbled on Thursday when London accused Brussels of making new demands.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Boris Johnson and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will speak to try to break the impasse, which



European Council President Charles Michel attends a video conference with representatives of member states ahead of the upcoming EU summit, in Brussels, Belgium

sources said was centred on French demands over fishing rights in British waters.

It is the latest twist in what has been months of negotiations which have barely moved on the three thorniest issues - fisheries, ensuring fair competition guarantees and ways to solve future

disputes.

But so far neither side has walked away from the talks, suggesting that both still hold out some hope of securing a deal governing almost \$1 trillion of annual trade to avoid a disorderly end to more than 40 years of British membership of the

European club.

"After one week of intense negotiations in London, the two chief negotiators agreed today that the conditions for an agreement are not met, due to significant divergences on level playing field, governance and fisheries," they said in a statement.

"On this basis, they agreed to pause in order to brief their principals on the state of play of the negotiations. (European Commission) President (Ursula von der Leyen and Prime Minister (Boris) Johnson will discuss the state of play tomorrow afternoon."

Sterling sank by as much as half a cent against the U.S. dollar, weakening to \$1.3425 from \$1.3475 before the negotiators' statement. The pound was also lower against the euro.

## Down to politicians

Earlier on Friday, there were contradictory reports of how far the talks had progressed, with some EU officials saying they were on the brink of agreement while British officials said the negotiations had reached a "very difficult" point.

Ultimately it will be for the politicians to decide whether they want to shift the negotiating positions and compromise to find grounds for a deal, or instead, to walk away.

The EU has challenged Britain to decide what future it wants for itself outside the bloc's single market and customs union.

Britain formally left the EU on Jan. 31 but has been in a transition period since then under

which rules on trade, travel and business remain unchanged.

If the two sides fail to reach a deal, the five-year Brexit divorce will end messily just as Europe grapples with the vast economic cost of the COVID-19 outbreak.

A no-deal exit is the nightmare scenario for businesses and investors, who say it would snarl borders, spook financial markets and sow chaos through supply chains that stretch across Europe and beyond.

The talks soured on Thursday when a British government source said the EU had disrupted talks by trying to force further concessions and France, which fears losing many of its rights to fish in British waters, warned it might rebel. The EU denied making new demands.

French European Affairs Minister Clement Beaune told Europe 1 Radio there was still a risk that talks would fail but added: "I want to tell our fishermen, our producers, the citizens who are listening that we will not accept a deal with bad terms."

"If a good agreement cannot be reached, we will oppose it. Each country has a veto right, so it is possible... We will do our own evaluation of this draft deal, if there is one."

## Oil rises, hovers below \$50/bbl

Reuters | New York

Brent crude oil futures rose more than 1 per cent yesterday, remaining just under \$50 a barrel, as expectations of a US economic stimulus package and the possibility of a vaccine for the coronavirus overrode rising supply and increased COVID-19 deaths.

A bipartisan \$908 billion coronavirus aid plan gained momentum in the US Congress.

Brent settled up 54 cents or 1.11pc at \$49.25 a barrel. During the session, the contract hit its highest since early March at \$49.92. West Texas Intermediate rose 62 cents to \$46.26 a barrel, after touching a high of \$46.68 a barrel.

Both benchmarks gained for a fifth consecutive week, with Brent up 1.7pc and US crude up 1.9pc.

"We're higher, despite super bearish events - it's all about stimulus," said Bob Yawger, director of energy futures at Mizuho in New York. "You can't go home short this weekend because they could sign a deal this weekend."

OPEC+, comprising of the



Representative picture

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies, on Thursday agreed on a compromise to increase output slightly from January but continue the bulk of existing supply curbs to cope with coronavirus-hit demand.

OPEC and Russia agreed to ease deep oil output cuts from January by 500,000 barrels per day with further as yet undefined increases on a monthly basis, failing to reach a compromise on a broader policy for the

rest of 2021.

OPEC+ had been expected to continue existing cuts until at least March, after backing down from plans to raise output by 2 million bpd.

The increase means the group will reduce production by 7.2 million bpd, or 7pc of global demand from January, compared with current cuts of 7.7 million bpd.

While some analysts saw an undersupplied oil market even under the new higher supply

quotas, others expected the barrels would tip the market into oversupply.

Wood Mackenzie analysts, for example, expect that if the increases continue through March, there might be 1.6 million bpd unwanted in the first quarter.

The premium of Brent crude futures for nearby delivery to future months is at its highest since February, a structure called backwardation, which usually points to supplies tightening up and suggests receding fears of a current glut.

US production, meanwhile, has recovered from the two-and-a-half-year lows touched in May mainly because shale producers have brought wells back online in response to rising prices.

The US oil rig count rose five to 246, its highest since May, energy services firm Baker Hughes Co said. [RIG/U]

Money managers raised their net long US crude futures and options positions in the week to Dec. 1, the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said.

## Global debt to hit \$200 trillion - S&P



Reuters | London

Global debt is set to reach \$200 trillion, or 265 per cent of the world's annual economic output, by the end of the year, S&P Global has forecast - although it doesn't expect a crisis any time soon.

The credit ratings giant said it amounted to a 14-point GDP, having been amplified by both the economic plunge caused by COVID and the extra borrowing that governments, firms and households have had to resort to.

"Global debt-to-GDP has been trending up for many years; the pandemic simply exacerbated the rise," S&P's report said.

Yet, despite the big jump and an expected wave of defaults over the coming year, the firm does not expect a major crisis at this stage.

"The projected 14pc surge in global debt-to-GDP in 2020 is unlikely to cause a near-term debt crisis, provided economies recover, vaccines are widely distributed, interest rates remain very low, and borrowing behaviour moderates," the report said.

As long as the world economy gets back on its feet after the pandemic, the global debt-to-GDP ratio should ease back to 256pc by 2023, S&P said.

"We expect the debt growth of corporates, governments, and household to ease as they tend to after recessions," it added.

## RBI holds rates, says will ensure ample liquidity

Reuters | Mumbai

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept its key interest rates steady as widely expected yesterday amid persistently high inflation but said it will ensure ample liquidity is provided to stressed sectors to keep a nascent economic recovery on track.

Its monetary policy committee decided to retain an accommodative policy stance at least for the current financial year and into the next to revive growth on

a durable basis, while ensuring that inflation remains within target, Governor Shaktikanta Das said in an online briefing.

Das said the economy was rebounding faster than expected from a coronavirus-induced slump earlier in the year but warned signs of recovery were far from being broad based. COVID-19 infections are also continuing to climb, with the tally now 9.57 million people.

Das said MPC members voted unanimously to hold rates and

retain the stance. The key lending rate of the RBI or the repo rate was left unchanged at 4 per cent while the reverse repo rate or the key borrowing rate stayed at 3.35pc.

"The MPC is of the view that inflation is likely to remain elevated, barring transient relief in the winter months from prices of perishables," Das said.

"This constrains monetary policy at the current juncture from using the space available to act in support of growth."



Governor Shaktikanta Das

Indian stocks extended earlier

gains to hit record highs after the decision, while the Indian rupee strengthened slightly to 73.76 against the dollar. The benchmark 10-year bond yield fell 3 basis points to 5.90pc.

Das announced measures to help improve access to funding for stressed sectors and said the RBI will take further steps when necessary to ensure ample rupee liquidity to sustain visible growth impulses, without impacting inflation.

"Inflation targeting is upper-

most in our agenda," Das said in a post policy news conference.

The MPC sees inflation in the current quarter at 6.8pc before cooling slightly to 5.8pc in the Jan-March quarter. The October projections for H2 FY21 were for inflation between 5.4pc-4.5pc.

"We believe that improving signs of growth normalisation and elevated inflation in the near term suggest no additional scope for rate cuts," said Garima Kapoor, economist with Elara Capital.

## News in brief

### Residents flee wildfire raging through Southern California canyon



Two firefighters were injured and residents of a rustic Southern California canyon were driven from their homes after a blaze broke out overnight at a house and tore across more than 7,000 acres of dry brush and wooded hillsides. Some 500 firefighters aided by water-dropping aircraft were battling the flames, which sent smoke drifting across Orange and Los Angeles counties and out over the Pacific Ocean. Some 25,000 people were evacuated across Orange County.

There was an explosion at South Africa's second-largest crude oil refinery in Durban yesterday morning, a local metropolitan police official said, adding it was not yet clear whether there had been injuries or deaths. According to Engen's website, the Durban plant has a crude refining capacity of 120,000 barrels per day. It was not immediately clear if there was any impact on the refinery's production.

### Huge explosion rocks refinery south of Durban



### Surgeon jailed in France's massive paedophile case



A retired French surgeon has been sentenced to 15 years in jail at the end of his closed-doors trial for the rape and sexual abuse of four children in the first part of France's biggest ever paedophilia case. Joel Le Scouarnec, 70, remained impassive as the verdict was read out on Thursday at the court in Saintes, western France, keeping his arms crossed without a glance at his victims, who embraced each other, overcome with emotion.

### Australia's Great Barrier Reef status lowered to critical and deteriorating

The health of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the world's most extensive and spectacular coral reef ecosystem, is in a critical state and deteriorating as climate change warms up the waters in which it lies, an international conservation group said. The World Heritage-listed site off Australia's northeastern coast has lost more than half its coral in the past three decades.



### China to start ambitious rail line to link city clusters in five years

China will start construction of 10,000 kilometres (6,213.7 miles) of intercity and urban railway over the next five years in Yangtze River Delta, Greater Bay and Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei areas, the state planner said. The Greater Bay area is a region that includes Hong Kong, Macau and nine cities in China's southern Guangdong province.

# NASA to buy Moon dust for \$1

US space agency announces contracts awarded to four companies to collect soil from the moon for \$1 to \$15,000

The companies plan to carry out the collection during already scheduled unmanned missions to the Moon in 2022 and 2023

AFP | Washington

The US space agency NASA awarded contracts to four companies to collect lunar samples for \$1 to \$15,000, rock-bottom prices that are intended to set a precedent for future exploitation of space resources by the private sector.

"I think it's kind of amazing that we can buy lunar regolith from four companies for a total of \$25,001," said Phil McAlister, director of NASA's Commercial Spaceflight Division.

The contracts are with Lunar Outpost of Golden, Colorado for \$1; ispace Japan of Tokyo for \$5,000; ispace Europe of Luxembourg for \$5,000; and Masten Space Systems of Mojave, California for \$15,000.

The companies plan to carry out the collection during already scheduled unmanned missions to the Moon in 2022 and 2023.



Scientist-astronaut Harrison H. Schmitt collecting samples from the moon during the Apollo 17 mission using a lunar rake in December 1972 (file photo)

The firms are to collect a small amount of lunar soil known as regolith from the Moon and to provide imagery to NASA of the collection and the collected material.

Ownership of the lunar soil will then be transferred to NASA and it will become the "sole property of NASA for the agency's use under the Artemis program."

Under the Artemis program, NASA plans to land a man and a woman on the Moon by 2024 and lay the groundwork for sustainable exploration and an eventual mission to Mars.

"The precedent is a very im-

portant part of what we're doing today," said Mike Gold, NASA's acting associate administrator for international and interagency relations.

"We think it's very important to establish the precedent that the private sector entities can extract, can take these resources but NASA can purchase and utilize them to fuel not only NASA's activities, but a whole new dynamic era of public and private development and exploration on the Moon," Gold said.

"We must learn to generate our own water, air and even fuel," he said. "Living off the land will



As per the payment plan, Lunar Outpost of Golden received 10 cents on getting the contract and will get another 10 cents after the mission launch. The full payment will only come in after it delivers the samples to NASA

enable ambitious exploration activities that will result in awe-inspiring science and unprecedented discoveries."

Any lessons learned on the Moon would be crucial to an eventual mission to Mars.

"Human mission to Mars will be even more demanding and challenging than our lunar operations, which is why it's so critical to learn from our experiences on the Moon and apply those lessons to Mars," Gold said.

## Puerto Rico's Arecibo Observatory 'not closing' after collapse

AFP | Washington

Puerto Rico's Arecibo Observatory could still have a future after its vast telescope dramatically collapsed this week, US officials said.

The structure was destroyed on Tuesday when its 900-ton receiver platform, which was suspended 450 feet (140 meters) in the air, fell loose and plunged onto the



A screenshot from a video shows the collapse at the Arecibo Observatory

radio dish below.

Ralph Gaume, director of the US National Science Foundation's division of astronomical sciences, said "the NSF is not closing the Arecibo Observatory."

"The NSF is deeply saddened by the situation," he told reporters, adding that the agency "has a very well-defined process for funding and constructing large-scale infrastructure including

telescopes... it's very early for us to comment on the replacement."

Engineers had recently warned of the telescope's decrepit condition, and the NSF announced only last month that it would be dismantled. Two of the cables that held the platform over the radio dish -- which measures 1,000 feet (300 meters) in diameter -- had snapped this year, and the structure finally gave way on Tuesday.

## COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	14,664,081	284,402	66,008,929
2 India	9,606,810	139,700	
3 Brazil	6,496,050	175,432	Deaths
4 Russia	2,402,949	42,176	1,519,895
5 France	2,268,552	54,140	Recovered:
6 Spain	1,699,145	46,252	45,680,722
7 UK	1,690,432	60,617	New cases
8 Italy	1,688,939	58,852	+483,665
9 Argentina	1,447,732	39,305	New deaths
10 Colombia	1,343,322	37,305	+8,749
11 Mexico	1,144,643	108,173	
12 Germany	1,143,116	18,492	
13 Poland	1,041,846	19,359	
14 Iran	1,016,835	49,695	

### Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	117,156		6,713		103,082	7,361
Saudi Arabia	358,336	+234	5,940	+10	348,238	4,158
UAE	174,062	+1,311	586	+1	157,828	15,648
Kuwait	143,917	+343	886	+2	139,148	3,883
Oman	124,329		1,435		115,866	7,028
Qatar	139,643	+166	239		136,872	2,532

## Erdogan says he hopes France gets rid of Macron

AFP | Istanbul

Turkey's president has renewed his vitriolic attacks on French President Emmanuel Macron, saying he hopes France will get rid of him soon.

Speaking after Friday prayers in Istanbul, Recep Tayyip Erdogan called Macron "trouble" for France, which he said was experiencing a dangerous time under his leadership.

"My wish is for France to get rid of the Macron trouble as soon as possible," Erdogan said. Otherwise, Erdogan claimed, France would not be able to overcome the Yellow Vest protest movement against social injustice in the country.

Erdogan also said France has lost its credibility as an intermediary of the Minsk group, which was created in the 1990s to encourage peaceful resolution for the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh.

## Tiger's severed head seized during Thai zoo raid

AFP | Bangkok

Authorities in Thailand found a severed tiger's head when they raided a fake zoo near the country's border with Laos that has suspected links to an illegal wildlife trafficking racket.

Officials seized five live tigers at the Mukda Tiger Park and Farm -- which have been sent to a wildlife sanctuary -- while other tiger parts were also discovered.

The site in the north-eastern province of Mukdahan had claimed six cubs were born at the facility five years ago, but DNA tests have since confirmed the five seized tigers and the decapitated animal were not related to any others at the park.

This has raised suspicions that the zoo was being used as a holding facility for wildlife being smuggled into Laos and Vietnam.

"They have had a zoo licence to open as a business since 2012, but they claimed their facility was not ready to open," an official from the Thai Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation told AFP.

"We got tipped off from various international agencies about the



The severed head of the tiger seized during the raid

strange activities conducted by this zoo." The zoo's owner was not present during the raid on Monday and was wanted for questioning, the official said.

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tigers were only left in the zoo whose population jumped from 28 in 2013 to 50 in five years

The zoo had 28 tigers in 2013, and five years later the population had jumped to 50, according to conservation group Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand. But by 2020 the number of tigers was down to 25.

"Think of this as animal laundering; once you change the identities of the animals they can no longer be traced," Edwin Wiek, the group's founder, said.

Charlemagne becomes the sole King of the Franks after the death of his brother Carloman

Earthquake strikes Naples; about 35,000 die

US President James K. Polk triggers Gold Rush of 1849 by confirming a gold discovery in California



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Whistleblowers reveal that the USPS is responsible for tampering with hundreds of thousands of ballots. @OANN This long time Democrat stronghold got rid of massive numbers, especially in swing states, during and before delivery of the ballots. Well documented evidence!

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@JoeBiden and I sat down for our first joint interview yesterday and committed to making sure the vaccine first gets in the hands of those who need it most.

@KamalaHarris

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UAE-Israel-Bahrain ties via the Abraham Accords 'unlock opportunities' for women in the Middle East - The National

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Trump's rants about a "fraudulent election" are not a joke. They are the most significant attack against our democracy in history. If the election system's "rigged," if the media's "fake," if federal officials are part of a "deep state," who can you trust? You got it. A dictator.

@BernieSanders

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# Biden to call for 100 days of mask-wearing

US President-elect Joe Biden has said he will ask Americans to wear masks for his first 100 days in office to curtail the spread of coronavirus

● The president-elect has frequently emphasized mask-wearing as a "patriotic duty" and during the campaign floated the idea of instituting a nationwide mask mandate

AP | Washington

Joe Biden said that he will ask Americans to commit to 100 days of wearing masks as one of his first acts as president, stopping just short of the nationwide mandate he's pushed before to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

The move marks a notable shift from President Donald Trump, whose own skepticism of mask-wearing has contributed to a politicization of the issue. That's made many people reticent to embrace a practice that public health experts say is one of the easiest ways to manage the pandemic, which has killed more than 275,000 Americans.

The president-elect has frequently emphasized mask-wearing as a "patriotic duty" and during the campaign floated the idea of instituting a nationwide mask mandate, which he later acknowledged would be beyond the ability of the president to enforce.

Speaking with CNN's Jake Tapper, Biden said he would make the request of Americans on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

"On the first day I'm inaugurated, I'm going to ask the public for 100 days to mask. Just 100 days to mask — not forever, just 100 days. And I think we'll see a significant reduction" in the virus, Biden said.

The president-elect reiterated his call for lawmakers on Capitol Hill to pass a coronavirus aid bill and expressed support for a \$900 billion compromise bill that a bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced this week.

"That would be a good start. It's not enough," he said, adding, "I'm going to need to ask for more help."

Biden has said his transition team is working on its own coronavirus relief pack-



US President-elect Joe Biden wears a mask as he speaks during an event



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age, and his aides have signalled they plan for that to be their first legislative push.

The president-elect also said he asked Dr. Anthony Fauci to stay on in his administration, "in the exact same role he's had for the past several presidents," as the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the nation's top infectious-disease expert.

He said he's asked Fauci to be a "chief medical adviser" as well as part of his COVID-19 advisory team. Fauci told NBC's "Today" show on yesterday, "I said yes right on the spot."

Regarding a coronavirus vaccine, Biden offered begrudging credit for the work Trump's administration has done in expe-

diting the development of a vaccine but said that planning the distribution properly will be "critically important."

"It's a really difficult but doable project, but it has to be well planned," he said.

Part of the challenge the Biden administration will face in distributing the vaccine will be instilling public confidence in it. Biden said he'd be "happy" to get inoculated in public to assuage any concerns about its efficacy and safety. Three former presidents — Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton — have said they'd also get vaccinated publicly to show that it's safe.

"People have lost faith in the ability of the vaccine to work," Biden said, adding that "it matters what a president and the vice president do."

In the same interview, Biden also weighed in on reports that Trump is considering pardons of himself and his allies.

"It concerns me in terms of what kind of precedent it sets and how the rest of the world looks at us as a nation of laws and justice," Biden said.

Biden committed that his Justice Department will "operate independently" and that whoever he chooses to lead the department will have the "independent capacity to decide who gets investigated."

## Ecuador finds nest of huge, endangered sea turtle



A leatherback sea turtle

AFP | Quito

Conservationists in Ecuador have found a nest of endangered leatherback sea turtles, a whopper of a species that can weigh up to a tonne and be three meters (10 feet) long.

Also known as the lute turtle (*Dermodochelys coriacea*), it is the world's largest species of sea turtle.

The Environment Ministry said the nest was found in Manabi province but did not say how many eggs were in it. They should hatch in about 60 days, it said.

A protective perimeter has been set up around the nest and a thermometer was installed.

This is the third time a nest of these creatures has been found since 2015 on the coast of Ecuador.

Its status is listed as "vulnerable," and in the eastern Pacific experts say it is in danger of disappearing altogether.

The leatherback lives in tropical, subtropical and subarctic waters of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans.

"If we manage to hatch these eggs, this would be a historic event because this species is very special due to its vulnerability," said Paco Castro, the Environment Ministry director in the region where the nest was found.

In the earlier finds in 2015 and 2017 the eggs in those nests did not hatch.

## Monolith monotony? Another mystery structure appears and vanishes in California

Reuters | Los Angeles

A 10-foot-tall metallic monolith appeared mysteriously atop a Central California mountain this week, then vanished just as suddenly on Thursday in what seemed to be a copycat of one that appeared and then vanished in a Utah desert.

"I can't say it's aliens, but it was here and now it's gone," said Terrie Banish, deputy city manager of Atascadero, California, a city of about 30,000 off U.S. Highway 101 near the central coast city of San Luis Obispo.

"It appeared only (Wednesday) and in the middle of the night someone hauled it off," she said.

"It's under investigation by our police department, but it's not been reported stolen."

The 10-foot tall monolith in Utah, found by officials counting bighorn sheep in a remote desert last month, sparked worldwide awe and drew throngs of hikers making pilgrimages to see.



A monolith stands on a Stadium Park hillside in Atascadero, California

It hearkened to Stanley Kubrick's 1968 film, "2001: A Space Odyssey", based on a novel by Arthur C. Clarke, in which alien monoliths mysteriously appear.

Another shiny metal monolith found

last week in Romania's mountainous Neamt county close to an ancient Dacian fortress vanished four days later on Tuesday.

Like the obelisk in Utah, word spread



The monolith's straight sides and height are similar to one discovered in the Utah desert and another found in Romania. Like those structures, the origin of the California edifice is also mysterious

quickly about the Atascadero curiosity, drawing scores of people hiking up the two-mile trail to see, the Atascadero News reported.

But then video posted on social media showed a group of people replacing it with a wooden cross, Banish said.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't seem like extraterrestrials," she said.

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# CELEBS celebs

## Alison Brie on directing an episode in docu-series on Marvel legacy

● **Brie says she is always open to the idea of working with any of her co-stars from the series**

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actress Alison Brie says watching the work of Gillian Jacobs, her co-star in the comedy series *Community*, helped her a lot while foraying into the documentary space.

The actress says she is always open to the idea of working with any of her co-stars from the series, and this is what had her excited for Marvel's 616. Brie and Jacobs directed an episode each of the anthology docu-series.

"It actually was just totally independent and no connection

really," Brie said while discussing getting associated with the project together.

"Gillian has been doing some work in this space. This is my first foray into the documentary space, but I just directed an episode of Season 3 of *'Glow'*. I got a text from them asking if I did theatre in high school. To which I responded, 'Have you met me?' and so that pretty much got the ball rolling in terms of what my episode's about," she added.

The actress continued: "And then I found out on that call that Gillian had already directed an episode. And I was lucky enough to get to watch her episode. I got to watch a couple of them as I was preparing to direct mine. Even though you know in a way it was just helpful to watch hers. And I also watched Paula Scher's episode. And they were so different."

"Everybody's episode is specific to them and their subject matter. It's always fun to see my *'Community'* family in any type of way. I was really inspired by watching Gillian's episode. I thought it was so beautiful. Uh, so that gave me confidence going into mine," she added.

Alison Brie



## Sean Connery's 007 pistol from 'Dr.No' sells for \$256,000

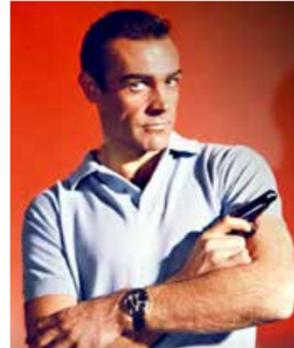
Reuters | Los Angeles

A handgun used by the late Sean Connery in the first James Bond film sold for \$256,000 at auction in Beverly Hills on Thursday, topping earlier estimates for the piece of Hollywood history, Julien's Auctions said.

The deactivated semi-automatic Walther PP pistol, which along with its smaller model the PPK became one of the film franchise's best-known images, was used by Connery in the movie "Dr. No" in 1962.

Connery, the first James Bond in the franchise, died on Oct. 31 at the age of 90.

Julien's said the winning bidder, who asked to remain anonymous, was an American who had



Sean Connery with the pistol



The auction house had previously estimated that the gun would fetch between \$150,000 and \$200,000

seen every James Bond movie with his or her children. The auction house had previously estimated that the gun would fetch between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

A helmet created for Tom Cruise in "Top Gun" also sold at the auction for \$108,000, while a sword used by Bruce Willis in "Pulp Fiction" fetched \$35,200.

## Britney Spears releases new song to celebrate 39th birthday

● **RCA Records dropped an all-new, never-heard-before song called 'Swimming in the Stars,' which was originally a part of her 2016 album 'Glory'**

ANI | Los Angeles

Asinger Britney Spears celebrated her 39th birthday earlier this week, her label released a new song in honour of the pop princess.

According to Fox News, RCA

Records dropped an all-new, never-heard-before song called "Swimming in the Stars," which was originally a part of her 2016 album "Glory."

Soon after the release, the song is now available for download on almost all the music streaming services.

It can also be ordered at the Urban Outfitters as part of a limited edition "Glory," vinyl record.

According to Fox News, the 2016 released album was re-released in May and it featured another new song "Mood Ring."

The song was only originally featured as a bonus track for the album released in Japan.

The 39-year-old musician celebrated her birthday with her boyfriend Sam Asghari in Hawaii.



Britney Spears

## Jim Parsons reveals he auditioned for 'The Office' before 'Big Bang Theory'

ANI | Washington

Jim Parsons, popularly known for his famous role as Sheldon Cooper in hit sitcom "Big Bang Theory," recently revealed that he was almost a part of another loved sitcom "The Office," before landing as Cooper.

The statements came during a

panel discussion for an upcoming Fox sitcom "Call Me Kat," that he executive produces.

He revealed during the discussion that he once went in for the audition for an unspecified role on NBC's mega-hit "The Office" and that he never had high hopes for the audition.

"The Office" is a remake of a

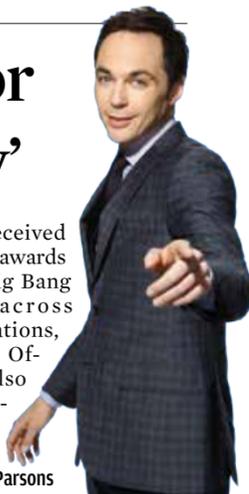
popular British TV series created by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant.

"I was like 'how stupid, it's about an office. If America wanted their own office show, they would have already made it by now,'" Deadline quoted Parsons as saying.

According to Fox News, Par-

sons has received four Emmy awards for "The Big Bang Theory" across six nominations, while "The Office" has also won several Emmy awards.

Jim Parsons



## Miley Cyrus opens up about 'conflicted' relationship with Liam Hemsworth

ANI | Washington

American singer and pop-Astar Miley Cyrus opened about her marriage conflicts with Liam Hemsworth on Thursday, in an interview.

According to Fox News, the two dated on-and-off for 10 years before tying the knot in December 2018 and parted their ways in 2020.

Reported by Fox News, in a recent interview, the "Midnight Sky" singer told that the couple

were pushed into marriage in order to save losing their Malibu, Calif., home

"In trying to put that back together, instead of going, 'Oh, nature kind of did something I couldn't do for myself; it forced me to let go,' I ran toward the fire," she explained

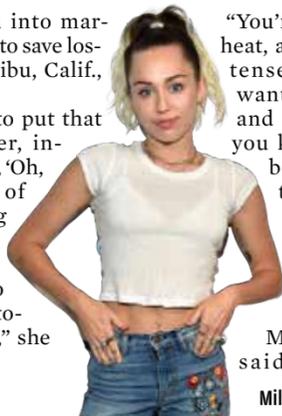
"You're attracted to that heat, and me being an intense person and not wanting to sit with it, and not wanting to go, you know, 'What could be purposeful about this?' I just clung to what I had left of that house, which was me and him," the star added.

Meanwhile, Cyrus said that she loves

Hemsworth very much and always will continue to do so.

According to Fox News, The 28-year old star, however, revealed that their relationship came to an end because of too much conflict between them.

Adding to the details, the "Black Mirror" actor stated that when she comes home, she wants to be anchored by someone and don't get off on drama and fighting.



Miley Cyrus

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**Yesterday's solution**

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## Medal Winner lifts GPIC Cup in day's main race at REHC



Action from one of yesterday's races

TDT | Manama

Medal Winner of Al Mohamediya Racing clinched the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) Cup in yesterday's main race at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club.

The Hussain Aldailami-trained four-year-old lifted one of the three GPIC Cups up for grabs on the day's race card. Graphite Storm and Dirab won the other two in the seventh and sixth races, respectively.

Medal Winner was ridden by Paddy Mathers for the eighth and final race of the day and they triumphed in a time of two minutes 02.655 seconds in the 10-furlong event, claiming the lion's share of the BD3,000 total prize.

Jazeel followed two-and-a-quarter lengths behind for Victorious, Hesham Al Haddad and David Egan, while third place was claimed by Desert Lion, representing Isa Mahmood Al Seddiqi, Hesham Al Haddad and Callum Rodriguez.

In race seven, held over six furlongs, Graphite Storm was the victor for Al Hassainain Syndicate, Mohammed Sammak and Andrew Elliott, taking first place in 1:12.693 and the biggest share of the BD4,000 prize.

Dark Shadow came in second four-and-a-half lengths behind for Al Awlad Syndicate, Naylor and Adnan Jaffar. The first race of the day, also covering a five-furlong distance, was claimed by Al Mlolesh 1748.

The sixth race was held over seven furlongs with a BD3,000 prize, and Dirab emerged triumphant for HH Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, James Naylor and Abdulla Faisal. Pulp Fiction was second three-and-a-half lengths back for Al Adiyat Racing, Alan Smith and Gerald Mosse, while Breathtaking came third for Abdulla Fawzi Nass, Hesham Al Haddad and David Egan.

Meanwhile, Al Fajir Mukbile lifted the Late S Sharaf Al Alawi Cup in the day's fifth race held over eight furlongs with a BD2,000 prize. The race winner competed for Raed Ahmed Yousif Alboainain and Yousif Boainain, and was ridden by Ahmed Maki. Finishing three-and-a-quarter lengths behind was Suspect Package, competing for Victorious, Alan Smith and Abdulrahim Jassim; while third was Gateway competing for Mustafa Jaffar Ali Omran, Osama Hashim and Abdulla Al Hawaj. A total of 14 horses competed in the race.

Elsewhere yesterday, Daleel triumphed for HH Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, James Naylor and Abdulla Faisal in the nine-furlong fourth race; Teenar took first place for Al Mohamediya Racing, Hussain Aldailami and Callum Rodriguez in race three, held over six furlongs, and Afrah was the top finisher in race two held over five furlongs competing for Al Awlad Syndicate, Naylor and Adnan Jaffar.

The first race of the day, also covering a five-furlong distance, was claimed by Al Mlolesh 1748.

# Tsunoda secures F2 pole

Carlin driver tops Qualifying and will start in front of 22-car grid in penultimate feature race of 2020 season

● **Nikita Mazepin secures other front row grid position, while Jehan Daruvala and Robert Shwartzman to start from row two**

● **Championship leader Mick Schumacher collides with Roy Nissany late in Quali, forced to start towards back of field**



Yuki Tsunoda in action on track during F2 practice

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Yuki Tsunoda captured pole position last night for the last Feature Race of the 2020 Formula 2 season, to be held as part of the weekend's events in the Formula 1 Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

Tsunoda registered a fastest lap of one minute 02.676 seconds in F2's 30-minute Qualifying session around BIC's 3.543-kilometre Outer Track.

It was his fourth pole of the season with his team Carlin, and it earned him four crucial points on the drivers' championship standings.

Tsunoda was a mere 0.122s quicker than Hitech Grand Prix's Nikita Mazepin, who took the other front row position on the grid. Carlin teammate Jehan Daruvala (+0.131s) and Prema Racing's Robert Shwartzman (+0.146s) will start on row two, while the top eight is completed by Felipe Drugovich (+0.165s) of MP Motorsport, Christian Lundgaard (+0.173s) of ART Grand

Prix, Artem Markelov (+0.271s) of BWT HWA Racelab, and Dan Ticktum (+0.278s) of Dams.

The session was suspended with around four minutes to go after Hitech's Luca Ghiotto spun off and stopped in the run-off area. After the re-start, championship leader Mick Schumacher of Prema and Roy Nissany of Trident collided in the session's closing moments, with Nissany running over the back of Schumacher's car.

That left them having to settle for 18th and 19th on the grid for today's 48-lap Feature Race,

which is scheduled for a 3.10pm start.

Earlier in the day, Tsunoda got things off to a positive start by setting the fastest lap in the round's lone F2 Practice.

It was the final F2 Practice of 2020 and it was cut short after Markelov's car went up in smoke down the main straight with just under five minutes to go, bringing out the red flag.

Tsunoda had set the fastest lap of 1:03.267 before the stoppage while Daruvala in the other Carlin with a 0.228s gap for a Carlin one-two. Ghiotto was third 0.315s behind.



**YOU KNOW WHAT**  
Yuki Tsunoda has clinched pole position three other times in the 2020 F2 season, and also has two race victories and three other podium finishes

## Guven, Simmenauer top Porsche practice sessions

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Ahancan Guven became the first-ever driver to top the timesheet in a session held along Bahrain International Circuit's Outer Track, after setting the pace yesterday in the first practice of this weekend's Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East.

Held in support of the F1 Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix, the opening practice kicked off the day's schedule.

Guven, who did not compete in last weekend's events, immediately showed his quickness with a best lap of one minute 14.634 seconds to kick off



Guven in action during yesterday's first Porsche practice

the second round of Porsche's 2020/2021 season.

Jean-Baptiste Simmenauer

followed 0.502s behind, while Richard Wagner was third 1.019s adrift along the 3.543-kilometre

circuit layout. Each of the top three are competing in the series' GT3 class Pro category.

Leading the Pro-Am runners was Lucas Groeneveld, while Eddy Waldherr topped the Am participants.

Bahrainis Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa (PA) and Shaikh Jaber bin Ali Al Khalifa (A) were classified ninth and 10th, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the second practice session held late last night, Simmenauer was fastest with a best lap of 1:14.714.

The Porsche field now head for qualifying at 2pm today, followed by the weekend's first 17-lap race at 6.30pm.

## BRAVE CF announces Fighter Of The Year nominees

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The year of 2020 was full of inspiring stories and victories for the ages at BRAVE Combat Federation. But who were the five athletes who stood out from the pack and made these challenging times also a time to shine?

BRAVE Combat Federation's 2020 Year of Change Awards announced the nominees for one of its most important categories: Fighter of the Year. The list is composed by a mix of World Champions, former World Champions, and fighters in the hunt of ultimate glory.

The first nominee is arguably one of the most popular and beloved Middle Eastern athletes of all time: Mohammed "The Latest" Fakhreddine. After being struck by personal and public tragedies, Fakhreddine managed to make the year of 2020 as the year he finally became the world champion, capturing



BRAVE CF's Middleweight title in style, with a fourth-round knockout over Daniel Gaúcho in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The second nominee, Amin Ayoub, also got his first international MMA belt in 2020 and did it in the most competitive division of any Mixed Martial Arts promotion, the Lightweight. Ayoub challenged the champion Cleiton "Predator" Silva and got a knockout in the fourth, after a solid and decisive performance.

The third name on this list

is a former world champion who found again the passion for fighting and made 2020 the year of his comeback. After losing his title to Jarrah Al Silawi in 2019, Abdoul Abdouraguimov rose from the ashes and submitted Carl Booth and Louis Glismann to become, yet again, the Welterweight number one contender.

Another veteran who got back to the top in 2020 was Philippines' Rolando Dy. With two huge wins, against Maciek

### Nominees

Abdoul Abdouraguimov

Mohammad Fakhreddine

Sam Patterson

Rolando Dy

Amin Ayoub

Gierszewski and John Brewin, "The Incredible" became the heavily favorite to be the next Lightweight world title challenger.

The last nominee is also the youngest among all. 24-year-old British prospect Sam Patterson is undefeated in his last six fights and recently got the biggest win of his professional career, knocking out the veteran Felipe Silva in less than two-and-a-half minutes.

The 2020 Fighter of the Year will be announced based on the results from the fans who cast their votes at BRAVE CF's official Instagram account ([www.instagram.com/bravemmaf](http://www.instagram.com/bravemmaf)).

## Coach Vieira sacked by Nice: club

Reuters | Paris

Nice have sacked coach Patrick Vieira following a string of poor results, the Ligue 1 club said yesterday.

Nice lost 3-2 at home to Bayer Leverkusen on Thursday in the Europa League, leaving them third in Group C with three points and without any hope of reaching the knockouts.

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# Russell shines under Friday night lights

Mercedes 'Super Sub' sets blistering pace in both F1 practices at BIC to kick off Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix 2020



George Russell gets ready for action in his Mercedes car



Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and Charles Leclerc in the BIC Paddock last night

● **Russell clocks sub-55 second times to top both practice timesheets**

● **Red Bull's Max Verstappen second in both 90-minute sessions held around BIC's 3.543km Outer Track**

● **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc suffers power trouble in practice two, fails to set a time**

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Formula 1's George Russell, who is driving in place of seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton in this weekend's F1 Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix 2020, is making the most of his dream opportunity to compete with constructors' titlists Mercedes.

The "Super Sub" shone bright-

est last night at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), going fastest in both of the weekend's 90-minute F1 practices.

Russell showed his limitless potential on his debut drive in championship-winning machinery. He powered to a best lap time of 54.713 seconds in practice two, going 0.128s quicker than top rival Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing while completing 48 laps around BIC's 3.543-kilometre Outer Track.

Russell's second practice time was just under two-tenths of a second off his leading mark of 54.546s from the first practice.

Racing Point's Sergio Perez placed third on the session's timesheet 0.153s off Russell's pace, while Renault's Esteban Ocon (+0.227s) followed in fourth, Alexander Albon (+0.323s) in the other Red Bull car in fifth, and Daniil Kvyat (+0.355s) for AlphaTauri sixth.

Racing Point's Lance Stroll (+0.391s) and Renault's Daniel Ricciardo (+0.411s) completed the top eight.

The rest of the classifica-

tion from ninth to 20th in the second practice: Pierre Gasly of AlphaTauri, Carlos Sainz of McLaren, Valtteri Bottas in the other Mercedes, Kimi Raikkonen and Antonio Giovinazzi for Alfa Romeo, Kevin Magnussen of Haas, Nicholas Latifi for Williams, Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari, Lando Norris in the other McLaren, Pietro Fittipaldi who is driving for Romain Grosjean at Haas, Jack Aitken who is in place of Russel at Williams, and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who had power trouble in the second session and failed to register a time.

The F1 field is now headed to a third practice session today, to be held over 60 minutes, starting

at 5pm. Qualifying will then follow at 8pm, setting the stage for tomorrow's 87-lap race.

Earlier yesterday, Russell was not only quick to adapt to his car but was also able to familiarise himself immediately with the all-new track layout at BIC.

He outpaced both Verstappen and Albon, as well as Bottas, who were second through fourth in the first practice. Verstappen had a best lap 0.176s slower, while Albon was 0.265s off the pace and Bottas 0.322s behind.

The top 10 also included Kvyat and Gasly in fifth and sixth, Ocon in seventh, Vettel eighth, Ricciardo ninth and Leclerc 10th.

The Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix

Today's schedule		
Time	Series	Session
2pm	Porsche Sprint Challenge ME	Qualifying
2.05pm	Formula 1	Team Pit Stop Practice
3.10pm	Formula 2	First Race (48 laps or 60mins)
4.30pm	Formula 2	Press Conference
4.46pm		-Sunset-
5pm	Formula 1	Third Practice
6.30pm	Porsche Sprint Challenge ME	First Race (17 laps or 25mins)
8pm	Formula 1	Qualifying
9pm	Formula 1	Press Conference
8pm	Formula 1	Qualifying
9pm	Formula 1	Press Conference

is the second event of the Kingdom's first-ever F1 double-head- er. It is the 16th and penultimate round of the 2020 season.



**The new track layout is very different to the usual layout here and it's not an easy track to say the least. It's going to be very tight in qualifying and we can probably expect a dramatic race. It's been good to be working with the team today and I'm learning a lot every single lap I'm in the car**

GEORGE RUSSELL



Sparks fly from the back of the Red Bull Racing challenger of Max Verstappen

## What to expect in today's Rolex Sakhir GP qualifying

- With 20 cars vying for clear track, Q1 is expected to be chaotic. There will be two kilometres less circuit (compared to BIC's GP track for the Bahrain Grand Prix) for drivers to space themselves out in.
- With a clean lap requiring a window of around five to seven seconds between each car, there could be some traffic jams at the final corner.
- The drivers may go out on track at different times because of this, in order to make the most of quiet windows in the sessions.



One of the Bell Racing helmets with the campaign logo

## Bell honours Bahrain's heroes with special logo on F1, F2 drivers' helmets

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Sakhir-headquartered Bell Racing is supporting the "#ThankYou\_OurHeroes" campaign by applying a special logo on the helmets of most of its drivers involved in the Formula One Rolex Sakhir Grand Prix.

The Sakhir Grand Prix will be recognising the Kingdom's frontline health workers, first responders and their immedi-

ate family members, who have been invited to attend the race by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

That's why Bell Racing, world-leading company in the design and production of auto-sport helmets, whose headquarters are at the Bahrain International Circuit, has decided to pay homage to these heroes for their

tireless efforts and sacrifices in Bahrain's national response to COVID-19.

Bell is therefore supporting the "#ThankYou\_OurHeroes" campaign by temporarily substituting its traditional logo with a new version that merges the white oval and red writing with the "#ThankYou\_OurHeroes" official logo.

The initiative involves most of the F1 and F2 drivers who use a

Bell helmet.

Bell Racing CEO Stephane Cohen commented: "We are extremely grateful for the priceless work of frontline health workers and first responders in delivering Bahrain's national response to COVID-19. The least we can do is to support enthusiastically the '#ThankYou\_OurHeroes' campaign and offer our symbolic but heartfelt reward to these great people."