

Bahrain strike Arab cross country gold!

Elite athletes Winfred Yavi, Albert Rop spearhead 11-medal haul for Kingdom's national team in Cairo | P12

Pakistan ex-President Musharraf dies in Dubai after years in exile

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'Harry Potter' star Rupert Grint says cast is 'still trying to figure out what life looks like'

Britain faces largest ever healthcare strikes as pay disputes drag on

Kingdom to head regional body on digital cooperation
 Riyadh

The Kingdom of Bahrain has assumed the presidency of the Digital Cooperation Organization in its current session 2023, during the General Assembly which was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The meeting was attended by ministers of telecommunications representing member states.

Bahrain is one of the first five participating countries in the organisation, along with Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait and Pakistan.

Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Mohammed bin Thamer AlKaabi expressed delight at the unanimous decision which reflects the confidence of member states in Bahrain capabilities.

He affirmed Bahrain's support for the efforts of all member states and to work in coordination to advance digital economy and provide real opportunities based on the digital economy in the region

Sunak 'prepared' to pull UK out of ECHR
 London

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is ready to withdraw his country from the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) as he finalises plans for the UK's strictest immigration legislation yet, The Times reported yesterday.

Official estimates warned that 65,000 illegal migrants are expected to arrive in the UK this year, representing a nearly 50 percent increase over last year.

Ukraine to replace defense minister
 Kyiv

Ukraine's defense minister will be replaced by the chief of the military intelligence ahead of an expected Russian offensive and following corruption scandals, a senior lawmaker said yesterday.

"Kyrylo Budanov will head the defense ministry, which is absolutely logical in wartime," said senior lawmaker David Arakhamia, referring to the 37-year-old chief of the military intelligence.

Bahrain condolences with Pakistan on Musharraf death

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of condolences to the Pakistani President, Arif Alvi, following the passing of former President Pervez Musharraf.

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman extended sincere condolences and sympathy to President Alvi, the deceased's



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



President Alvi

relatives and the Pakistani people, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the late President Musharraf in eternal peace, and to bless his family with patience and fortitude.

They lauded the role and contributions of the late president in strengthening and developing the distinguished Bahraini-Pakistani relations, and in serving his country.

His Royal Highness sent a similar cable of condolences to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

BDF is hailed for service to nation



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended all the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) affiliates for their efforts to protect the national achievements, civilisation, security, and national unity with competence and sincere determination.

The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces said that they are the protective shield of the homeland, and are always the source of pride.

He added that the establishment of the BDF will always remain a milestone in the Kingdom's glorious history.

His Majesty was speaking yesterday as he paid a visit, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, to the BDF General Command, marking its 55th anniversary.

HM King Hamad expressed his congratulations and appreciation to all BDF officers,

non-commissioned officers and servicemen in Bahrain and abroad, as well as the citizens on this glorious national occasion.

He emphasised that the BDF's achievements, distinguished work and good reputation have earned it the trust of citizens, as well as that of those of the Gulf Cooperation Council states and friendly countries.

"We always strive for peace. Bahrain is a pioneer in the region in all fields, and we are keen to maintain this status for our future generations," HM the King said.

Unwavering support

He expressed thanks to HRH Prince Salman for his unwavering support for the Kingdom's armed forces.

His Majesty also paid tribute to BDF Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, for his ongoing efforts to develop the BDF, valuing highly the dedicated efforts exerted by all its affiliates since its establishment.

HM the King affirmed that the BDF is progressing steadily thanks to its brave personnel,

HM King: Establishment of BDF remains milestone in Kingdom's glorious history



citing its efforts to defend the nation's security and sovereignty, support for the national development process in the health and housing fields, success in attaining landmark sports results at regional and global sporting gatherings, as well as contributions to the kingdom's hosting of mega national and international events, including the Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS).

He said that the Bahraini citizens have set the example in their perseverance and solid determination to achieve success, wishing everyone continued success.

The Armed Forces, Supreme Commander was presented with a commemorative gift from HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister on the glorious national occasion.

HRH the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister was also presented with gift from the BDF chief on the same occasion.



HM the King and HRH Prince Salman arrive at the BDF General Command. His Majesty receives a commemorative gift from His Royal Highness

Warm welcome

Upon arrival, HM the King was welcomed by Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed and National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

His Majesty was also welcomed by the Defence Affairs Minister, Lieutenant-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Noaimi, Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-Gen-

eral Dheyab bin Saqr Al Noimi, and a number of senior officers. A band played the National Anthem in tribute to HM the King.

HM the King met senior officers, who extended to HM deepest congratulations on the BDF's 55th anniversary, lauding his unwavering support for the BDF, and wishing him continued success in leading the Kingdom towards more progress and prosperity.

Praise for solid Bahrain-Egypt ties and cooperation

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa hailed solid fraternal relations binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and Egypt, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi.

Shaikh Salman stressed Bahrain's commitment to continue supporting joint cooperation, particularly in the economic and investment fields, stressing the

importance of exchanging expertise.

He stressed the commitment of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to support bilateral relations and expand joint cooperation.

This came as Shaikh Salman received Egyptian Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Chairperson of Egypt's Sovereignty Fund Dr Hala Helmy Al Said, currently on



Shaikh Salman with Dr Hala

visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Sustainable Development Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif, Economic Development Board (EDB) Chief Executive Officer Khalid Humaidan, Egyptian Ambassador to Bahrain Yasser Shaaban, and Egypt's Sovereignty Fund Executive Director Aymen Mohammed Suleiman.

They reviewed aspects of joint cooperation to create further promising opportunities and initiatives.

Foreign Minister receives call from GCC Secretary-General

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Foreign Minister Dr Abdulatif bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday received a phone call from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary-General Jassim Mohammed Jassim Muhammad Al Budaiwi.

Dr Al Zayan congratulated the new GCC chief, wishing him success in performing his duties to further the Gulf march to achieve the common goals.

During the phone call, Dr Al Zayani affirmed Bahrain's support to the efforts of the GCC

Secretary-General to further Gulf cooperation.

The GCC chief expressed thanks to the Foreign Minister, pledging to exert all efforts in coordination with the GCC ministers' council to bolster cooperation in all fields.

Global entrepreneurship forum opens

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Industry and Commerce Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro yesterday inaugurated the Global Entrepreneur-

ship Conference, organised by the Bahrain Entrepreneurship Foundation.

The event will run until today.

Fakhro affirmed Bahrain's

support to entrepreneurs and SMEs development.

The Kingdom is keen to keep pace with the latest developments in the field of entrepreneurship.

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Bahrain's initiatives to achieve SDGs by 2030

Al Khulaif: Bahrain has achieved its goals for safe water and free quality education



Al Khulaif with Dr Shaikh Abdulla at the conference. (Picture by Ashen Tharaka)

Julia Cassano

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Sustainable Development Minister Noor bint Al Khulaif has affirmed Bahrain's keenness to launch initiatives and strategies aimed at developing sustainability in the Kingdom and achieving its sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Al Khulaif was speaking as she attended a conference held at Gulf Hotel Convention Centre yesterday.

Bahrain has taken major steps towards achieving its sustainable development goals, set by the United Nations General Assembly, by aligning its national development agenda accordingly, and actively engaging with the government, civil society, academia, and the private sector.

Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, MoFA undersecretary for political affairs, announced that Bahrain had achieved its goals for pure water and free education.

He noted that basic education is free and compulsory in the Kingdom, and the coverage of safe water, sanitation, and clean energy networks has reached 100 percent.

Despite the challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, Bahrain is focusing on strengthening and creating partnerships, launching a series of workshops, highlighting the accomplishments the country has achieved, and working towards future goals and targets to display the Kingdom as a model for sustainable development.

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DANAT CEO NOORA JAMSHEER

Kingdom has made since its first report in 2018.

She highlighted the main themes in the report: "The report will be a guideline of the Kingdom's achievements over the past four years, as well as through the pandemic, and the future aspirations and SDGs Bahrain aims to meet. The report also highlights the challenges the Kingdom has faced, and how new partnerships can be created locally, regionally, and internationally."

The Minister said that the Kingdom has produced immense progress, especially in the last couple of months, to implement the SDGs, including those related to clean water, clean and affordable energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure, and sustainable cities and communities. The five main goals she highlighted aims to make the Kingdom on par with other countries.

Al Khulaif spoke about other goals that the Kingdom focuses on including doubling renewable energy goals by 2035, and the afforestation plan, which aims to double the number of trees by increasing the number of mangrove trees four times.

Since developing the SDGs, Bahrain has closely monitored its achievements and progress, and it also published the Water Report to monitor the progress made towards the implementation of the targets and indicators of the sixth SDG in February 2018.

Al Khulaif also spoke about the Kingdom's commitment to sustainable development by implementing workshops and development programs that yearn to create a better future and quality of life for everyone.

She pointed out that the Kingdom has begun updating indicators to ensure they can clearly state their position.

HH Shaikh Nasser inaugurates Royal Guard Champions Centre

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National Security Advisor, Commander of the Royal Guard, Major General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, patronised yesterday the opening of the Royal Guard Champions Centre.

The inauguration was held in conjunction with the 55th anniversary of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

Major General HH Shaikh Nasser unveiled the commemorative

plaque declaring the opening of the facility which is considered the biggest sporting centre in the Kingdom of Bahrain with an area of 2,500 sqm.

He listened to a briefing on the state-of-the-art facility, which is outfitted with around 140 sports equipment for various games. The centre also contains a multi-use sports track and two rings for combat sports.

HH Shaikh Nasser toured the centre and got informed about its equipment.

He also met with a number of specialized trainers and praised the unlimited support accorded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, to military sport.

He also commended the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, and the continuous follow-up of BDF Command-

er-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. HH Shaikh Nasser stressed that the new facility reflects constant keenness to develop the sport infrastructure for its role in enhancing the skills of the military personnel and maintaining their physical fitness.

He praised the high level of the Royal Guard affiliates, commending the efforts of all the BDF personnel to boost the combat and administrative readiness.



HH Shaikh Nasser

BeAware Bahrain mobile app is converted to 'digital wallet'

Updated version stores digital government documents, health appointments, and My Health Cards

Zahra Ayaz

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The Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) has released an updated version of the BeAware Bahrain mobile app.

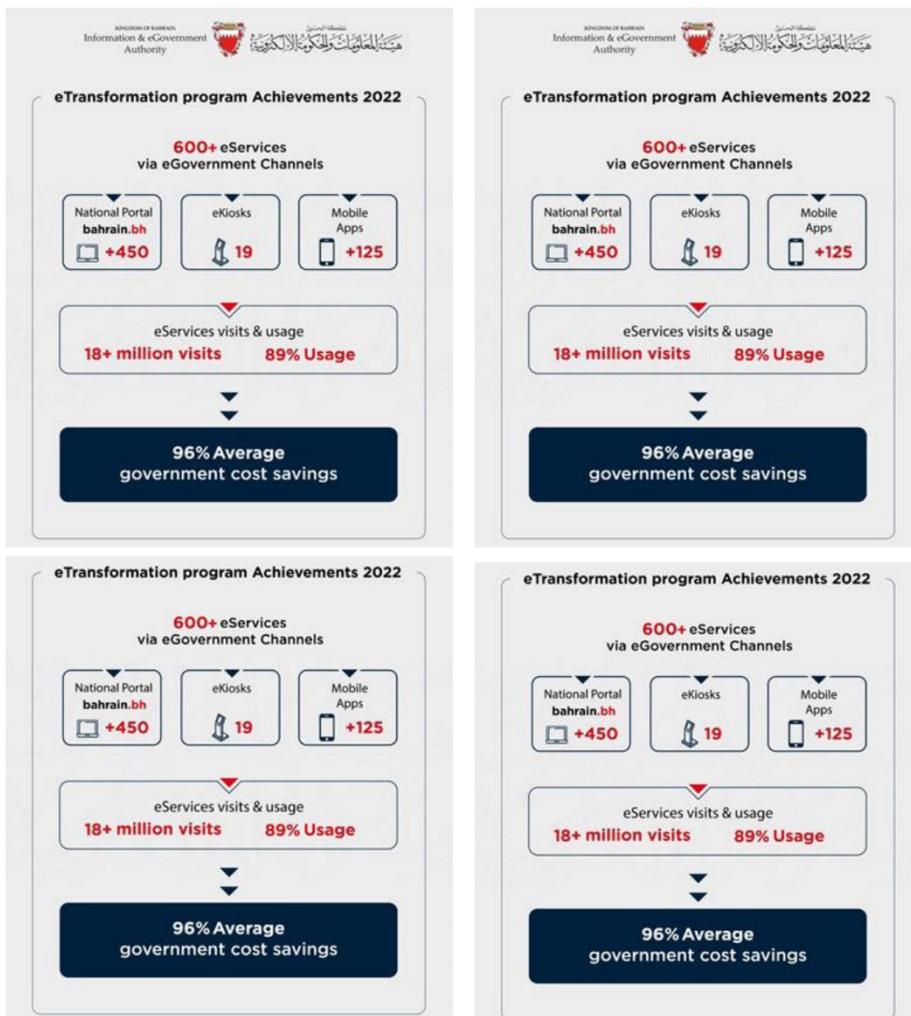
It is part of plans to convert the app into a digital wallet where each individual's key personal documents will be stored electronically. The implementation of the project was made possible through the continuous development services and providing a high readiness ICT infrastructure and eChannels that are beneficial to the citizens and residents.

The all-in-one app will store e-copies of a CPR, passport, birth certificate and driver's license, along with car ownership documents. They will be officially recognised 'everywhere' as replacement for paper copies, as well as adding a feature related to health, My Medical Appointments and My Health Cards.

The My Health Cards feature includes details and information related to the Covid-19 vaccination record, as well as a number of other additional features that individuals use on a daily basis and are a priority for them.

iGA Chief Executive Mohamed Ali Al Qaed said that with the continuous support and directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Authority has implemented the Kingdom's eTransformation plans in partnership with the public entities.

"Official bodies are now obligated to accept e-documents. The documents can be validated through QR codes that come with each copy," Al Qaed said.



"The application's new version will also offer reminders of medical appointments at health centres, government hospitals and Covid-19-related doctor's visits."

Al Qaed added that in 2022, the iGA continued its efforts to accelerate the pace of digital transformation plans of the government agencies and its eSer-

VICES. They resulted in registering more than 600 eServices.

The app enables business users to complete and follow up transactions with various relevant government agencies through one single, easy and convenient platform, saving their time and effort.

He also stressed that the Authority will launch the BeAware

App with a bundle of new features and key services in future.

This comes in line with the directives of the government and it will enhance the user experience of the application, being one of the most prominent national initiatives that reflect eTransformation and the employment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques.

Festival kicks off celebration of 45th Philippines-Bahrain ties anniversary



Visitors patronise Filipino products

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A three-day festival has kicked off the year-long celebration of the 45th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Philippine Embassy organised the event at the Oasis Mall in Juffair from 26 to 28 January, in collaboration with Brand Sync, an events company.

The highlight of the opening ceremony was the launch of the logo of the 45th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Philippines and the Kingdom of Bahrain, the actual date of which is on 27 November 2023.

The three-day event featured Philippine arts, cuisine,

culture, music, and the Filipino tradition of festivals.

There was a variety of food stalls, booths selling various non-food items, and service booths such as Dar Al Shifa Medical Center, NEC Exchange, LBC, Quick Pick Cargo, Fitness First, and the Social Security System (SSS) under the Embassy.

Performances by individual singers, a choir, and live bands were also held. Other activities like Zumba, basketball, chess game, and lucky draws were likewise held during the festival.

During the program held on 27 January, the Filipino Club Bahrain presented the candidates for Ms Philippines Bahrain 2023. The winner will be selected and crowned on 17 March 2023.

COURT STORY

Asian woman loses BD5,000 in fake prize scheme; Two held

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An Asian woman lost BD5,000 as a result of falling for a scam run by two Asian men.

The suspects called the victim and claimed she had won a cash prize worth BD20,000; they then asked for her ATM card details so they could deposit the money into her bank account.

"When I did, I received several SMS notifying me that a certain amount was debited from my account. I discovered that the total amount deducted was BD5,000," the woman

told prosecutors. After filing a case, an investigation was carried out leading to the arrest of the two defendants.

"He (the first defendant) asked me to download a mobile application which he later used to send the money outside Bahrain," the second defendant told prosecutors, denying being aware of the crime.

Both defendants were charged with fraud and forgery. They were sentenced to five years in prison by the High Criminal Court, and their punishments were upheld by the Appeals Court.

Talks on ways to enhance quality education

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Shura Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam has stressed the council's support to enhance education quality and achieve Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

He praised the initiatives of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in developing education and preparing graduates for the labour



Speaker Al Musallam with Dr Juma

market. He received Education Minister

The Speaker was speaking as Dr Mohammad bin Mubarak

Juma.

The meeting discussed ways to enhance cooperation to support the educational process and its qualitative outcomes, in light of the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Al Musallam expressed appreciation of the efforts of the ministry's employees, commitment and achievement.

Dr Juma expressed his thanks to the Speaker for his interest and support to the education sector.

Two online fraud suspects arrested

TDI | Manama

The Capital Governorate Police Directorate has arrested a man and a woman, both Asian, aged 39 and 41, for cheating citizens and residents through social media accounts for selling wooden furniture.

They scammed their victims and managed to get around

BD23,000.

An investigation into received cases led to identifying and arresting the suspects. They used to get downpayment from their victims for making the furniture and ignored their calls.

The two suspects have no Commercial Register to carry out business activity.

Left 'helpless and devastated' by cyberbullying nightmare

Zahra Ayaz

TDT | Manama

A Filipino mother and her three children are the targets of cyberbullying on social media following The Daily Tribune's coverage on their ordeal.

The woman claimed that although many came to help them, the attacks on all social media platforms had left her "devastated".

Jocelyn Arano, 45, told The Daily Tribune that she feels helpless because of all the negative comments on social media, where people accuse her of being a fraud, and claim that she uses her children to get money to spend on herself.

"Bullying is already having a negative psychological impact on me, and it is difficult for me to survive without a home or money. I'm also aware that one day my children may encounter such harsh criticism and reproaches from others," Arano said.

"Being a mother, it is difficult to go through the fact that my youngest children, who are one and two years old, are without diapers and milk to drink. It is sad that people still blame us for the difficult situation we are in.

"I wonder where my human rights are. It has been four months since the father visited



the children. People shouldn't criticise my personal life if they can't help us.

"After speaking with the ambassador at the Philippine Embassy, I was handed BD50 and some groceries. I'm here to ask that the Embassy pay for all of my expenses so that I can return to my home country."

She emphasised that they can't leave Bahrain without the children's birth certificates and passports.

Lyn Le Altarejos, Director for Workers Rights Committee, said: "We are trying to get help from everyone to get her ticket and have her children's DNA tested, and eventually help

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JOCELYN ARANO, ABANDONED FILIPINO MOTHER OF THREE

her through the immigration process.

"They are currently residing in an abandoned building. The family is accepting invitations from others to join them for lunch and dinner at various fast food restaurants.

"We are getting food dona-

tions from people, and I want to thank the media for that since so many people are volunteering to help, despite some people having unfavorable comments.

"We are asking the Embassy to get in touch with the mother so the children can live healthy lives when they go back home."

Parents motivate students at Philippine School Career Day

TDT | Manama

Parents of students at the Philippine School (Bahrain) were invited to be the source speakers as it celebrated Career Day with the theme "Today's Skill, Tomorrow's Success" on January 25.

A short program and parade marked the meaningful start of the event.

Selected parents from Elementary Education Departments and High School came inside the campus and visited each classroom to discuss their knowledge and expertise about their chosen profession.

Philippine Embassy Consul Bryan Jess T. Baguio was one of the invited parents.

They inspired the students by sharing their prowess and how they applied their knowledge and contributed their skills as professionals and skilled work-



Elementary students are dressed up for success

in the Kingdom.

The parents introduced their roles and jobs as an Architect, Nurse, General Manager, Human Resource Administrator, Bank Manager, Professor, Student Welfare Officer, Junior Sous Chef, Writer, Fitness Coach, Commercial Department Manager, Aircraft Load Planner, Aircraft Technician, 3D

Visualizer, Flight Attendant, Technician, Mechanical Designer, Teacher, Mechanical Engineer, Diplomat and Electrical Engineer.

The students were thrilled and they admired their parents more. Through this activity, they realised the value of hard work and how Filipino overseas workers proved that

Filipinos are really courageous and effective in their areas of work.

The event was organised under the Guidance Services through the collaboration of the PSB teachers, Admin and staff and the Guidance Counselor of Elementary and High School Department Ms Marian Joy Quilang and Mr Glenn D. Raz.

Stage set for second AI global conference

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The 2nd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence is set to be held on February 8 at the InterContinental Regency Hotel.

It is part of Bahrain Sport Summit, which is organised by the General Sport Authority (GSA) in cooperation with the initiatives of Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The event will be organised under the patronage of First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sport Authority (GSA), President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

It will host keynote speakers from Belgium, France and South Korea. The sessions will be run by Eng. Dalal Buhamida.

Marking the occasion, Chairman of the International Group of Artificial Intelligence (IGOAI) and Executive Advisor of Nasser Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Centre, Dr Jassim Hajji, voiced pride in HH Shaikh Khalid's patronage of the second edition of the conference, which will bring together an elite of international speakers in the sciences of the future and sport technology.

The latest solutions and software developed in sports will be highlighted during the conference, including the use of computer vision in monitoring the movements of players in the stadiums, predicting counter-plans and match results, virtual assistant coaches, analysing players' data to make a physical and tactical plan, and many future innovations that will revolutionize sport.

LMRA and SADAD sign cooperation deal



Jamsheer and Dr Al Kashif sign the agreement

TDT | Manama

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) signed a cooperation agreement with SADAD Company to offer SADAD dispensing machines at LMRA's Sitra Industrial branch and the Labour Registration Centres.

The dispensing machines will facilitate the payment process of the prescribed fees for registered workers.

The agreement was signed at LMRA headquarter by LMRA Chief Executive Officer Nouf Abdulrahman Jamsheer and Acting CEO of SADAD Bahrain, Dr Mohammed Refaat Al Kashif.

Jamsheer expressed delight and pride at the cooperation with SADAD Company as one

of the leading companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain providing a comprehensive digital payment platform.

She praised that this agreement is an initiative toward strengthening cooperation and partnership with the private sector.

"The agreement contributes to achieve LMRA's strategic objectives in enhancing services and the customer experience, as well as offer a range of digital platforms and different payment channels," she added.

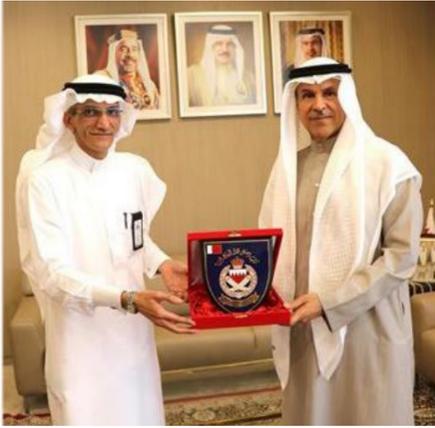
Dr Al Kashif said that they are pleased to expand their cooperation with LMRA, and offering innovative digital services in line with Bahrain's digital strategy, as well as providing reliable, secure and convenient payment methods.

Intensified inspection campaign



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted a joint inspection campaign in the Southern Governorate, in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Southern Governorate Police Directorate. The campaign resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The cases were referred for legal action. The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labor practices by reporting violations via the electronic form on LMRA's website www.lmra.bh or by calling the authority's call center on 17506055.

Causeway project cooperation



Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa received the CEO of the newly appointed General Organisation of King Fahad Causeway, Yousif bin Ibrahim Al Abdan. Shaikh Hisham congratulated the official on his new assignment and wished him the best. He highlighted the organisation's vital role in supervising all operations and coordinating between countries' authorities. The meeting reviewed the project of increasing the capacity of the areas of the procedure on the causeway to facilitate traffic and reduce the periods required to cross the causeway.

Britain faces largest ever healthcare strikes as pay disputes drag on

● Nurses and ambulance workers have been striking separately

● Around 500,000 workers have been staging strikes since last summer

Reuters | London

Britain faces its largest ever strike by health workers today as tens of thousands of nurses and ambulance workers walk out in an escalating pay dispute with the government, spelling further disruption for an already strained health system.

Nurses and ambulance workers have been striking separately on and off since late last year but Monday's walkout involving both, largely in England, will represent the biggest in the 75-year history of the National Health Service (NHS).

England's top doctor, Stephen Powis, said strike action this week, which will also see physiotherapists walk out on Thursday, would most probably be the most disruptive so far.

Health workers are demanding a pay rise that reflects the worst inflation in Britain in four decades, while the government



People hold placards during a strike by NHS nurses and other medical workers, amid a dispute with the government over pay, in London, Britain



The General Strike of 1926

The General Strike of 1926 was the largest industrial dispute in Britain's history. The Trades Union Congress (TUC) called the strike to prevent wage reduction and worsening conditions for coal miners. It took place over nine days, from 4 May until 12 May 1926.

says that would be unaffordable and cause more price rises, and in turn, make interest rates and mortgage payments go up further. Around 500,000 workers, many from the public sector, have been staging strikes since last summer, adding to pressure on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to resolve the disputes and limit disruption to public services such as railways and schools. Asked by Sky News if the

strikes would put lives at risk, business minister Grant Shapps said he was "concerned that it does" because of a lack of cooperation between the back-up services, such as the army, and those workers who are striking. "The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) have very responsibly ... told the NHS this is where we are going to be striking and they're able to put the emergency cover in place. Unfortunately, we've

been seeing a situation with the ambulance unions where they refuse to provide that information," he said.

Ambulance workers have denied Shapps' allegation.

Sharon Graham, leader of the Unite union, told the BBC on Sunday she wanted Sunak to come to the negotiating table, accusing the government of lying about ambulance workers.

"This government is putting lives at risk," she said.

The NHS, historically a source of pride for most Britons, is under extreme pressure with millions of patients on waiting lists for operations and thousands each month failing to receive prompt emergency care.

The RCN says a decade of poor pay has contributed to tens of thousands of nurses leaving the profession — 25,000 over just the last year — with the severe staffing shortages impacting patient care.

The RCN initially asked for a pay rise of 5% above inflation and has since said it could meet the government "halfway", but both sides have failed to reach an agreement despite weeks of talks. Meanwhile, thousands of ambulance workers represented by the GMB and Unite trade unions are also set to strike on Monday in their own pay dispute. Both unions have announced several more days of industrial action.

Saudi shares drop on lower oil prices; Egypt rises

Reuters

Saudi Arabian stock market closed lower yesterday, in response to fall in oil prices on Friday amid concern about the European Union embargo on Russian refined products.

Oil, which fuels the region's growth, declined on Friday, with Brent crude ending down \$2.23, or 2.7%, at \$79.94 a barrel.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister warned on Saturday that sanctions and underinvestment in the energy sector could result in a shortage of energy supplies in future.

The European Union has imposed a series of sanctions against Russia, reducing Russian energy exports.

Saudi Arabia's benchmark index (.TASI) dropped 1.34%, the worst day since Dec. 7. The index was undermined by loss in almost all sectors barring real estate.

Saudi oil giant Aramco (2222.SE) sank 1.5%, while the world's largest Islamic bank by market capitalization, Al Rajhi Bank (1120.SE), dropped 1.9%.

Among the losers, Dr Sulaiman Al-Habib Medical (4013.SE) and Riyad Bank (1010.SE) lost 2.2% and 3.5% respectively.

Qatar's stock index (.QSI) ended down 0.4%, with almost all its constituent stocks in negative territory.

Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing (QAMC.QA) dropped 5.9% and Industries Qatar (IQCD.QA) declined 2.2%.



Closing Bell

SAUDI	▼ 1.3% to 10,559
QATAR	▼ 0.4% to 10,655
EGYPT	▲ 0.1% to 16,266
BAHRAIN	▲ 0.8% at 1,936
OMAN	▲ 0.5% to 4,751
KUWAIT	■ at 8,160

However, the Gulf's biggest lender Qatar National Bank (QNBK.QA) ended its four session losing streak, rising 3.5%.

Outside the Gulf, Egypt's blue-chip index (.EGX30) inched up 0.1%, bouncing back from four sessions of losses.

The index was lifted by a 1.4% gain in Commercial International Bank Egypt (COMI.CA) and 3.1% rise in Talaat Mostafa (TMGH.CA).

Among the gainers, Palm Hills Development (PHDC.CA) and GB Auto (AUTO.CA) jumped 10.3% and 9.2% respectively.

Separately, Egypt's net foreign reserves rose to \$34.224 bn in January from \$34.003 bn in December, the central bank reported yesterday.



BisB Organises Sports Day activities

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), a leading provider of Islamic digital banking services in the Kingdom of Bahrain, organised sporting activities for its employees on Thursday, to celebrate Bahrain Sports Day. Activities included an interdepartmental football tournament for the Bank's male employees, while female employees took part in fitness classes for a chance to win prizes. A communal lunch followed the activities. The event comes in celebration of Bahrain Sports Day, which aims to encourage regular exercise, healthy competition, and teamwork in a positive atmosphere, ultimately promoting the adoption of a healthy lifestyle.

Beyon celebrates Bahrain Sports Day with two-day activities



TDI | Manama

Beyon, the parent company of Batelco and the Beyon digital companies, organised sports activities for team members in

celebration of Bahrain Sports Day. The 2-day activities held at Beyon's campus in Hamala, included a Padel Tournament and a variety of fitness sessions. All activities took place at

'Centraal' the Company's recently renovated sports and leisure complex which features a wide range of top-class facilities, including two new Padel Courts. Commenting on the event,

Beyon Chief Communications & Sustainability Officer, Shaikh Bader bin Rashed Al Khalifa, said: "By arranging activities over a two-day period, it enabled team members to take the time

to participate during working hours, without disrupting the workflow."

Following an exciting day of knock out rounds the winners Ali Al Deilami, and Ali Al

Attar claimed the 1st prizes in the Padel tournament with Mohamed Al Raees, and Ali Abdulhusain, placed second. Both teams were presented with valuable prizes.



News in brief

◆ **Pope Francis urged** the people of South Sudan on Sunday to resist the “venom of hatred” so they could achieve the peace and prosperity that have eluded them through years of bloody ethnic conflicts. In his last public engagement before flying home, Francis presided at an open-air Mass on the grounds of a mausoleum for South Sudan’s liberation hero John Garang, who died in 2005. The Vatican said 100,000 people attended the Mass. The 86-year-old pope wove his homily around the themes that have dominated his trip to the world’s newest nation -- reconciliation and mutual forgiveness for past wrongs. He begged the worshippers to shun the “blind fury of violence”. Many in the crowd sang, drummed and ululated as Francis entered the dusty area, and his homily was repeatedly interrupted by loud cheers and more eruptions. Predominantly Christian South Sudan broke away from Muslim Sudan in 2011, but two years later plunged into a civil war that killed 400,000 people. Despite a 2018 peace deal between the two main antagonists, bouts of fighting have continued to kill and displace large numbers of civilians.



Pope Francis wraps up South Sudan trip, urges end to ‘blind fury’ of violence

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CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Take a bow-wow!

Meet Bobi, the oldest dog on record



The dog, Bobi, that broke the record for oldest dog ever at 30 years-old, is pictured at Conqueiros, in Leiria, Portugal

Reuters | Conqueiros, Portugal
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◆ **At the time Bobi was born**, Costa’s family had many animals and little money so his father, a hunter, generally buried newborn puppies rather than keep them. But Bobi hid among a pile of firewood. Costa and his siblings found it a few days later and kept it a secret until the puppy opened its eyes. “We knew that when he opened his eyes, my parents wouldn’t be able to bury him,” he said. Bobi’s breed usually has a life expectancy of 12 to 14 years and Costa attributed its longevity to a number of factors, including living in calm countryside, never having been chained or kept on a leash and always eating “human food”. “Of course our love and affection throughout his life has also helped,” he said, giggling. Although Bobi still loves walks, age is taking its toll: the dog is less adventurous, its fur is thinning, its eyesight has worsened and it needs to rest more than it used to. Costa hopes Bobi has many more years of life and is thankful the dog has put the remote village of Conqueiros on the map. “There were other animals here who lived long lives but Bobi surpassed everything.”

Pakistan ex-President Musharraf dies in Dubai after years in exile

● **He left Pakistan for Dubai in 2016 to seek medical treatment and had been living in exile in the country ever since**

● **His body will be flown back to Pakistan on a special flight**

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Pervez Musharraf

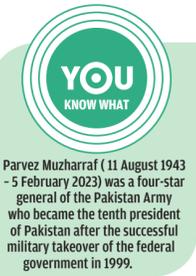
Pakistani former President Pervez Musharraf died yesterday following a prolonged illness at a hospital in Dubai, after years in self-imposed exile.

Pakistan’s military and the country’s mission in the United Arab Emirates announced the death of the former army chief, 79, who was pushed from power in 2008. “I can confirm that he passed away this morning,” Shazia Siraj,

spokesperson for Pakistan’s consulate in Dubai and embassy in Abu Dhabi, told Reuters. Musharraf enjoyed strong support for many years, his greatest threat al Qaeda and other militant Islamists who tried to kill him at least three times. But his heavy-handed use of the military to quell dissent as well as his continued backing of the United States in its fight against

al Qaeda and the Afghan Taliban ultimately led to his downfall. “He is called a military dictator, but there has never been a stronger democratic system than that under him,” said former close Musharraf aide Fawad Chaudhry, a leader of former Prime Minister Imran Khan’s party. “He gave Pakistan a free media and he stressed on diversity of opinion in Pakistan,” Chaudhry

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“This was the infamous army chief who sold off the country’s honour and respect,” it said a statement. The group, which has launched a fresh spate of attacks across Pakistan in recent days, warned the current military leadership against following Musharraf’s policies. Allowed abroad for medical treatment even as he faced a treason case in Pakistan, Musharraf last flew to Dubai in 2016.

Snow and winter storms cut power, disrupt traffic across the Balkans



Skiers enjoy the snow on Jahorina mountain near Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Reuters | Sarajevo

◆ **Gale-force winds and snow** storms closed roads and left more than 25,000 households in Serbia without power yesterday, while fallen trees disrupted traffic in neighbouring Croatia and Montenegro. In Croatia, a red alert was issued for the regions along the Adriatic coast due to north winds estimated to reach 130 km per hour. Authorities in Montenegro’s coastal town of Budva warned citizens to stay indoor after strong wind on Saturday destroyed a school roof, brought down trees and lamp posts, sank a tourist boat and disrupted traffic along the coast. More than 250 km of local roads in mountainous south-eastern Serbia were closed due to snowdrifts reaching two metres, local media reported. Bosnian authorities banned the use of heavy lorries in mountainous regions due to snowdrifts and icy roads. Meteorologists have announced freezing temperatures and snow storms across the Balkans will continue in the days to come.

India to ban Chinese-linked betting and loan lending apps, ANI reports



Commuters watch videos on their mobile phones as they travel in a suburban train in Mumbai, India

Reuters

◆ **India’s Ministry of Electronics** and Information Technology (MeitY) has begun a process to ban and block 138 betting apps and 94 loan lending apps with Chinese links, India’s ANI reported yesterday, citing sources. The Ministry of Home Affairs recommended the MeitY ban and block these apps by the coming week under Section 69 of India’s IT law, the report said.

Ukraine says it will not strike Russia with new missiles

Reuters | Kyiv

◆ **Ukraine will not use** longer-range weapons pledged by the United States to hit Russian territory and will only target Russian units in occupied Ukrainian territory, Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov said yesterday. The United States confirmed on Friday that a new rocket that would double Ukraine’s strike range was included in a \$2.175 billion US military aid package to help Kyiv fight back Russian forces. “We always tell our partners officially that we will not use weapons supplied by foreign partners to fire on Russian territory. We only fire on Russian units on temporarily occupied Ukrainian territory,” Reznikov told reporters at a news conference.

Ban on marijuana users owning guns is unconstitutional, US judge rules



AR-15 style rifles are displayed for sale at Firearms Unknown, a gun store in Oceanside, California

Reuters

◆ **A federal law prohibiting** marijuana users from possessing firearms is unconstitutional, a federal judge in Oklahoma has concluded, citing last year’s US Supreme Court ruling that significantly expanded gun rights. US District Judge Patrick Wyrick, an appointee of former Republican President Donald Trump in Oklahoma City, on Friday dismissed an indictment against a man charged in August with violating that ban, saying it infringed his right to bear arms under the US Constitution’s Second Amendment. “The mere use of marijuana carries none of the characteristics that the Nation’s history and tradition of firearms regulation supports,” Wyrick wrote.

Laura Deskin, a public defender representing Harrison, said the ruling was a “step in the right direction for a large number of Americans who deserve the right to bear arms and protect their homes just

like any other American.” She called marijuana the most commonly used drug illegal at the federal level. The US Department of Justice did not respond to request for comment but is likely to appeal. The decision marked the latest instance of a court declaring a gun regulation unconstitutional after the US Supreme Court’s 6-3 conservative majority in June ruled that the Second Amendment protects a person’s right to carry a handgun in public for self-defense. That ruling, New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen, announced a new test for assessing firearms laws, saying restrictions must be “consistent with this nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”

On Thursday, the New Orleans-based 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals cited that decision in declaring unconstitutional a federal law barring people under domestic violence restraining orders from owning firearms.

Iran’s supreme leader issues pardon for ‘tens of thousands’ of prisoners

Reuters | Dubai

◆ **Iran’s supreme leader** has pardoned “tens of thousands” of prisoners including some arrested in recent anti-government protests, state news agency IRNA reported yesterday, after a deadly state crackdown helped quell the nationwide unrest. However, the pardon approved by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei came with conditions, according to details announced in state media reports, which said the measure would not apply to any of the numerous dual nationals held in Iran. State news agency IRNA said those accused of “corruption on earth” - a capital charge

brought against some protesters, four of whom have been executed - would also not be pardoned. Neither would it apply to those charged with “spying for foreign agencies” or those “affiliated with groups hostile to the Islamic Republic”, state media reported. According to the HRANA activist news agency, about 20,000 people have been arrested in connection with the protests, which the authorities accused Iran’s foreign enemies of fomenting. Rights groups say over 500 have been killed in the crackdown, including 70 minors. At least four people have been hanged.

Lebanon hopes UNESCO danger listing could save crumbling modernist fairground

Reuters | Tripoli

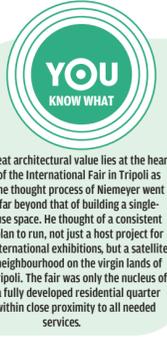
◆ **Its arch is cracking** and its vast pavilions lie empty, but the crumbling Rachid Karami International Fair in Lebanon’s port city Tripoli now has hope of revival, having been added to the United Nations’ list of world heritage sites in danger. Designed by Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer in 1962, the collection of structures on the 70-hectare plot is considered one of the key works of 20th century modernism in the Middle East. But the fair park has slowly decayed due to repeated rounds of fighting over the last 60 years,



A view shows the Rachid Karami International Fair which was designed by a Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer and now inscribed on the UNESCO’s World Heritage List, in the northern city of Tripoli, Lebanon

poor maintenance and most recently Lebanon’s crippling, three-year-old financial crisis. “It was placed on the World Heritage List exceptionally, quickly and urgently - and on the list of heritage in danger because it’s in a critical situation,” said Joseph Kreidi, UNESCO’s national programme officer for culture in Beirut. Its elegant arch is missing concrete in some parts, exposing the rebar underneath. Rainwater has pooled at the locked entrances. One section is sealed off by a sign that reads, “Unsafe building entry.”

“Placing it on the World Heritage Danger List is an appeal to all countries of the world, as if to say: this site needs some care,” said Kreidi. He said it was up to the Lebanese authorities to draw together a plan for the site’s protection and rehabilitation but that UNESCO, the United Nations’ cultural agency, could help search for funding and provide technical expertise. Lebanon has five other sites on UNESCO’s World Heritage list, most of them citadels and ancient temples. Niemeyer is recognized as one of the fathers of modern architecture and the site in Tripoli was an early foray into the Middle East.



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Assemblies and shareholders



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◆ **According to the latest** Monthly Weather Summary repo?The shareholders are the owners of the company and they are the first party to gain and benefit from the success and profits earned. In fact, it is really hurting to mention that many shareholders are not aware of their rights and duties they are supposed to undertake. A valid question arises, what are the duties of the shareholders according to the law? Generally, current policy matters, future plans and far-end strategies are to be under their care. To achieve this goal, the law explains that shareholders of public joint stock company shall have two kinds of assemblies. These meetings are different in character and in shape because there is a special task to be undertaken by each of them. The first type of assemblies is the Ordinary General Assembly (OGA), while the second is the Extra Ordinary General Assembly (EOGA). In most cases, there is some confusion or, we could say, some misunderstanding regarding the two assemblies, particularly, in relation to the functions of each one. In fact, in some discussions with executives in Ministries and shareholders, all were of the opinion that such classification and terminology causes confusion. The law, provides for the two types of assemblies and explains the difference between the OGA and the EOGA. We have to mention that for each of the assemblies there are certain requirements and statutory conditions such as: Who calls for the required assembly and why this right is given? Who chairs the assembly and who attends? What is the required quorum for each assembly? What are the issues or agenda to be discussed in each of them? In addition to certain specific legal duties stipulated in the law, the shareholders normally outline the policies to be maintained and implemented by the management of the company. Such parameters, we could say, are normally orchestrated during the OGA. This means the general policy matters are taken care of by the OGA. However, in all cases the agenda for each meeting should be given to the shareholders prior to the meeting. The authority to call for the OGA is vested, according to the law, with the Board. In some instances, the law gives the authority to the shareholders and other competent authorities, however, the law makes it mandatory that the Board shall call for at least one OGA each year. The law also gives the power to the Board to call for additional meetings at any time in case there is a need. In practice, we have noticed that Boards of Directors in certain companies appear to suffer from a kind of phobia and therefore they do not want to meet or face the shareholders. While some others may be either egoistic, indifferent or naïve. Hence, they sever the link between the Board and the management on one hand and the shareholders on the other hand. This approach is totally against the law and against the principles of corporate governance. It should not be forgotten that shareholders jointly own and hold the company and this is why they are -- holders. From this point comes the importance of the link between the management and the shareholders and this link should always be maintained. Good management will do its homework and also ensures the shareholders do theirs. However, neither the executive management of the company nor the Board should take matters of routine administration work to the shareholders because this is not their duty. On the other hand, the EOGA, shall convene to discuss certain issues as amendments in the Memorandum of Understanding or the Articles of Association, the new objects of the company as and when duly elected, increase in tenure of the company, issues regarding dissolution or liquidation or merger or acquisition, decisions related to sale, or any other similar transaction, of the project for which the company has been established. These issues are reserved by the law to the EOGA. In other words, any decision related to the above issues will be deemed void, ab initio, and contrary to the law if they are not taken by this particular assembly. Above shows the important role of the shareholders through assemblies and all are advised to fulfil their duties for the sake of the company & their own sake. (The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

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Game of Thrones stars Kit Harington and Rose Leslie are expecting baby number two

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kit Harington and Rose Leslie are expecting their second child together.

The 36-year-old actor has been married to 'Game of Thrones' co-star Rose, 35, since 2018 and already has a two-year-old son - whose name has not been revealed publicly - and admitted that the little one will get the "shock of his life" when his sibling arrives.

Speaking on 'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon', he said: "He's really good, but he's about to get the shock of his life, which is that he's about to get a brother or sister. I'm terrified, like, you know with the first baby, you're walking on clouds and dancing through fields of daisies for nine months? Well,



Kit Harington and Rose Leslie

The man is, anyway. This time, you go, the reality check comes much shorter. You get practical real quick [because you will have] two of them!"

The 'Modern Love' star went

on to add that his son is yet to fully understand the concept of pregnancy but that he and his wife are trying to prepare him for it by pointing to Rose's stomach to try to explain that

she is expecting.

He added: "I'm not sure he has conceptually understood. We're trying to get him ready for it, like, we point to Rose's tummy and say, 'Mummy's baby, Mummy's baby.' And he points at his tummy and goes, 'My baby.' Well, you'll know soon enough!"

Kit previously admitted that nobody could have prepared him for fatherhood and was surprised to learn that he would "never get a break" from being a parent.

He said: "You have no way of knowing that until it happens. Then, what surprises you is you go, 'Oh, this goes on forever.' Like, you don't get a break from it. Everyone goes, 'Look, it's big, what you're about to go through is big.'"

Harrison Ford 'so happy' for 'Indiana Jones' co-star Ke Huy Quan after Oscar nomination

Fox | Los Angeles

Harrison Ford heaped praise on his "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" co-star Ke Huy Quan after the "Everything Everywhere All At Once" actor was nominated for his first Academy Award.

The 80-year-old "1923" star shared his excitement over the 51-year-old's nod for best supporting actor during an interview with Entertainment Tonight.

"I'm so happy for him. He's a great guy," Ford told the outlet at the premiere of his new Apple TV series "Shrinking."

"He's a wonderful actor. He was when he was a little kid, and he still is. I'm glad. I'm very happy for him."

Ford and Quan starred together alongside Kate Capshaw in the Steven Spielberg-directed 1984 action-adventure movie, which was the second installment in the "Indiana Jones" franchise.

Ford, who was 41 at the time, portrayed the titular archeologist and Quan, who was 12, played his sidekick Short Round.

The Chicago native also weighed in on a potential reunion for the two actors in a



Harrison Ford and Ke Huy Quan

future installment of the mega-hit franchise.

"That'd be great," Ford told the outlet.

In "Everything Everywhere All at Once," Quan plays three versions of one character named Waymond Wang, a loving husband who travels through multiple universes in an attempt to help his wife (Michelle Yeoh) save the world.

The Vietnam native has already been recognized for his performance, winning numerous accolades, including the Golden Globe award for best supporting actor in a motion picture and the Critic's Choice Award for best supporting actor.

'Harry Potter' star Rupert Grint says cast is 'still trying to figure out what life looks like'

Fox | Los Angeles

Life after starring in a major movie franchise can be tricky, but the stars of the "Harry Potter" films remain close as they've navigated their futures.

Rupert Grint, who played Ron Weasley alongside Daniel Radcliffe's Harry Potter and Emma Watson's Hermione Granger, spoke about

his and his co-stars unique situation in a new GQ Hype interview.

"We're still trying to figure out what life looks like on the other side of this massive cultural thing," Grint admitted.

The 34-year-old explained that the cast is in a WhatsApp group chat together. His co-star Tom Felton, who played bully Draco Malfoy, told the magazine their chat is called

"The Potterheads."

Grint also shared that he's only rewatched the first film in the series, "Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone," because he felt "detached enough" from it. He told the outlet it was "like watching a home movie. It was my childhood, after all. I didn't go to school; I lost touch with a lot of old friends. I missed out on a lot of shared experiences."

The actor scored the coveted role in the adaptation of J.K. Rowling's books at age 11, and starred in all eight movies in the franchise, concluding in 2011 with "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."

Rowling has come Rupert Grint



Tom Hanks reveals most underrated movie from his career

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Tom Hanks thinks 'Road to Perdition' was an "incredibly important" part of his career.

The 66-year-old actor won Oscars for his roles in classic movies 'Philadelphia' and 'Forrest Gump' but explained that the 2002 crime drama - in which he starred as mob boss Michael Sullivan during the Great Depression - is often overlooked by fans but believes the picture is significant because he got to work with 'Fantastic Beasts' star Jude Law and 'James Bond' actor Daniel Craig.

However, the 'Cast Away' star went on to predict that 'Road to Perdition' may go on to become an "obscure" part of cinema history that fans will one day be glad to "revisit" in

Speaking on Cinema Blend's 'Reel Blend' podcast, he said: "You just gave me chills, because I got news for ya, for one reason or another, no one references Road to Perdition. And that was an incredibly important movie for me to go through. It was shot by Conrad Hall, and you have me in it, 'Don mustache' with a hat on it, but you also have two guys who turned out to be two of the biggest motion picture presences in the history of the industry with Jude Law and [Daniel] Craig. And I killed both of them."

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Channing Tatum reveals he turned down 'G.I. Joe' role seven times

ANI | Washington

Hollywood actor Channing Tatum, who has been vocal about hating starring in 2009's 'G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra', has revealed that he even tried to avoid acting in the movie almost a dozen times.

According to Variety, an American media company, while participating in Vanity Fair's lie detector test Tatum said he tried passing on 'The Rise of Cobra' seven times but was forced to star in the Paramount tentpole.

"The first one I passed on seven times, but they had an option on me and I had to do the movie. So the second one, I obviously just didn't want to do that one either," Tatum said.

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CHANNING TATUM

The actor confirmed that in order to avoid any further commitment to the franchise he asked to be killed off in the first 10 minutes of the sequel, 2013's 'G.I. Joe: Retaliation'.

Did he regret that decision? "No," he said bluntly, reported Variety.



Tom Hanks

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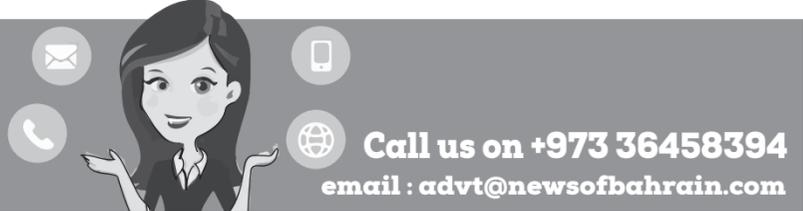
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The region’s leading drag racing series came to a close last week with the season’s fifth and final round, and the awards ceremony took place the evening following all the action at the BIC Paddock.

BIC COO Fayezy Ramzy Fayezy was on hand to honour the titlists, as were officials from BIC’s drag racing team, the Bahrain Motor Federation, the Bahrain



Winners celebrate on the podium

Drag Racing Commission and the Bahrain Motorcycle Commission.

Thirteen titles were claimed and their corresponding Wally trophies were handed out. The

Wally is a prestigious accolade named after NHRA founder Wally Parks. It is awarded only to champions of National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)-sanctioned events around the world. BIC is part of the prestigious NHRA Worldwide Network, a programme that enables facilities globally to conduct events under the NHRA banner.

Headlining the list of this sea-

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Bahrainis came away with the coveted championship for their respective categories

son’s champions was Khaled Al Balooshi of Bahrain1Racing. The Emirati claimed the title in the Pro Mod category for the second successive season, and in doing so highlighted Bahraini’s high-standing in the sport while making yet another addition to their glittering trophy cabinet.

Meanwhile, five Bahrainis came away with the coveted championship for their respective categories. They included Hussain Almahroos for the 8.5 Index class, Zakrya Al Kuwarii for the Outlaw 4-Cylinder, Yousif Alzayani for the Outlaw 6-Cylinder, Hussain Ahmed for the Pro 29.5 V8, and Yousseif Yousseif for the 8.5 Index Bikes.

The other champions in the cars categories were Musabeh Alkaabi from the UAE in the 10.0 Index, Adel Alsalm from Kuwait in the 9.0 Index, Sayed Hus-



Khaled Al Balooshi of Bahrain1Racing with his team after receiving the trophy



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sain Alhaddad in the 7.5 Index, and Ibrahim Abbas from Kuwait in the Competition 4.5 class.

In the bikes categories, three Saudi competitors were the oth-

er champions, including Waleed Albadeen in the Street Fight Bikes 9.5, Mishari Alturki in the Pro Street Bikes and Jihad Aljamaal in the Outlaw Bikes.

Two other awards were presented on the night for the top newcomers over the past season.

Rashed Khaled Al Balooshi, the son of Bahraini Racing ace and Pro Mod champion Khaled Al Balooshi, came away with the Rookie Driver for Cars distinction, while Bahraini Qasim Ahmed Jaffar was named the Rookie Driver for Bikes.

The 2022/2023 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship featured five rounds, kicking off in early December of last year. It is the longest-running and most popular drag racing series in the region, with competitors coming from all over the world, particularly the Gulf region.



A winner celebrates with his team

Ten Hag fumes over Casemiro red card in Man Utd win



Casemiro of Manchester United clashes with Will Hughes of Crystal Palace leading to a red card decision

AFP | London

Erik ten Hag criticised “inconsistent” VAR after Manchester United’s Casemiro was the only player sent off following a mass brawl in Saturday’s 2-1 win against Crystal Palace.

Bruno Fernandes’ early penalty and a Marcus Rashford strike put United on course for a 13th successive home win in all competitions.

But Ten Hag’s team had to survive a nervous finale at Old Trafford after Brazil midfielder Casemiro was dismissed before Palace’s Jeffrey Schlupp scored to reduce the deficit.

Just prior to his goal, Schlupp had shoved United winger Antony off the pitch, sparking a fight involving both sets of players which ended with Casemiro receiving a straight red card for violent

“I see two teams fighting each other, I see two teams where players, several players, are crossing the line and then one player is picked out and sent off. For me, that’s not right

ERIK TEN HAG

conduct.

Referee Andre Marriner was advised to check the pitchside monitor by the VAR to review images of Casemiro grabbing Palace’s Will Hughes by the throat.

“It was a really high level first 70 minutes until the incident takes place and then you see this team stands for each other,” Ten Hag said.

PSG in talks with Messi over renewing contract

AFP | London

Paris Saint-Germain’s football advisor Luis Campos says he will be “delighted” if Argentinian superstar Lionel Messi agrees to extend his contract with the French champions.

The 35-year-old seven-time Ballon D’Or winner achieved his lifetime ambition of winning the World Cup in December but has maintained a decent run of form on his return to France.

He scored a key goal in the 3-1 win over Montpellier and then notched his 10th Ligue 1 goal of the season on Saturday as PSG, missing Kylian Mbappe and Neymar through injury, came from behind to beat Toulouse 2-1.

Messi joined PSG in 2021 on a two year contract, with the option of renewing it for another, after an emotional farewell to Barcelona where he had spent his whole professional career.

“We are in discussions. I can-



PSG’s Lionel Messi controls the ball during the match against Toulouse

not hide that, I would love to have him involved in this project, that he can continue with us,” Campos told French broadcaster TFL.

“I would be delighted if he does so, but we are talking at the moment trying to achieve that goal, that Leo Messi remains with us.”

Campos lauded Messi’s recent contributions to the team

especially in the win over Montpellier.

“At half-time I said to him ‘Leo it is imperative you drag the others with you’. He replied: ‘keep calm’ and he produced an exceptional second-half.”

Messi’s form is just the boost PSG require with Mbappe’s injury due to see him miss their Champions League Last 16 first leg clash with Bayern Munich

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on February 14.

“Losing Kylian of course is tough, I saw he was very sad about the injury,” said Campos. “However, then I then saw him working out in the morning so as to recuperate as fast as possible.

“That is the personality of a winner, of someone very special. He is already the best striker in the world.”

Osimhen and Kvaratskhelia combine at Spezia to send Napoli 16 clear

AFP | Napoli

Victor Osimhen and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia were again the stars of the show for Napoli as the Serie A leaders won 3-0 at Spezia to extend their advantage to a whopping 16 points.

Wing wizard Kvaratskhelia put Napoli ahead from the penalty spot two minutes after the

break on the Italian Riviera before Osimhen netted twice, taking his league tally to 16.

Nigeria forward Osimhen pounced on a defensive error to double Napoli’s lead in the 68th minute and five minutes later rolled home an easy finish after Mattia Caldara passed straight to Kvaratskhelia on the edge of his own area.

“All the victories are important, we need to keep the momentum and try to win all games,” said Osimhen to Sky in Italy.

“It is not going to be easy of course, Serie A is a very competitive league and we have to be on top of our game. We go back, we prepare for the next game, that is the most important thing.”



La Spezia’s Caldara (L) fights for the ball with Napoli’s Victor Osimhen

Nacho blunder gifts Mallorca upset win over Real Madrid

Mallorca damage Real Madrid's title hopes as Marco Asensio misses penalty

● Real dominated the match but missed several chances

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid's hopes of retaining La Liga were dented yesterday as the champions fell 1-0 at Real Mallorca, to remain five points behind leaders Barcelona.

The Catalans host Sevilla later on and can open up an eight point lead after a frustrated Madrid fell against Javier Aguirre's side, with Marco Asensio missing a penalty against his former club.

Nacho's 13th minute looping header into his own net separated the teams in a hard-fought clash, frequently slowed by various fouls from the hosts.

Amid a constant battle between winger Vinicius Junior and Mallorca's players and supporters, the islanders held off Los Blancos to record an impressive victory.

Real Madrid, second, were without goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, hurt during the warm-up, along with the injured Karim Benzema, Eder Militao and



Mallorca players celebrate after Mallorca's Vedat Muriqi scored his side's opening goal

Ferland Mendy, among other absentees.

Rodrygo started up front in place of Benzema, while Dani Ceballos and Fede Valverde were given starts in midfield ahead of veterans Toni Kroos and Luka Modric.

The match was heated from the start, largely due to historic bad blood between Vinicius and Mallorca.

Mallorca captain Antonio Raimundo has criticised the Brazilian winger on multiple occasions for lacking respect towards

opponents and said he wouldn't hold him up as an example to his son.

Home fans at the Visit Mallorca Stadium whistled Vinicius when he was on the ball and chanted Raimundo's name.

Anelotti was also frustrated his team were playing in the early afternoon after having faced Valencia on Thursday night and Madrid started sluggishly.

Mallorca, 10th, took an early lead when Nacho's attempted header sent Dani Rodriguez's in-swinging cross from the left



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looping over Courtois's stand-in Andriy Lunin and dipping just under the crossbar.

The hosts shackled Vinicius well in the first half and reduced Madrid to pot-shots from distance, Antonio Rudiger and Valverde firing wildly off-target.

Vinicius was booked for stepping on Pablo Maffeo's foot, leaving the Brazilian incredulous after various fouls against him had not been punished with a card.

Ceballos protested vehemently to the officials as the teams

went in at the break and was also booked, as temperatures rose in the Mallorcan sun.

Heated

Vinicius pulled at the Madrid badge on his shirt while looking at the home fans to agitate them further.

Early in the second half Raimundo responded by offering Vinicius the Mallorca badge on his shirt to kiss.

Madrid had a golden chance to level when Mallorca goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic brought down Vinicius, but the Serbian denied Asensio from the spot.

The Real Madrid forward, from Mallorca, tried to find the bottom right corner but Rajkovic flung himself full-length to tip away his penalty.

David Alaba returned from injury off the bench and his cross was volleyed narrowly over by Mariano Diaz, on a rare outing for the Dominican Republic striker, as Madrid's desperation grew.

Rudiger sent a dipping header wide late in stoppage time as Madrid's last chance slipped away.

Madrid will have to put defeat behind them quickly as they travel to Morocco midweek to take part in the Club World Cup.

Neuer 'put personal interests' above Bayern, says sporting director



Manuel Neuer

Reuters | Munich

Bayern Munich sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic said yesterday he was "disappointed" with injured captain Manuel Neuer, who "put his personal interests above" the club.

The statement, which relates to Neuer's tell-all interview with media outlets Sueddeutsche Zeitung and The Athletic, is the latest in the war of words between the club and its captain.

Neuer, who is currently out injured with a broken leg from a skiing accident in December, criticised the club's decision to fire long-time goalkeeping coach Toni Tapalovic, saying he felt "as if my heart had been ripped out".

Speaking with German tabloid Bild yesterday, Salihamidzic said: "I understand Manuel is affected personally, but as captain I would have expected a different attitude from him."

"Manuel has put his personal interests above the interests of the club."

Al Ahli outclass Nabih Saleh in volleyball league

● Al Ahli improve to 6-2 win-loss record while Nabih Saleh stay winless after eight matches in league's round-of-six playoffs

TDT | Manama

Al Ahli powered to a resounding 3-1 (25-21, 25-23, 22-25, 27-25) victory over Nabih Saleh last night in their round-of-six contest of the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

The game took place at Isa bin Rashid Arena at Isa Sports City in Riffa. It was part of the second phase of the league's



Al Ahli players celebrate after scoring against Nabih Saleh last night

six-team playoffs, which is being played in double round-robin format. The top four at the end of these fixtures move on to the league's semi-finals.

Among those leading the way for Ahli last night was Canadian import Jerome Cross, who finished with 13 points. They also got key contributions from

Ali Alsairafi, Mohammed Anan, Naser Anan, Abbas Al Khabbaz, Sayed Mohammed Alabbar and Mahmood Abdullhussain.

For Nabih Saleh, Sayed Hashem was their leading scorer with an impressive 31 points, while also playing key roles for their team were Husain Ashoor, Jaafar Radhi. Nabih Saleh were without Kenyan professional Peter Camara, who has already left the team.

With the result, Ahli improved to a 6-2 win-loss record while Nabih Saleh remained winless after eight outings. Ahli continued to trail Al Najma on the standings. Najma boast a 7-1 mark. Behind Ahli are Dar Kulaib (5-2), Muharrar (3-5), Al Nasser (2-5) and Nabih Saleh.

Defeat by Dyche's Everton leaves Arteta in a muddle as he credits Burnley



Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta as Everton manager Sean Dyche (left) speak with coach Steve Stone (centre)

Reuters | London

Perhaps it was the shock at a first Premier League defeat since September or the fact that Sean Dyche was in the opposing dugout but Arsenal's manager Mikel Arteta appeared a little confused after his side's 1-0 reverse at Everton on Saturday.

Speaking to radio station talkSPORT after the game Arteta slipped up when analysing

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MIKEL ARTETA

the setback. "Credit to Burnley, they play I think a really good game, and they lifted the crowd and they deserve to be congratulated," Arteta said.

Everton certainly produced a performance that Dyche often used to inspire from his players during his long spell at unfashionable Burnley who he kept in the top flight for six seasons and even qualified for Europe.

But it was still a disappointing loss for Arsenal whose five-point lead at the top now looks vulnerable.

Hazlewood to miss first India test, McDonald hopeful of Green return

AFP | London

The Australian cricket team's injury concerns continue to mount before their first test against India with seasoned fast bowler Josh Hazlewood ruled out of next week's opener in Nagpur, which begins on Thursday.

Hazlewood, 32, has been struggling with an Achilles problem sustained during Australia's test against South Africa in Sydney last month and said yesterday he will miss at least the first test of the four-match series.

Left-arm quick Mitchell Starc



Australia's Josh Hazlewood appeals successfully for a wicket (file photo)

has already been ruled out of the opener while all-rounder Cameron Smith is doubtful, with both picking up finger injuries.

Hazlewood, who did not bowl during Australia's training camp

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JOSH HAZLEWOOD

on the outskirts of Bengaluru, is now racing to be fit for the second test in Delhi, which starts on Feb. 17.

"It's still lingering from the (Sydney) Test match," said Ha-

zlewood, who has featured in only four tests in the last two years due to a string of injuries. "Not sure about the first test. It's still a few days away but it's sneaking up pretty quickly."

"Second one is obviously straight after as well. So, we'll play it by ear over the next week and next few days... It's been frustrating playing one Test at a time. It always feels the hardest Test to play."

"They sort of get easier as they go and you get to the other side, the end of the series, it gets hard again. Hopefully I can string a couple together on this tour."

BREEF president welcomes Huawei Bahrain's sponsorship

● Huawei Bahrain sponsors this month's HM the King Cup

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), conveyed the appreciation of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, Honourary President of BREEF to Huawei Bahrain for sponsoring HM the King Endurance Festival which will be organised by BREEF in February 2023.

The company's sponsorship will also cover other endurance championships in the current season 2022/2023, including the National Day Endurance Championship, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Endurance Championship, and HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Endurance Championship. Commenting further, HH Shaikh Abdullah underlined that Huawei Bahrain's backing is in line with HH



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa



HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

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Shaikh Nasser's vision which aims to continue developing the endurance sport as this sponsorship will positively reflect on the performances being

showcased in the local championships.

From his side, Ethan Sun, CEO of Huawei Bahrain expressed his pride in extending sponsorship to HM the King Endurance Festival and other championships in the current 2022/2023 season, adding that this backing is consistent with the company's vision to empower the Bahraini youth in the endurance sport which is strongly supported by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa. He further explained that the company was keen to have a permanent presence in all the activities organised by BREEF to reach the joint objectives.

BIC hosts Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights today for twice the thrills

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is bringing double the action to fans today with the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, set to light up the drag strip and the drift park at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

The widely popular double-header gives speed enthusiasts the opportunity to take their very own cars or motorbikes and push them to their limits down the strip or put on an amazing display of power sliding along BIC's vast vehicle dynamics area. There is also the option for participants to take part in both, making for twice the thrills in one action-packed event.

Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights will take place from 6pm to 11pm.

BIC's quarter-mile strip is highly regarded as one of the best in all of drag racing. It is a part of the prestigious Worldwide Network, under the banner of the US-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA). The vehicle dynamics area, meanwhile, features a specially configured layout at BIC's car park for the drifters. It is surrounded by safety barriers, and it is one of the largest open



A car in action at BIC

tarmac areas in Bahrain, making for an exciting drift park for drifting enthusiasts to showcase their skills.

Both the drag and the drift can be enjoyed for a single fee of BD11. Participation in just the drag racing or just the drifting costs BD8. Registration for participants can be done on site from 5pm. Those who would like to experience the drag or drift as a passenger can get into a participant's car for an additional BD4.500.

In addition to the Drag and Drift, also available on Monday night is BIC's most adrenaline-pumping passenger ride, the Dragster Experience, also known as "the Fastest Ride on

Earth!" Fans will have a chance to get a taste of pure speed as they are taken from zero to 100kph in just one second while seated in a Top Dragster. The Dragster Experience is available at BD44 for the first passenger while the second passenger can get 50 per cent off.

Spectators are invited to attend the event. Tickets can be purchased online at BIC's official website bahraingp.com for BD2 apiece. Tickets for children aged 12 and below are BD1 each.

For more information on the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

Bahrain strike Arab cross country gold!

Elite athletes Winfred Yavi, Albert Rop spearhead 11-medal haul for Kingdom's national team in Cairo

● Winfred Yavi, Albert Rop, Abdikani Hamid all win individual gold medals at 25th Arab Cross Country Championship

● Senior women's and senior men's teams also capture gold in their races

● Bahrainis complete impressive medal haul with three silver, three bronze

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Bahrain were crowned undisputed champions yesterday in the senior women's and senior men's races while claiming an outstanding 11 medals in all, including five gold, at the 25th Arab Cross Country Championship, held yesterday in Cairo.

The event featured more than 200 athletes representing 13 Arab nations from Asia and Africa. The competing teams included Oman, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Somalia, the UAE, Sudan, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Yemen, Bahrain and hosts Egypt.

Bahrain's senior women's and men's squads captured their respective titles in their 10-kilometre races. Aside from Bahrain's five gold medals, the nationals also won three silver medals and three bronze medals.

The senior women were led by star athlete and individual gold-medallist Winfred Yavi, who completed their race distance in 32 minutes 24.00 seconds. Violah Jephumba followed as the silver-medallist in 32:50.20, while Bontu



Bahrain's senior women's team celebrate on the podium with their championship trophy

Bahrain's impressive medal haul marked the second successive year that the national team dominated the Arab Cross Country Championship. In 2022, the meeting took place in the Kingdom, and Bahrain came away with 14 medals, including seven gold

Edao completed the Bahrainis' sweep of the podium places with the bronze in 33:35.50.

Together with their other teammates in the race, the Bahraini women were dominant in claiming gold.

The men followed suit and also

claimed all three individual medals in their own race. Albert Rop was the gold-medallist, finishing in a time of 29:31.80. Countryman Abraham Cheroben came away with the silver after coming a close second in 29:33.40, while Birhanu Balew completed the top three with bronze in 29:57.50.

Their fine performances also helped the Bahrainis comfortably capture the senior men's team gold in the race.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's other individual gold medal was won by Abdikani Hamid in the eight-km junior men's race.

Hamid powered to first place in a time of 23:58.30 and was followed by fellow-Bahraini Hamse Badi, who claimed silver in 24:30.30.

Their one-two finish was enough to help Bahrain win the junior men's team bronze medals, completing their haul in



Bahrain's senior men's medallists, from left, Abraham Cheroben, Albert Rop and Birhanu Balew



The Kingdom's juniors on the podium with their team bronze medal

this year's championship.

Yesterday's event was organised by the Arab Athletics Association. It was the second successive year that Bah-

rain's national team dominated the championship. Last year's meeting took place in the Kingdom, and Bahrain came away with 14 medals then.