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Executive and legislative teamwork commended

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The Cabinet lauded the achievements stemming from the concerted efforts of the Executive and Legislative Authorities, and their efforts in furthering the Kingdom's comprehensive development.

This recognition follows a Royal Order from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, adjourning the second session of the sixth Legislative Term of the Shura and Representatives councils.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet commended HM the King's noble message on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, which emphasised the crucial role of the media in highlighting environmental issues



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

and increasing public awareness of its consequences, in line with the Kingdom's progress in this domain.

It also marked Bahraini Press Day, commending the efforts of Bahraini media and journalism professionals in furthering the Kingdom's wide-ranging development goals.

Bahrain-UK partnership

The Cabinet affirmed the depth of the strategic Bahrain-UK partnership, which has

flourished over more than two centuries under the commitment of HM the King.

In this regard, the Cabinet praised the outcomes of His Royal Highness's visit to the UK, in which HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister met with His Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Head of the Commonwealth, and attended the Royal Windsor Horse Show's Endurance race on behalf of HM

the King.

The Cabinet expressed its thanks to His Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Head of the Commonwealth, for his hospitality, the Cabinet also commended the organisers of the Royal Windsor Horse Show for their efforts in hosting the event.

The Cabinet congratulated the Bahrain's Royal Endurance Team and the Bahrain Show Jumping Team for their perfor-

mances at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, and their passion for achievements which exemplifies the professional level reached by the Kingdom in the equestrian sector.

On the occasion of International Nurses Day, the Cabinet expressed its thanks to Bahraini nurses across the healthcare sector for their dedication to providing high-quality health and medical treatment services in accordance with best practices and quality standards.

Bahrain condoles with Brazil over victims of floods and landslides

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The Kingdom of Bahrain expressed its sympathy and solidarity with the Federal Republic of Brazil over the victims of the floods and landslides caused by torrential rains in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, which resulted in the loss of many lives, persons and the injury of others, in addition to property losses.

In a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the ministry extended its condolences to Brazil, its government and people and to the families of the victims.

BDF live drills

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The General Headquarters of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) announced it will implement a live ammunition drill at the Northern naval area (Hayr Shtaya) from today to tomorrow during daytime and night periods with a safety altitude of 21,000 feet.

The BDF advises citizens, residents, and all those concerned to stay clear of the mentioned area for their safety.

'Go the extra mile' for truce

UN chief calls on Israel and Hamas to 'stop present suffering' in Gaza Strip

Israeli forces launch intense air strikes on Rafah

AFP | United Nations

The head of the United Nations called yesterday for Israel and Hamas to "go the extra mile needed" to seal a truce and "stop the present suffering" in their devastating war in the Gaza Strip.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also said he was "deeply concerned" by indications showing a large-scale Israeli military operation in the crowded southern Gaza city of Rafah may be "imminent," spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement.

"I reiterate my urgent call to the Israeli government & Hamas leadership to come to an agreement & stop the suffering," Guterres said via the UN's X account.

US President Joe Biden yesterday warned Netanyahu against invading Rafah as Israel defiantly issued evacuation orders and



Palestinians celebrate in a street in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. (AFP)

carried out intense air strikes on the crowded Gaza city.

The US said it was reviewing a response from Hamas, with CIA Director Bill Burns in the region to negotiate through Arab allies.

Biden told Netanyahu in April that invading Rafah would be a "mistake," and Secretary of State Antony Blinken told him last

week in Jerusalem that there should be no offensive due to the safety of some 1.2 million civilians sheltering there.

Rockets

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad's armed wing said its fighters had launched rockets from Gaza towards southern Israel

late last night in response to Israeli air strikes on the Palestinian territory.

"We have targeted Sderot, Nir Am, and settlements in the Gaza envelope with rocket barrages," the Al-Quds Brigades said in a statement, referring to a zone of southern Israel close to Gaza. The Israeli army said sirens

sounded in communities near the Gaza Strip.

Evacuate

Israel carried out intense air strikes on Rafah late yesterday after reiterating a call for people to evacuate the east of the city in southern Gaza, according to an AFP correspondent.

The strikes had been virtually continuous in the past 30 minutes, the correspondent on the ground in Rafah said shortly before 10 pm (1900 GMT).

Celebrations

Crowds danced, cheered, and fired in the air in the streets of the southern Gaza city of Rafah yesterday after Hamas said it approved a ceasefire proposal from mediators Egypt and Qatar.

Hamas said it had accepted a proposal for a truce in the seven-month-old war in Gaza, after Israel told Palestinians in Rafah to evacuate ahead of a long-threatened invasion of the city.

There was no immediate official response from Israel, and its close ally the United States said it was "reviewing" Hamas's response.

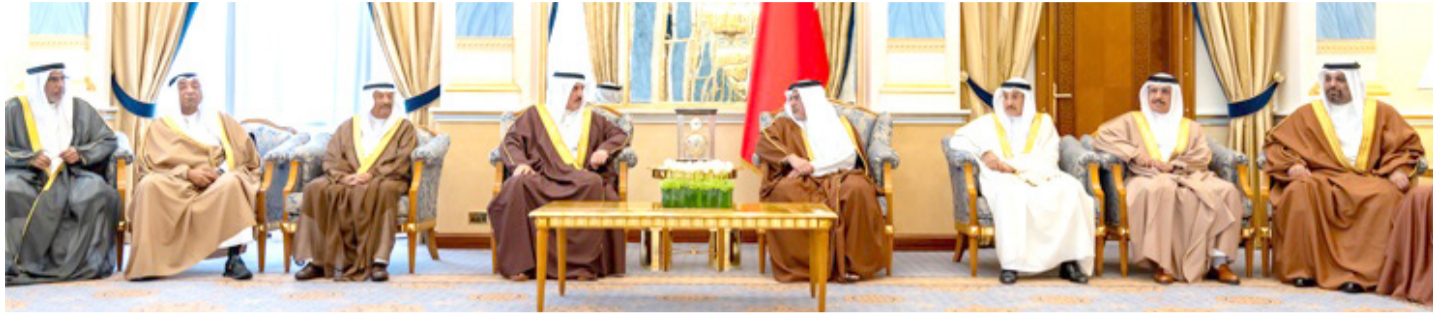


Kingdom committed to serving citizens

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised that the Kingdom's primary objective is to serve its citizens and fulfil their aspirations, which entails full utilisation of all capacities and efforts.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the Council of Representatives Speaker, His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman Al-Mus-



HRH Prince Salman with Speaker Al-Musallam and Chairman Al Saleh

allam, and the Shura Council Saleh, and members of the Shura Gudaibiya Palace.

Chairman, H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al and Representative Councils, at

His Royal Highness empha-

sised the importance of fur-thering development efforts to

achieve the goals of the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the importance of continuing and enhancing cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Authorities to benefit all.

He noted the achievements of the Executive Authority, the Legislative Authority, the private sector and the civil society in their respective capacities.

'Most improving country'

Bahrain leads in flow of trade, capital and people on DHL's Global Connectedness Index 2024

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Bahrain has achieved impressive results on the Global Connectedness Index 2024, published by international logistics giant DHL, climbing seven ranks to secure the 25th position globally and the most improving country since 2021.

This remarkable progress reflects the Kingdom's growing integration with the global

economy. The report measures 181 countries on how well they integrate and connect with the rest of the world based on international flows across the four main domains of Trade, Capital, Information, and People.

In an impressive display of ability to attract investment, Bahrain now stands as the first globally in Inward Merger & Acquisitions percentage of GDP, represent-

ing 19% of its GDP. This achievement underscores Bahrain's attractiveness as a destination for investment and indicates the confidence that the international business community has in its business-friendly environment.

Bahrain's economic diversity is further showcased in its dominance in the Trade of Services as a percentage of GDP, leading the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)



Nada Alsaeed in this category.

The Kingdom has also emerged as a premier destination for tourists within the region, ranking first in the GCC for Inbound Tourism when measured by departure and arrival per capita.

Nada Alsaeed, Chief of Strategy at Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB), said: "Bahrain's status as the most improved nation in the

Global Connectedness Index stands a witness to its robust economic strategy and proactive engagement in the international economy. Since last year's report, the seven-position climb is a testament to Bahrain's dedication to building a resilient and open market economy that actively participates in the global exchange of goods, services, and capital."



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New tourism strategy

H.E. Fatima Al Sairafi unveils Bahrain's ambitious initiative to drive economic growth

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The Minister of Tourism, Her Excellency Fatima Al Sairafi, announced that the Government has launched its strategy titled "The Tourism Strategy for the Kingdom of Bahrain (2022-2026)" as part of the economic recovery plan. The strategy strives to achieve economic development and is built upon four strategic objectives.

The foremost goal is to elevate Bahrain's global tourism standing, highlighting the Kingdom as a leading global tourism destination. The ministry is keen to display Bahrain's unique attractions, rich cultural heritage, and exceptional hospitality, solidifying its reputation as a must-visit location for discerning travellers.

In a bid to boost the economic contribution, the strategy aims to increase the tourism sector's input to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). By drawing in more tourists and offering them unmatched experiences, the ministry seeks to harness tourism as a potent economic driver.

Recognising the need to diversify target markets, the ministry is actively reaching out to emerging markets, promoting its unique offerings and enhancing accessibility to attract a wider array of visitors from various countries.

The final strategic pillar is the expansion of the tourism portfolio, with the aim to widen Bahrain's range of attractions and activities to suit diverse tourist interests and preferenc-



Manama is the capital of Gulf tourism for 2024

es. This includes the promotion of cultural, heritage, adventure, and coastal tourism.

To achieve these goals, the ministry collaborates closely with relevant agencies, including hospitality providers, tourism businesses, and Gulf Air, the national carrier. Joint promotional efforts for events and festivals maximise visitor engagement and create memorable experiences. The ministry has designed packages tailored to family and cultural interests, emphasising natural and environmental archaeological sites. Family-friendly festivals, such



H.E. Fatima Al Sairafi

as the Festival City and the Food Festival, create a vibrant atmosphere. Celebrations for the New Year and dazzling fireworks displays make Bahrain a preferred

choice for families seeking extraordinary experiences.

Recognising the allure of its coastal resources, the ministry focuses on improving beach infrastructure and amenities to attract beachgoers and provide a delightful seaside escape.

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has introduced unified tourism packages for joint excursions with Saudi Arabia, aiming to attract a new wave of international visitors to the Arabian Gulf and position both nations as an attractive combined tourist destination.

Plan underway to integrate English in science and math curriculum



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma

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MP Maryam Al-Saegh

chasm, the Minister stated: "The ministry has charted a course towards linguistic excellence. With daily sessions designed to sharpen the young minds of Bahrain and preparatory courses for the TOEFL and IELTS, the Ministry's plan is not merely to teach English but to imbue students with the language's power.

The Minister of Education, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, has confirmed that the Ministry is considering a phased introduction of an English curriculum within the scientific and mathematical subjects.

The Ministry has emphasised the essential role of English fluency in the acquisition of knowledge, particularly within the technological sphere.

In response to the queries presented by MP Maryam Al-Saegh, who is advocating for the prospective incorporation of English into the public school curriculum of Bahrain, as well as enhanced pedagogy and instructor development to bridge this educational

"Yet, in this pursuit of linguistic prowess, the Ministry has not lost sight of the mother tongue's sanctity, Arabic, within Bahrain's cultural heart. It echoes the sentiments of linguistic scholars and the findings of applied linguistic research, which trumpet the significance of the native language in the educational odyssey, especially during the formative years."

The Ministry is keen to tailor its academic needs from relevant international studies.

Bahraini's jail term for killing brother with sword upheld

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The Cassation Court upheld the 15 years' imprisonment issued against a young Bahraini man convicted of killing his own brother by a sword.

The defendant, who was previously convicted and sentenced to life in prison, saw his punishment reduced to 15 years behind bars before the High Appeals Court. And now the Cassation Court has confirmed the reduced verdict, thus, he has now completed all the judicial stages.

Initially, the defendant denied the charge of premeditated murder but admitted to drug use and possession of the mur-



der weapon. He claimed that on the day of the incident, he had consumed alcohol, which may have affected his actions.

The tragic incident unfolded when the defendant confessed to the police, revealing that he had stabbed his brother during a heated argument. Upon receiving the report, law enforcement personnel arrived

at the scene and discovered the lifeless body of the victim.

During the subsequent investigation, the defendant explained that financial disputes had escalated, leading to a physical altercation. Allegedly, the victim had attempted to assault the defendant with a knife, prompting the defendant to defend himself by using a sword and inflicting multiple stab wounds.

Testimony from the mother shed light on the ongoing conflicts between her sons, indicating that the situation had escalated to the point where the victim had made threats against the defendant.

Commercial Arbitration Center for GCC hailed

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H.E. Nancy Dinah Elly Khedouri, a Member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee and Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Shura Council, underscored the significant contributions of the Commercial Arbitration Center for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

With a rich history spanning three decades, the center's remarkable achievements stand as a testament to the collective

success envisioned by the leaders of the GCC, she noted.

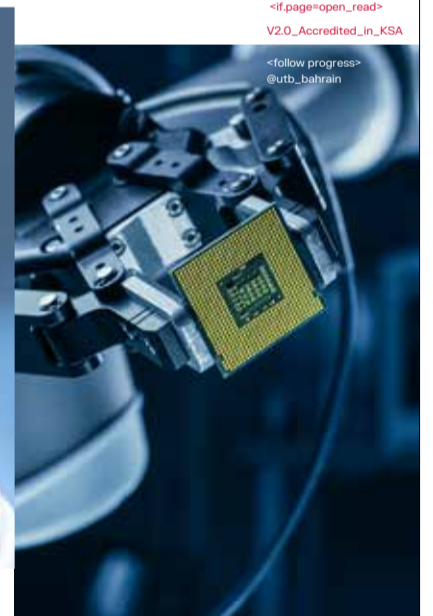
Khedouri was speaking on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Gulf Commercial Arbitration Center.

She praised the Center's contributions in providing a high-level arbitration environment based on high legal and ethical principles, providing fair and effective solutions to Commercial disputes and praised the experienced and highly qualified Arbitration team who continue to strive to provide high quality services to

parties in dispute.

Khedouri explained that the growing role of the Center and the development of the standard of its work performance, confirms the effectiveness of the Kingdom of Bahrain in its continuous support to the work of the GCC through activating its policies and decisions and attracting foreign investments for the benefit of all, widely building an awareness about the culture of Arbitration, based on a Legislative environment that includes modern and sophisticated laws.

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From classroom to career growth

Ministry of Labour committed to aligning labour market with educational outcomes

Mohammed Darwish
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His Excellency Jameel Humaidan, Minister of Labour, has emphasised the necessity of harmonising educational outcomes with the demands of the labour market.

In pursuit of this alignment, the Ministry of Labour engages with the Higher Education Council, the Ministry of Education, the University of Bahrain, and Bahrain Polytechnic to ensure university education is attuned to market needs.

The Ministry also provides vocational opportunities, evaluates the demand for academic disciplines, and communicates bursary projections and pertinent data to the Ministry of Education.

Collaboratively, the Ministry accelerates the incorporation of fresh graduates into vocational education, devising strategies to equip them for the labour market with knowledge of arti-



H.E. Jameel Humaidan

sanal and technical trades.

Moreover, the Ministry works with partners to establish professional levels and standards, including the assessment of skill levels and the issuance of professional licences to regulate occupational practice based on objective criteria.

The Ministry's initiatives to employ citizens and generate job opportunities, in collaboration with government agencies, include managing the labour market through the economic

The Ministry of Labour has introduced measures to improve the wages of private sector employees earning below a specified threshold and imposed fees on the employment of foreign workers, directing a majority of these fees to the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

recovery plan spanning 2021 to 2024, which aims to employ 20,000 individuals and 10,000 job seekers each year until 2024.

Vision 2030, predicated on justice, sustainability, and competitiveness, has successfully attracted significant investment, culminating in the creation of thousands of new jobs and the establishment of numerous projects by foreign companies.

BTEA takes part in four-day Arabian Travel Market 2024



H.E. Sarah Buhijji with BTEA officials

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) participated in the four-day Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2024, which took place at the Dubai World Trade Centre under the theme 'Transforming Travel through Entrepreneurship'.

BTEA's participation was part of the Bahraini pavilion, alongside 28 leading exhibitors from various sectors of the tourism industry, including airlines, and hospitality establishments from Bahrain. Additionally, the event featured thousands of exhibitors representing 155 countries.

During the event, BTEA showcased a selection of Bahrain's most prominent tourist attractions, emphasizing the unique blend of cultural heritage and modernity that the Kingdom offers.

The Authority highlighted the diverse range of tourist packages and experiences

available for booking, as well as interactive AR presentations that allowed visitors to the pavilion to immerse themselves in Bahrain's traditional hospitality, explore its distinctive destinations and landmarks, and experience its folklore, cuisine, architecture, and fashion, all of which contribute to the rich tapestry of Bahraini identity.

Enthusiasm

Her Excellency Sarah Buhijji, CEO of BTEA, expressed her enthusiasm for participating in this year's Arabian Travel Market, highlighting its significance in promoting Bahrain as a premier tourism destination on the global stage and emphasizing the opportunity to engage directly with key markets outlined in Bahrain tourism strategy for the years 2022-2026.

"We are confident that this participation will provide our private sector partners with favorable opportunities to forge fruitful deals and partnerships,

as well as to stay informed about the latest global developments in the hospitality, tourism, and travel technology sectors, enabling them to invest wisely and maintain leadership and competitiveness in the arena."

The CEO of BTEA added: "The collective presence of numerous Bahraini tourism facilities at the exhibition showcases the seamless integration and harmony within the Kingdom's tourism sector. From air transport and reservation offices to tour operators and destination management, alongside a diverse array of hotels and resorts, this unified display reflects our concerted efforts at the Authority to realize the ambitious objectives outlined in Bahrain's tourism strategy. Our aim is not only to attract more visitors and tourists to Bahrain, thereby bolstering employment rates, but also to propel Bahrain's tourism journey with unwavering excellence, setting new benchmarks and achieving remarkable milestones."

ITHMAAR HOLDING B.S.C. INVITATION FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Ithmaar Holding B.S.C. (CR No. 15210) (the "Company") cordially invites the shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company (the "Meeting"). The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 May 2024, commencing at 1:30 pm at Noble Meeting Room, The Westin City Centre Bahrain Hotel, Seef District, Kingdom of Bahrain, to discuss items set forth in the following agenda.

In the event that the quorum for the Meeting is not achieved, a second Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 May 2024 at the same time and in the same venue. In the event that the quorum for the second Meeting is not achieved, a third Meeting will be held on Thursday, 30 May 2024 at the same time and in the same venue.

AGENDA OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

- To receive and approve the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 4 June 2023.
- To discuss and approve, subject to obtaining regulatory approvals, the proposed sale and transfer of certain assets (approximately USD 695 million to USD 715 million) and liabilities (approximately USD 665 million to USD 695 million) of the Company, Ithmaar Bank B.S.C. (Closed) and IB Capital B.S.C. (Closed) (together "Ithmaar"), to be calculated on the basis of their value as of 31 March 2024, to: (i) GFH Financial Group B.S.C. or any of its subsidiaries or nominees ("GFH"); and/or (ii) any other entity as may be agreed upon with GFH (the "Transaction").

(An explanatory circular in respect of this agenda item can be found on the Company's website)

- To authorize the Board of Directors (and any delegate of the Board of Directors) to negotiate and finalize the structure and terms of the Transaction, sign the Transaction documents and take all necessary actions and steps to give effect and execute the Transaction and resolutions passed in the Meeting on behalf of the Company.

NOTES:

- Each Shareholder, regardless of the number of the shares they own, shall have the right to attend the Meeting, and shall have a number of votes equal to the number of shares they own in the Company. Any provision or decision to the contrary shall be null and void (Article 203 of the BCCL).
- Any Shareholder may appoint a proxy to attend the Meeting on their behalf, provided that the proxy holder shall not be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Director serving on the Board of Directors or an employee of the Company. However, this shall not prejudice the right to delegate a first-degree relative. This shall be by virtue of a special proxy evidenced in writing designated for this purpose by the Company. Legal representatives of Shareholders lacking capacity or under legal incapacity shall represent them in the Meeting (Article 203 of the BCCL).
- Shareholders intending to appoint a proxy to represent them at the Meeting are requested to present the proxy form to KFin Technologies (Bahrain) W.L.L. ("KFin Technologies") (on bahrain.helpdesk@kfintech.com) no later than 24 hours prior to the time of the Meeting (Article 203 of the BCCL). Proxy forms may be obtained electronically from the Company's website www.ithmaarholding.com, Bahrain Bourse website or Dubai Financial Market website.
- For any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact 'Investor Relations' on 17585094 or at IR@ithmaarholding.com.

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Bahrain explores smooth electric vehicle transition

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Bahrain embarked on its first major initiative to explore a smooth transition to electric vehicles for all road users in the Kingdom.

It was the focal point of discussions at the inaugural Electric Vehicle (EV) Forum, organised by the Bahrain Insurance Association (BIA) yesterday in Manama.

This pioneering initiative gathered 10 distinguished speakers of international renown, along with industry experts and key stakeholders from the region, to delve into the challenges and opportunities presented by electric vehicles. The forum, spanning a day of interactive discussions, keynote speeches, and industry interactions, focused on critical topics such as infrastructure, charging, and connectivity; original equipment manufacturer transition and agency adoption; EV insurance innovation; scene of accident safety and reliable recovery; understanding of EV technology; the voice of the body shop; end of life and end of the environment; and a concluding session highlighting outcomes and next steps.

Future

Mr. Jawad Mohammed, CEO, Solidarity Bahrain and Chairman of the Bahrain Insurance



Mr. Jawad Mohammed speaks at the event

Mr. Michael Goode, of Ebrahim K. Kanoo, Bahrain, stressed the importance of ensuring a smooth transition for everyone on the road, emphasising the need for customer care, road safety, and repair practices to keep pace with technology.

Association, said: "Electric Vehicles are the future of the global automobiles industry and as much as nearly half of global car sales by 2035 could be made of EVs. This fundamental shift requires the entire ecosystem to make some major changes, and through this forum the BIA

attempts to address some of the key issues pertaining to this new trend.

"Bahrain sets a new global benchmark in industry collaboration. We hope those present at this forum will seize the opportunity to develop a successful national EV strategy for Bahrain by exploring the lifecycle of an electric vehicle. We thank you all for joining us at the Forum and for being a part of the vision that will be driving Bahrain into the future."

The forum commenced with an interactive panel session on infrastructure, charging, and connectivity, led by Mr. Bruno Soares of ESB International, Bahrain.

Discussions revolved around essential factors for a successful national EV strategy, including projected EV growth, charging infrastructure, and logistical requirements.

Seef Properties posts BD1.4 m Q1 net profit

● Seef reported a net profit and comprehensive income attributable to the parent of BD 1.4 million during the first quarter of 2024, compared to BD 1.6 m for the same period of the previous year, a decrease of 10.6%



Seef Properties CEO Ahmed Yusuf | Seef Properties Chairman Essa Najibi

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Seef Properties announced its financial results for the first quarter ended 31st March 2024. The Company reported a net profit and comprehensive income attributable to the parent of BD 1.4 million during the first quarter of 2024, compared to BD 1.6 m for the same period of the previous year, a decrease of 10.6%. The change is attributable to grace periods given to new tenants as the company's occupancy rates continue to rise, with this rental revenue expected to be realized in future quarters.

Earnings per share attributable to the parent amounted to 3.04 Fils, compared to 3.4 Fils for the same period the pre-

vious year. Operating profits stood at BD 3.3 million, compared to BD 3.7 m for the same period in the previous year, a decrease of 9.9%.

Total equity (after excluding the equity attributable to minority) decreased by 1.7%, reaching BD 158.3 m, compared to BD 161.1 m for the same period in the previous year. Total decreased by 1.8%, reaching BD 175.8 m compared to BD 179.0 m for the same period in the previous year.

Commenting on these results, Seef Properties Chairman, Essa Mohamed Najibi stated, "We are pleased to announce positive financial results, despite temporary quarterly declines, during the quarter and further growth in both the value and-

quality of our portfolio, which is reflective of the efficacy of our strategy of identifying high quality opportunities. In line with this, we were tapped to play a critical role in expanding Bahraini-Chinese trade relations through Panda City, a joint shopping destination with Panda Industrial Management (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd which has the endorsement of Bahrain's government."

Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf said, "Our plans going forward are to continue diversifying our portfolio and forming strategic partnerships with various stakeholders, offering our local know how and resources to help drive sustainable economic growth in the Kingdom."

Zain Bahrain reports Q1 profit

● Revenue for the quarter ended 31 March 2024, increased by 7.4%

● Consolidated net income reduced by 25.3% due to the impact of the start-up costs of Zain's Fintech subsidiary (Bede), and Increased Telecom Regulatory Charges

● Investments into the Fintech subsidiary saw the launch of Bede an innovative Fintech Mobile App to drive financial inclusion and deliver convenient microfinance services - licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB).

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Zain Bahrain, a telecommunications industry innovator in the Kingdom, announced its financial results for the first quarter (Q1 2024). The operator has reported a net profit of BD 1.07 million for the three months ended 31 March 2024, representing a decrease of 25.3% from BD 1.43 m for the



“Zain Bahrain has strengthened its position through its culture of innovation and commitment to utilizing the latest technology. With the rapid advancements of these technologies and the launch of our financial services subsidiary, the telco has focused on addressing customers' critical digital needs by providing new cutting-edge solutions and services that enhance the overall user experience”

SHAIKH AHMED, ZAIN BAHRAIN CHAIRMAN

same period in 2023. Earnings per share for the quarter is 0.03 fils compared to 0.04 fils in Q1 2023.

Revenue increased to BD 19.51 m representing a growth of 7.4% compared to BD 18.17 m in Q1 2023. EBITDA also increased by 3.4% to reach BD 5.70 m compared to BD 5.52 million in Q1 2023.

At the balance sheet level, Zain Bahrain's total equity at

the end of Q1 2024 is at BD 83.39 m, a decrease of 2.6% from BD 85.66 m for the year ended 31 December 2023. The company's asset base for the three months ended 31 March 2024 stood at BD 135.83 m a reduction of 1.3% from BD 137.63 m as of 31 December 2023.

The healthy revenue growth year on year was achieved through innovative Data, Business solutions, and value-added services offerings. Consolidated net income was impacted by the start-up costs of Zain's Fintech subsidiary and Increased Regulatory Charges.

Shaikh Ahmed bin Ali Al Khalifa, Zain Bahrain Chairman, said, "During the first quarter of 2024, Zain Bahrain has strengthened its position through its culture of innovation and commitment to utilizing the latest technology. With the rapid advancements of these technologies and the launch of our financial services subsidiary, the telco has focused on addressing customers' critical digital needs by providing new cutting-edge solutions and services that enhance the overall user experience. Zain Bahrain's dedication to pushing the boundaries of what is possible and exploring new ways of using technology, including fintech, has benefited businesses and empowered consumers to take control of their digital lives."



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Zain Bahrain B.S.C.

For the Three-Month Period Ended 31 March, 2024

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	31 March 2024 (Reviewed) BD '000	31 December 2023 (Audited) BD '000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and banks	6,880	8,822
Trade receivables and other assets	17,400	16,427
Contract assets	6,623	6,196
Inventories	4,831	4,185
Total current assets	35,734	35,630
Non-current assets		
Trade receivables and other assets	199	207
Contract assets	2,454	2,187
Right-of-use assets	17,734	17,347
Property and equipment	68,931	71,672
Intangible assets	10,779	10,585
Total non-current assets	100,097	101,998
Total Assets	135,831	137,628
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	32,172	31,493
Lease liabilities	3,771	3,577
Contract liabilities	1,223	1,530
Total current liabilities	37,166	36,600
Non-current liabilities		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	587	909
Lease liabilities	14,050	13,866
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	636	594
Total non-current liabilities	15,273	15,369
Total Liabilities	52,439	51,969
Equity		
Share capital	36,800	36,800
Treasury shares	(754)	(754)
Treasury shares reserve	(6)	(6)
Share premium	3,032	3,032
Statutory reserve	14,666	14,544
Retained earnings	28,263	30,591
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	82,001	84,207
Non-controlling interests	1,391	1,452
Total Equity	83,392	85,659
Total Liabilities and Equity	135,831	137,628

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income

	Three-Month period ended 31 March	
	2024 (Reviewed) BD '000	2023 (Reviewed) BD '000
For the Three-Month period ended 31 March, 2024		
Revenue	19,511	18,167
Cost of revenue	(6,470)	(5,637)
Operating and administrative expenses	(6,921)	(6,740)
Depreciation of property and equipment	(2,868)	(2,558)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(1,110)	(1,025)
Amortization of intangible assets	(562)	(374)
Expected credit losses on financial assets and contract assets	(420)	(275)
Operating profit	1,160	1,558
Interest income and other income - net	150	110
Loss on currency translation adjustment	(9)	(3)
Finance costs	(293)	(236)
Profit for the period	1,008	1,429
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,008	1,429
Profit / Total comprehensive income for the period		
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	1,069	1,433
Non-controlling interests	(61)	(4)
	1,008	1,429
Basic and diluted earnings per share	Fils 3	Fils 4

Condensed Consolidated Statement Of Changes In Equity

	Share capital BD '000	Treasury shares BD '000	Treasury shares reserve BD '000	Share premium BD '000	Statutory reserve BD '000	Retained earnings BD '000	Equity Attributable to owners of the Company BD '000	Non-controlling interest BD '000	Total equity BD '000
For the Three-Month period ended 31 March, 2024									
Balance, 31 December 2023 (Audited)	36,800	(754)	(6)	3,032	14,544	30,591	84,207	1,452	85,659
Appropriation of dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(3,275)	(3,275)	-	(3,275)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	1,069	1,069	161	1,008
Appropriation to statutory reserve	-	-	-	-	122	(122)	-	-	-
Balance, 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)	36,800	(754)	(6)	3,032	14,666	28,263	82,001	1,391	83,392
Balance, 31 December 2022 (Audited)	36,800	(754)	(6)	3,032	13,951	28,651	81,674	1,502	83,176
Appropriation of dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(3,275)	(3,275)	-	(3,275)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	1,433	1,433	(6)	1,429
Appropriation to statutory reserve	-	-	-	-	143	(143)	-	-	-
Balance, 31 March 2023 (Reviewed)	36,800	(754)	(6)	3,032	14,094	26,666	79,832	1,498	81,330

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	Three-Month period ended 31 March 2024	
	2024 (Reviewed) BD '000	2023 (Reviewed) BD '000
For the Three-Month period ended 31 March 2024		
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the period	1,008	1,429
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,868	2,558
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,110	1,025
Amortization of intangible assets	562	374
Increase in expected credit losses on financial assets and contract assets	420	275
Provision for inventory obsolescence	48	72
Finance costs	293	236
Gain on termination of leases	(20)	(12)
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	42	16
	6,331	5,973
Working capital changes in:		
Net change in inventories	(694)	(1,543)
Net change in trade receivables and other assets	(1,334)	(498)
Net change in contract assets	(745)	(556)
Net change in accounts payable and other liabilities	(1,925)	(1,228)
Net change in contract liabilities	(507)	(521)
Cash generated from operating activities	1,326	1,627
Interest paid	(293)	(236)
Net cash generated from operating activities	1,033	1,391
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for acquisition of property and equipment	(784)	(622)
Payment for intangible assets	(1,098)	(2,812)
Decreases in restricted cash	-	5,074
Net cash (used in) generated from investing activities	(1,882)	1,640
Cash flows from financing activities		
Movement of principal portion of lease liabilities	(1,093)	(1,043)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,093)	(1,043)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,942)	1,985
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	5,822	7,574
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	3,880	9,562
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash on hand and at banks	2,380	3,677
Short-term deposits at banks	4,500	5,885
Cash and bank balances	6,880	9,562
Less:		
Deposits with contractual maturity of more than three months	(3,000)	-
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	3,880	9,562

The above Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Profit or Loss & Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows have been extracted from the Financial Statements of Zain Bahrain B.S.C. for the Three-Month Period Ended 31 March, 2024, which were approved by the Board of Directors and issued by KPMG, Kingdom of Bahrain on 06 May 2024.

Shaikh Ahmed Bin Ali Al Khalifa - Chairman

Mr. Bader AlKharafi - Board Member

KPMG - Financial Auditors

Al Salam Bank launches Pre-Summer holiday special offers for VISA cardholders

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As the summer season approaches, Al Salam Bank has unveiled its latest campaign, offering clients the opportunity to win a fully paid summer vacation as well as a host of other exciting prizes. The campaign is exclusively tailored for holders of the Bank's VISA Credit and Multi-Currency Prepaid Cards. From 5th May to 30th June 2024, each BD 50 of total spends



Mohammed Buhijji, Head of Retail Banking at Al Salam Bank

using these cards will earn clients one entry into the raffle draws.

The VISA-sponsored holiday package for two includes round-trip airfare to Istanbul, a luxurious 4-night stay at a 5-star hotel with complimentary daily breakfast and dinner, and the choice between two unique experiences: a private yacht tour or a personalized cooking class. In addition to the grand prize, three other winners will each

receive BD 2,000 directly credited to their cards to book their dream summer vacation destination (subject to terms and conditions).

Commenting on the campaign's launch, Mohammed Buhijji, Head of Retail Banking at Al Salam Bank said: "We are delighted to unveil this exciting campaign as everyone gears up for summer vacations. We encourage our cardholders to increase their local and inter-

national spending during the campaign period using their Al Salam Bank VISA cards to maximize their chances of winning a variety of rewarding prizes that will enrich their summer experience. We also invite all our clients, especially those who haven't yet finalized their vacation plans, to seize this opportunity and win an unforgettable summer retreat, courtesy of Al Salam Bank."

Al Salam Bank's Multi-Cur-

rency Prepaid Cards offer the convenience of making direct foreign currency payments anywhere in the world without incurring currency conversion fees. Clients can also capitalize on exclusive pre-summer foreign exchange rates and lock them by topping up their cards throughout the campaign period, ensuring peace of mind and significant savings while planning their upcoming summer adventures.

The Avenues-Bahrain partners with Yellow Door Energy on sustainable energy project

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The Avenues-Bahrain, the largest sea front shopping and entertainment destination in Bahrain, announced a groundbreaking initiative in collaboration with Yellow Door Energy, the leading sustainable energy partner for businesses, to implement a state-of-the-art sustainable energy project.

The transformative project, operating under a power purchase agreement (PPA) model, involves the development of a 3.5 MWp solar carport system. It will feature the installation of over 6,000 cutting-edge bifacial solar panels across the entire outdoor parking facility of The



The deal signing

Avenues-Bahrain, reinforcing the complex's commitment to environmental stewardship.

Construction will begin shortly and the solar system is anticipated to be completed in Q4 2024. Upon completion, it will

provide much needed shading to 1,025 parking spots, covering an area of 23,500 square meters. Over 5.8 million kilowatt-hours of clean energy are expected to be produced in the first year of operation, equivalent to reduc-

ing carbon emissions by 4,000 metric tons, significantly enhancing the complex's sustainability leadership.

Firas Barakat, Mall Director at The Avenues Bahrain, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "By harnessing the power of the sun to meet our energy needs, we are taking significant strides towards a greener and more sustainable future for Bahrain."

Hani Majzoub, SVP of Commercial Development at Yellow Door Energy, also conveyed his excitement for the project, stating, "This collaboration marks our sixth signed solar project in Bahrain, elevating our portfolio to over 30 MWp of awarded solar projects."

Sony backtracks faced with anger of 'Helldivers 2' players

AFP | Paris, France

Sony backtracked yesterday after players of its popular shooter game "Helldivers 2" pushed back against a requirement to link with its PlayStation Network platform.

"Helldivers fans -- we've heard your feedback on the Helldivers 2 account linking update," Sony said on its X, formerly Twitter, account for its PlayStation game console.

The Japanese firm provoked anger after announcing last Friday it would require PC players of "Helldivers 2" to link their Steam account with the PlayStation Network.

Steam is a popular platform for playing video games on PCs,

while PlayStation Network is a similar platform for PlayStation users.

Sony said the planned May 6 update, requiring new users to link their accounts, had been scrapped, along with one planned for the end of the month, which would have obliged existing users to do so.

Linking accounts allows PC and PlayStation players to play together, but PC players saw being forced to do so as a move by Sony to artificially boost the numbers of its online players.

Furthermore, players in 177 countries where it was not possible to open a PlayStation Network account saw their access cut over the weekend, according to the SteamDB database.

SEEF PROPERTIES B.S.C. INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As at 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

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INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 31 March 2024

	Notes	31 March 2024 Reviewed BD	31 December 2023 Audited BD
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	5	139,308,762	139,436,458
Equipment, furniture and motor vehicles		3,679,291	3,861,410
Capital work-in-progress		445,743	299,970
Investment in a joint venture	6	6,823,841	6,947,176
		150,257,637	150,545,014
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables		4,788,101	4,374,250
Bank balances, term deposits and cash	7	20,721,230	24,075,219
		25,509,331	28,449,469
TOTAL ASSETS		175,766,968	178,994,483
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital		46,000,000	46,000,000
Statutory reserve		23,000,000	23,000,000
Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve		380,374	368,003
Retained earnings		88,956,305	91,711,208
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		158,336,679	161,079,211
Non-controlling interest		3,441,122	3,461,871
Total equity		161,777,801	164,541,082
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Term loans - non-current portion	8	6,546,958	6,814,108
Lease liability - non-current portion	9	2,447,328	2,451,166
Employees' end of service benefits		270,175	255,691
		9,264,461	9,520,965
Current liabilities			
Term loans - current portion	8	1,033,286	1,014,529
Lease liability - current portion	9	14,814	14,462
Dividends payable and unclaimed dividends	11	681,558	686,944
Trade and other payables		2,995,048	3,216,501
		4,724,706	4,932,436
Total liabilities		13,989,167	14,453,401
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		175,766,968	178,994,483

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the three-month period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

	Notes	Three-month period ended 31 March	
		2024 BD	2023 BD
REVENUE			
Property rental income and service charges		2,362,837	2,526,087
Income from serviced apartments		451,832	455,383
Leisure and recreational revenue		638,711	688,163
		3,453,380	3,669,633
Less: cost of sales		875,326	780,585
GROSS PROFIT		2,578,054	2,889,048
Other operating income		406,756	532,730
Profit on term deposits		336,244	262,222
		3,321,054	3,684,000
EXPENSES			
General and administrative expenses		1,063,711	1,036,430
Depreciation		145,023	117,850
Other expenses		240,000	410,000
(Reversal of) / charge for expected credit losses		(5,130)	2,300
Finance costs		210,909	257,897
		1,654,513	1,824,477
PROFIT BEFORE FAIR VALUE CHANGES OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND SHARE OF RESULTS FROM INVESTMENT IN A JOINT VENTURE		1,666,541	1,859,523
Unrealised fair value loss on investment properties		(166,487)	(166,487)
Share of loss from investment in a joint venture		(123,335)	(132,005)
NET PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		1,376,719	1,561,031
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		1,397,468	1,562,428
Non-controlling interest		(20,749)	(1,397)
		1,376,719	1,561,031
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the parent	12	3.04 Fils	3.4 Fils

The Board of Directors approved the financial information on 6th May 2024.

Essa Mohamed Najibi
Chairman

Dr. Mustafa Al-Sayed
Vice Chairman

Ahmed Yusuf
Chief Executive Officer

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the three-month period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

	Notes	Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent						Non-controlling interest BD	Total equity BD
		Share capital BD	Statutory reserve BD	Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve BD	Retained earnings* BD	Total BD			
At 1 January 2024		46,000,000	23,000,000	368,003	91,711,208	161,079,211	3,461,871	164,541,082	
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	1,397,468	1,397,468	(20,749)	1,376,719	
Dividends for 2023	10	-	-	-	(4,140,000)	(4,140,000)	-	(4,140,000)	
Transfer to furniture and fixtures replacement reserve		-	-	13,555	(13,555)	-	-	-	
Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve utilised		-	-	(1,184)	1,184	-	-	-	
At 31 March 2024		46,000,000	23,000,000	380,374	88,956,305	158,336,679	3,441,122	161,777,801	
At 1 January 2023		46,000,000	23,000,000	321,966	88,997,195	158,319,161	3,601,613	161,920,774	
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	1,562,428	1,562,428	(1,397)	1,561,031	
Dividends for 2022	10	-	-	-	(3,680,000)	(3,680,000)	-	(3,680,000)	
Transfer to furniture and fixtures replacement reserve		-	-	13,661	(13,661)	-	-	-	
At 31 March 2023		46,000,000	23,000,000	335,627	86,865,962	156,201,589	3,600,216	159,801,805	

*Retained earnings includes BD 644,092 (31 March 2023: BD 596,683) relating to statutory reserves of the subsidiaries.

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the three-month period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

	Notes	Three-month period ended 31 March	
		2024 BD	2023 BD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net profit for the period		1,376,719	1,561,031
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		242,664	244,587
(Reversal of) / charge for expected credit losses		(5,130)	2,300
Profit on term deposits		(336,244)	(262,222)
Finance costs		210,909	257,897
Employees' end of service benefits		19,536	17,712
Unrealised fair value loss on investment properties		166,487	166,487
Share of loss from investment in a joint venture		123,335	132,005
Other adjustments	6	-	30,000
Operating profit before working capital changes		1,798,276	2,149,797
Working capital changes:			
Trade and other receivables		(419,664)	(287,681)
Trade and other payables		(220,511)	(598,664)
		1,158,101	1,263,452
Profit on term deposits received		347,187	123,820
Employees' end of service benefits paid		(5,052)	(3,517)
Net cash flows from operating activities		1,500,236	1,383,755
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of equipment, furniture and motor vehicles		(55,191)	(141,496)
Expenditure incurred on capital work-in-progress		(151,127)	(78,011)
Additions to investment properties		(38,791)	(13,295)
Net movement in term deposits with an original maturity of more than 90 days		-	(6,534)
Cash flows used in investing activities		(245,109)	(239,336)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends paid		(4,145,386)	(9,725)
Movement in bank balances representing unclaimed dividends		5,336	9,666
Term loans repaid		(248,393)	(80,473)
Finance costs paid on term loans		(152,837)	(198,563)
Lease liability paid (including finance costs)		(62,500)	(62,500)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(4,603,780)	(341,595)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(3,348,653)	802,824
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		7,222,050	6,564,849
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH		3,873,397	7,367,673

Tamkeen enhances career development support for Bahrainis

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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) announced noteworthy updates to its career development support programs for enterprise training and leadership employment. These enhancements aim to bolster the career advancement prospects of national talent across various sectors, aligning them with the evolving demands of the labour market.

As part of its strategic agenda for the year, Tamkeen unveiled these updates to ensure a more



Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez

robust support system for the employment and professional

growth of Bahrainis. Announced late last year, this initiative aims to empower 50,000 Bahrainis annually through tailored programs and strategic partnerships.

The revamped Leadership Employment Programme introduces a new track designed to incentivize organisations to increase the wages of employees who were promoted to higher leadership or executive roles. Under this track, Tamkeen will support 100% of the wage increment ranging from 5% to 20% for a period of 24 months to Bah-

raini employees who meet specified criteria, including tenure and experience.

Additionally, enhancements to the Enterprise Training Support Programme include comprehensive coverage for accredited certificates in specialised technical skills, leadership, or administrative skills, and internal training. This expanded coverage will equip Bahraini employees with the skills and certifications they need to excel in their respective fields. Furthermore, Tamkeen will extend 50% support for accredited certifications related

to personal and local skills development.

"Tamkeen's programmes play a pivotal role in developing our national competencies and nurturing partnerships with private sector stakeholders," said Tamkeen Chief Executive, Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez on the occasion.

"Introducing the new leadership track and the enhanced Enterprise Training Support Program underscores our commitment to incentivizing employee growth, while urging institutions to prioritise workforce

development.

"These programmes promote employee retention, advance career prospects for national talents, and empower them to build a promising professional future."

Since 2023, Tamkeen's initiatives have facilitated job placements for over 12,300 Bahraini nationals, while 10,700 individuals have benefited from training support. Additionally, more than 5,100 institutions have received assistance, reflecting Tamkeen's broad impact across the labor landscape.

Bahrain Chamber holds crucial talks on GCC-UK trade deal

Najibi, Rayman-Bacchus spearhead discussions on future of bilateral trade pact



Officials during discussions held yesterday

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In a key meeting held at the Bahrain Chamber headquarters yesterday, Khalid Najibi, the First Vice-Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, held talks with Paris Rayman-Bacchus, the Deputy Chief Negotiator of the UK-GCC Free Trade Agreement (FTA), on the trajectory and potential outcomes of the GCC-UK Free Trade Agreement.

Najibi expressed his satisfac-

tion with the robust relations between the GCC and the UK, specifically accentuating the longstanding cooperation and amity shared between Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

Emphasizing the significance of the anticipated agreement, Najibi highlighted its capacity to amplify trade activities and stimulate enhanced business collaboration between the two regions. He underscored the vast market potential, with the UK gaining access to a populace of 56 million and a market

worth 2.5 trillion US dollars.

Additionally, Najibi reiterated the fervent interest of the Bahraini private sector in securing an agreement that aligns with its objectives and bolsters trade volumes, which have averaged 500 million US dollars over the preceding three years.

He emphasised the importance of sectors such as tourism and assured that the Bahrain Chamber is dedicated to disseminating pertinent information to the private sector once the agreement is finalized.

In response, Rayman-Bacchus echoed the UK's steadfast commitment to orchestrating a mutually advantageous Free Trade Agreement with the GCC.

Acknowledging the historical camaraderie and comprehension between the two parties, as well as the GCC's standing as the UK's seventh-largest trading partner, he voiced optimism regarding the agreement's potential and the unexplored avenues it presents for collaboration and growth.

Bahrain All Share Index marks 2,022.29 points



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The Bahrain All Share Index closed at 2,022.29 points, marking a decrease of 8.89 points below the previous closing. This decrease was due to the fall in the communications services sector and financials sector. The Bahrain Islamic Index closed at 774.13

points, marking a decrease of 11.42 points below the previous closing.

Results indicated that 61 equity transactions took place with a volume of 591,295 worth BD 217,929.

Investors traded mainly in the financials sector, representing 57.80% of the total value of securities traded.

Qantas to pay \$66 million fine after 'ghost flights' scandal

Sydney, Australia

Australian airline Qantas agreed to pay a \$66 million fine Monday after a bruising "ghost flights" scandal, following accusations it kept selling seats on long-cancelled trips.

The country's competition watchdog said Qantas "admitted that it misled consumers" by advertising seats on tens of thousands of flights -- despite those flights being cancelled.

Qantas will also fork out \$13 million in compensation to 86,000 travellers impacted by the cancellations and botched rescheduling.

"Qantas' conduct was egregious and unacceptable," said Australian Competition and Consumer Commission chairperson Gina Cass-Gottlieb.

"Many consumers will have made holiday, business and travel plans after booking on a phantom flight that had been cancelled."

Qantas said that, in some

cases, customers were booked on flights that had been cancelled "two or more" days prior.

Qantas chief executive Vanessa Hudson said the airline "let down customers and fell short of our own standards."

"We know many of our customers were affected by our failure to provide cancellation notifications in a timely manner and we are sincerely sorry," she said in a statement.

The US\$66 million (Aus\$100 million) fine is subject to court approval.

Long-dubbed the "Spirit of Australia", 103-year-old national carrier Qantas has been on a mission to repair its reputation.

It has faced a consumer backlash stirred up by soaring ticket prices, claims of sloppy service and the sacking of 1,700 ground staff during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Qantas has previously defended selling seats on cancelled flights.



Representative picture

Private investment fuels race for nuclear fusion power in US

AFP | New York, United States

Spurred on by major technological advances and huge private investment, the United States' nuclear fusion sector

could be producing electricity within ten years, industry players say.

The process, which powers the Sun, sees two atomic nuclei combine -- and release massive amounts of energy. But private companies on Earth are also hoping decades of research might finally culminate in fusion power plants being connected to the grid in the 2030s.

The buzz comes amid an influx of cash: in two years, the private sector has more than doubled its investments, reaching a total of \$5.9 billion at the end of 2023, compared with just \$271 million from the public sector.

Part of the hype is derived from what experts see as an impending tipping point, where theoretical science will soon become a reality.

"It's not just about doing science, it's actually about delivering products," said Dennis

Whyte, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Around two-thirds of start-ups from various countries, surveyed by the Fusion Industry Association (FIA), see the first fusion power plant connected to the power grid by 2035 at the latest.

Last year, Helion Energy, a fusion power start-up in Washington state, even signed an agreement with Microsoft for 50 megawatts (MW) of capacity to be operational by 2029.

"Remarkable things have happened just in the last couple of years," said Pravesh Patel, of the start-up Focused Energy, at the CERAWEEK energy conference.

"It's like the first time the Wright brothers took off the ground," he said, referring to the first ever flight of a powered aircraft in 1903. "People can see that it's possible. It's no longer theoretical."

Major recent milestones in-

clude an experiment by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in California in December 2022, in which more energy was released from the fusion than was used to produce it.

Fusion consists of assembling two atomic nuclei derived from hydrogen, usually deuterium and tritium, in a confined enclosure, at a heat of over 100 million degrees Celsius.

Together, they form a helium nucleus and release neutrons, which bombard the reactor walls and raise their temperature.

This heat is then converted into electricity, via steam produced when water comes into contact with the outside of the reactor.

Fusion has the advantage of being emissions-free. It also produces less waste than its cousin fission and cannot cause a radiation disaster.



Most start-ups have opted for the magnetic confinement technology used in the tokamak, the best-known reactor model. This differs from the inertial confinement method chosen by LLNL, which uses lasers. Helion, on the other hand, recovers energy directly from inside the reactor, without using steam, and its process produces less neutrons, thus reducing projections on the walls and their erosion.



News in brief

◆ **Former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders**, the longest-serving independent senator in American history, said yesterday he will seek a fourth term in an announcement touting his record over 16 years and taking aim at US military funding for Israel. The 82-year-old son of Jewish immigrants -- who describes himself as a "democratic socialist" and votes with the Democrats -- framed November's election as "the most important" in generations. The announcement cements Sanders, who is in a safe seat in Vermont, as the most high-profile Senate progressive as President Joe Biden vies for reelection against Republican Donald Trump while navigating a growing protest movement sparked by the Israel-Hamas war. Sanders has been a reliable Biden ally on most of the president's domestic agenda.

◆ **India's election authorities** yesterday warned political parties against using artificial intelligence to create deepfake videos and spread misinformation during the country's ongoing general election. Millions of voters will head to polling stations on Tuesday in the third of seven voting phases in the world's most populous country. A rash of deepfake and doctored videos and misinformation have circulated on social media in recent weeks. The Election Commission of India (ECI) warned against "misuse of AI-based tools to create deepfakes that distort information or propagate misinformation". Political parties "have been specifically directed to refrain from publishing and circulating deep fake audios/videos, disseminate any misinformation or information which is patently false, untrue or misleading in nature", the ECI said in a statement.

◆ **A multi-storey building** under construction in South Africa's coastal city of George collapsed yesterday trapping about 48 workers in the rubble, the city hall said. Seventy people were on the site at the time of the collapse, of which 22 have been taken to hospital, a city spokeswoman said. Mario Ferreira, spokesperson for the charity Gift of the Givers, assisting at the site, told AFP that rescue workers had "communication with some of the people under the rubble". It was still unclear what caused the building, with an underground parking lot, to fall in the early afternoon. Photographs shared by the municipality showed a flattened construction site with multiple rescue services present. "There have been people taken out, seriously injured. At this stage we haven't got any fatalities yet," said Ferreira.

◆ **S. Africa building collapse traps 48 workers: city hall**

SPOTLIGHT

Erdogan opens former church to Muslim worshippers



Visitors walk inside the ancient Orthodox church now converted as the Kariye Mosque in Istanbul

AFP | Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey yesterday reopened a mosque converted from an ancient Orthodox church in Istanbul for Muslim worship, four years after the president ordered its transformation. The Kariye Mosque was formerly a Byzantine church, then a mosque and then a museum. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan ordered the building to be reconverted into a Muslim place of worship in 2020.

His order came followed a similarly controversial ruling on the UNESCO-protected Hagia Sophia -- a cathedral in Istanbul that was converted into a mosque and then a museum, before becoming a mosque again.

The changes were seen as part of Erdogan's efforts to galvanise his more conservative and nationalist supporters. But they have also added to tensions with prelates in both the Orthodox and Catholic churches.

Erdogan on Monday declared the Kariye Mosque reopened for worship remotely during a ceremony at the presidential palace in the capital, Ankara.

An AFP picture from the mosque showed one worshipper wave a Turkish flag before the congregation who performed their prayers on a brick-red colour carpet on Monday afternoon. Images also revealed that two mosaics carved into the walls of the ancient church on the right and left sides of the prayer room were covered with curtains.

Most of the mosaics and frescoes however remained visible to visitors.

Russia announces nuclear drills, aims UK targets beyond Ukraine

● The defence ministry gave no date for the exercises

● Exercises response to statements by French President Emmanuel Macron and British officials

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russia announced yesterday that its troops stationed near Ukraine would run nuclear weapons drills and threatened to strike UK military targets outside the embattled country, citing what it said was an escalation in Western sabre-rattling. The defence ministry announced the drills and also said Russian forces had captured two villages in eastern Ukraine, where outgunned and outmanned Ukrainian troops have been struggling to hold their positions.



Russian Yars intercontinental ballistic missile launchers parade through Red Square during the Victory Day military parade in central Moscow

Officials in the border region of Belgorod meanwhile said that Ukrainian aerial attacks had left at least seven people dead and wounded over 30, including several children. The defence ministry gave no date for the exercises, but said they would involve the air force, navy and troops stationed near Ukraine.

It said they were aimed at ensuring Russian territorial integrity in the face of Western "threats." The Kremlin specified that the exercises were a response to statements by French President Emmanuel Macron and British

officials. Russia has in recent days hit out at Macron for telling The Economist magazine he was "not ruling anything out" in the West's response to the conflict in Ukraine, including sending troops to the country. It has also blasted UK Foreign Secretary David Cameron for saying Kyiv has the right to strike targets inside Russia. "They are talking about the readiness and even the intention of sending armed contingents to Ukraine -- that is, in fact, to put NATO soldiers in front of the Russian military," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. "This is a completely new round of escalating tensions. It is unprecedented and requires special measures," he added.

The Russian foreign ministry meanwhile said it had summoned the UK's ambassador in Moscow and warned him that if Ukraine used British weapons to attack Russia, that Moscow could hit UK military targets in Ukraine "and beyond." It also summoned France's envoy after "increasingly belligerent statements" by Paris, following Macron's comments. "The Russian side presented its assessment that Paris's destructive and provocative line is leading to an escalation of the conflict". Ukrainian forces have been dependent on Western military aid to battle Russia but NATO has said it will not send troops into Ukraine. Russia's defence ministry said troops from the Southern Military District, which borders Ukraine and includes the occupied Ukrainian territories, will take part in the drills. "During the exercise, a set of measures will be taken to practise the preparation and use of non-strategic nuclear weapons," it said in a statement. Non-strategic nuclear weapons, also known as tactical nuclear weapons, are designed for use on the battlefield and can be delivered via missiles.

Israel's Rafah evacuation order heightens global alarm

● Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to send ground troops into Rafah regardless of any truce

● About 1.2 million people are sheltering in Rafah

● Hamas said Israel was planning a large-scale offensive

AFP | Rafah, Palestinian Territories

Israel called on Palestinians to leave eastern Rafah yesterday ahead of a ground invasion of the southern Gaza city, amid increasing global alarm about the consequences of such a move.

The evacuation call followed disagreement between Israel and Hamas over the Palestinian militant group's demands to end the seven-month war, during weekend negotiations in Cairo. Egyptian state-linked media said the talks stalled after a rocket attack claimed by Hamas's armed wing killed four Israeli soldiers on Sunday.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to send ground troops into Rafah regardless of any truce, defying international concerns. The foreign ministry in Cairo warned in a statement of "grave humanitarian risks" for more than one million Gazans sheltering there and urged Israel to "exercise the utmost restraint".

President Joe Biden and Netanyahu spoke and Biden restated "his clear position", the White



Displaced Palestinians who left with their belongings from Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip following an evacuation order by the Israeli army, arrive to Khan Yunis House said.

It also said the Israeli premier "agreed to ensure the Kerem Shalom crossing is open for humanitarian assistance for those in need". Israel closed the border crossing Sunday after four soldiers were killed there by rockets fired from the Rafah area, an attack claimed by Hamas. UN human rights chief Volker Turk in a statement called Israel's evacuation order on Monday "inhuman".

"It runs contrary to the basic principles of international humanitarian and human rights laws," he said. "Thousands" leaving About 1.2 million people are

sheltering in Rafah, the World Health Organization says. Hamas said Israel was planning a large-scale offensive "without regard for the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe" in the besieged Gaza Strip or for the fate of hostages held there. Israel's "limited" and temporary evacuation order aimed "to get people out of harm's way" and followed Sunday's deadly rocket fire on the Kerem Shalom crossing. Gazan civil defence and aid officials said Israeli jets had struck areas of Rafah including Al-Shuka and Al-Salam, both of which had been told to evacuate. The Palestinian Red Crescent said "thousands" of Gazans were on the move, leaving eastern Ra-

fa. Israel's military in a statement urged eastern Rafah residents to head for the "expanded humanitarian area" at Al-Mawasi on the coast. That area "includes field hospitals, tents and increased amounts of food, water, medication and additional supplies," it said. "Where can we go?" But aid groups said the Israeli-designated safe zone was not ready for such an influx. "The area is already over-stretched and devoid of vital services", said Norwegian Refugee Council director Jan Egeland. Asked how many people should move, an Israeli military spokesman said: "The estimate is around

"Trudeau's remarks illustrate political space given in Canada to extremism, violence...": MEA



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

ANI | New Delhi

The Ministry of External Affairs on Thursday condemned the pro-Khalistan slogans at a public event attended by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and stressed that this shows the kind of political space that has been given in Canada to separatism, extremism, and violence. During the weekly presser, MEA spokesperson Jaiswal said, "PM Trudeau has made such remarks earlier as well... His remarks illustrate once again the kind of political space that has been given in Canada to separatism, extremism, and violence."

Further, Jaiswal emphasised that this encourages a climate of violence and criminality in Canada. "This not only impacts India-Canada relations but also encourages a climate of violence and criminality in Canada to the detriment of its own citizens," he said. During the Khalsa Day Celebrations that took place in Toronto, loud chants of pro-Khalistan slogans were seen being raised in the presence of Canadian PM Trudeau, as well as opposition leader Pierre Poilievre.

As PM Trudeau was about to take the stage for his address to mark Khalsa Day, the chants were heard getting louder till he arrives and commences his speech in the video released by Canada-based CPAC TV. Following the incident, India also summoned the Canadian Deputy High Commissioner to the Ministry of External Affairs to raise its concerns over the matter.

The MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiwal on Thursday reiterated, "You would have seen our Press Release on the summoning of the Canadian Deputy High Commission re-

strictly the exports of dual-use goods" that could be used in industry and the military, Macron said, while also evoking concern about "information that we may have" about violations of this by certain Chinese companies. Macron also thanked Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping for backing his idea of a truce in all conflicts including Ukraine during the Paris Olympics this summer.

Notably, it was the killing of India-designated terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, that sparked a row between both the countries. Nijjar, who was designated a terrorist by the National Investigation Agency in 2020, was shot and killed as he came out of a Gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on the evening of June 18, 2023. The video of his killing that reportedly surfaced in March recently, showed Nijjar being shot by armed men in what has been described as a 'contract killing'.

The killing led to accusations from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that the government of India had a hand in the killing -- a claim that was denied by India and led to the deterioration of diplomatic ties between Canada and India.

Emmanuel Macron welcomes Chinese 'commitments' not to sell arms to Russia

AFP | Paris, France

French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday welcomed China's pledges not to supply arms to Russia in its invasion of Ukraine, while also expressing concern over possible deliveries of dual-use technology. "We welcome the commitments of the Chinese authorities to abstain from selling any arms to Moscow and control

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As we gear up for the Summit of the Future in September, I'm committed to making sure youth play a strong role in it. I invite all young people to sign the @UNYouthAffairs open letter to world leaders calling for urgent, inclusive change. @antoniogutierrez

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A full military incursion into Rafah will plunge the crisis into unprecedented levels of humanitarian need. A ceasefire is urgently needed for the sake of humanity. #Gaza @DrTedros

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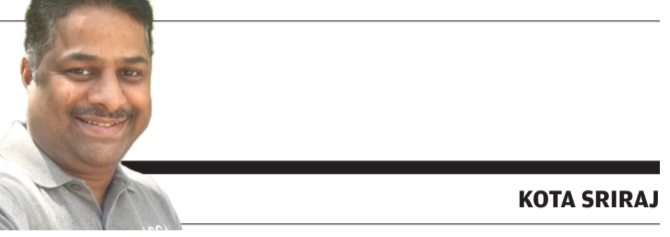
This Holocaust Remembrance Day, we mourn the six million Jews who were killed by the Nazis during one of the darkest chapters in human history. And we recommit to heeding the lessons of the Shoah and realizing the responsibility of "Never Again." @POTUS

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Congratulations to President-elect José Raúl Mulino of Panama on his electoral victory. We look forward to growing our robust bilateral partnership that includes inclusive, sustainable economic growth, curbing irregular migration, and deepening our cultural ties. @SecBlinken

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BY INVITATION Bahrain Needs Regenerative Tourism



Situated in the heart of Arabian Gulf, Bahrain's unique cultural heritage blended with modern infrastructure complimented by warm hospitality has helped the nation carve out a niche position on the international tourism map. Bahrain's historical significance dating back centuries, with a heritage that intertwines ancient civilisations, trade routes, and cultural influences has made it the sought-after destination for discerning tourists. It is therefore no wonder that in the first half of 2023 the inbound tourist flow increased by 51%, reaching 5.9 million visitors as compared to the same period in 2022.

Given this accelerated tourist flow, the Kingdom has taken benchmarking measures to ensure that the tourist load does not lead to infrastructural or environmental challenges. As a part of this environmental consciousness, Bahrain has embraced sustainable eco-tourism practices and has made commendable progress in ensuring protection of delicate ecosystems of marine life and historical buildings from the daily pressure of tourist visits. As a result, the tourists too can now explore natural wonders while contributing positively to their conservation. But as the visitor numbers spiral, Bahrain needs to adopt futuristic measures that not only promote sustainable tourism but also ensure that tourists leave a positive impact on the destination.

Regenerative tourism is a relatively new concept that goes beyond sustainable tourism and talks about what the tourists can do to ensure positive impact on the destination they are visiting. In contrast to sustainable tourism, Regenerative tourism goes a major step further by actively seeking to improve and restore ecosystems, communities, and cultures. The regenerative approach aims to leave a positive impact, contributing to the well-being of destinations and fostering resilience. It emphasises on the restoration and revitalisation of natural and cultural assets which is much needed given the stresses the tourist destinations are being subjected to. In the best interests of dialling down the adverse impact of burgeoning tourism, Bahrain must combine sustainable tourism with Regenerative tourism. This will not only minimise negative impact of tourist flow on the tourist destinations but will also actively contribute towards restoring and enhancing ecosystems. Bahrain can utilise this concept to promote restoration projects, provide impetus to habitat restoration initiatives and provide encouragement to other initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of natural environments.

Bahrain has a rich culture, art and crafts history which can receive immense preservation boost with the help of Regenerative tourism. This can be done by actively contributing to the revitalisation of local cultures and supporting the traditional arts and crafts, promoting cultural exchanges, and actively engaging tourists in meaningful interactions with local communities. This in turn can leave the tourists with an amazing immersive experience and in the process, help establish a new tourism benchmark for other nations to emulate. Regenerative tourism is a vibrant new concept which can be Bahrain's future of tourism.

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BETTER YOU KNOW Israeli offensive has killed at least 34,735 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry.

Britain's King Charles III marks first anniversary of coronation

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Britain's King Charles III on Monday marked the first anniversary of his coronation following a difficult year that has seen a cancer diagnosis and continuing tensions with his estranged son Prince Harry.

To celebrate the occasion a 41-gun salute rang out from Green Park next to Buckingham Palace at noon (1100 GMT), followed an hour later with 62 volleys fired from another central London location. No official events, however, were planned with the milestone coming less than a week after King Charles resumed public duties since his diagnosis.

He visited fellow cancer patients at a London hospital on Tuesday after doctors said they were "very encouraged" by his progress.

The 75-year-old monarch, who has not disclosed the type of cancer he has, was also reportedly keen to mark the day with minimal "fuss" given the link between his accession and the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who



Britain's King Charles III and Britain's Queen Camilla, holding bunches of flowers, wave to crowds after to visit to the University College Hospital Macmillan Cancer Centre in London



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crowned King Charles a year ago at Westminster Abbey, praised his "sense of duty".

"The past year has presented the king with some great per-

sonal challenges. But I have been struck by his continued sense of duty, having recently returned to royal engagements following treatment," he said.

"His openness in sharing his condition has been characteristic of his willingness to help and support others," he added.

The anniversary comes as an Ipsos poll for the Daily Mail saw King Charles's personal popularity rating rise slightly to 56 percent.

His son and heir Prince William and his wife Catherine, the Princess of Wales, were the most popular members of the

royal family on 69% each, up 8-10% since last April.

Double blow

Catherine, 42, also known as Kate, announced her own shock cancer diagnosis in late March following abdominal surgery which had already forced her to withdraw from public life.

The double blow of both Charles's and Catherine's ill health has left the royal family facing a shortage of frontline royals, with William also stepping back for a while to help care for his wife and family.

Queen Camilla, 76, stepped in to take over many of her husband's engagements while King Charles's sister Princess Anne and his youngest brother Prince Edward have also taken on more prominent roles. But King Charles and Catherine's absence was felt even more keenly as the king's younger son Harry is no longer a working royal.

Harry dramatically relocated to North America in 2020 with his wife Meghan Markle.

Harry will return to the UK this week to attend a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of his Invictus Games for disabled military veterans.

UN experts condemn Israel's 'sexual assault and violence' in Gaza



Displaced Palestinians in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip carry their belongings as they leave following an evacuation order by the Israeli army

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

United Nations experts on Monday condemned "unacceptable" violence by the Israeli military against women and children during the ongoing war in Gaza, particularly sexual violence and enforced disappearances.

"We are appalled that women are being targeted by Israel with such vicious, indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks, seemingly sparing no means to destroy their lives and deny them their fundamental human rights," the seven special rapporteurs said in a statement.

Special rapporteurs are independent experts appointed by the UN Human Rights Council. They do not speak on behalf of the United Nations.

The statement pointed to "continued reports of sexual assault and violence against women and girls, including against those detained by Israeli occupation forces".

They cited UN reports saying women and girls in Gaza were victims of enforced disappearances.

Referring to Hamas, which runs the besieged Palestinian territory, Israel's mission in Geneva alleged the experts had

"once again chosen to ignore Hamas's systematic militarisation of health facilities and civilian infrastructures in the Gaza Strip, voluntarily and actively using the population as human shields".

"In issuing such a statement, the signatories try to create an alternative narrative, parroting the agenda of a terrorist organisation that is actively destroying the lives of the Palestinian population in Gaza," the Israeli mission said.

'Direct bombardment of hospitals'

The UN experts said Israel's widespread destruction of housing in Gaza and the fact that Palestinians were having to live in "precarious" conditions in makeshift tents had a disproportionate impact on women and girls, particularly on their personal security and privacy.

"The treatment of pregnant and lactating women continues to be appalling, with the direct bombardment of hospitals and deliberate denial of access to health care facilities by Israeli snipers," they added.

More than 180 women per day were giving birth without pain relief, while hundreds of babies have died due to a lack of electricity for incubators, they said.

Iraq hangs 11 convicted of 'terrorism': security, health sources

AFP | Nasiriyah, Iraq

Iraqi authorities on Monday executed by hanging 11 people convicted of "terrorism", security and health sources told AFP, the second such group put to death since late April.

A security official confirmed on condition of anonymity that the executions took place at Al-Hut prison in the southern city of Nasiriyah in Dhi Qar province, where 11 other people likewise convicted of "terrorism" were executed last month.

Under Iraqi law, terrorism and murder offences are punishable by death, and execution decrees must be signed by the president.

The execution on April 22 of 11 people convicted of "terrorism" sparked concern among rights groups, with Amnesty International condemning an "alarming lack of transparency".

Al-Hut is a notorious pris-

Representative picture

on in Nasiriyah whose Arabic name means "the whale", because Iraqis believe that those jailed there never walk out alive.

The security official said the 11 executed on Monday had been convicted in line with Article 4 of Iraq's anti-terrorism law.

A health official in Dhi Qar said his department received 11 bodies of men to be handed over to their next of kin, and that all of them were Iraqi nationals.

But the security official and the health official were unable to say on what specific charges the 11 had been executed.

Self-care: Orangutan seen apparently treating wound

AFP | Bangkok, Thailand

Scientists have observed an orangutan applying medicinal herbs to a face wound in an apparently successful attempt to heal an injury, the first time such behaviour has been recorded.

Primates have previously been seen eating plants or rubbing them on themselves in behaviour scientists theorised was intended to ward off disease or discomfort.

But the apparent treatment seen by researchers in Indonesia in 2022, and reported in the journal Nature Scientific Reports on Thursday, is the first time a wild animal has been seen applying medicinal plants to a wound.

Scientists were tracking a male orangutan nicknamed Rakus at the Gunung Leuser National Park in Indonesia's Aceh



Above, Rakus, a male orangutan with facial wound, at Gunung Leuser National Park in North Sumatra, Indonesia. Below, after curing



province when they noticed an open wound on his face.

Three days later, they spotted him chewing the leaves of a vine called *Fibraurea tinctoria*, which is known for its medicinal properties and has long been used in local traditional medicine.

The orangutan "began chewing the leaves without swallowing them and using his fingers to apply the plant juice from his mouth directly onto his facial

wound," said the study by Indonesian and German scientists.

When flies began to land on the site, Rakus "smeared the entire wound with the plant pulp until the red flesh was fully covered with the green leaf material."

The next day, Rakus was seen eating the vine's leaves again, and a week later his wound had closed up, subsequently healing without any sign of infection.

The study describes the be-

haviour as the "first systematically documented case of active wound treatment with a plant species known to contain biologically active substances by a wild animal."

Researchers said it was impossible to be sure the behaviour was intentional, but the fact that the juice and leaves were applied repeatedly and only to the wound suggests Rakus was trying to treat his injury.

They speculate the orangutan could have stumbled across the treatment, perhaps by first chewing the plant and then finding the juice offered pain relief when accidentally touching it to a wound.

Orangutans are known to learn skills from each other through observation, but the scientists said they had no record of similar behaviour in 21 years and 28,000 observation hours in the area.

Rakus however had moved to the region from elsewhere, raising the possibility he learned the medical technique from a different community.

The observation adds to a growing body of evidence about the way primates use plants to keep healthy, including swallowing whole leaves that have anti-parasitic properties.

Elsewhere in Indonesia, orangutans have been seen rubbing the chewed leaves of a different plant into their skin, possibly to harness its anti-inflammatory properties.

And in 2022, scientists reported on chimpanzees in Gabon that were seen apparently applying insects to wounds.

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US calls on Turkey, Israel to resolve differences

AFP | Washington, United States

The United States called yesterday on Turkey and Israel to resolve their differences after Ankara vowed to halt trade in a bid to force a Gaza ceasefire.

"They are both allies of ours and we would encourage them to work through their differences," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said when asked about the trade freeze.

He declined further com-

ment. The United States often is cautious in public comments on Turkey after past rhetorical feuds quickly escalated with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Erdogan, a strident critic of Israel, said Friday that Turkey will try through the trade boycott to "force Israel to agree to a ceasefire" and increase aid.

Turkey is one of the few Muslim-majority countries to recognize Israel and Erdogan had faced criticism domestically for not taking action sooner.

Poland says funding 20,000 Starlink devices for Ukraine

AFP | Warsaw, Poland

Poland's government said yesterday it is financing the operation of 20,000 Starlink internet devices in Ukraine -- an essential network for the country's military communications as it fights off Russia's invasion.

"We have today more than 20,000 Starlink, the operation of which is financed by Poland," Poland's Minister of Digital Affairs Krzysztof Gawkowski said during a visit to Kyiv, quoted by agency PAP. "Starlink gives its support to the Ukrainian army, but also to hospitals," he stressed.

Starlink, owned by Elon Musk's SpaceX, is a network of satellites in low Earth orbit that can provide internet to remote locations, or areas that have had normal communications infrastructure disabled. However, relations between Ukraine and Musk have



Tesla CEO Elon Musk

been complicated for several months.

Last year Musk rejected a request to activate the network in the Crimean city of Sevastopol to support a Ukrainian attack on Russia's naval fleet.

He said SpaceX would have been "explicitly complicit in a major act of war and conflict escalation," had he agreed.

Also last year he said his company could not indefinitely fund the service in Ukraine, before agreeing to maintain the connections.

No let up yet for flood-battered south Brazil



Aerial view of flooded streets in Porto Alegre, Brazil

AFP | Porto Alegre, Brazil

The rains may have abated, but floodwaters yesterday continued their assault on southern Brazil, with hundreds of municipalities in ruins amid fears that food and drinking water may soon run out.

Since the unprecedented deluge started last week, at least 83 people have died and 129,000 were ejected from their homes by floods and mudslides in Rio Grande do Sul state, authorities said.

The search is becoming ever more desperate for 111 reported missing among the devastated.

The disaster, which experts and the government have linked to climate change, has left the state resembling "a scene out of a war," the state's governor Eduardo Leite said Sunday.

In total, 364 cities, towns

and villages have been hit, many of which remain cut off from the world without access to drinking water or electricity or any means of calling for help.

In Porto Alegre, the state capital with 1.4 million inhabitants, many suburbs remained under water even as the sun shone Monday.

"Last night, the water came up to the corner and had stabilized. Today, we woke up and it was outside my house and rising," Neucir Carmo, a 62-year-old resident of the Floresta neighborhood, told AFP.

"We don't know how high it will go."

The Guaiba River, which flows through the mega-city of high-rise buildings and wide streets, reached a record high level of 5.3 meters (17.4 feet) Sunday -- well above the historic peak of 4.76 meters that accompanied devastating floods in 1941.

'Taboo'

Survivors of a sunken LCVP (landing craft, vehicle, personnel, also known as a Higgins boat) arrive safely ashore in a rubber life raft at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944 during the Normandy landing, France



Reinforcements from US 4th infantry division "Famous Fourth" land at Utah beach in Normandy during the historic D-Day

French women speak out on rapes by US soldiers during WWII



Allied forces' military aeroplanes bombing enemy ships in order to prepare the allied troops landing aimed at fighting the German Wehrmacht as part of the Second World War.



(From L) Michele, Marie-Annick, Jeanine and Jean-Pierre Salaun pose in Le Drennec, north-western France on March 14, 2024 in front of the house, where their mother, Catherine Tournellec, was raped and their father, Eugene Tournellec, was killed on August 20, 1944 by US soldier William Mack. William Mack was sentenced in November 1944 by a US military tribunal and hung in Plabennec, north-western France on February 15, 1945.



US Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel (LCVP) are pictured in June 1944, in Portsmouth Harbour prior to the Normandy landing, France

● **The US Army newspaper Stars and Stripes was full of pictures showing French women kissing victorious Americans.**

AFP | Plabennec, France

Aimee Dupre had always kept silent about the rape of her mother by two American soldiers after the Normandy landings in June 1944.

But 80 years after the brutal assault, she finally felt it was time to speak out.



The Soviet Union and China are believed to have suffered the most total casualties, while an estimated 5,800,000 Poles died, which represents about 20 percent of Poland's prewar population. About 4,200,000 Germans died, and about 1,972,000 Japanese died. In all, the scale of human losses during World War II was vast.

Nearly a million US, British, Canadian and French soldiers landed on the Normandy coast in the weeks after D-Day in an operation that was to herald the end of Nazi Germany's grip on Europe.

Aimee was 19, living in Montours, a village in Brittany, and delighted to see the "liberators" arrive, as was everybody around her.

But then her joy evaporated. On the evening of August 10, two US soldiers -- often called GIs -- arrived at the family's farm.

"They were drunk and they wanted a woman," Aimee, now 99, told AFP, producing a letter that her mother, also called Aimee, wrote "so nothing is forgotten".

In her neat handwriting, Aimee Helaudais Honore described the events of that night. How the soldiers fired their guns in the direction of her husband, ripping holes in his cap, and how they menacingly approached her daughter Aimee.

To protect her daughter, she agreed to leave the house with the GIs, she wrote. "They took me to a field and took turns raping me, four times each."

Aimee's voice broke as she read from the letter. "Oh mother, how you suffered, and me too, I think about this every day," she said.

"My mother sacrificed herself to protect me," she said. "While they raped her in the night, we waited, not knowing whether she would come back alive or whether they would shoot her dead."

The events of that night were not isolated. In October 1944, after the battle for Normandy was won, US military authorities put 152 soldiers on trial for raping French women.

In truth, hundreds or even thousands of rapes between 1944 and the departure of the GIs in 1946 went unreported, said American historian Mary Louise Roberts, one of only a handful to research what she called "a taboo" of World War II.

"Many women decided to remain silent," she said. "There was the shame, as often with rape."

She said the stark contrast of their experience with the joy felt everywhere over the American victory made it especially hard to speak up.

'Easy to get'

Roberts also blames the army leadership who, she said, promised soldiers a country with women that were "easy to get" to add to their motivation to fight.

The US Army newspaper Stars and Stripes was full of pictures showing French women kissing victorious Americans.

"Here's What We're Fighting For," read a headline on September 9, 1944, alongside a picture of cheering French women and the caption: "The French are nuts about the Yanks."

The incentive of sex "was to motivate American soldiers", Roberts said.

"Sex, and I mean prostitution and rape, was a way for Americans to show domination over France, dominating French men, as they had been unable to protect their country and their women from the Germans," she added. In Plabennec, near Brest on the westernmost tip of Brittany, Jeanne Pengam, nee Tournellec, remembers "as if it was yesterday" how her sister Catherine was raped and their father murdered by a GI.

"The black American wanted to rape my older sister. My father stood in his way and he shot him dead. The guy managed to break down the door and enter the house," 89-year-old Jeanne told AFP.

Nine at the time, she ran to a nearby US garrison to alert them. "I told them he was German,

but I was wrong. When they examined the bullets the next day, they immediately understood that he was American," she said.

Her sister Catherine kept the terrible secret "that poisoned her whole life" until shortly before her death, said one of her daughters, Jeannine Plassard.

"Lying on her hospital bed she told me, 'I was raped during the war, during the Liberation,'" Plassard told AFP.

Asked whether she ever told anybody, her mother replied: "Tell anybody? It was the Liberation, everybody was happy, I was not going to talk about something like this, that would have been cruel," she said.

French writer Louis Guilloux worked as a translator for US troops after the landings, an experience he described in his 1976 novel "OK Joe!", including the trials of GIs for rape in military courts.

"Those sentenced to death were almost all black," said Philippe Baron, who made a documentary about the book.

'Shameful secret'

Those found guilty, including the rapists of Aimee Helaudais Honore and Catherine Tournellec, were hanged publicly in French villages.

"Behind the taboo surrounding rapes by the liberators, there was the shameful secret of a seg-

regationist American army," said Baron.

"Once a black soldier was brought to trial, he had practically no chance of acquittal," he said.

This, said Roberts, allowed the military hierarchy to protect the reputation of white Americans by "scapegoating many African-American soldiers".

Of the 29 soldiers sentenced to death for rape in 1944 and 1945, 25 were black GIs, she said.

Racial stereotypes on sexuality facilitated the condemnation of blacks for rape. White soldiers, meanwhile, often belonged to mobile units, making them harder to track down than their black comrades who were mostly stationary.

"If a French woman accused a white American soldier of rape, he could easily get away with it because he never stayed near the rape scene. The next morning, he was gone," Roberts said.

After her book "What Soldiers Do: Sex and the American GI in World War II France" appeared in 2013, Roberts said the reaction in the US was so hostile that the police would have to regularly check on her.

"People were angry at my book because they didn't want to lose this ideal of the good war, of the good GI," she said. "Even if it means we have to keep on lying"



Ferrari unveils 12Cilindri

Latest Front-Engined V12 Supercar Successor to 812 Superfast



TDI | agencies

Ferrari has pulled back the curtain on its newest front-engined V12 supercar, dubbed the '12Cilindri'. Serving as a direct successor to the acclaimed 812 Superfast, this latest addition to the Italian marque's lineup made its grand debut at an exclusive event hosted in Miami Beach.

Under the hood, the Ferrari 12Cilindri boasts the brand's formidable 6.5-liter naturally-aspirated V12 engine, churning out an impressive 819 BHP and 678 Nm of torque. With enhancements to the engine enabling it to rev up to 9,500 rpm, coupled with an 8-speed dual-clutch transmission, Ferrari promises exhilarating performance. The Coupe variant accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in a blistering 2.9 seconds, reaching 200 km/h in just 7.9 seconds and achieving a top speed of 340 km/h. The Spider version follows suit, al-

beit slightly slower, with a 0-100 km/h sprint in 2.95 seconds and a 200 km/h dash in 8.2 seconds. The Coupe weighs in at 1,560 kg, while the Spider slightly tips the scales at 1,620 kg, both in dry weight.

Design-wise, the Ferrari 12Cilindri boasts a sleek and aggressive front end adorned with sharp headlights and distinctive DRLs. The overall aes-

thetic exudes sophistication, with clean lines and muscular proportions elevating its visual appeal. Additionally, Ferrari has integrated numerous active aerodynamic elements through-

out the vehicle to enhance performance.

Inside the cabin, the Ferrari 12Cilindri offers a technologically advanced experience, featuring three screens including a massive 15.6-inch digital instrument cluster, a 10.25-inch central infotainment display, and an 8.8-inch screen for the passenger. The signature capacitive buttons on the steering wheel, reminiscent of other Ferrari models, further enhance the driving experience.

With prices starting at 395,000 euros for the Coupe and 435,000 euros for the Spider variant, the Ferrari 12Cilindri sets a new benchmark for luxury and performance in the supercar segment.



EV automakers get reprieve in US tax credit rules

Washington, United States

The US government gave automakers a reprieve Friday when finalizing electric vehicle tax credit rules, by letting cars that contain Chinese graphite qualify for the consumer credits through 2026.

The confirmation came as the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service published final rules on the clean vehicle provisions under President Joe Biden's landmark climate action plan, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Washington has been seeking to reduce its burgeoning EV industry's reliance on China.

Starting this year, new rules came into effect restricting Chinese content in batteries if they were to qualify for EV tax



credits of up to \$7,500.

From 2025, a qualifying clean vehicle cannot contain critical minerals from businesses controlled by a "foreign entity of concern" such as China, Russia or North Korea.

But in the final rules, the Biden administration also gave automakers another two years to improve sourcing of materials such as graphite that are considered tough to trace to their origin.



Polestar Synergy concept

Polestar Synergy concept car at the Beijing Auto Show in Beijing. The Polestar Synergy concept embodies a full-scale representation, amalgamating three winning designs from Polestar's recent design competition. Resembling a real-life rendition of a Hot Wheels car, this concept not only captivates with its striking appearance but also marks an exciting collaboration as the renowned toy brand, Mattel, reveals its partnership with Polestar for the upcoming year's contest.

Europe's auto suppliers reach the end of the road

AFP | Gifhorn, Germany

Emrullah Karaca has made brakes for the past 20 years, but he is now learning to assemble heat pumps instead, as the Continental factory where he works in northern Germany is slated to close.

Production of the car component at the town of Gifhorn will end in 2027 and move to Croatia, the Czech Republic and Wales to keep the costs "competitive", according to Continental, which will cut about 7,000 jobs worldwide.

The relocation means a new career for 49-year-old Karaca, one of a rising number of workers in companies supplying Germany's vital automotive sector who are being hit by a tsunami of redundancies.

Facing up to the double shock of the end of combustion engines and rising competition from China, European suppliers like Bosch, ZF and Webasto have all announced cuts -- which have piled up to the point where the issue has cast a shadow on the forthcoming EU elections.



Emrullah Karaca checks hydraulic valve blocks at his work place at the Continental Automotive Technologies' plant in Gifhorn, Germany

Brussels has promised to do more to boost the domestic car industry and tackle unfair competition from cheaper Asian rivals.

But EU plans to outlaw the sale of new fossil fuel-powered cars from 2035, meaning some jobs will inevitably become redundant.

Battery switch

The upcoming closure to the Continental plant in Gifhorn has been the catalyst for Karaca and the other 800 employees working there to start retraining in another area.

A local heating systems company, Stiebel Eltron, has proposed to take over the site and retain some employees for future production.

"Brakes or heat pumps, it's all

the same to me," said Karaca, whose two parents both worked for Continental at the factory.

Making exhausts, headlights, gear boxes or brakes has long been a steady job with suppliers in Germany alone employing some 270,000 people.

But the technologies they have specialised in are obsolescent and the process of making battery cars is a less labour-intensive undertaking.

"If today you need 100 people to produce a normal motor, then with the electric motor you only need 10," said Jutta Rump, a business professor at Ludwigshafen University.

In Gifhorn, Stiebel Eltron is offering the prospect of further employment to some 300 of Continental's workforce.

Another 100 could find a home at a nearby Siemens mobility plant that supplies rail companies.

Poor prospects

What jobs remain are under increasing pressure from Chinese competitors, who are haul-

ing in a growing share of the market.

The Chinese battery-maker CATL has grown in short order to become the world's third largest auto supplier, in a sector still led by Bosch, according to consultancy Roland Berger.

In Germany, one in three companies in the sector is planning to move part of its production abroad in the coming years to cut costs, according to a study by the German carmakers association VDA.

The axe has already fallen on 3,400 workers at Ford's factory in Saarlouis, in the west of Germany.

The plant closure takes with it a whole network of local suppliers, whose workers staged a six-day strike in March to get better redundancy terms.

Among them, 33-year-old Luca Thonet, employed by Ford supplier Lear, said he would like to stay in the region, close to the French border.

"But there is almost no industry left in the region, and the other factories are not in a very good

situation either," he told AFP.

Thonet cited the situation at ZF, the second-largest German auto supplier, which announced the closure of two sites in its domestic market.

The ZF works council fears some 12,000 job cuts could be in the pipeline, with a number falling in the same region as Saarlouis.

Germany may be facing a shortage of workers, but not all sectors are equally impacted.

In IT, product development, or sales "there's a lack of qualified personnel", said expert Rump. "That's not the case in production."



EU plans to outlaw the sale of new fossil fuel-powered cars from 2035,

Atalanta climb into Serie A top five ahead of Marseille decider

AFP | Milan, Italy

Atalanta took a big step towards Champions League football yesterday after coming from behind to win 2-1 at relegated Salernitana and move up to fifth in Serie A. Gian Piero Gasperini's side moved above Roma on goal difference with a game in hand thanks to goals in six second-half minutes from in-form striker Gianluca Scamacca and

Teun Koopmeiners.

"A match like that (Roma) is obviously crucial, but before that we have another which we think is rather important," joked Gasperini to DAZN.

Gasperini was referring to Atalanta's Europa League semi-final decider with Marseille on Thursday night, a tie which is level at 1-1 following last week's first leg in southern France.

It wasn't all plain sailing for Atalanta on Monday as Gasper-



Atalanta host Roma on Sunday in a match that could well decide which of that pair claim a spot in Europe's top club competition next season, with five available to Serie A.

ini made three changes at half-time with his team trailing to Loum T'chaoua's fine curling opener for the hosts in the 18th minute. Koopmeiners was one of those substitutes and he gave Atalanta the points in the 63rd minute with a brilliant strike after Scamacca prodded home his 10th goal in 12 matches.

Later Udinese host mid-table Napoli hoping for a win which would lift them out of the relegation zone.

Merlier pips Milan to Giro third stage, bold Pogacar holds lead



Winner Team Soudal-Quick Step's Belgian rider Tim Merlier (C), flanked by second placed Team Lidl-Trek's Italian rider Jonathan Milan (R) and third placed Team Intermarche's Eritrean rider Biniam Girmay (L), cross the finish line of the 3rd stage of the 107th Giro d'Italia cycling race, 166 km between Novara and Fossano

Team UAE's Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar celebrates

AFP | Fossano, Italy

Tim Merlier won the third stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday, pipping Jonathan Milan to the line in a bunch sprint after race leader Tadej Pogacar made a bold attempt to steal victory.

UAE rider Pogacar tried to take his second stage in as many days in the final two kilometres of the 166km run from Novara to Fossano with a surprising burst.

But Merlier claimed his second stage win in the Giro after one in 2021, the same year

he took his sole Tour de France stage. "It was the hardest victory so far. It was a really hard final. I got to 300 metres and I said 'you need to go'," said Soudal-Quick-Step's Merlier.

"I saw Milan was starting his sprint on the left side and I knew I was going to be first or second and I'm happy I won this one."

Pogacar is red-hot favourite to win the Giro at his first attempt and was once again in the thick of the action after storming to victory in Sunday's second stage and only just missing out on Saturday's opener.

The two-time Tour de France champion made his move after following an attack by EF Education-EasyPost's Mikkel Honoré. For a moment it looked like Pogacar and his pink jersey rival Geraint Thomas would battle it out for the win.

But the pair were caught by the peloton near the line before Merlier claimed the tightest of victories over Milan and Intermarche-Wanty rider Biniam Girmay.

"We tried to keep on going but I never believed we could make it to the finish," said Pogacar.

"In the end, I tried but 400

metres to the finish is still a long way to go, way too long."

Briton Thomas, a former Tour de France winner, is 46 seconds off the pace in the general classification. The Ineos rider is the only one looking capable of challenging Pogacar for overall victory.

"We just wanted to stay out of trouble," said an exhausted Thomas.

"Then I saw Honoré and Pogacar and then I was like 'might as well just go' but jeezers man that was solid, he was kicking my head in. I was just trying to hold his wheel."

Wilson closes in on maiden World Snooker title

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Kyren Wilson was left in sight of winning his first World Snooker Championship title after establishing a 15-10 lead over qualifier Jak Jones.

England's 12th-ranked Wilson will now look to claim the three further frames he needs to reach the winning mark of 18 when the best of 35 match at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre is played to a finish later on Monday.

Jones, ranked 44 in the world, had been 7-1 down after the first session and was 11-6 down when play resumed Monday.

He is only the ninth qualifier in 47 years at the Crucible to reach the final, with Jones seek-

ing to follow his fellow Welshman, Terry Griffiths, in 1979 and Shaun Murphy in 2005 by going all the way to win the title.

Jones twice reduced his overnight deficit to three frames and that might still have been the gap had he not blown a chance to win the final frame of Monday's opening session after Wilson had missed a simple red when 52 point ahead.

But Jones, having played a fine shot to flick a difficult red off the cushion to put all the balls in play for a clearance, he missed a yellow to the middle.

Having come through two qualifying rounds, Jones -- in his first ranking final -- said he felt "knackered" at the end of Sunday's opening day.

Nevertheless, he made a fine



England's Kyren Wilson reacts on day two of his World Championship Snooker final against Wales' Jak Jones during the evening session at The Crucible in Sheffield, northern England

start on Monday with breaks of 64 and 59 that cut Wilson's lead to 11-8.

But Wilson, having been below his best, managed breaks of 50 and 83 to restore his five-frame lead to 13-8 at the mid-session interval.

Jones responded with a break of 90, his highest of the final so far, before closing the gap still further with a contribution of 67.

Yet it was Jones's missed long red in the 25th frame that paved the way for a break of 87 from Wilson as he re-established a four-frame lead.

Jones then got in first in the final frame of the session only for his jawed yellow to help Wilson go five frames ahead.

Moyes to leave West Ham at end of the season

AFP | London, United Kingdom

West Ham manager David Moyes will leave "by mutual consent" when his contract expires at the end of the season, the Premier League club said Monday.

The announcement of Moyes's impending exit came just a day after the Hammers suffered an embarrassing 5-0 loss to London rivals Chelsea.

"West Ham United can confirm David Moyes will leave the club by mutual consent at the end of the 2023/24 season, when his contract expires," said a club statement.

Monday's announcement came amid media speculation that former Real Madrid, Wolves and Spain manager Julen Lopetegui had agreed a deal to replace Moyes, in his second spell as West Ham manager, after the end of the current campaign.

The Chelsea defeat was the second successive away game where West Ham conceded five goals following their loss at Crystal Palace, another London club.

And it added to the pressure on Moyes that had been



West Ham United's Scottish manager David Moyes

mounting all season, with West Ham fans criticising him throughout the campaign for perceived negative tactics.

West Ham are currently ninth in the table, a huge 18 points adrift of the top four.

Moyes, however, guided West Ham to the Europa Conference League title last season -- the club's first major honour since they won the 1980 FA Cup.

But they were knocked out of the Europa League last month following a quarter-final loss to Bayer Leverkusen.

Ex All-Black Kelleher found guilty of domestic violence

AFP | Paris, France

Byron Kelleher, a former All Black and Toulouse halfback, was found guilty of domestic violence by a Paris court yesterday.

Kelleher received a suspended six-month prison sentence for domestic violence against his ex-girlfriend when he returned to France to see their son.

Kelleher, 47, must also pay a fine of 1,000 euros as well as 800 euros in compensation to his ex-girlfriend.

The court found that in June, 2023, under the influence of alcohol, Kelleher attacked the mother of their son and hit her in the face and body. The ex-girlfriend told the court that Kelleher dragged her down a corridor, pulling her hair.

"I don't recognise the facts," said Kelleher. "It's not true."

He also denied that he was drunk and said he does not have "a problem with alcohol".

"I drink like everyone else on the night of the crime, he said he had



New Zealand's scrum-half Byron Kelleher

"had a few glasses of rose" with a friend.

He said his wife attacked him and he only defended himself by grabbing her wrists.

"She broke my tooth," he said.

The ex-girlfriend, who filed a complaint more than a month after the incident, said that she "saw herself dying".

"He scares me," she said.

Kelleher, who won 57 New Zealand caps, spent four seasons playing for Toulouse in France.

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A smashing success

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain secures seventh title at 9th Inter-Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament



From left, Mr. P. Unnikrishnan (Chairman & MD, The Daily Tribune), Mr. Nadeem Ikram (DOF - The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain), Awais Rafiq (FC - The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain), Mrs. Rasha Ghoul (DHR - The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain), Ms. Najat Mahmmed Bubshait (Abdulrahman Kanoo Social Parents Club), Mr. Bernard de Villele (GM - The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain) (Pictures credit: Ashen Tharaka)



Mr. Boban Idiculla, Director, SPAC WLL, giving the runners up trophy to Naeem Choudhary, captain of Lagoona Resort team



Mr. Nadeem Ikram, DOF - The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, congratulated the participants for their commitment to the cause.

TDT | Manama

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain proudly announces its triumph at the 9th Inter-Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament.

This exciting event saw 31 hospitality teams battle it out in spirited competition over a 17-day period, culminating in The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain's thrilling victory in an electrifying final match against the very competitive Lagoona Beach Resort & Spa, securing the title of Cricket Tournament 2024 champions.

It was the seventh Championship title for the The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain' team.

During the heartwarming closing ceremony on May 5, 2024, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain was represented by IHE Director, Yamil Santiago, and the hotel management, headed by General Manager, Bernard de Villele and guidance team members, Nadeem Ikram, Rasha Ghoul, and Awais Rafiq.

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain



Farrukh Farooq, captain of The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain team, receiving the winner's trophy for the team

Match Summary

Day 17 (05th May 2024) - FINAL DAY

Qualifier 1: The Ritz-Carlton A beat Diplomat Radisson Blu B by 31 runs, Man of the match: Farrukh Farooq (The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain)

Eliminator: Lagoona Resort A beat Downtown Rotana by 4 wickets, Man of the match: Sathish (Lagoona Resort)

Qualifier 2: Lagoona Resort A beat Diplomat Radisson Blu B by 4 wickets, Man of the match: Adnan Rasool (Lagoona Resort)

Championship Final: The Ritz-Carlton A beat Lagoona Resort A by 8 runs and won the championship

Best Batsman of the Tournament: Babar Zaman (The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain)

Best Bowler of the Tournament: Mohammed Younis (Lagoona Beach Resort)

Best All Rounder of the Tournament: Farrukh Farook (The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain)

demonstrated its commitment to community welfare by presenting a cheque of \$10,000 to its charity partner, Abdulrahman Kanoo Social Parents Club.

This generous contribution, raised collectively by the participating teams, reflects The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain's dedication to making a meaningful impact, empowering, and supporting the community.

As The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain celebrates this achievement, it looks forward to continuing its efforts in its commitment to helping the community, driven by the values of teamwork, dedication, and collaboration, where it strives to foster a culture of creating positive change.

For additional information about The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, please call the hotel directly at (+973) 1758 0000, or visit The Ritz-Carlton website at ritzcarlton.com/bahrain. Follow the hotel on Facebook and Instagram @ritzcarltonbahrain and join the conversation using #RCMemories.

Suryakumar sink Sunrisers

'Unbelievable' Suryakumar hits ton as Mumbai dent Hyderabad's play-off push

AFP | Mumbai, India

Suryakumar Yadav hit an unbeaten 102 to lead Mumbai Indians to a crushing seven-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad yesterday as teams jostle for a play-off berth in the IPL.

Chasing 174 for victory, Mumbai slipped to 31-3 before Suryakumar put on an unbeaten stand of 143 with Tilak Varma to achieve the target with 16 balls to spare at their home Wankhede Stadium.

Suryakumar hit the winning six, which also raised his second IPL ton in 51 balls and comes as a welcome sign for India ahead



Mumbai Indians' Suryakumar Yadav (R) celebrates after scoring a century (100 runs) as Tilak Varma (L) watches following their team's win against Sunrisers Hyderabad at the end of their Indian Premier League (IPL) Twenty20 cricket match in the Wankhede Stadium of Mumbai

of the T20 World Cup in June in the West Indies and the United States.

"SKY was unbelievable," skip-

per Hardik Pandya said of his player of the match.

"More than him getting runs, him putting so much pressure on

bowlers that even other batters get loose balls. He breaks you. Lucky to have him in my team."

Hyderabad, led by Pat Cummins, stay fourth in the table but their fifth loss and a big one could hurt their play-off chances.

Hyderabad need to win two of their remaining three matches to make the play-offs as they remain locked at 12 points with third-placed Chennai Super Kings and Lucknow Super Giants at fifth.

The top four teams will make the play-offs with the final on May 26 in Chennai.

Hyderabad, who have posted record IPL totals of 277 and

287 this season, next host Lucknow and Cummins said, "We like playing at home, done well there so far. Looking forward to what's ahead of us. Hopefully a few more fireworks."

Former champions Hyderabad posted 173-8 courtesy of Travis Head's 48 and an unbeaten 17-ball 35 by lower-order batter Cummins after being invited to bat first.

The left-handed Head gave the team a brisk start with his 30-ball knock before his departure in the 11th over and Hyderabad lost their way with regular wickets.

Pandya and spinner Piyush Chawla took three wickets each

to rattle the opposition middle and lower-order as Hyderabad slipped to 136-8 in 17 overs.

But number nine Cummins had other ideas as the Australian Test and ODI captain hit back in the final three overs and put on an unbeaten stand of 37 off 19 balls with Sanvir Singh.

The batting effort inspired the team and fast bowlers came roaring to reduce Mumbai to 31-3 including the key wicket of Rohit Sharma, out caught behind for four off Cummins.

Suryakumar soon took charge with his attacking batting as he raised his 50 in 30 balls and hammered the opposition bowling with 12 fours and six sixes.

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