

Nadal battles past Fritz

Rafael Nadal battles back to beat Taylor Fritz after final-set tie-break at Wimbledon | P11

Bahrain condolences with Egypt over terrorist attack

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Bahrain condoled with Egypt over the terrorist attack that targeted a logistic convoy of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) that resulted in the death of two Egyptian soldiers and the serious injury of five others.

Foreign Affairs Ministry affirmed sympathy with Egypt, its leadership, government and people, and to the families of the victims, and wished a speedy recovery for all the injured.

The Ministry affirmed the Kingdom's solidarity with Egypt, and its appreciation for the efforts of its armed forces in the UN peacekeeping forces that helped maintain regional and international peace and security.

Kazakhstan blast

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Bahrain has expressed sympathy with Kazakhstan over the victims of the explosion in Tengiz, the largest oil field in the country, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of workers.

HM King invited by Egypt to attend summit



HM the King receives President Al Sisi's invitation from the Egyptian Ambassador

● Discussion on climate change to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh in November

● His Majesty praises deep-rooted Bahrain and Egypt bilateral relations

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a letter from Egypt President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, including an invitation to His Majesty to attend the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which will be hosted by Egypt in



Sharm El-Sheikh in November.

The letter was handed over by Egyptian Ambassador to Bahrain Yasser Mohammed Ahmed Shaban during a meeting with His Majesty at Safriya Palace yesterday.

HM the King expressed thanks and appreciation to the Egyptian President for the invitation, praising distinguished and deep-rooted fraternal relations between both countries and peoples. He also commended the advanced level of bilateral cooperation at all levels.

HM the King lauded the pivotal role of Egypt at the regional and international level and its contributions to serving humanity.

He wished Egypt every success in hosting the summit and reaching positive results to support the international efforts to tackle climate change.

Royal care for citizens

HM King orders distribution of financial support to 127,945 low-income Bahraini families

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Around 127,945 low-income Bahraini families will receive financial support from the government starting today.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ordered the distribution of additional month financial support to low-income families to counter the effects of rising global prices of goods.

It will be credited to the bank accounts of all those entitled to the cost of living allowance today.

The move is in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al



HM the King



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the Ministry of Social Development and

relevant authorities to grant an additional month of financial support to low-income fami-

The move is in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the Ministry of Social Development and relevant authorities to grant an additional month of financial support to low-income families ahead of the Eid Al Adha holiday.

lies ahead of the Eid Al Adha holiday. Social Development Minister

Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor said that the Ministry had taken all necessary procedures to disburse the amounts to the eligible citizens today, noting that all the regular government subsidies will be disbursed to the beneficiaries in one payment according to schedule.

Minister Al Asfoor affirmed that the payment of an additional month of financial support to low-income families confirms HM King Hamad's ongoing interest in improving the living standards of the citizens, and the keenness of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to ensure decent life for the citizens.

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HM King's 'fatherly gesture'

Chairman Al Saleh, Speaker Zainal hail royal directives to support low-income families

● Aimed at mitigating effects of rising global prices of goods

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Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh has commended the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to disburse an additional month of financial support to low-income families to mitigate the effects of rising global prices of goods.

In a statement, Al Saleh and Shura members expressed deepest appreciation for the kind fatherly gesture that filled the hearts of all Bahrainis with joy, noting that the royal directives prove the leader's love for the citizens and keenness to provide them with the requirements of decent life.

He added that the royal gesture reflects HM the King's constant keenness to follow up on the living and social conditions of the citizens, as well as give directives to the competent authorities to meet the needs of the citizens, being the development compass for the



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- ALI BIN SALEH AL SALEH, SHURA COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



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- FAWZIA BINT ABDULLAH ZAINAL, COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER

government.

Al Saleh indicated that the initiatives launched by HM the King despite the ongoing

economic conditions the kingdom and the region are going through embody the existing strong leadership-people cohe-

sion and solidarity, noting that the royal directives will reflect positively on the citizens' daily lives and spur the national economy, as they coincide with Eid Al Adha.

Royal care

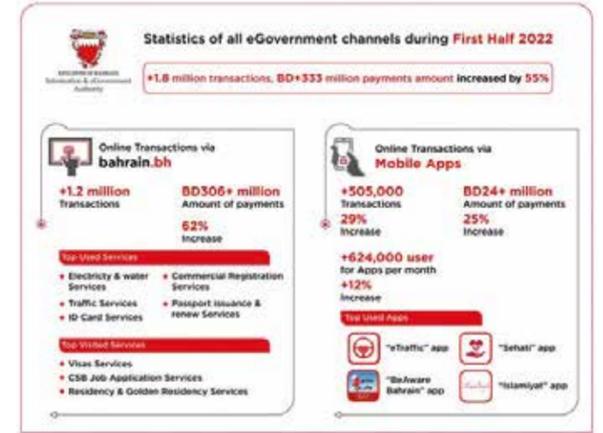
Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal also praised HM the King's directives.

She stressed that the royal directives to support people with low incomes confirm HM King's keenness to take care of his citizens and ease the effects of changing world conditions.

Zainal stressed the cooperation between the legislative branch with the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to reach the desired goal of better future for the country and citizens.

The Speaker hailed the order of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to the Ministry of Social Development and relevant authorities to grant an additional month of financial support to low-income families ahead of the Eid Al Adha holiday.

Transactions on the rise



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The Information and eGovernment Authority (IGA) announced the results of its channels performance during the first half (H1) of 2022, which included a significant spike in online payments.

Financial transactions jumped 55% to approximately 1.9 million, bringing in BD334 million in revenue via the IGA's various digital channels, including the National Portal, bahrain.bh, the eGovernment Apps Store, bahrain.bh/apps, and eKiosks.

There was also a 12% increase in the number of government apps users compared to the same period in 2021 and 9,789,000 visits to the portal during the first half of 2022, an increase of 31%.

IGA Deputy Chief Executive of eTransformation, Dr Zakariya AlKhajah, said that the increase in online transactions is in line with directives by the Kingdom of Bahrain's leadership to introduce digital transformation strategies and initiatives across all areas of the government.

15 VAT violations in Kingdom reported

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Fifteen Value Added Tax (VAT) violations have been reported in the Kingdom of

Bahrain.

Violators found in breach of regulations could face fines of up to BD10,000, as per the provision of the law on VAT.



We extend our warmest congratulations to
His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
The great king of the country, May god bless him and keep him safe.

And to
HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa
Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister,
May god bless him and keep him safe.

And to the faithful government and people of Bahrain

Eid Adha Mubarak



Visit visa jobs 'serious threat' to labour sector

Many illegal workers arrested as part of the crackdown, now face deportation proceedings

Staff Reporter
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Illegal employment of expatriates, who arrive in the Kingdom on visit visas, is posing a serious threat to the Kingdom's labour sector, it emerged.

A number of illegal expatriate workers were arrested for violating the Kingdom's labour rules amidst the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) along with Nationality, Passport and Residence Affairs (NPRA) intensifying its campaign against undocumented workers.

Many illegal workers arrested as part of the crackdown, now face deportation proceedings. These arrested individuals were found to have committed many violations related to the provisions of the LMRA and Residency laws in the Kingdom.

According to NPRA official Talal Taqi, the crackdown will be intensified in the coming days as part of efforts to keep the la-

bour and immigration sector safe from the violators.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, a source closely associated with the tours and travels sector said a large number of violators of labour rules in the Kingdom are those who have arrived under 'one year multiple entry visa'.

"The one-year multiple entry visa can be obtained by an applicant staying outside the Kingdom. The visa costs BD16 for one month and its validity is 90 days, which could be extended up to one year by exiting the country once in three months.

"Many violators would arrive in the Kingdom under this visa and approach potential employers, mainly small-scale business owners, who employ them after considering it to be a less expensive option compared to the legal LMRA channel."

He said these small-scale business owners are now paying high prices for committing this illegal act after their workers were



NPRA officials question illegal workers at a construction worksite in the Kingdom

detained for taking up illegal employment.

Under the rules mentioned for this specific type of visa applicants, taking up paid or unpaid employment is absolutely illegal. The applicants should also have

BD300 with them upon entry in the Kingdom to meet their expenses.

The source said that there are many agents in South Asian countries including India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, who

"trick on innocent, uneducated clients" into believing that they are buying a job visa having legal authenticity to work under any employer in the Kingdom.

Many vulnerable youngsters from South Asian countries, who are potential jobseekers in the Kingdom, are increasingly falling victim to visa fraudsters. The Daily Tribune has learnt that under the pretext of handing over employment visas "visit visas are sold to many youngsters taking amounts ranging between BD700 and BD1,200 from them".

Social workers say that the majority of victims only realise the fraudulent act after reaching the Kingdom on a visit visa. "However, after falling victim to the scammers they have no other option other than returning home or continuing their stay in the Kingdom as an illegal resident."

Majority of the victims are unskilled workers from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. "Almost all South Asian cities are flooded with fake recruitment

agents, who offer visit visas in the name of employment visas to innocent unskilled workers, who pay them huge amounts in their currencies. This is operated by a big racket across South Asian cities."

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, social worker Gangan Trikaripur said majority of the victims are unskilled workers belonging to the hospitality and construction sector. "Owing to poor financial situations mainly caused by the pandemic, many expatriates are trying to obtain jobs in Gulf countries including Bahrain. They get in touch with many fake recruitment agents through social media platforms and are conned out of money."

"Among the victims there are a large number of women expatriates as well. They are lured into the trap by offering jobs in the hospitality industry. I know an expat woman, who was offered a week's visit visa in the name of employment visa. She was later rescued and sent home."

49,000 trees, shrubs planted across Bahrain

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The first phase of the National Initiative for Agriculture Development (NIAD)'s Forever Green campaign was so successful that the objectives were exceeded by 26% and that plans are being drawn for phase II, NIAD Secretary-General Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa has said.

The initial phase of the campaign (October-June) has succeeded in planting nearly

49,000 trees and shrubs, including 24,476 in partnership with the municipalities, on an area of 73,000 square metres and 23,000 linear meters.

The success of the NIAD-led campaign is a remarkable testament to a growing environment awareness and more committed movement for sustainability in Bahrain.

In a short time, the campaign oversaw 34 agricultural projects in various governorates

and cities in the Kingdom, in cooperation with the Ministry of Works, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, and the Supreme Council for the Environment.

Shaikha Maram said that the campaign proceeded according to a drawn-up plan whose details were developed from the first day of the campaign's launch based on certain criteria to include planting trees and shrubs in 27 sites across the Kingdom.



Five years for Asian drugs smuggler

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The High Criminal Court sentenced a 28-year-old Asian man to five years in prison, a fine of BD3,000, and deportation following an attempt to smuggle drugs by hiding them between his legs.

When the accused arrived in Bahrain from his home country, he showed worried behaviour that prompted him to be flagged as soon as he stepped off the plane. He was directed to the red lane for inspection as soon as

he reached the customs officer.

The accused was taken to the inspection room after nothing was found in his bag. A substance was concealed in a black cloth skillfully tied with rubber around his legs.

The accused said he was forced to carry the substance by a countryman to whom he owed money. According to the investigation, the confiscated material weighed 3,500 grams and the accused planned to deliver it to another contact in a hotel.

Investigations further re-

vealed that the accused was aware of the seized substance, which was brought with the intent of distributing and marketing it in Bahrain for lucrative gain, given his involvement in a narcotics smuggling network.

Public Prosecution attributed to the accused that on April 20, 2022 he brought a psychotropic drug with the intent of unauthorised dealing, as well as possessing and obtaining a psychotropic substance with intent to use in conditions other than those authorised by law.

Court rejects lawsuit to evict father from villa

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The High Civil Court rejected a lawsuit filed by a young man who demanded the eviction of his father from a villa that the latter had bought but was registered in the son's name due to loan procedures that the defendant was paying in cash installments.

Attorney Abdulrahman Al-Qari, representative of

the father (the defendant), said that the latter wanted to provide adequate housing for his family of seven members.

He decided to buy a villa from a friend of his and paid an advance of BD25,000.

However, his pension did not allow him to obtain a 'Mazaya' housing loan, so he sought help from one of his sons (the plaintiff) to complete the loan

procedures, provided that he pays the monthly installments in cash to the son whose name the bank financing contract is registered in.

The son, however, filed a lawsuit against his father demanding that he be evicted from the house, given that he is the owner, according to the bank contract.

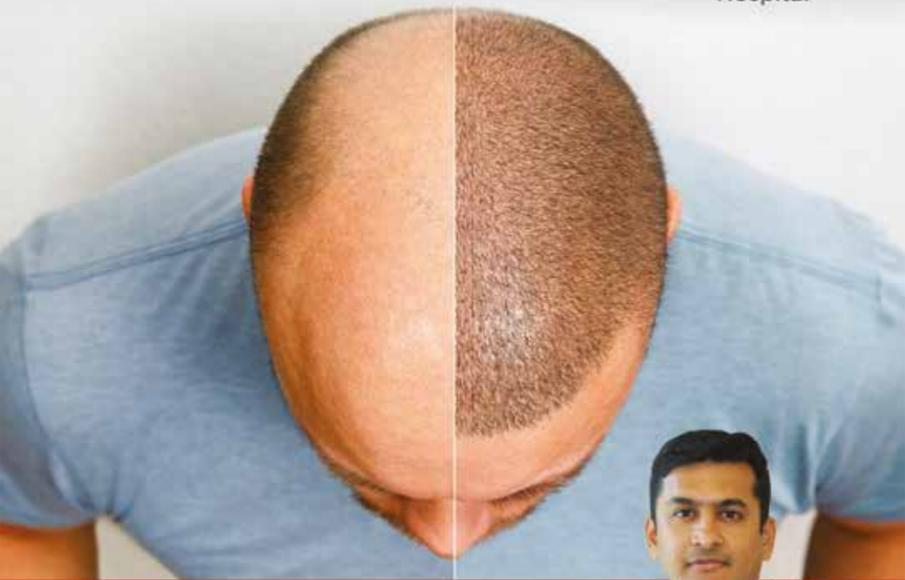
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10 more Covid deaths reported in one month

Three coronavirus deaths were reported on Wednesday

Staff Reporter
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Ten more Covid-19 deaths were reported during the last one month with three deaths being reported on Wednesday alone.

The Covid-19 death number reached 1,498 yesterday while the new cases stood at 1,786. As of now, there are 12,827 active cases in the Kingdom.

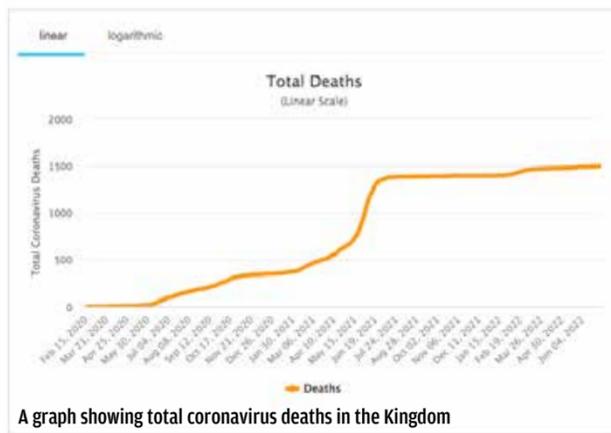
The Daily Tribune earlier reported that rising cases of Covid-19 in the Kingdom is triggering fears of a fourth wave, which has already adversely affected many countries across the world.

The National Medical Taskforce for Combatting Covid-19 Pandemic urged all those eligible for second or subsequent booster doses to take them without any hesitation.

Booster doses, the Taskforce said, are crucial to raising the immunity and protecting an individual, his family and community from the virus and its variants. "It is crucial to continue strengthening our commitment to precautionary measures to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus."

Those aged 12 years and above could take a booster dose every nine months. Individuals with a prior infection are eligible for a

Total Coronavirus Deaths in Bahrain



booster nine months after their last dose and at least six months after infection. The Taskforce also called for wearing masks and strictly following the health guidelines.

The Kingdom's existing success against the pandemic is attributed to its vaccination milestones and preventive measures adopted by the Ministry of Health.

As of now, the Kingdom has approved Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty, Gamaleya Sputnik Light, Gamaleya Sputnik V, Johnson and Johnson Ad26.COV2.S, Covishield AstraZeneca, Bharat Biotech Covaxin,

Sinopharm Covilo and ValnevaVLA2001.

Bahrain became the first country in the world to authorise, receive and administer Valneva's Covid-19 vaccine manufactured by the French biotech major.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched a case study documenting the Kingdom of Bahrain's successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The study details Bahrain's wide-ranging efforts in combating the spread of the disease and highlights best practice examples and lessons learned from the pandemic.

The case study was launched during a joint press conference at the Crown Prince Research Centre on Tuesday, which was held on the sidelines of the visit of the WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari.

During the press conference Dr Jaleela Jawad Hasan, the Minister of Health, affirmed the Kingdom's pride in having its experience in combating COVID-19 documented by the WHO.

She stressed that healthcare remains a priority for the Government of Bahrain, affirming that commitment at the highest political level was instrumental to the success of Bahrain's COVID-19 response under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the constant follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The minister expressed the Kingdom's commitment to continue its cooperation with the WHO to fight off the pandemic and achieve the global health goals.

"All WHO guidelines will be strictly followed during the Eid holidays. Caution is still needed to win this battle," the minister told the reporters, when asked about precautions for the upcoming Eid season.

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- NATIONAL MEDICAL TASKFORCE FOR COMBATTING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

New Millennium School holds 'Taal 2022' Music and Dance Competition

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The New Millennium School, Bahrain has conducted its Annual, Solo Singing and Dance Competition, 'Taal 2022', for Grades 1-12.

The ambience resonated with spirited songs, rhythm and electrifying dance performances. The aspiring and young singers and dancers enthralled the judges and audience. The competition was a spectacular display of talents.

The school Principal, Mr



Competition winners with school officials

Arun Kumar Sharma, appreciated and applauded the participants and the winners for their wonderful performances.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Ms eetha Pil-

lai congratulated the students for their brilliant performances.

The following were the winners:

Solo Singing Competition: Samreen Qadri (2 G), Andrea Lauren

Vikranth (5 C), Sarah Mary John (8 E), Saswat Suman Roy (12 C).

Solo Dance Competition: Kartiki Singh (2 G), Sadhil Sunil (5 F), Aahana Koul (8 C), Shiva Surya (11 A).

BisB provides Eid clothes to children at Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society

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In line with its commitment towards supporting the overall wellbeing of the community, Team Jood, the volunteers behind Bahrain Islamic Bank's (BisB) social responsibility platform, has recently accompanied 30 children, from ages 7 to 12, from Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society to shop for Eid Al Adha.



Celebrating the coming Eid Al Adha with children

Commenting on the occasion, Mr Hassan Jarrar, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, said, "As part of our intent to diversify

Jood's initiatives to include all segments of our community, this latest initiative of shopping for Eid clothes with the children

of Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society is a small gesture that seeks to bring them joy on a special occasion."

RCSI Bahrain hosts alumni reunion event for graduates



The RCSI Bahrain alumni

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In the presence of Professor Sameer Ootom, President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain), the University hosted an alumni reunion event to celebrate and honour the achievements of classes of 2020 and 2021 Medicine, BSc in Nursing and MSc in Nursing graduates.

The ceremony witnessed the attendance of more than 200 RCSI Bahrain alumni, of which more than 80% are Bahraini nationals.

During the ceremony, Professor Laura Viani, President of RCSI and Professor Cathal Kelly, Vice Chancellor and CEO/Registrar congratulated and commended the graduates for their success, perseverance and contribution to Bahrain's healthcare system.

Former RCSI Bahrain As-

sociate Professor in Family Medicine and Chair of the Research Ethics Committee, Professor David Misselbrook, was also invited to address the graduates and celebrate their success.

Professor Alfred Nicholson, RCSI Bahrain Vice President for Academic Affairs and Head of School of Medicine, said in his address to the alumni, "Today's reunion event is an opportunity to connect with our graduates and to celebrate your success, as well as recognise the great strength of character and resilience you all have shown before and since graduation."

"While the past three years have posed unique challenges, we are proud of our response as a university and your individual responses as students. I will never forget the classes of 2020 and 2021 for their courage in the face of adversity and challenge."

BRCS allocates ambulance to serve Bahraini haj mission



Fully equipped ambulance

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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has allocated a fully equipped ambulance to service the Bahraini haj mission for the 20th year in the row.

BRCS Secretary General Mubarak Al Hadi explained that a trained cadre of volunteers of the Society accompanies the ambulance heading to serve Bahraini pilgrims in the current haj season, pointing out that this team is ready to deal with various cases that require any kind of emergency intervention.

Mr Al Hadi pointed out that the ambulance allocated by the Society to accompany the official haj mission is fully equipped according to the specifications of the Ministry of Health in Bahrain, with a driver and a paramedic to accompany the Kingdom's pilgrimage mission.

"We are proud that the Ministry of Health has relied on the Red Crescent in this matter and is confident in our ability

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to take responsibility for serving Bahraini pilgrims," Mr Al Hadi said.

Mr Al Hadi highlighted the supporting role of the BRCS for government efforts in each location, as part of its work to provide relief and humanitarian assistance, including first aid services either through direct ambulance or through rehabilitation and training.



Bahrain Bourse, ADX launch region's first digital exchange hub

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Bahrain Bourse (BHB) and Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) announced the launch of the region's first digital exchange hub (Tabadul).

The exchanges commemorated this landmark achievement towards the launch of Tabadul with an official bell-ringing ceremony live-streamed from BHB and the ADX headquarters.

ADX Chairman Hisham Malak rang the market opening bell at ADX and the Finance and



The launch ceremony

National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa rang the market opening bell at BHB.

Industry and Commerce Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani and Central Bank of Bahrain

(CBB) Governor Rasheed Mohammed Al Maraj was present.

Tabadul was the signed partnership agreement in November 2021 between ADX and BHB.

Tabadul will allow investments across Bahrain Bourse

and Abu Dhabi and enable investors to trade directly on both exchanges through licensed brokers in both markets.

"We witnessed a remarkable launch as a result of the strategic cooperation between Bahrain and the UAE, in line with the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and UAE President His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan," Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa said.

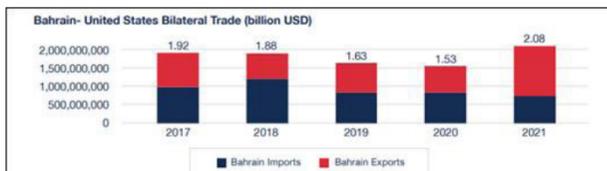
US Bahrain's 3rd export partner: Bahrain Chamber's report

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The United States is Bahrain's 3rd export partner and 6th import partner, reports Bahrain Chamber.

It also adds that the trade exchange between Bahrain and the United States rebounded in 2021 to reach 2.1 billion US dollars, after a downward trend that stretched between 2018 and 2020.

Bahrain's export to the United States also recorded a notable increase for the same year,



reaching 1.3 bn US dollars, as per the latest (Trade in Focus) report on the trade activity between Bahrain and the United States issued by the Studies and Initiatives Center of the Bahrain Chamber.

The report names aluminium,

jewellery, and food preparations as top commodities, with export gaps estimated at 129 million, 56 m, and 36 m US dollars, respectively. Untapped import potentials are motor vehicles for personal transport with a gap estimated at 54 m US dollars;

followed by fowls, cuts and offal, frozen with a 24 m US dollars gap; and parts of gas turbines with a 21 m US dollars gap.

The report also points out that Bahrain is the most diversified economy in the GCC region, with strengths in the financial services sector, technology innovation, manufacturing and logistics. As for the United States, manufacturing, aerospace and defence, and agribusiness are among the promising sectors for investment.

Bank ABC grants JIFCO a 5-year, USD 50 million bilateral facility

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Bank ABC, MENA's leading international bank, has granted a 5-year USD 50 million bilateral facility to Jordan India Fertilizer Company (JIFCO).

The facility will be utilised to refinance existing shareholder loans. Hosted by the Bank ABC Group at its Head Office in Bahrain on July 4th, 2022, the ceremony was attended by the Deputy Group CEO, Sael Al Waary; Group Head of Wholesale Banking, Amr ElNokaly; Group Specialised Finance members; CEO of Bank ABC in



Officials during a group photo opportunity

Jordan, George Sofia and JIFCO's Chairman, Dr Mohammad Thneibat; Board Member, Manish Gupta, CEO, Atul Kumar Garg and CFO, Deepak Yadav.

JIFCO is Jordan's largest producer of phosphoric acid with an annual production capacity of 475,000 metric tonnes.

Bank ABC's Deputy Group CEO, Sael Al Waary said: "This significant transaction demonstrates our commitment to deepening a mutually beneficial long-term relationship with one of our important new clients, besides Bank ABC's commitment to the Kingdom of Jordan and

its key exporters."

The Chairman of JIFCO, Dr Mohammad Thneibat said he hopes this will be a beginning of a new relationship. JIFCO is a joint venture between Jordan Phosphate Mines Company and Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited.

NBB, Roland Berger join hands for "Transformation Pulse" report

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB)'s Group Financial Restructuring team has collaborated with Roland Berger, a leading European consultancy, to publish the "Transformation Pulse" Report - a joint survey conducted by both entities. The survey-based study aims to shed light on recent and planned transformation efforts, with a focus on SMEs and firms based



in the Kingdom.

The report explores various growth expectations within the region and industry, along with a number of programmes that

highlight the need for transformation.

Bruce Wade, Chief Executive - Group Financial Restructuring at NBB, said: "The study highlights the importance of SMEs as a key area for growth within the bank, with the addition of extending our insights beyond the local industry."

Sassan Hatam, Partner at Roland Berger, said: "Together with NBB, we envisioned this

joint study to serve as platform for dialogue with the private sector and the broader stakeholder ecosystem, to define transformation priorities and ways to foster sustainable growth. The only constant is the need for change. We would be delighted to engage in conversations about how to drive sustainable results along the transformation journey."

The report is available on www.nbbonline.com.

Al Hawaj hosts a prize draw for "5 Hot Days"

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Last Tuesday, Al Hawaj Group held a prize draw for the 5 Hot Days promotion, sponsored by CrediMax in all Al Hawaj branches from June 29th to July 3rd.

The electronic raffle was attended by Hussein Al Hawaj and Ahmed Al Hawaj, members of the Board of Directors of Al Hawaj Group. Also, in attendance via zoom, were Mandana Banahi, representing the CrediMax administration, Shafee Muhammad Al Balushi, representing the Ministry of Commerce and



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Shyam Narayanan, Operations Manager representing Al Hawaj Group.

Al Hawaj Group commenced the Raffle draw ceremony, announcing the winners of the 5

Hot Days promotion. The Grand prize of USD 5,000 provided by CrediMax, was won by Walid Khaled Jamal.

The second prize of USD 3,000 by Izhar Ahmed and the third

prize of USD 2,000 by Sami Yusuf Abdulla Saqer.

The remaining 17 prizes including several electronic devices, perfume sets and watches were announced to their respected winners.

Al Hawaj Group also announced the names of the winners of the cash prizes provided by CrediMax, the first cash prize of USD 5000, was awarded to Walid Khaled Jamal.

The second prize, which is 3000 dollars, was also won by Azhar Ahmed and the third prize, which is \$2000, was won by Sami Youssef Abdullah Saqr.

Tamkeen backs United Paper Industries' expansion

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The Labour Fund "Tamkeen" continues its support for the expansion plans of United Paper Industries "Bahrain Pack", which specializes in the production and manufacturing of packaging supplies of various shapes and sizes.

United Paper Industries "Bahrain Pack" was established in 1993 to meet the rising packaging demands in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the GCC.

Tamkeen's support for this enterprise comes through the Business Growth Program. United Paper Industries aims to expand its activities to Mondelez and Arla Foods with packaging products. This support will also contribute to a 7,000-ton increase in the company's production capacity, a 70% increase in revenue over the next three years, and a 30% increase in export production within 3 years.

Tamkeen's Acting Chief Executive, Maha Mofeez emphasized the importance of the manufacturing sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain. She said: "With support from Tamkeen, we will enable them to grow their operations even further, offering greater job and training opportunities for Bahrainis".

Ebrahim Mohamed Ali Zainal, Vice Chairman to the Board of Directors of United Paper Industries (Bahrain Pack), said, "In the coming years, we aim to increase our production capacity even further, which requires additional employment, as a result, we will increase the number of Bahraini employees from 76 to about 90.

"In addition, we will empower Bahraini talent by appointing them in leadership roles in the company whilst providing the necessary training through utilizing Tamkeen's Human Capital Development Programmes."

ila Bank to give ten travelers up to BHD5,000 cashback on their 'ila Credit Card' foreign spends

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ila Bank, the fastest growing digital mobile-only bank in Bahrain powered by Bank ABC, launched a 'Credit Card Around the World' Travel Spend campaign.

Commenced on 16th June and closing 31st August 2022, the campaign will enable 10 ila customers to win back their full international travel spend, up to BHD 5,000 each.

The campaign is open to ila credit card users who spend an accumulated amount of BHD 500 (or its equivalent in any currency) while traveling abroad. Every BHD 1 spent will become a draw entry. All ila 'Blue' and 'Switch' credit cards, including supplementary cards, POS transactions and ATM cash withdrawals will qualify for the draw, while e-transactions will be excluded.

The draw will be on 22nd September 2022 at ila Bank's



offices. The full prize amount (up to BHD 5,000 each) will be credited into the winners' credit cards.

Nada Tarada, Head of Business & Customer at ila Bank, said: "We look forward to introducing many such themed campaigns in the future as we consistently listen to, understand, and co-create with our customers."

Throughout the campaign, ila customers are encouraged to post photos using their credit cards abroad with the hashtag #ila_CreditCard_AroundTheWorld. The posts will be shared on the Bank's official social media accounts.

GFH buys \$300 million student housing portfolio

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GFH Financial Group announced its acquisition of a \$300 million student housing portfolio to select top-rated universities located in Texas, Michigan and Missouri in the United States. The acquisition is in partnership with GFH subsidiary Student Quarters, an Atlanta-based student housing specialist.

The five assets acquired include facilities near Texas A&M University, Michigan State University and Missouri State University. The portfolio has more than 2,000 beds with assets located within walking distance of their respective affiliated universities. They are relatively new and include amenities designed specifically to cater to student needs such as swimming pools, courtyards, coffee shops, study



Nael Mustafa, Co-Chief Investment Officer - Real Estate at GFH
Stephanie Lynch, Chief Investment Officer of Student Quarters

lounges, clubhouses, game rooms and fitness centers.

"As part of GFHs growing real estate activities, we are delighted to continue our investment in the student housing sector, which is experiencing positive momentum given the rise in US university enrollment, the growing US population and scarcity of class-A pedestrian, purpose-built assets," Nael Mustafa, Co-Chief Investment Officer - Real Estate at GFH, said.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE BUSY MAKING OTHER PLANS
JOHN LENNON

News in brief

◆ **Italian authorities** sought on Wednesday to find the remaining victims of the glacier collapse in the Alps that is feared to have killed 12 people and is being blamed on rising temperatures. "The drones are flying over the avalanche surface in the hopes that the melting ice will allow us to find something on the surface," said Maurizio Dellantonio, president of the local Trentino Alpine Rescue team. "It is very important for us to find even the smallest object in order to ensure that we can find out what happened, or to try to understand what happened," Dellantonio said. "This would also give an answer to all the relatives who today are still anxiously waiting for news about their relatives," he added. A police team specialised in DNA analysis has also been drafted in to help with the identification process.



Italians seek to identify victims of glacier collapse

Iran insists it seeks lasting nuclear deal

◆ **Iran said yesterday** it sought a strong and lasting nuclear agreement with world powers following talks with US ally Qatar on easing stalled efforts to revive a 2015 nuclear pact. "We are determined to seek a good, strong and lasting accord, and despite American claims ... we have not raised any demands outside of the nuclear deal," Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian told a joint news conference with Sheikh Mohammed in Tehran. "The American side should guarantee that Iran will fully benefit from a 2015 revived deal. So far, the American side has not been able to give such assurances," Amirabdollahian said.

Airline SAS (SAS.ST) headed into the third day of a crippling pilot strike which sent new bookings tumbling and prompted the cancellation of well over half its flights yesterday.

◆ **Pilot strike grounds more SAS flights as first Chapter 11 court date nears**

The carrier, whose biggest owners are the Swedish and the Danish states, geared up for the first court date in its bankruptcy proceedings later in the week after it filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States on Tuesday to help cut debt. Talks between SAS and pilots over a new collective bargaining agreement collapsed on Monday, triggering a strike that adds to travel chaos across Europe and sparked heated trading of blame between management and unions in a region long praised for strong labour market models.

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◆ **Nepal's Finance Minister**, Janardan Sharma, resigned yesterday while addressing a meeting of lawmakers after the parliamentary speaker ordered an investigation into allegations of unauthorised changes in the budget. Opposition parties have accused him of inviting unauthorised persons to make changes in the budget just a day before he presented the federal budget for the fiscal year 2022-23. He has denied any wrongdoing. "I am resigning to help the investigation," Sharma said, adding that he was ready to face the investigation as he had not done anything wrong.

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Increasingly isolated Johnson pledges

- Support ebbs as resignations rise
- Questions over how long Johnson can hold on
- PM faces a grilling in parliament

Reuters | London

Britain's Boris Johnson defiantly vowed yesterday to fight on against growing calls for him to resign as prime minister, but his pledge to keep going was met with scornful laughter at a parliamentary appearance.

Badly wounded by the resignations of a stream of senior colleagues and junior ministers who said he was not fit to govern, Johnson sought to come out fighting at parliament's weekly prime minister's questions session.

"The job of a prime minister in difficult circumstances," is to keep going," Johnson said. "And that's what I'm going to do."

Earlier, he tried to reassert his authority by quickly appointing Nadhim Zahawi, a rising star in the Conservative Party widely credited for the successful rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, as finance



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks during the weekly question time debate, in Parliament in London, Britain

minister. But Johnson's performance encountered a brutal response.

Underlining the tenuous position he is in, some colleagues in his cabinet team of top ministers struggled to contain their laughter as the opposition Labour leader poked fun at his cabinet for being in the "charge of the

lightweight brigade". Three members of Johnson's own party asked whether he would resign.

To one, he replied: "There is a very simple reason why they want me out and that is they know otherwise we are going to get on and deliver our mandate and win another general election."

"Clearly, if there were circumstances in which I felt it was impossible for the government to go on and discharge the mandate that we've been given, or if I felt, for instance, that we were being frustrated in our desire to support the Ukrainian people ... then I would," Johnson said. Overall, it was a muted perfor-

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	89,731,799	1,043,879	556,581,028
2 India	43,547,809	525,270	
3 Brazil	32,610,830	672,494	Deaths
4 France	31,658,727	149,801	6,364,796
5 Germany	28,673,212	141,519	Recovered:
6 UK	22,741,065	180,417	530,932,378
7 Italy	18,938,771	168,698	New cases
8 Russia	18,448,451	381,398	+222,203
9 S. Korea	18,433,359	24,583	New deaths
10 Turkey	15,180,444	99,057	+387
11 Spain	12,890,002	108,259	
12 Vietnam	10,751,227	43,089	
13 Japan	9,451,806	31,348	
14 Argentina	9,394,326	129,109	

Figures as of closing

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	798,474	+534	9,215	+3	782,088	7,171
UAE	956,382	+1,690	2,322	+3	936,594	17,466
Kuwait	646,098		2,556		639,011	4,531
Oman	390,244		4,260		384,669	1,315
Qatar	386,528	+698	679		380,771	5,078



At least 13 British lawmakers have left Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government in less than 24 hours, including finance minister Rishi Sunak, saying the British leader no longer has their confidence and plunging his government into crisis.

Wednesday:



- John Glen, financial services minister and a Member of Parliament (MP) since May 2010
- Felicity Buchan, Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) in the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and an MP since December 2019
- Will Quince, minister for children and families and an MP since May 2015
- Laura Trott, Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to the Department of Transport and an MP since December 2019
- Robin Walkers, minister of state for school standards and an MP since May 2010
- Victoria Atkins, a junior minister and an MP since May 2015
- Stuart Andrew, a junior housing minister and an MP since May 2010
- Jo Church, a junior minister and an MP since December 2019

Turkey renews extradition requests with Finland, Sweden -minister

Reuters | Ankara

Turkey renewed requests on Wednesday for Sweden and Finland to extradite individuals it considers terrorists after the countries reached a deal over the Nordic nations' NATO membership bids, Justice Minister Bekir Bozdog said.

Turkey had opposed the two countries' bids over what it called support for Kurdish militants and others it views as terrorists, as well as over arms embargoes and unfulfilled extradition requests.

Last week, the three nations signed a deal for Ankara to remove its block, while the candidate countries pledged not to support the Kurdish militant PKK and YPG groups or the network of US-based cleric Fethullah Gulen.



Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan (R) is pictured with Turkish Justice Minister Bekir Bozdog during the International Istanbul Law Congress in Istanbul, Turkey

Ankara says the Gulen network staged a 2016 coup attempt and labels it a terrorist organisation with the acronym FETO.

"Within the framework of the agreement signed between Turkey, Sweden and Finland at the latest NATO summit, a

monitoring committee was established," Bozdog said in a televised interview with Haber-Globol.

In the text signed last week, Finland and Sweden agreed to "address (Turkey's) pending deportation or extradition requests of terror suspects expeditiously and thoroughly...in accordance with the European Convention on Extradition".

"Accordingly, today we have renewed some requests that were rejected before, and reminded them of some requests that were not responded to," Bozdog said.

Turkey, a NATO member of more than 70 years standing with the alliance's second biggest army, has long demanded that allies halt support for the YPG, a US ally in the fight against Islamic State in Syria.

Some 300 inmates on Boko Haram raid

Reuters | Abuja

Around 300 inmates are on the run after a suspected raid by Islamist Boko Haram militants on a prison in Nigeria's capital Abuja on Tuesday night, an interior ministry official said.

The raid, and a separate ambush on an advance convoy of Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari - who was not present - heading to his hometown in the northern state of Katsina, highlights Nigeria's going security challenges, especially in northern regions where armed insurgents and gangs are rife.

Shuaib Belgore, permanent secretary at the interior ministry, told journalists outside the Abuja prison - which has 900 inmates - that a security officer was killed during the raid and three others were injured.

1520

Battle of Otumba, Mexico: Hernán Cortés and the Tlaxcalans defeat a numerically superior Aztec force



1937

Japanese and Chinese troops clash at the Marco Polo Bridge, beginning the Second Sino-Japanese War

1947

Alleged and disputed Roswell UFO incident

2005

Coordinated terrorist bomb blasts strike London's public transport system during the morning rush hour killing 52 and injuring 700

Rated, Boris s to fight on

mance for a prime minister who has seen his political fortunes tumble from a landslide election victory in 2019 to now, when the resignation of his finance and health ministers opened the floodgates for more junior ministers to quit.

Shortly afterwards, his former health minister, Sajid Javid, detailed the scandals, missteps and gaffes that have marked Johnson's tenure so far.

"Treading the tightrope between loyalty and integrity has become impossible in recent months," Javid told a silent parliament, with Johnson listening stony faced.

KICKING AND SCREAMING

The prime minister is later due to appear before the chairs of select committees for a scheduled two-hour grilling later on Wednesday.

"I suspect we will have to drag him kicking and screaming from Downing Street," one Conservative lawmaker told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But if we have to do it that way then we will."

A former journalist and London mayor who became the face of Britain's departure from the European Union, his landslide 2019 election win soon gave way to a combative and often chaotic

approach to governing.

His leadership has been mired in scandals and missteps over the last few months, with the prime minister fined by police for breaking COVID-19 lockdown laws and a damning report published about the behaviour of officials at his Downing Street office who breached their own lockdown rules.

There have also been policy U-turns, an ill-fated defence of a lawmaker who broke lobbying rules, and criticism he has not done enough to tackle a cost-of-living crisis, with many Britons struggling to cope with rising fuel and food prices.

The latest bout of drama at the heart of British power comes as the economy deteriorates rapidly, with some economists warning the country could tip into recession.

The latest scandal saw Johnson apologising for appointing a lawmaker to a role involved in party welfare and discipline, even after being briefed that the politician had been the subject of complaints about sexual misconduct.

Downing Street's narrative changed several times over what the prime minister knew of the past behaviour of the politician, who was forced to resign, and when he knew it. His spokesman blamed a lapse in Johnson's

memory.

That prompted Rishi Sunak to quit as chancellor of the exchequer - the finance minister - and Javid to resign as health secretary, while others left their junior ministerial or envoy roles.

"It is clear to me that this situation will not change under your leadership - and you have therefore lost my confidence too," Javid said in his resignation letter.

Several of the ministers cited Johnson's lack of judgment, standards, and inability to tell the truth.

A snap YouGov poll found 69% of Britons thought Johnson should step down as prime minister but for the time being the remainder of his top ministerial team offered their backing.

A month ago, Johnson survived a confidence vote of Conservative lawmakers, and party rules mean he cannot face another such challenge for a year.

However, some lawmakers are seeking to change those rules, while he is also under investigation by a parliamentary committee over whether he lied to parliament about COVID-19 lockdown breaches.

Those changes could come as soon as later on Wednesday at a meeting of the so-called 1922 Committee that sets the rules for leadership confidence votes.

Tuesday:

- Rishi Sunak, Finance Minister and an MP since May 2015
- Sajid Javid, Health Secretary and an MP since May 2010
- Bim Afolami, Conservative Party Vice Chair and MP for Hitchin and Harpenden since June 2017
- Sajid Bhatti, PPS to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and an MP since December 2019
- Jonathan Gullis, PPS to Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and an MP since December 2019
- Nicola Richards, PPS for Department of Transport and an MP since December 2019
- Alex Chalk, Solicitor General for England and Wales and an MP since May 2015

July 4 parade shooting suspect slipped past Illinois "red flag" safeguards



A still image from surveillance footage shows a person who police believe to be Robert (Bob) E. Crimo III, a person of interest in the mass shooting that took place at a Fourth of July parade route in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park, Illinois, U.S. dressed in women's clothing

Reuters | Highland Park Ill.

The man charged with killing seven people at a Chicago-area July Fourth parade slipped past the safeguards of an Illinois "red flag" law designed to prevent people deemed to have violent tendencies from getting guns, officials revealed on Tuesday.

The disclosures raised questions about the adequacy of the state's "red flag" laws even as a prosecutor lauded the system as "strong" during a news conference announcing seven first-degree murder charges against the 21-year-old suspect, Robert, E. Crimo III.

Sergeant Chris Covelli of the Lake County Sheriff's Office said earlier in the day that Crimo had legally purchased a total of five guns, including the suspected murder weapon, despite having come to law enforcement's attention twice for behavior suggesting he might harm himself or others.

The first instance was an April 2019 emergency-911 call reporting Crimo had attempted suicide, followed in September of that year by a police visit regarding alleged threats "to kill everyone" that he had directed at family members, Covelli said.

According to Covelli, police

responding to the second incident seized a collection of 16 knives, a dagger and a sword from Crimo's home in Highland Park, Illinois, the Chicago suburb where the shooting occurred on Monday. But no arrest was made as authorities at the time lacked probable cause to take him into custody, the sheriff's sergeant said.

"There were no complaints that were signed by any of the victims," Covelli explained. Later on Tuesday came a separate statement from the Illinois State Police recounting that the agency had received a report from Highland Park Police declaring Crimo a "clear and present danger" after the alleged threats against relatives in September 2019.

At the time, however, Crimo did not possess a state "firearm owners identification (FOID)" card that could be revoked or a pending FOID application to deny. So state police involvement in the matter was closed, the agency said.

State police also said no relative or anyone else was willing "to move forward with a formal complaint" or to provide "information on threats or mental health that would have allowed law enforcement to take additional action."



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Today, our thirty @NATO Allies signed the Accession Protocols for Finland and Sweden to join the NATO Alliance. This is a historic day for Transatlantic Security. NATO's door remains open and we are

@SecBlinken

02



Held talks with Mozambique President #FilipeNyusi. Congratulated Mozambique on election to the UNSC. Thanked for solidarity with Ukraine. Informed about the situation on the front & resistance to RF's aggression. Discussed the issue of food security. We must overcome the food crisis caused by Russia.

@ZelenskyyUA

03



A gradoot is an iconic daily of Assam. Greetings to the entire team and their readers on the Golden Jubilee of the newspaper group.

@narendramodi

04



We can deal with the immediate crisis of high gas prices and still seize a clean energy future. We're America - we can do both.

@POTUS

ates on run after suspected aid on Nigeria prison



A security officer with a sniffer dog stands at the medium-security prison in Kuje, near the capital Abuja, Nigeria

He said the suspected Boko Haram attackers came for members who were held in the prison.

"They came specifically for their co-conspirators, but in order to get them..., some of them are in the general (prison) population so

they broke out and other people in that population escaped as well but many of them have returned," Belgore said.

He added that more than 600 inmates had fled but half had been recaptured and a manhunt was continuing.

Abortion bans in Florida, Mississippi allowed to take effect

Reuters

Florida's ban on abortions past 15 weeks of pregnancy is now in effect after a court order blocking its enforcement was put on hold on Tuesday, and a Mississippi judge declined to prevent a near-total ban from being implemented later this week.

The dual developments marked the latest legal setbacks for abortion rights supporters after the US Supreme Court nearly two weeks ago overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that guaranteed women nationally the right to terminate pregnancies.

In Florida, soon after Circuit Court Judge John Cooper finalized an expected order blocking enforcement of a 15-week ban



An abortion rights protester

that took effect on Friday, the Republican-led state promptly appealed, triggering an automatic freeze of his injunction.

Hours later, Judge Debbra Halford in Jackson, Mississippi denied a request by the state's only abortion clinic to prevent officials from carrying out a near-total ban on abortion that is set to take effect on Thursday.

The clinic, Jackson Women's Health Organization, in challenging the law and a separate six-week ban, cited a 1998 ruling by the Mississippi Supreme Court holding that the right to privacy under the state's constitution included a right to abortion.

But Halford said it was "more than doubtful" the state's high court would continue to uphold that decision as it rested on the U.S. Supreme Court's own past rulings including Roe v. Wade.

Mississippi is one of 13 states with "trigger" laws designed to ban or restrict abortions once the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, as it did June 24 in a case upholding a different Mississippi law barring abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

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CELEBS

celebs

Cardi B plans to face her fears

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Cardi B is determined to confront her fears.

The chart-topping rap star hasn't performed live since 2019 and although she's "nervous" about taking to the stage after being absent for so long, she won't shy away from the challenge.

During a Twitter exchange with a fan, Cardi was asked: "How do you build up your confidence if you're not feeling confident? #AskCardi (sic)"

In response, Cardi - who is due to perform at the Wireless Festival in the UK in July - stressed the importance of confronting her fears.

The 29-year-old star explained: "By facing it ...I haven't performed since 2019 I'm performing again next week .I'm nervous but once I face it I'll be okay and my spirit takes lead #AskCardi (sic)"

Cardi previously insisted she was actually happier before she started making money as a rapper.

The 'WAP' hitmaker - who has Kulture, three, and Wave, nine months, with rap star Offset - said: "One positive thing is that, my family, whatever they

want, they get. Everything that I want to buy, I can get. I don't have to worry so much about my future.

"One negative thing is that, even though I'm happy, I feel like I was a little bit happier two or three years ago when I had less money. I had less people who had opinions about my life. I felt like my life was mine. Now I don't even own my life. I feel like the world owns me."

Despite this, Cardi doesn't have any plans to leave the spotlight.



Cardi B

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Christian Bale plans to take a break from Hollywood

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Christian Bale is set to take an extended break from Hollywood after filming back-to-back movies.

The Oscar-winning actor's latest project, 'Thor: Love and Thunder', hits cinemas this summer and it will be followed by David O. Russell's period drama 'Amsterdam' later in the year - but Christian is now planning to take a break from the movie business.



Christian Bale

Millie Bobby Brown: High school isn't easy for girls

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Millie Bobby Brown doesn't think high school is "an easy time" for girls.

The 18-year-old actress thinks it's "really nice" that the latest season of 'Stranger Things' shows her character, Eleven, having a hard time at school because it's an accurate representation of what teenage years can be like for many people.

She told heat magazine: "I think what's really nice is that the Duffer Brothers were shining a light on what kids go through during high school.

"It's not an easy time, especially for young girls out there, struggling with

their identity and who they are with the influences of everyone around them, their environments, the people, their families, and friends, trying to fit in.

"So it's been a really nice time portraying that storyline for me, because I think it's influential. And it definitely helps me get through that time as well."

Millie loves working on the show and praised creators the Duffer Brothers for their writing, insisting she doesn't mind the long gaps between seasons because she knows it will always be worth the wait.



Millie Bobby Brown

CINEMA

TIMINGS MARKED (*) WILL PLAY FROM EID DAY

BAHEBEK
(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY/ROMANTIC/DRAMA) (NEW)
TAMER HOSNY, HANA EL ZAHED, HUDA EL MOFTI
OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM + *1.45 AM
OASIS JUFFAIR:(VIP): 12.15 + 2.45 + 5.15 + 7.45 + 10.15 + *12.45 MN
CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 12.00 + 12.30 + 1.30 + 2.30 + 3.00 + 4.00 + 5.00 + 5.30 + 6.30 + 7.30 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 10.00 + 10.30 + 11.30 PM + 12.30 MN + 1.00 AM + *2.00 AM + *3.00 AM
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WADI AL SAIL: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + *2.15 AM

QUAID-E-AZAM ZINDABAD
(PG-13) (PAKISTANI/ACTION/COMEDY/DRAMA) (NEW)
MAHIRA KHAN, FAHAD MUSTAFA, ASAD ALI PALIJO
OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM + *1.30 AM
CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM + *2.30 AM
SEEF (II): 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN + *3.00 AM
WADI AL SAIL: 1.45 + 7.45 + *1.45 AM

KHUDA HAFIZ CHAPTER 2 AGNI PARIKSHA
(15+) (HINDI/ACTION/CRIME/DRAMA) (NEW)
VIDYUT JAMWAL, SHIVALEEKA OBEROI
FROM FRI. 8TH
OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.00 + 4.00 + 7.00 + 10.00 PM + *1.00 AM
CITY CENTRE: 8.00 + 11.00 PM + *2.00 AM
SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM + *1.30 AM
WADI AL SAIL: 10.45 AM + 4.45 + 10.45 PM

HOT SEAT
(PG-15) (THRILLER/CRIME) (NEW)
KEVIN DILLON, MEL GIBSON, SHANNEN DOHERTY
OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM + *2.00 AM
CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM + *1.30 AM
SEEF (II): 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM + *1.45 AM

WHITE ELEPHANT
(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/DRAMA) (NEW)
MICHAEL ROOKER, BRUCE WILLIS, OLGA KURYLENKO
SEEF (II): 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM + *1.30 AM

DASHCAM
(18+) (HORROR) (NEW)
ANNIE HARDY, AMAR CHADHA PATEL, ANGELA ENAHORO
CITY CENTRE: 5.30 + 10.30 PM + *2.30 AM

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY) (NEW)
DAMIEN FRETTE, JULIEN CRAMPON, KAYCIE CHASE
CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 PM
SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 PM

LONDON NAHI JAUNGA
(PG-13) (URDU/ROMANTIC/COMEDY/DRAMA) (NEW)
HUMAYUN SAYEED, MAHWISH HAYAT, KUBRA KHAN
FROM FRI. 8TH
OASIS JUFFAIR: 2.15 + 7.45 + *1.15 AM
SEEF (I): 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM + *2.00 AM

DORAMEMON THE MOIVE : NOBITA'S LITTLE STAR WARS
(PG) (JAPANESE/ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE) (NEW)
WASABI MIZUTA, MEGUMI OHARA, YUMI KAKAZU
CITY CENTRE: 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 PM

THE SECRET OF THE CAVE
(PG) (ARABIC/ANIMATION/ADVENTURE) (NEW)
SANAA BAKR YOUNIS, SHAHD AL AMIRI, HASSAN MOHAMMAD
SEEF (II): 11.45 AM + 1.30 + 3.15 + 5.00 PM

KADUVA
(PG-15) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)
PRITHVIRAJ SUKUMARAN, VIVEK OBEROI, SAMYUKTHA MENON
OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM + *2.00 AM
CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM + *1.30 AM
SEEF (I): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30

PM + *2.30 AM
WADI AL SAIL: 12.45 + 6.00 + 11.15 PM
AL HAMRA : 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN + *3.00 AM

CHISO MAANCHHE
(PG-15) (NEPALI) (NEW)
ARPAN THAPA, SWASTIMAA KHADKA, DESHBHAKTA KHANAL
OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.45 AM + 5.15 + 10.45 PM
SEEF (I) : 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM + *2.00 AM

PANTHRAND
(PG-15) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)
DEV MOHAN, SHINE TOM CHACKO, VINAYAKAN
SEEF (I): 10.45 AM + 4.00 + 9.15 PM + *2.30 AM

SHAREEK 2
(PUNJABI) (NEW)
JIMMY SHEIRGILL, DEV KHAROUUD, MUKUL DEV, YOGRAJ SINGH
SEEF (I) : 1.30 + 6.45 + + 12.00 MN

MINIONS: THE RISE OF GURU
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY/ACTION)
STEVE CARELL, TARAJI P. HENSON, MICHELLE YEOH
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BERGEN
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WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 3.45 + 9.00 + *2.15 AM

JURASSIC WORLD: DOMINION
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SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM + *2.00 AM
WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 4.15 + 10.00 PM

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How to play
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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1- Salzburg vista; 5- ___ point: where it all becomes clear; 10- Poor actors; 14- Kind; 15- Home of the Black Bears; 16- Quod ___ demonstrandum; 17- Be up and about; 18- Cost; 19- Top-notch; 20- Break; 22- Set apart; 24- Gets under control; 26- Catch in a sting; 27- Decrees; 30- Effectiveness; 32- Supply; 33- ___ Brockovich; 34- Edible roots; 38- Monsters; ___; 39- Causes to remember; 42- Great Lakes canals; 43- Contented sighs; 45- Seedy joint; 46- Tendency; 48- Coach Rockne; 50- Establishes; 51- Zealot; 54- Rescues; 56- Dental filling; 58- Harmonious relation; 62- Churn; 63- Bent; 65- Bacchanalian cry; 66- Tackle box item; 67- Lerner's partner; 68- Raise to third power; 69- Toward the mouth; 70- Wound up; 71- Revenuers, for short;

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HH Shaikh Nasser to lead Royal Endurance Team in Slovakia

TDT | Manama

Led by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Captain of the Team, the Royal Endurance Team is set to participate in the 120 km and 160 km races in the Samorin International Endurance Championship in Slovakia, which will witness wide participation from riders from Europe, the UAE and Kuwait.

HH Shaikh Nasser expressed appreciation of the support provided to the Bahraini endurance sport by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, contributing to the achievement of several accomplishments in the past period.

His Highness affirmed that the participation in the Samorin International Championship in Slovakia comes within the plan set by the Royal Endurance Team in the European participation to confirm the development and growth of Bahrain's endurance sport, following the positive results achieved in the last period, the latest of which was winning the Montalcino International Endurance Championship title in Italy.

HH Shaikh Nasser explained that the Team is looking forward to achieving many goals in the championship, including the optimal preparation for participating in the upcoming World Championship, by preparing the riders and horses in the best way for this important station, in which the Team aspires to achieve the best results.

"There is no doubt that there are many goals that have been achieved in previous championships, and today we enter the Samorin Championship to complete our vision of preparing the horses and passing the stages successfully, in addition



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa takes part in a training session

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HH SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

to gaining experience for riders and confirming their abilities in all championships, in order to optimally prepare for the upcoming World Championship, as European championships always witness strong competition and wide participation of riders from different countries of the world," His Highness commented, adding: "We have great confidence in the capabilities of the Royal Endurance Team's riders in accomplishing the desired goals, and we wish them every success in achieving the best results."

Royal Team Riders

The Royal Endurance Team, led by HH Shaikh Nasser, will participate in the 120 km race, represented by riders Othman Abduljalil Al Awadhi, Salman

Isa, Mohammed Al Hashemi and Manal Fakhrawi.

HH Shaikh Nasser will also lead the Royal Team in the 160 km race with the participation of riders His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Jaafar Mirza, Abdulrahman Al Zayed and Raed Mahmood.

It is worth noting that the Championship will witness the participation of riders from Bahrain, the UAE, Kuwait, China, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Slovakia and Turkey in the 120 km race. Meanwhile, riders from Bahrain, Kuwait, Bulgaria, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay will participate in the 160 km race.

The hotel where members of the Royal Endurance Team delegation is staying in Slovakia was decorated with pictures from the visit of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, during HM the King's previous visit to Slovakia to attend the endurance race.

The pictures received great recognition from the visitors and guests of the hotel, as some pictures of HM the King were taken with HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President of the sisterly United Arab Emirates, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.

Bahrain basketball stars received upon return to Kingdom



Bahrain's senior men's national basketball team received a hero's welcome yesterday upon their return to the Kingdom after playing their final two qualifying games for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 in Syria and Kazakhstan. The nationals won both their contests held the past week and thus punched their tickets to the second and final round of continental qualification for the World Cup. The national team delegation were welcomed upon their arrival at Bahrain International Airport by Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) chief Captain Waleed Al Alawi and other BOC and BBA officials

Australia's Clarke wins Tour de France stage five

AFP | Paris

Simon Clarke of Israel Premier Tech won stage five of the Tour de France yesterday in a photo finish after a 157km run from Lille to Arenberg featuring 20km of cobbled mining roads.

Belgium's Wout van Aert of Jumbo retained his overall leader's yellow jersey despite a nasty fall, but his teammate Primoz Roglic lost around two minutes to defending champion and fellow Slovenian Tadej Pogacar.

The 35-year-old Australian Clarke used a bike throw on the line in a razor thin victory over Taco van der Hoorn after Native American Neilson Pow-



Stage winner Australia's Simon Clarke, right, sprints towards the finish line ahead of Netherlands' Taco van der Hoorn, left

less launched a sprint in a bid for the yellow jersey but fell just short.

Van Aert fell early and hurt a shoulder and was almost run over by his own team car, but rallied to cling on to his overall lead by 13sec from Powless of EF.

Defending champion Pogacar did the best of the pretenders to the 2022 title when he finished seventh, 51sec off the lead, putting a little time into all his rivals after threatening to pulverise them before fading in the final kilometres.

Ineos trio Adam Yates, Tom

Pidcock and Geraint Thomas all hung in and trail Pogacar by 28, 29 and 30sec respectively.

The treacherous stage raced over cobbles that sent clouds of dust billowing making it tough to breathe and easy to slip.

Eleven cobbled sections totalling almost 20km of bone shaking mining roads caused much of the chaos but not all of it.

Roglic, runner-up in 2020, was brought down when Caleb Ewan was brought down by a stray hay bale, the Jumbo man then hitting him and struggling thereafter.

Nadal battles past Fritz

● Rafael Nadal battles back to beat Taylor Fritz after final-set tie-break at Wimbledon

AFP | London

Ahurting Rafa Nadal exhibited heroic mental strength to edge American 11th seed Taylor Fritz in a final set tiebreaker during a captivating Wimbledon quarter-final contest yesterday to keep alive his quest for a calendar year Grand Slam.

Struggling with an abdominal injury, Nadal appeared close to retiring mid-match on Centre Court but found the will to beat the 24-year-old Fritz 3-6 7-5 3-6 7-5 7-6 (10-4) in four hours and 20 minutes to set up a semi-final showdown against Australian maverick Nick Kyrgios.

Fritz, who beat Nadal in the final at Indian Wells to put an end to the Spaniard's 20-match winning run at the start of the 2022 season, overturned an early deficit to



Rafael Nadal in action during his quarter final match against Taylor Fritz

race through the opening set, winning five straight games from 1-3, 0-30 down.

The 36-year-old Nadal, who won the Australian and French Open titles back-to-back this year for the first time in his career, left the court for a medical time-out for an abdominal issue with his father fervently urging him from the player's box to put an end to his misery.

But the two-time former Wimbledon champion paid no heed to the requests and returned to the packed showcourt amid huge applause and then broke Fritz

Fritz beat Nadal in the final at Indian Wells to put an end to the Spaniard's 20-match winning run at the start of the 2022 season

in the 12th game to level the match at one set apiece.

Still struggling while serving, Nadal was broken two times as the American bagged the third set comfortably.

Not ready to throw in the towel yet, Nadal traded two breaks before claiming the American's serve a third time to force a deciding fifth set.

With the crowd firmly behind him, Nadal converted his fourth breakpoint in the seventh game to take the lead and stared back at his player's box. But Fritz once again broke back to force a fitting 10-point deciding tiebreaker.

The 22-time major winner surged 5-0 ahead in the tiebreaker, then won a 25-shot rally amid raucous applause and converted his second matchpoint with a stinging forehand winner to secure a memorable victory.

Former champion Halep into Wimbledon semi-finals

AFP | London

Former champion Simona Halep eased past Amanda Anisimova 6-2, 6-4 to reach her third Wimbledon semi-final yesterday without dropping a set in the tournament so far.

The Romanian 16th seed, who won the title in 2019, broke the American's serve four times in the match, wrapping up victory in just over an hour.

Halep said she was playing her best tennis since she won her second Grand Slam at the All England Club three years ago.

"Definitely this is my best tennis," she said. "I am trying to build my confidence back, and it's good."

"It's great to be back in the semi-finals," added the former world number one. "I'm very emotional right now. It means a lot."



Simona Halep reacts after beating Amanda Anisimova

The 30-year-old took charge early in the match on Centre Court, racing into a 5-1 lead and taking the set 6-2.

It was a similar tale in the second set, with Halep again dominating and going 5-1 up with a double break.

Anisimova dug deep, earning her own break of serve when Halep served for the match but the Romanian stayed calm to serve out for the win.

Halep will face Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina in the semi-finals.

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