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Bahrain condoles with US over Texas floods

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Bahrain extended sympathy and solidarity to the US following the floods that swept through the state of Texas, resulting in the death and injury of dozens of individuals.

A statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed its sincere condolences to the people and government of the US, as well as to the families of the victims, wishing a speedy recovery to the ones injured and the safe return of all missing persons.

BRICS nations issue warning on Trump tariffs

AFP | Rio de Janeiro

BRICS leaders descended on sunny Rio de Janeiro yesterday, but issued a dark warning that US President Donald Trump's "indiscriminate" import tariffs risk hurting the global economy.

The 11 emerging nations - including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - represent about half the world's population and 40 percent of global economic output.

The bloc is divided about much, but found common cause when it comes to the mercurial US leader and his stop-start tariff wars.

The BRICS leaders voiced "serious concerns about the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures," warning they are illegal and arbitrary, according to a final summit statement.

Syrians fighting 'catastrophic' fires for fourth day

AFP | Damascus

Syrian authorities said some 100 square kilometres (40 square miles) of forest had "turned to ash" in wildfires as firefighters from neighbouring Jordan arrived yesterday to battle a fourth day of blazes in the province of Latakia.

Syrian emergency workers have faced tough conditions including high temperatures and strong winds.

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Majestic Harmony

Unity and devotion shape Ashura's success

HM King hails national discipline

HRH CP highlights unified effort

Volunteers, ma'atams recognised

Mahir Haneef
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has praised the smooth and dignified observance of Ashura this year, expressing pride in the government's efforts, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in supporting and facilitating the religious commemoration.

HM the King noted that the solemn occasion, rich in spiritual and cultural meaning, remains a



Ashura observances in Bahrain involve one of the region's largest public gatherings, combining religious freedom with state-backed coordination to ensure safety, order, and respect.

cornerstone of Bahrain's tradition of religious freedom and sectarian diversity.

His Majesty said this year's events were marked by a remarkable sense of order and public discipline, reflecting Bahrain's values of openness and



HM the King

harmony in a world increasingly in need of peaceful coexistence.

HM King's praise for unity

His Majesty commended government bodies across various sectors for their role in ensuring public safety and enabling freedom of worship.

Particular appreciation was extended to the Ministry of Interior, the Jaafari Endowments Council, scholars, heads of ma'atams, supervisory commit-



HRH Prince Salman

tees, and volunteers.

HM King Hamad emphasised their collective sense of civic responsibility and unity, which he said were key to the commendable level of coordination and success.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, relayed HM the King's appreciation to all those involved, reiterating that the government's coordinated efforts

were driven by royal directives promoting dignity and efficiency.

HRH commended the ministries and community partners, including the Jaffari Endowments Council and ma'atam leadership, for working in close coordination to create a respectful and secure environment for mourners.

Youth at the forefront

Volunteer field teams, particularly youth-led groups, were singled out for their dedication in managing logistics and supporting public order.

HRH Prince Salman credited their efforts with helping maintain the smooth flow of events, ensuring that the spiritual atmosphere of Ashura remained undisturbed.

HRH closed by calling the Ashura operation a living embodiment of Bahrain's national values, where tradition is protected through unity, trust, and responsible service.

Afghans return from Iran surge ahead of deadline

AFP | Islam Qala, Afghanistan

Tens of thousands of Afghans streamed over the border from Iran in the days before a return deadline set for yesterday, the United Nations said, sparking an "emergency" situation at border points.

In late May, Iran said undocumented Afghans must leave the country by July 6, potentially

impacting four million people, out of the six million Afghans Tehran says live in the country.

Numbers of people crossing the border have surged since mid-June, with a peak of more than 43,000 people crossing at Islam Qala in western Herat province on July 1, the UN refugee agency UNHCR said on Friday.

The UN migration agency IOM

said more than 250,000 Afghans returned from Iran in June.

UNICEF country representative Tajudeen Oyewale said this was an "emergency" situation in a country already facing a "chronic returnee crisis", with 1.4 million Afghans returning from traditional hosts Iran and Pakistan this year.

"What is concerning is that 25 percent of all these returnees are

children... because the demographics have shifted" from individual men to whole families, crossing the border with scant belongings and money, he told AFP on Thursday.

He noted Islam Qala could accommodate the vast numbers but was inadequately equipped in terms of services, saying, "When you start hitting more than 20,000 people (a

day) that is completely beyond the planning scenario that we have".

The agency has engaged emergency processes to ramp up water and sanitation systems built for 7-10,000 people a day, along with vaccinations, nutrition and child-friendly spaces.

Many people crossing reported pressure from authorities or even arrest and deportation.

Ahead of Doha talks

Trump meeting could 'advance' Gaza deal

AFP | Jerusalem

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that he hoped an upcoming meeting with US President Donald Trump could "help advance" a Gaza ceasefire deal, after sending negotiators to Doha for indirect talks with Hamas.

Under mounting pressure to end the war, now approaching its 22nd month, the Israeli premier is scheduled to sit down today with Trump, who has recently made a renewed push to end the fighting.

Speaking before boarding Israel's state jet bound for Wash-

ington, Netanyahu said: "We are working to achieve this deal that we have discussed, under the conditions that we have agreed to."

He added he had dispatched the team to Doha "with clear instructions", and thought the meeting with Trump "can definitely help advance this (deal), which we are all hoping for".

Netanyahu had previously said Hamas's response to a draft US-backed ceasefire proposal contained "unacceptable" demands.

A Palestinian official familiar with the talks and close to Hamas said international me-

diators had informed the group that "a new round of indirect negotiations... will begin in Doha today".

The talks would focus on conditions for a possible ceasefire, including hostage and prisoner releases, and Hamas would also seek the reopening of Gaza's Rafah crossing to evacuate the wounded, the official told AFP.

Hamas's delegation, led by its top negotiator Khalil al-Hayya, was in Doha, the official told AFP. Israel's public broadcaster said the country's delegation had left for the Qatari capital in the early afternoon.

Royal praise



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, witnesses the success of McLaren team winning first in the F1 British Grand Prix. He extends his congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. His Royal Highness wished McLaren success in the upcoming races.

Drops of Devotion

Pulse of a Nation

Muharraq Governor hails role of security services

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The Muharraq Governor, His Excellency Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai, expressed his deep gratitude for the royal directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to provide services for Ashoora season.

He also commended the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, which enabled all ministries and government organisations to provide the necessary services and facilities that led to the season's success.

This came during an inspection tour by the Muharraq Governor conducted to several Ashoora processions across the governorate, accompanied by the Deputy Governor and the Director-General of the Governorate Police.

The visit included reviewing the efforts made by the relevant authorities to secure participants and ensure the success of the season.

The Governor praised the instructions of H.E. Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, in facilitating all matters related to the occasion to ensure it is observed in a secure and peaceful environment, with all necessary requirements provided to ensure the safety and security of everyone.

Meanwhile, H.E. Ali Abdul Hussain Al Asfoor, Northern Governor, accompanied by the Deputy Governor, conducted an inspection tour of several Ashoora processions in the governorate.

646 bags this year

Online booking boosts turnout

Partners honour volunteers

Mahir Haneef

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Volunteers unite to carry forward the more than 25-year legacy of the Kingdom's oldest community blood donation campaign

Sister Lally J Thomas, an employee of the blood bank who participated in blood donation campaign in all its years since its inception in 2000 until her death five years ago was honoured by the organization through a social media post.

Bahrain's Imam Hussain (PBUH) Blood Donation Campaign has run since 2000, rooted in Muharram's values of charity and remembrance.

He expressed appreciation to the Ministry of Health, Government Hospitals led by minister H.E. Dr. Jalila bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan Jawad, and the Central Blood Bank for their ongoing backing.

The campaign launch was attended by Dr Ejlal Faisal Al Alawi, CEO of Primary Healthcare Centres, and Dr. Rajaa Sayed Hassan Al Yousif, Deputy Chief Executive of Government Hospitals.

The team also honoured deceased volunteers through social media tributes.

Dr Sharath Chandran, CEO of Al Hilal Healthcare Group, said hosting the country's oldest community blood drive reflects the group's commitment to serving public needs through partnerships.

Hamid Rahma, Chairman of Al-Naeem Charity Association, described the campaign as a humanitarian initiative rooted in Hussein values and embedded in community life.

From rising numbers and new tech to volunteer remembrance, Bahrain's Ashura blood drive has shown how tradition, innovation, and civic unity can sustain a more than 25-year legacy.

Bahrain 'model of religious freedom and coexistence'

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Bahrain is a pioneering model for promoting religious freedom, peaceful coexistence, and national unity in the region.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Coexistence and Tolerance.

He attributed this achievement to the wise leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the continued support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

"Bahrain has long stood as a beacon of peaceful coexistence and mutual respect, offering a civilisational model worthy of emulation," Dr. Shaikh Abdullah said.

"The Ashura commemoration this year was a clear reflection of our deeply rooted values of tolerance and compassion under the guidance of His Majesty the King and the diligent efforts of the government led by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister."

The Minister commended the successful and well-coordinated organisation of the Ashura season, noting that it represented Bahrain's genuine commitment to religious and cultural pluralism.

H.E. DR. SHAIKH ABDULLAH BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KING HAMAD GLOBAL CENTRE FOR COEXISTENCE AND TOLERANCE

He acknowledged the exemplary coordination among relevant government entities – particularly the Ministry of Interior and the governorates – under the leadership and direct supervision of H.E. Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior.

Dr. Shaikh Abdullah also praised the collaboration with the Jaffari Endowments Council, religious scholars, community leaders, mourning center coordinators, and volunteer teams, which together ensured the smooth and respectful observance of religious rituals.

"These collective efforts have portrayed an honorable and civilised image of Bahraini society – one that values law, embraces responsibility, and fosters community partnership," he noted.

Public awareness

Dr. Shaikh Abdullah emphasised that the public's awareness and respect for the moral and spiritual significance of religious occasions serve as a pillar of Bahrain's unified national identity.

He added that the country's values are deeply rooted in Islamic principles, cultural richness, and a steadfast commitment to moderation, tolerance, and the rejection of extremism and hatred.

Bahrain Celebrates Religious Coexistence, Says MP Dr Maryam Al-Dhaen

MP Al-Dhaen hails unity

Mahir Haneef

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's recent Ashura commemorations have been hailed as a national achievement and a shining example of religious coexistence, with MP Dr Maryam Al-Dhaen describing the event as a "living model of unity and social cohesion."

Al-Dhaen praised the remarks of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, calling his words "a source of pride" for all those who contributed to the organisation of the annual religious season.

She said the HM King's message reflected the deep-rooted values of religious freedom and pluralism that define Bahrain's social fabric.

Leadership honoured

The MP noted that the government's success in managing the Ashura season, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, reinforced the leadership's commitment to fostering coexistence, tolerance, and openness.

MP Dr Maryam Al-Dhaen

She commended the integrated efforts of government agencies, particularly the Ministry of Interior and the Jaffari Endowments Council, along with sheikhs, scholars, matam leaders and supervisory committees.

Al-Dhaen credited the smooth coordination and high level of discipline to the joint work of field teams and volunteers, highlighting their vital role in ensuring safety and calm throughout the commemorations.

"The awareness and dedication shown by citizens and residents alike embody the values of true citizenship," she said, calling the Ashura season "a reflection of Bahrain's national spirit."

She concluded by describing Bahrain as "an oasis of security, peace, and religious and sectarian diversity," made possible by wise leadership and a united people.

Six in 10 Bahrainis are under 35



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● **Numbers indicate steady growth in youth population over past decade**

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Six in 10 Bahraini citizens are under the age of 35, according to newly published data.

The figures, released in May, show 451,879 Bahrainis aged 34 or younger out of a total citizen population of 742,234 at the end of December 2024.

Children under 15 accounted for 27.7 per cent, while those aged between 15 and 34 made up 33.2 per cent.

The numbers indicate steady growth in the youth population over the past decade.

In 2014, there were 218,814 Bahrainis aged between 15 and 34.

By the end of 2024, that figure had risen to 246,359. This

marks an overall increase of 12.5 per cent, with an average yearly rise of just over one per cent.

Among this group, 126,600 were men and 119,759 were women. Men made up 51.3 per cent of the total.

In the 0 to 14 age bracket, boys numbered 104,823 and girls 100,697.

Among young men, 35,322 were aged between 15 and 19, followed by 31,313 aged 20 to 24, 30,504 aged 25 to 29, and 29,461 aged 30 to 34.

Young women

Among young women, 33,818 were aged 15 to 19, 29,628 were aged 20 to 24, 28,338 were aged 25 to 29, and 27,975 were aged 30 to 34.

The growing size of this age group has drawn attention from planners.

Government programmes have been set up to prepare young Bahrainis for work and help them take part in economic and civic life.

Lawyer disbarred for filing fake complaint

● **Top court upholds conviction, six-month prison sentence**

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A lawyer has been permanently struck off after Bahrain's top court upheld his conviction for filing a false complaint against a former trainee.

The decision, published in the Official Gazette in its latest issue, came after the Lawyers' Disciplinary Council voted unanimously to remove him from the roll.

The action followed a disciplinary case brought by the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Appeal

A subsequent appeal to the Disciplinary Appeals Council was dismissed as out of time, and the appellant was ordered to cover the costs.



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The Court of Cassation had earlier rejected the lawyer's final attempt to overturn the conviction, upholding a six-month prison sentence issued by the appeals court, which had reversed an earlier acquittal.

The matter began when the complainant, a trainee at the lawyer's office, brought a labour claim seeking unpaid wages.

The Labour Court ruled in his favour.

Employment contract

Shortly after, the lawyer lodged a report with the Public Prosecution, accusing the

complainant of forging the employment contract and submitting it to the Social Insurance Authority.

He also alleged that a forged certificate of experience had been filed with the Registrar at the Ministry of Justice.

Following an investigation, the Public Prosecution concluded the accusations were unfounded and brought proceedings against the lawyer.

The report was found to have been made with the intent of causing harm to the complainant's reputation.

The Lower Criminal Court



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initially acquitted him. However, the Public Prosecution appealed.

Custodial sentence

The High Criminal Court overturned the ruling and imposed a six-month custodial sentence.

The lawyer lodged an objection, which was admitted procedurally but dismissed on the merits.

His final challenge before the Court of Cassation was also rejected, leaving the conviction and sentence intact.

MPs review plan for sports disputes court

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Parliament is considering plans to establish a court dedicated to resolving disputes in the sports sector, following a proposal put forward by MP Dr Ali Al Nuaimi.

The Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee is reviewing a draft law that would create a specialised division within the High Civil Court to handle cases involving athletes, clubs, and sports federations.

According to the accompanying memorandum, the court would offer a judicial venue with expertise in sports-related disputes, helping to build confidence in the fairness of proceedings.



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The proposal comes as Bahrain begins enforcing its Sports Professionalism Law, with grow-

ing calls for legal clarity in the handling of such cases.



MP Dr Ali Al Nuaimi

The division would deal with disputes based on applicable

The proposal aims to create a specialised division within the High Civil Court to handle cases involving athletes, clubs, and sports federations.

rules and laws, regardless of the size or standing of those involved.

The memorandum also suggests that the court would contribute to the standardisation of sports regulations at the national level, reinforcing procedural consistency and protecting the rights of all parties involved.

Shop ordered to pay BD8,000 in unpaid municipal fees

● **Evidence sufficient to prove shop owner had not paid the dues**

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A shop in Muharraq has been ordered to pay BD8,000 in overdue municipal charges, following a ruling by the High Administrative Court.

The case was brought by the Muharraq Municipality after the shop owner failed to respond to repeated notices demanding payment.

The council submitted a copy of the utility bill and a detailed breakdown of fees tied to the rented premises, showing the



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amount outstanding.

Fees

The court referred to Articles 35 and 36 of the 2001 Decree-Law on Municipalities, which provide that councils may charge fees for the use of services and facilities under their control.

Regulations issued in 2002 confirm that rented properties

are subject to monthly charges equal to ten per cent of the approved rental value, regardless of the activity or lease period.

Evidence

The judge found the evidence sufficient to prove that the shop owner had not paid the dues.

He did not appear in court and offered no reply. There was no record of any payment.

Court orders dealer to repay BD6,800 after car sale dispute

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A car buyer has been cleared of liability after the High Civil Appeals Court found that the money paid for the vehicle had gone to the intermediary who arranged the deal, rather than to the seller.

The court ordered the intermediary to repay BD5,700 to the seller, along with BD1,100 that had been transferred to his wife's bank account.

He was also instructed to cover legal costs and the seller's lawyer's fees.

The court confirmed that the sales contract was valid and that the car had not been misappropriated.

According to lawyer Nehad Al Seraj, who represented the



seller, her client had handed over the car to a trader to help find a buyer.

The intermediary found someone willing to purchase the vehicle and a price of BD6,400 was agreed.

The buyer paid the full amount to the intermediary and took possession of the car.

However, the seller received nothing.

The intermediary claimed he would provide a different car instead and asked the seller to transfer an additional BD1,100

to his wife's bank account. No replacement was delivered.

After waiting in vain and receiving repeated excuses, the seller filed a complaint at the police station.

During questioning, the intermediary admitted he had received the full amount from the buyer, including the BD1,100 transferred to his wife's account.

The seller then filed a civil case against the buyer, the intermediary and the intermediary's wife, requesting cancellation of the sale and the return of all amounts paid.

The lower court dismissed the case.

The Appeals Court reviewed the police report, which confirmed the intermediary's confession.

Religious observance and public participation hailed

MP Hassan Ibrahim commends Ashoora efforts and blood drive turnout

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

MP Hassan Ibrahim has credited those involved in organising this year's Ashoora season and the 27th Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign, saying the smooth turnout and coordination were the result of close cooperation between state agencies and community organisers.

He thanked His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, whose backing, he said, ensured the space for religious observance and public participation.

“The blood drive not only supports Bahrain’s blood reserves, but shows how religious occasions can carry direct benefit for public welfare.”

- MP HASSAN IBRAHIM



MP Hassan Ibrahim

He singled out the Ministry of Interior, the Jaafari Waqf Directorate and the Capital Governorate, along with clerics, charity groups, ma’atam heads and volunteers.

Together, they kept processions orderly and helped manage access to mourning halls in central Manama.

The use of shuttle buses from outlying districts into the capital, arranged by the Jaafari Waqf Directorate (JWD), was described as a practical step that eased congestion and helped mourners attend without adding to traffic.

Community Police and traffic teams were present at key points and kept roads clear without fuss.

As for the blood drive, the MP said the campaign saw a strong turnout in its 27th year.

He said such efforts not only support Bahrain’s blood reserves, but show how religious occasions can carry direct benefit for public welfare.

Road closures for development and maintenance works underway

● Areas in Saar and Muharraq to be affected

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The Ministry of Works, in coordination with the General Traffic Directorate at the Ministry of Interior, has announced two temporary road closures as part of ongoing infrastructure development and maintenance efforts.

As part of the development of parking lots on Shaikh Abdullah Highway, located opposite Isa Grand Palace in the Muharraq area, a full closure will be implemented on the section between Shaikh Isa Highway and Shaikh Mohamed Highway.

The closure will take effect today, and will remain in place for three weeks.

Traffic will be diverted to surrounding roads during this period.

Public safety

The Ministry urges all road users to follow traffic signs and regulations to ensure public safety.

The closure will take effect today, and will remain in place for three weeks.

Ashura Drive Goes Green



Municipal council members and leaders of matams and mourning centres

- Ashura campaign concluded
- Cleanliness drive spanned capital
- Community praised for support

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

A sustainability-focused campaign held during this year's Ashura season saw Capital Municipality mobilise public and private actors to ensure clean, safe, and orderly commemorations across the capital.

Launched under the slogan ‘Sustainable through your efforts’, the campaign brought together the Capital Municipality, Gulf City Cleaning Company, municipal council members, and leaders of matams and mourning centres.

The efforts focused on preserving environmental standards and elevating public services in line with the season’s spiritual significance.

Field visits completed

Director General Eng. Mohammed Saad Al-Sahli led inspection visits to several mourning centres and procession locations in the Capital Governorate.

He was joined by MP Ahmed Sabah Salman Al-Salloum, Municipal Council Chairman Eng. Saleh Tarada, and other senior officials.

The teams reviewed cleanliness measures, site readiness, and coordination mechanisms in place to ensure smooth operations during the religious events.

They also met organisers and supervisors to assess local needs and reinforce safety standards.

Al-Sahli emphasised that sustainability is not limited to environmental protection, but also encompasses civic values and public responsibility.

Awareness and action

The municipality had earlier conducted coordination meetings with representatives of mourning centres and civic partners to launch the campaign.

The Capital Municipality’s 2025 Ashura campaign introduced Bahrain’s first formal initiative linking management of halls at mourning venues with civic environmental sustainability.

Awareness drives encouraged residents to participate in waste sorting, reduce plastic use, and

maintain the cleanliness of religious sites.

“This year, the campaign elevated sustainability beyond just waste management. It became a message about conscious citizenship,” Al-Sahli said.

Council Chairman Eng. Saleh Tarada highlighted the strength of community partnerships as a pillar of municipal work, calling the cooperation between the municipality and funeral organisers a model for future initiatives.

The Capital Municipality credited the success of this year’s Ashura observance to the collective efforts of residents, volunteers, and partner agencies.

Maintenance work on the flyover at the intersection of Shaikh Khalifa Avenue and Shaikh Isa Avenue (Saar Interchange) in the direction of Seef Area will require the closure of the right lane.

Two lanes will remain open to maintain traffic flow.

This partial closure took effect from 12:00 AM yesterday, until 5:00 AM tomorrow.

Motorists are advised to exercise caution and comply with traffic guidelines while passing through the area.

The Ministry of Works and the General Traffic Directorate thank the public for their cooperation and understanding as efforts continue to enhance the national road network.

ICAI Bahrain’s Badminton Tournament 2025 a Resounding Success

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ICAI Bahrain hosted its highly successful Badminton Tournament 2025, an event powered by Solidarity Bahrain B.S.C.

The tournament, held on July 4, 2025, was a vibrant demonstration of sportsmanship and community spirit.

The day saw 12 competitive teams and more than 100 participants gather for a series of high-energy matches and to enjoy a lively community atmosphere.

The prestigious championship title was won by Team Feather Fighters, skillfully led by Captain Shashank Chandak CPA,



Participants in the tournament

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Team Master Servers, under the captaincy of Akshay Saval, secured the Runners-up position.

ICAI Bahrain extended its sincere appreciation to its annual sponsors, SSPL Middle East and Cube Innovators Technologies LLC, for their consistent and unwavering support.

Special thanks were also given to Edu Sports Centre for providing a world-class venue that ensured the seamless execution



of the tournament.

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China hits back at EU

Announces reciprocal ban on major medical equipment contracts

- Exception for “those with European capital established in China
- Ban comes into effect from Sunday
- covers a wide range of products

AFP | Beijing, China

China hit back yesterday at an EU ban on Chinese firms from major medical equipment purchases with a reciprocal bar on European companies in the latest trade salvo between the two economies. China’s finance ministry said in a statement that European Union companies, with the exception of “those with European capital established in China, will



EU High Representative and Vice-President for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas (R) and China’s Foreign Minister Wang Yi (L) attend a meeting as part of the 13th EU-China Strategic Dialogue, in Brussels

have to be excluded” from orders of more than 45 million yuan (\$6.3 million). Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited the EU’s headquarters, as well as France and Germany, over the past week in a bid to improve relations with

the 27-member bloc. However, deep frictions remain over economic ties, including a yawning trade deficit of \$357.1 billion between China and the EU. China’s ban, which comes into effect from Sunday, covers

China has repeatedly expressed, through bilateral dialogue, its willingness to resolve these disputes appropriately through consultations, dialogue and bilateral arrangements in the field of public procurement

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non-European companies. The EU drew an angry response from Beijing, and an accusation of double standards, when it banned Chinese firms from government medical device purchases worth more than five million euros (\$5.8 million) in retaliation for limits Beijing places on access to its own mar-

ket. The European Commission said at the time the ban was a reaction to “China’s longstanding exclusion of EU-made medical devices from Chinese government contracts”. According to Brussels, just under 90 percent of public procurement contracts for medical devices in China “were subject to exclusionary and discriminatory measures” against EU firms. “China has repeatedly expressed, through bilateral dialogue, its willingness to resolve these disputes appropriately through consultations, dialogue and bilateral arrangements in the field of public procurement,” China’s commerce ministry said in a separate statement. Over the last three years, Brussels and Beijing have come into conflict in a number of economic sectors, including electric cars, the rail industry, solar panels and wind turbines.

Into a void’: Young US college graduates face employment crisis

AFP | Washington, United States

Over two years, Rebecca Atkins filed more than 250 job applications, and felt like every one was going into a gaping chasm -- one opened by the highest unemployment rate for recent college graduates in the United States in more than a decade. “It was extremely dispiriting,” said the 25-year-old, who graduated in 2022 with a degree in law and justice from a university in the US capital Washington. “I was convinced that I was a terrible person, and terrible at working.” At 5.8 percent, unemployment for young, recent graduates from US universities is higher than it has been since November 2013, excluding 15 months in the Covid pandemic, according to official data. Moreover, it has also remained stubbornly higher than overall unemployment -- an extremely unusual situation, analysts say. And while overall US unemployment has stabilized be-



Harvard President Alan Garber stands with a Harvard police dog dressed in cap and gown at the 374th Harvard Commencement in Harvard Yard in Cambridge, Massachusetts

tween around 3.5 and 4 percent post-pandemic, unemployment for recent college graduates is only trending higher. The labor market for new grads has weakened consistently since 2022, with new hiring down 16 percent in 2025, year-over-year, according to payroll firm Gusto. Analysts say the trend is likely a result of cyclical post-pandemic hiring slowdowns -- particularly in new-grad-heavy sectors like technology, finance, and business information -- and overall economic uncertainty in the tumultuous early days of the Trump administration. That is scant consolation to

the droves of young people -- often saddled with huge amounts of student debt -- on the hunt for their first full-time job. “All of the jobs that I wanted, I didn’t have the requirements for -- often entry-level jobs would require you to have four or five years of experience,” said Atkins, who bounced between part-time roles and working in restaurants for years. ‘Extremely high uncertainty’ “It is definitely an outlier,” said Matthew Martin, senior US economist at Oxford Economics. “You’d expect that the white collar positions would not be as exposed to cyclical downturns

(as other jobs).” Job openings for professional and business services have declined by more than 40 percent since 2021, according to research authored by Martin, with tech sector jobs disproportionately impacted. “Part of that is a slower pace of hiring as they right-size after they hired at very high rates in 2022, but at the same time the sheer volume of decline also points to the impact of AI,” he told AFP, signaling the potential of artificial intelligence technology to eliminate some entry-level roles. Gregory Daco, chief economist at EY-Parthenon, said slowing tech sector hiring as companies focus on holding on to their talent “disproportionately” affects recent graduates. The hiring slowdown is also a result of US President Donald Trump’s far-reaching policy swings since taking office in January, said Daco. “The experience of extremely high uncertainty when it comes to the administration’s trade, tax or other policies has caused many firms to potentially slow down or freeze their hiring.” He cautioned, however, against jumping to the conclusion that AI had already begun to eliminate entry-level roles, pointing to a so-far limited uptake of the technology by most sectors. “The reality is that a lot of firms are still in the early stages of adoption of these new technologies, and I think it would be a bit premature to assume that we’ve reached a level of use... that would have a visible macro impact.” ‘Constantly working’ The United States is perhaps the most expensive country in

the world for a university education, with an average cost of \$27,673 per year for an undergraduate degree, according to official data. In 2020, 36.3% of US undergraduates took on federal student loans to help meet those spiraling costs, the data shows, with the Education Data Initiative putting average student loan debt for graduating students at \$29,550. Even without student loan debt, however, the weakening job market can leave some recent graduates feeling like they are stretched thin. Katie Bremer, 25, graduated from American University with a dual-degree in Environmental Science and Public Health in 2021. It took her more than a year to find a full-time job -- one not in her field -- and even then, she had to supplement her income by babysitting. “I felt like I was constantly working,” she told AFP. “It seems overwhelming, looking at the costs, to try and make your salary stretch all the way to cover all the milestones you’re supposed to reach in young adulthood.” There is little hope on the immediate horizon, with analysts warning that it will likely take some time for the labor market to resolve itself, with part of that adjustment likely seeing students picking different majors. “It’s likely to get worse before it gets better,” said Martin. Looking at her peers, many of whom are saddled with huge debt and struggled to find work, Bremer says she worries for their collective long-term future. “There have been times where I’ve thought ‘how is my generation going to make this work?’”

Gunmen on skiffs attack ship in Red Sea off Yemen: monitors

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Gunmen on small boats fired rocket-propelled grenades and small arms at a commercial vessel in the Red Sea off Yemen on Sunday, monitors said, in the latest attack on the vital shipping lane. The incident occurred 51 nautical miles (94 kilometres) southwest of the Yemeni port of Hodeida, said the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations. “The vessel has been engaged by multiple small vessels who have opened fire with small arms and self-propelled grenades. (The) armed security team have returned fire and situation is ongoing,” said UKMTO, which is run by Britain’s Royal Navy. UK-based security firm Ambrey reported the merchant vessel was subsequently struck by two unmanned surface vehicles “damaging the vessel’s cargo”, while two other unmanned vessels were repelled. It added the commercial ship “was still underway”. Hodeida is controlled by Yemen’s Iran-backed Huthi rebels and though no one has claimed responsibility for the assault, Ambrey said the vessel matched “the established Huthi target profile”. Ambrey earlier reported the merchant vessel “was approached and attacked by eight skiffs while transiting northbound in the Red Sea” before being attacked with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades.



The United States spends over \$14,000 per student per year in primary and secondary education -- among the highest in the world, according to OECD data. However, despite the high spending, U.S. students often rank below average in international tests like PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) in subjects like math and science, highlighting ongoing debates about education quality and efficiency.

BRICS leaders voice ‘serious concerns’ about Trump tariffs

Set to voice “serious concerns about the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures

AFP | Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

BRICS leaders meeting in Rio de Janeiro yesterday warned that US President Donald Trump’s “indiscriminate” import tariffs risked hurting the global economy.

“We voice serious concerns about the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures which distort trade and are inconsistent with WTO rules,” the bloc said in a summit statement, referring to the World Trade Organization.

The 11 emerging nations -- including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa -- represent about half the world’s population and 40 percent of global economic output.

The bloc is divided about



Brazil’s President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (C) speaks during the first plenary session of the BRICS summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

much, but has found common cause when it comes to the mercurial US leader and his stop-start tariff wars.

BRICS described such tariffs as illegal and arbitrary, threatening to “further reduce global trade, disrupt global supply chains, and introduce uncertainty into international economic and trade activities.”

In April, Trump threatened allies and rivals alike with a slew of punitive duties, but abruptly offered a reprieve in the face of a fierce market sell-off.

Trump has warned they will again impose unilateral levies on partners unless they reach “deals” by August 1.

Lula hits out at ‘genocide’ in Gaza

Brazil’s president insisted the world must act to stop what he described as an Israeli “genocide” in Gaza, as leaders from 11 emerging BRICS nations gathered in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday.

“We cannot remain indifferent to the genocide carried out by Israel in Gaza, the indiscriminate killing of innocent civilians and the use of hunger as a weapon of war,” President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva told leaders from China, India, and other nations.

His comments came as Gaza truce talks between Israel and Hamas resumed in Doha, and as pressure mounted to end the 22-month war, which began with Hamas’s October 7, 2023, attacks.

Lula said Sunday that “absolutely nothing could justify the terrorist actions” of Hamas on

Iran wins backing of BRICS

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Iran won the support of fellow BRICS nations meeting in Rio de Janeiro yesterday, with the bloc condemning recent Israeli and US air strikes that hit military, nuclear and other targets.

“We condemn the military strikes against the Islamic Republic of Iran since 13 June 2025,” leaders said in a summit statement, without naming the United States or Israel.

“We further express serious concern over deliberate attacks on civilian infrastructure and peaceful nuclear facilities,” the bloc said. The 11-nation grouping said the strikes “constitute a

violation of international law.”

The declaration is a diplomatic victory for Tehran, which has received limited regional or global support after a 12-day bombing campaign by the Israeli military, which culminated in US strikes on Iran’s nuclear facilities at Natanz, Fordow and Isfahan. The BRICS gathering includes Israel’s arch foe Iran, but also nations like Russia and China, which have ties with Tehran.

BRICS diplomats had been in disagreement over how strongly to denounce Israel’s bombing of Iran and its actions in Gaza, but ultimately strengthened their language at Tehran’s request.

Calls for ‘unconditional’ Gaza ceasefire: summit declaration

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

BRICS leaders meeting in Rio de Janeiro yesterday also called for negotiators to reach a quick and unconditional ceasefire to end the 22-month-old war in Gaza.

“We exhort the parties to engage in good faith in further

negotiations to achieve an immediate, permanent and unconditional ceasefire,” the 11-nation bloc said in a final summit statement.

The BRICS also called for a “full withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and all other parts of the Occupied Palestinian Territories.”

that day -- which resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, mostly Israeli civilians.

But he also offered fierce criticism of Israel’s subsequent actions.

Eyeing early release, prison inmates produce *Bulgaria’s coveted dairy products*

AFP | Smolyan, Bulgaria

At a prison nestled deep in Bulgaria’s southern Rhodope mountains, Georgi Filyanov stirs a large tank of curdling milk to make traditional feta-like cheese in the facility’s dairy operation.

Filyanov is the latest success story to emerge from the dairy located inside Smolyan prison, where about 15 selected inmates produce some of Bulgaria’s highly sought-after cheese and yogurt.

“Work is interesting -- not too hard, not too easy,” said 30-year-old Filyanov, who was handed a two-and-a-half-year jail sentence for drug dealing. He has since been released early after having his sentence reduced by prison labour.

The “Gerzovitsa” dairy is the brainchild of former prison director Hristo Solakov, who was looking for ways to produce everything in-house while helping inmates to prepare for life outside jail.

From tending to herds of goats and cows, to making white cheese, prisoners are involved throughout the entire process.

Coveted by cheese lovers and often sold out at specialty stores



An inmate drags boxes of white cheese, ready for ageing, into the refrigeration unit at the “Gerzovitsa” dairy plant in the Smolyan prison

outside prison, production has not been able to keep up with demand.

No artificial preservatives

The prison is located about 20 minutes from the nearest town of the same name, in a narrow gorge surrounded by conifer-covered hills.

Once the headquarters of several Communist-run uranium mines, which were shuttered after 1989, the building is now home to around 100 inmates, who serve time in the semi-open prison for drink-driving, theft but also murder.

Prisons are not overflowing

in Bulgaria, the poorest country in the European Union, which has seen a considerable exodus by those seeking a better life abroad. According to Eurostat figures, the country has only 86 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants, trailing far behind France (111).

Nonetheless, poor conditions in Bulgaria’s prisons that have been exacerbated by dilapidated facilities and chronic staff shortages repeatedly drew criticism from the Council of Europe.

Smolyan, however, stands out -- not least because of its dairy that opened in 2010.

To date it is Bulgaria’s only

such rehabilitation project that enables prisoners to earn early release and a small salary of several hundred euros per month they can spend while they are inside or access upon their release.

“At first, we only kept cows, sheep, and goats -- but it wasn’t profitable: the milk sold for less than the costs we had,” said Solakov, who came up with the idea of setting up a dairy in a bid “to close the circle”.

“It’s a job with responsibilities,” prisoner Ivan Patazov, 31, told AFP.

Tasked with cutting, packaging and labelling the cheese, he hopes to continue in this line of work after he gets out.

“He won’t be the first,” said Solakov, 62, adding that a former inmate successfully opened his own dairy after being released.

He praised the prison’s “high-quality” dairy products, which do without “any artificial

preservatives or additives”.

Expansion

With demand soaring and production capacity limited, the dairy products are sold at a higher price than comparable items.

While about half of the production is destined for other Bulgarian jails, the rest is sold at markets and grocery shops.

A few specialty stores across Bulgaria also sell various types of cheese and yogurt from Smolyan prison.

A few kilometres outside the prison, a herd of

about 100 goats are grazing on a mountain meadow, where the air is thick with the scent of thyme.

Another prisoner called Pavel, who declined to give his surname, looks after the herd. Even though the meadow is close to the border with Greece, running away has never crossed his mind.

“In the old days, we used to raid dairies -- now the dairy is in prison,” Solakov quipped, referring to Bulgarian partisans, who infamously robbed farmers during World War II.

But he hopes to secure funding for a new project to expand the dairy and start producing kashkaval cheese.



An inmates feeds goats in Rodopi mountain near the Smolyan prison

New US tariffs to kick in Aug 1 barring trade deals

The president said he had signed 12 letters to be sent out, likely on Monday

● The tariffs are part of a broader announcement in April where Trump imposed a 10 percent duty

AFP | Washington, United States

US tariffs will kick in on August 1 if trading partners from Taiwan to the European Union do not strike deals with Washington, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said yesterday.

The rates will “boomerang back” to the sometimes very high levels which President Donald Trump had announced on April 2 -- before he suspended the levies to allow for trade talks and set a July 9 deadline for agreement, Bessent told CNN.

Bessent confirmed comments by Trump to reporters aboard Air Force One on Friday in which he also cited a new deadline: “Well, I’ll probably start them on August 1. Well, that’s



Garment workers tailor clothes at their sewing stations in a garment factory in Tongi, on the outskirts of Dhaka

pretty early. Right?”

The president said he had signed 12 letters to be sent out, likely on Monday.

The tariffs were part of a broader announcement in April where Trump imposed a 10 percent duty on goods from almost all trading partners, with a plan to step up these rates for a select group within days.

But he swiftly paused the hikes until July 9, allowing for

trade talks to take place.

Countries have been pushing to strike deals that would help them avoid these elevated duties.

So far, the Trump administration has unveiled deals with the United Kingdom and Vietnam, while Washington and Beijing agreed to temporarily lower staggering high levies on each other’s products.

As his July 9 deadline approaches, Trump has repeatedly said he plans to inform countries of US tariff rates by sending them letters.

Aboard Air Force One on Friday, Trump said sending notices would be much easier than “sitting down and working 15 different things... this is what you have to pay, if you want to do business (with) the United States.”

Bessent pushed back at CNN host Dana Bash’s assertion the administration was using threats rather than negotiations, and denied that Trump was setting a new deadline with the August 1 date.

“It’s not a new deadline. We are saying, this is when it’s happening, if you want to speed things up have at it. If you want to go back to the old rate that’s your choice,” he said.

He said the playbook was to apply “maximum pressure” and cited the European Union as an example, saying they are “making very good progress” after a “slow start.”

Japan PM says won’t ‘easily compromise’ to Trump on tariffs

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Japan’s Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba said yesterday he won’t “easily compromise” in talks with Washington as Tokyo seeks to avert President Donald Trump’s threat to impose tariffs of up to 35 percent on Japanese goods.

“We will not easily compromise. That’s why it is taking time and why it is tough,” Ishiba told a television talk show.

His comments came as Japan rushes to negotiate with the Trump administration before the Wednesday deadline for trade deals.

While Trump imposed a sweeping 10% tariff on imports from most trading partners in April, he unveiled -- then paused -- higher rates on dozens of economies including Japan to allow room for negotiations.

This pause will expire July 9, meaning the elevated rates are due to kick in if countries fail to reach agreements with Washington to avert them.

Trump has said he was going to write a letter to Japan, asking it to “pay a 30 percent, 35 percent or whatever the number is that we determine,” and called the bilateral trade relation “unfair”.

He has particularly pressed Japan to accept more US automobiles and rice.

Ryosei Akazawa, Tokyo’s trade envoy, held telephone calls with US Commerce Sec-



Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba

retary Howard Lutnick on Thursday and Saturday.

In the Sunday television show, Ishiba reiterated that Japan, as the biggest investor nation in the US economy, should be treated differently from other countries.

“What is unfair? How is it unfair? We need to examine each one” of the US claims, he said.

“We are allies, but we have to say what we have to say. We are the world’s largest investor nation and the largest job creator (in the US). We are different,” he said.

On another Sunday television show, Ishiba said Japan was “preparing to deal with all kinds of situations”, when asked about how he plans to deal with Trump’s letter.

AI robots fill in for weed killers and farm hands

AFP | Los Banos, United States

Oblivious to the punishing midday heat, a wheeled robot powered by the sun and infused with artificial intelligence carefully combs a cotton field in California, plucking out weeds.

As farms across the United States face a shortage of laborers and weeds grow resistant to herbicides, startup Aigen says its robotic solution -- named Element -- can save farmers money, help the environment and keep harmful chemicals out of food.

“I really believe this is the biggest thing we can do to improve human health,” co-founder and chief technology officer Richard Wurden told AFP, as robots made their way through crops at Bowles Farm in the town of Los Banos.

“Everybody’s eating food sprayed with chemicals.”

Wurden, a mechanical engineer who spent five years at Tesla, went to work on the robot after relatives who farm in Minnesota told him weeding was a costly bane.

Weeds are becoming immune to herbicides, but a shortage of laborers often leaves chemicals as the only viable option, according to Wurden.

“No farmer that we’ve ever talked to said ‘I’m in love with chemicals,’” added Aigen co-founder and chief executive Kenny Lee, whose background is in software.

“They use it because it’s a tool -- we’re trying to create an alternative.” Element the robot resembles a large table on wheels, solar panels on top. Metal arms equipped with small blades reach down to hoe between crop plants.



Aigen's solar-powered autonomous AI robots -- called Element -- operate at Bowles Farm in Los Banos, California

“It actually mimics how humans work,” Lee said as the temperature hit 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius) under

a cloudless sky.

“When the sun goes down, it just powers down and goes to sleep; then in the morning it comes back up and starts going again.”

The robot’s AI system takes in data from on-board cameras, allowing it to follow crop rows and identify weeds.

“If you think this is a job that we want humans doing, just spend two hours in the field weeding,” Wurden said.

Aigen’s vision is for workers

who once toiled in the heat to be “upskilled” to monitor and troubleshoot robots.

Along with the on-board AI, robots commu-

nicate wirelessly with small control centers, notifying handlers of mishaps.

Future giant?

Aigen has robots running in tomato, cotton, and sugar beet fields, and touts the technology’s ability to weed without damaging the crops.

Lee estimated that it takes about five robots to weed 160 acres (65 hectares) of farm.

The robots made by the 25-person startup -- based in the city of Redmond, outside Seattle -- are priced at \$50,000.

The company is focused on winning over politically conservative farmers with a climate friendly option that relies on the sun instead of costly diesel fuel that powers heavy machinery.

“Climate, the word, has become politicized but when you get really down to brass tacks farmers care about their land,” Lee said.

The technology caught

the attention of Amazon Web Services



Aigen CEO Kenny Lee (L) and CTO of Aigen Richard Wurden (R) inspect a solar-powered autonomous AI robot



(AWS), the e-commerce giant’s cloud computing unit.

Aigen was chosen for AWS’s “Compute for Climate” fellowship program that provides AI tools, data center power, and technical help for startups tackling environmental woes.

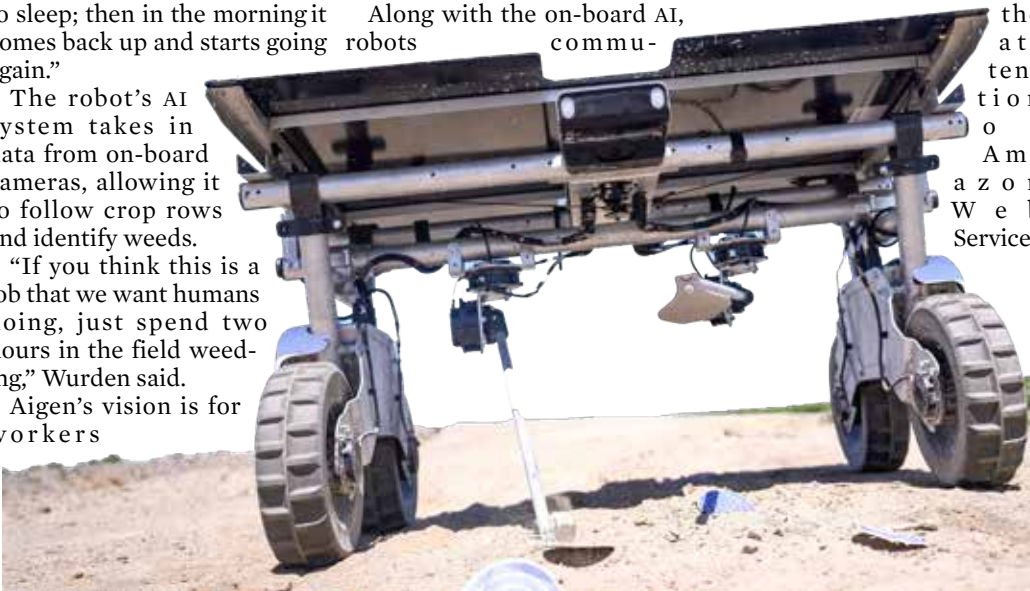
“Aigen is going to be one of the industry giants in the future,” said AWS head of climate tech startups business development Lisbeth Kaufman.

“I think about Ford and the Model T, or Edison and the light bulb -- that’s Kenny and Rich and Aigen.”



In 2017, Sophia, a humanoid robot developed by Hanson Robotics, became the first robot in the world to receive citizenship--from Saudi Arabia.

Sophia has appeared on talk shows, given interviews, and even joked about starting a robot uprising. While the citizenship was largely symbolic, it sparked global conversations about AI rights, ethics, and the future of human-robot interaction.



One of Aigen's solar-powered autonomous AI robots -- called Element -- demonstrates how it can hammer down on specified targets at Bowles Farm in Los Banos, California

News in brief

◆ **Switzerland said yesterday** it was reopening its embassy in Tehran, which was closed last month amid an air war with Israel, and will resume representing US interests in the country. As of Sunday, the embassy is “again open having temporarily been closed on June 20 owing to the instability of the situation in the country,” the Swiss foreign ministry said in a statement. Ambassador Nadine Olivieri Lozano and a small team returned to Tehran overland on Saturday via Azerbaijan and the embassy will gradually resume operations, the statement went on. “Having now returned to Tehran, Switzerland is once again in a position to fulfil its role as a protecting power for US interests in Iran.”



Switzerland
reopens embassy in
Tehran

◆ **Gunmen burst** into a sports hall in central Mexico and shot dead a local government official attending an amateur basketball game on Saturday, local authorities said. Families and children had gathered at the sports center in the violent state of Guanajuato, where Ignacio Alejandro Roaro, a city council secretary in Apaseo el Grande, was killed. The city council “strongly condemns the treacherous, despicable, and cowardly attack that occurred this Saturday, in which our colleague and friend, city council secretary Ignacio Alejandro Roaro, lost his life,” it said in a statement. Local media said an armed man had been arrested.

Gunmen
kill Mexico city
councillor during
basketball game

◆ **Iran’s supreme leader** Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Saturday made his first public appearance since the outbreak of his country’s recent 12-day war with Israel, taking part in a religious ceremony in Tehran, state media reported. The octogenarian leader was shown in a video broadcast by state television greeting people and being cheered at a mosque as worshippers marked the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, an important date for Shia Muslims. Khamenei, 86, can be seen on stage dressed in black as the crowd before him, fists in the air, chants “The blood in our veins for our leader!” State TV said the clip was filmed at central Tehran’s Imam Khomeini Mosque, named for the founder of the Islamic republic. Khamenei, in power since 1989, spoke last week in a pre-recorded video, but had not been seen in public since before Israel initiated the conflict with a wave of surprise air strikes on June 13. His last public appearance was two days before that, when he met with members of parliament. Israel’s bombing campaign followed a decades-long shadow war with Iran, and was aimed at preventing it from developing a nuclear weapon -- an ambition Tehran has consistently denied.

Iran’s
Khamenei makes
first public
appearance since
Israel war: state
media



SPOTLIGHT

‘Simple Buddhist monk’
Dalai Lama marks
landmark 90th birthday

McLeod Ganj, India

Calling himself a “simple Buddhist monk” who usually didn’t celebrate birthdays, the Dalai Lama marked his 90th on Sunday by praying for peace after China insisted it would have the final say on who succeeded the Tibetan spiritual leader.

Chanting of red-robed monks and nuns rang out from Himalayan hilltop forested temples in India, home to the Dalai Lama since he and thousands of other Tibetans fled Chinese troops who crushed an uprising in their capital Lhasa in 1959.

“I am just a simple Buddhist monk; I don’t normally engage in birthday celebrations,” the Dalai Lama said in a message, thanking those marking it with him for using the opportunity “to cultivate peace of mind and compassion”.

Dressed in traditional robes and a flowing yellow wrap, he walked with the aid of two monks while flashing his trademark beaming smile to thousands of followers.

Beijing condemns the Nobel Peace Prize winner -- who has led a lifelong campaign for greater autonomy for Tibet, a vast high-altitude plateau -- as a rebel and separatist.



Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama (C) leaves after attending a prayer ceremony celebrating his 90th birthday at the Main Tibetan Temple in McLeod Ganj, near Dharamsala

Alongside the celebrations, however, is the worry for Tibetans in exile that China will name its successor to bolster control over the territory it poured troops into in 1950 and has ruled ever since.

That raises the likelihood of rival challengers to the post; one by self-declared atheist Beijing, the other by the Dalai Lama’s office based in neighbouring India



Musk has donated to both Democratic and Republican candidates over the years. While he once described himself as “socially liberal and fiscally conservative,” in 2022 he publicly announced he would vote Republican, citing a shift in his political stance and growing criticism of Democratic policies.

Despite not holding any office, Musk’s influence on political discourse—particularly through X (formerly Twitter), which he owns—is considered significant, often sparking debate on issues ranging from free speech to climate policy.



Musk creates new
US political party

"Today, the America Party is formed to give you back your freedom"

● Musk shared a meme depicting a two-headed snake

● Musk laid out plans to pick off vulnerable House and Senate seat

AFP | Washington, United States

Elon Musk, an ex-ally of US President Donald Trump, said yesterday he had launched a new political party in the United States to challenge what the tech billionaire described as the country’s “one-party system.”

The world’s richest person -- and Trump’s biggest political donor in the 2024 election -- had a bitter falling out with the

president after leading the Republican’s effort to slash spending and cut federal jobs as head of the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

Musk has clashed with Trump over the president’s massive domestic spending plan, saying it would explode the US debt, and vowed to do everything in his power to defeat lawmakers who voted for it.

Now he has created the so-called America Party, his own political framework, through which to try and achieve that.

“When it comes to bankrupting our country with waste & graft, we live in a one-party system, not a democracy,” the Space X and Tesla boss posted on X, the social media platform that he owns.

“Today, the America Party is

formed to give you back your freedom.”

Musk cited a poll -- uploaded on Friday, US Independence Day -- in which he asked whether respondents “want independence from the two-party (some would say uniparty) system” that has dominated US politics for some two centuries.

The yes-or-no survey earned more than 1.2 million responses.

“By a factor of 2 to 1, you want a new political party and you shall have it!” he posted on Saturday.

Musk also shared a meme depicting a two-headed snake and the caption “End the Uniparty.”

On Friday after posting the poll, Musk laid out a possible political battle plan to pick off vulnerable House and Senate seats and become “the deciding

vote” on key legislation.

“One way to execute on this would be to laser-focus on just 2 or 3 Senate seats and 8 to 10 House districts,” Musk posted on X.

All 435 US House seats are up for grabs every two years, while about one third of the Senate’s 100 members, who serve six-year terms, are elected every two years.

Some observers were quick to point out how third-party campaigns have historically split the vote -- as businessman Ross Perot’s independent presidential run in 1992 did when it helped doom George H.W. Bush’s re-election bid resulting in Democrat Bill Clinton’s victory.

“You are pulling a Ross Perot, and I don’t like it,” one X user wrote to Musk.

Cars, houses swept away



People look on as law enforcement and volunteers continue to search for missing people near Camp Mystic, the site of where at least 20 girls went missing after flash flooding in Hunt, Texas

1520

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

1807

French Emperor Napoléon Bonaparte and Russian Tsar Alexander I meet on a raft in the middle of the Neman River and sign the first Treaty of Tilsit



1937 1947

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

Alleged and disputed Roswell UFO incident



President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump watch fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration at the White House

Wildfires spread across Europe



Several wildfires broke out on Saturday across European countries including Greece, Turkey and France, whose southern regions are battling multiple fires following a prolonged heatwave. In Turkey, where firefighters have battled more than 600 fires in the drought-hit nation over the past week, authorities said a forestry worker injured while fighting the flames in the province of Izmir had died of his injuries. The blaze, about 100 kilometres (62 miles) east of the coastal resort of Izmir, had already claimed the lives of an 81-year-old bedridden man and a 39-year-old forestry worker on Thursday.

Desperate search for missing girls as Texas flood toll crosses 50

Hunt, United States

Rescuers were racing against time Sunday to find dozens of missing people, including children, swept away by flash floods that killed more than 50 in Texas, as forecasters warned of new deluges.

Local Texans joined forces with disaster officials to search through the night for the missing, including 27 girls from a riverside Christian summer camp.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott said Camp Mystic on the banks of the Guadalupe River, where some 750 girls had been staying when the floodwaters hit, had

been "horrendously ravaged in ways unlike I've seen in any natural disaster."

"The height the rushing water reached to the top of the cabins was shocking," he said in a post on social media platform X after a visit to the site.

"We won't stop until we find every girl who was in those cabins." The Kerr County summer camp was in disarray, with blankets, teddy bears and other belongings caked in mud. Windows in the cabins were shattered, apparently by the force of the water.

The National Weather Service (NWS) warned Sunday that slow-moving thunderstorms

threatened more flash floods over the saturated ground of central Texas. The flooding began Friday -- the start of the Fourth of July holiday weekend -- as months' worth of rain fell in a matter of hours, much of it coming overnight as people slept.

The Guadalupe, which flows through Kerr County, surged some 26 feet (eight meters) -- more than a two-story building -- in just 45 minutes. "We have recovered 43 deceased individuals in Kerr County. Among these who are deceased we have 28 adults and 15 children," said Larry Leitha, the sheriff of the region.

Hezbollah chief says won't surrender under Israeli threats

Beirut, Lebanon

Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem said Sunday his group would not surrender or lay down its weapons in response to Israeli threats, despite pressure on the Lebanese militants to disarm.

His speech came ahead of a visit expected Monday by US envoy Thomas Barrack during which Lebanese authorities are due to respond to a request to disarm Hezbollah by year's end, according to a Lebanese official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Russia says captured two more east Ukraine settlements

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russia said yesterday it had captured another two settlements in east Ukraine, one in the Donetsk region and one in the Kharkiv region.

Ukraine did not immediately comment on Russia's claims.

Moscow has been grinding forward on the front line for over a year, pressing its advantage against overstretched and outmanned Ukrainian troops.

On Sunday, Russia said it had captured the village of Piddubne in Donetsk and Sobolivka in Kharkiv.

Piddubne was home to around 500 people before the conflict and lies just seven kilometres (four miles) from the border of Ukraine's central Dnipropetrovsk region.

The Sobolivka village lies some three kilometres (two miles) west of the town of Kupiansk, outside of areas Russia claims it is holding, according to battlefield maps by the US-based Institute for the Study of War (ISW).

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Members of Brazil's Indian community gave a very vibrant welcome in Rio de Janeiro. It's amazing how they remain connected with Indian culture and are also very passionate about India's development! Here are some glimpses from the welcome...

@narendramodi

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When & where should we hold the inaugural American Party congress? This will be super fun!

@elonmusk

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I strongly condemn the latest series of large-scale drone & missile attacks on Ukraine by Russia. The power supply to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant was disrupted -- once again underlining the ongoing risks to nuclear safety.

@antonioguterres

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Eight stages of a major exchange. Since the beginning of June, hundreds of our people have returned home. Our youth, the defenders of Mariupol, those who held the line in the Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv, and Kyiv regions. The wounded, the severely ill. Those who had been considered missing in action. Most of them had been in captivity since 2022. And not only military personnel -- Ukraine has also brought home civilians.

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LEGAL VIEWPOINT

E-frauds threat

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Electronic banking is almost taking a significant portion in the banking industry. This vast progress took shape based on the e-banking laws issued, to give legal authority to such important banking service spreading tremendously every day. Almost, clients are dealing with banks through the internet, mobile or other IT mechanism. This new situation, compared to the classical dealings in banking, has given a golden opportunity for banking to expand to cover all corners for new-type banking services.

However, nothing is fully complete and water-tight. The other side of the new situation, comes up from the appearance of fraudsters \ criminals who took this opportunity to exercise their criminal games. The IT revolution has opened the room for new e-criminals and new e-crimes to come to surface.

The new e-frauds include, among others, phishing, identity theft, viruses and trojans, spyware and hardware, card skimming, mobile scams... Phishing is a form of internet fraud that aims to steal information as card numbers, user IDs and passwords. Herein, a fake web site is created to look similar a legitimate organization. An email or SMS is sent leading recipient to a fake web site and enter personal details, including, security access codes. The page looks genuine but users are sending the info to a criminal fraudster under the counter.

Identity theft is increasing and takes many forms, from fraudulent credit card use, to your entire identity used to open accounts, obtain loans and illegal activities. In this respect, be very suspicious if anyone asks for personal information.

Scammers use convincing stories explaining why to give them money or personal details. Viruses and trojans are very harmful programs that are secretly loaded in computers without being noticed. The goal of these programs is to obtain or damage information, hinder performance of the computer or flooding with unnecessary advertising. Viruses spread by infecting computers and then replicating. Trojans appear as genuine applications and then embed into computers to monitor activity and collect information. Using modern e-security steps as firewalls and maintaining strong virus protection software can help to minimize chances of getting viruses and inadvertently downloading trojans.

Spyware and adware are there when clicking on pop-up advertisements that "pop-up" in a separate browser window. These programs often come bundled with free programs, applications or services that may be downloaded from the internet. Spyware or adware software covertly gathers user information and monitors internet activity, usually for advertising purposes. All are to be cautious about clicking on internet banners and pop-ups or downloading free programs and use security software to detect and remove spyware.

Fraudsters can use card skimming by illegal copying and capture magnetic stripe and PIN data on credit and debit cards. Skimming can occur at ATM or via other machines. Captured card and PIN details are encoded in a counterfeit card and used for fraudulent account withdrawals. They can attach false casings and PIN pad overlay devices in existing ATMs, or attach a camouflaged skimming device in a card reader entry used with a concealed camera to capture and record PIN entry details. A foreign device is implanted in certain machines capable of copying and capturing card and PIN details processed through the machine.

Above are some of malpractices performed by e-fraudsters using IT programs. We need to be careful as we may be haunted at any time and great damage will be the result of such e-frauds.

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Modi, Milei meet in Argentina ahead of BRICS summit

AFP | Buenos Aires, Argentina

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Argentine President Javier Milei in Buenos Aires yesterday, urging the expansion of New Delhi's preferential trade deal with South America's Mercosur bloc.

The bilateral talks with Milei are the latest in Modi's whistle-stop diplomatic tour culminating in the summit of BRICS emerging economies starting on Sunday in Brazil.

Diplomats from both countries at the meeting, which included a lunch, decided to "deepen bilateral relations and commercial ties," according to a statement from the Argentine presidency.

Indian foreign ministry diplomat Periasamy Kumaran told reporters Modi "requested Ar-



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) and Argentina's President Javier Milei posing for a picture behind a chainsaw reading "The Forces of Heaven" during a meeting at Casa Rosada government palace in Buenos Aires

gentina's support in expanding the India-Mercosur preferential trade agreement."

The Mercosur regional trade bloc, comprising Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Bolivia, is seeking closer ties with Asian economies in the face of Trump's global trade war.

"The two leaders discussed the necessity of diversifying and expanding bilateral trade" in sectors including defence, technology and health, said Kumaran.

They also touched upon co-operation in the energy sector, including gas and petrol, as well as lithium, a key mineral for the clean energy transition. Argentina is the world's fifth largest producer of lithium, according to the US Geological Survey.

"Excellent meeting with President Javier Milei of Argentina,"

Modi wrote on X of the leaders' second bilateral talks.

"We have covered significant ground in our bilateral relations, but we agree that the journey ahead is even more promising!"



India was Argentina's fifth largest trading partner in 2024, with bilateral trade up 33 percent, according to figures from the Indian external affairs ministry.

Israel agrees to truce talks

Netanyahu is due to meet Trump in Washington tomorrow

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● **Hamas has not publicly detailed its responses**

● **Sources close to the discussions said the proposal included a 60-day truce**

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was sending a team to Qatar Sunday for talks on a truce and hostage release in Gaza, after Hamas said it was ready to start negotiations "immediately".

But Netanyahu, who is due to meet with President Donald Trump in Washington tomorrow, said the Palestinian Islamist group's proposals for changes to a draft US-backed ceasefire deal were "unacceptable".

Trump has been making a renewed push to end nearly 21 months of war in Gaza, where the civil defence agency said 42 people were killed in Israeli military operations on Saturday.



Palestinian men carry the bodies of children killed earlier in the day in an Israeli strike in Gaza City, during a funeral procession from Baptist Hospital to a cemetery

Hamas said Friday it was ready "to engage immediately and seriously" in negotiations, and was sending its responses to the truce proposal.

"The changes that Hamas is seeking to make in the Qatari proposal were conveyed to us last night and are unacceptable to Israel," said a statement from Netanyahu's office.

"In light of an assessment of the situation, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has directed that the invitation to proximity talks be accepted and that the contacts for the return of our hostages -- on the basis of the Qatari proposal that Israel has agreed to -- be continued," the statement added.

Hamas has not publicly detailed its responses to the

US-sponsored proposal, which was transmitted by mediators from Qatar and Egypt.

Two Palestinian sources close to the discussions told AFP the proposal included a 60-day truce, during which Hamas would release 10 living hostages and several bodies in exchange for Palestinians detained by Israel.

However, they said, the group was also demanding certain conditions for Israel's withdrawal, guarantees against a resumption of fighting during negotiations, and the return of the UN-led aid distribution system.

The war in Gaza began with Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel, which sparked a massive Israeli offensive in the territory that aimed to destroy the group

and bring home all the hostages seized by Palestinian militants.

Two previous ceasefires mediated by Qatar, Egypt and the United States secured temporary halts in fighting and the return of Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners.

Of the 251 hostages taken by Hamas during the October 2023 attack, 49 are still held in Gaza, including 27 the Israeli military says are dead.

Civil defence says 42 killed

Civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal said Israeli military operations killed 42 people across Gaza on Saturday.

Media restrictions in Gaza and difficulties in accessing many areas mean AFP is unable to independently verify the tolls and details provided by the civil defence agency.

Contacted by AFP, the Israeli military said it could not comment on specific strikes without precise coordinates.

The Hamas attack of October 2023 resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli official figures.

Israel's retaliatory campaign has killed at least 57,338 people in Gaza, also mostly civilians, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry. The United Nations considers the figures reliable.

Escaped lion shot dead in Turkey after attacking worker



Istanbul, Turkey

A lion that escaped a theme park near the Turkish resort of Antalya was shot dead Sunday after attacking a man, the local governor and media reports said.

The lion, reportedly named Zeus, escaped his enclosure at the Land of Lions animal theme park in Manavgat, some 60 kilometres west of Antalya in the early hours of the morning, the local governor said in a statement.

According to BirGun newspaper, the lion then attacked an agricultural worker called Suleiman Kir who was asleep in a pistachio field with his wife.

Kir then tussled with the lion before it ran off. He was injured but not badly and taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

"We were covered with blankets to protect ourselves from mosquitoes and when the prayer call sounded, I tried to stand up but I couldn't," he told the newspaper.

"Suddenly I felt something touch my left foot and when I eventually managed to get up, I saw it was something huge -- I thought it was a dog."

In a video posted online, he described the moments wrestling with the lion.

"We called for help but there was no-one around. As the lion was biting my calf and my neck, I grabbed him around the neck and began to squeeze, and he backed off. At that moment, the security forces came," he said.

"If I had not been strong, I wouldn't be here right now."

Antalya's governor said in a statement that the lion had been tracked down and shot dead.

"It was not possible to catch the escaped lion alive because it posed a danger to people and the environment so it was shot," he said, indicating that an investigation had been opened into the incident.

BirGun newspaper said there were around 30 big cats at the Land of Lions.

celebs

Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom confirm split



Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom “have been shifting their relationship to focus on coparenting”.

Representatives for the former couple finally confirmed their split after weeks of speculation, insisting that Katy, 40, and Orlando, 48, will “continue to be seen together as a family” as they focus on their daughter Daisy, four.

Their reps told Us Weekly in a joint statement: “Orlando and Katy have been shifting their relationship over the past many months to focus on coparenting. They will continue to be seen together as a family, as their shared priority is - and always will be - raising their daughter with love, stability and mutual re-

spect.”

Katy and Orlando are believed to have called off their engagement last month, after almost 10 years of dating.

A source previously told Us Weekly: “Katy and Orlando have split but are amicable. It’s not contentious at the moment. Katy is of course upset but is relieved to not have to go through another divorce, as that was the worst time in her life.”

The pair got engaged in 2019 and welcomed Daisy in 2020 and it is believed that they are determined to keep things amicable for Daisy.

The insider said: “They are still very much in touch. They aren’t making drastic changes for Daisy’s sake. They will keep their lives in Montecito to [with a focus on] stability and consistency for Daisy.”



Miley Cyrus, Demi Moore and others will get stars on Hollywood Walk of Fame

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Miley Cyrus says receiving a Hollywood Walk of Fame star “feels like a dream”.

The 32-year-old singer and actress has been announced as part of the class of 2026 alongside the likes of Demi Moore, Timothée Chalamet, Shaquille O’Neal and more.

Miley Cyrus

Reacting to the announcement on Instagram, Miley wrote: “When I first came to LA from Nashville as a little girl, my family would stay at a hotel on Hollywood Blvd, and I would go on late night walks with my dad when no one would recognize him.

“To now be cemented on this legendary boulevard, surrounded by the icons who inspired me, feels like a dream.

“This moment will live forever, thank you to everyone in my

John Cena loves a traditional fish and chips

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

John Cena absolutely loves fish and chips and a Full English Breakfast.

The 48-year-old actor has been over to the UK a lot over the past two decades during his time as a WWE superstar, and he’s embraced the local cuisine to the point that he went for a very traditional meal before Tuesday’s Heads of State world premiere in London.

Appearing on ITV daytime show This Morning, he said: “I enjoyed [fish and chips] so much that right before our premiere last night, we had about 90 minutes and myself and my two friends, all from America, we sat down, we ordered fish and chips, we had a pint, and that got us ready for the world

premiere.”

John - who revealed he went for vinegar and a little bit of dunking in the tartar sauce” - got more of a taste for a chippy after the dish plays a role in his new movie with Idris Elba.

The Hollywood star also opened up on his admiration for a “savoury breakfast”, which he learned to love during his early WWE days.

He added: “All savoury! In America, we tend to lean on the sweet. It’s all very filling, but very sweet. Boy, do I love a savoury breakfast! ‘I’ve been a fan of the English breakfast for a long time - you gotta remember, with WWE, I’ve been coming over here for 25 years.”

Although the lines between real life and art have been blurred with his food prefer-

ences, John insisted that won’t be the case after he played the President of the United States in the new action comedy.

He quipped: “I am playing the role of the president of the United States. I would much rather play the role of President of the United States than BE the President of the United States. I’m happy in my lane!”

When This Morning host Ben Shephard joked that real life president Donald Trump often appears to be playing a role too, the wrestling legend kept his response diplomatic.

John Cena



Idris Elba reveals why he’s never watched The Wire and never will

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Idris Elba has insisted he will never watch The Wire.

The 52-year-old actor had his breakout US role was criminal Russell ‘Stringer’ Bell on the first three seasons of the hit HBO drama from 2002 to 2004, but he has admitted he never took the time to tune in “as a fan”.

He told Amy Poehler on her Good Hang podcast: “If I’m really honest, like, I didn’t watch The Wire.

Idris Elba

“And I feel bad. It’s not that I’m not a fan of it. I was there. I made a show that was, you know, was so intense and so real, so important. “And even though we didn’t realise — I didn’t realise the importance of the show while making it.

“I didn’t participate in its celebration as a viewer, as a fan. And so I feel a little bit outside of the club.”

Amy asked if he could start watching now, two decades, later, but he replied: “No, man.”

The Heads of State actor ad-

mitted that after his character was killed off, he wasn’t able to see the show in the same way.

He explained: “It’s more that I feel the presence of it all, my life since The Wire... In terms of its impact.

“So to me, it was almost a bit like I was Stringer Bell. I’m not Stringer Bell, but I also feel like when Stringer Bell died, there was a part of me that died with that character.

“It’s weird for me to go back and watch it.”

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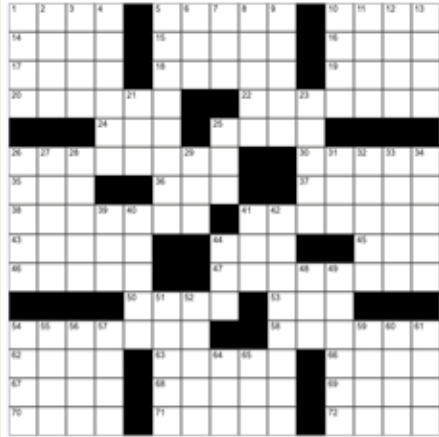
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How to play

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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Across

1- Enthusiastic liveliness; 5- Biscuitlike quick bread; 10- Feel sore; 14- Stringed instrument; 15- Stories; 16- Cong; 17- Spouse; 18- Set up; 19- Draft rating; 20- Ice cream topped with syrup; 22- Dog-houses; 24- Sixth sense; 25- Palmist’s words; 26- Dullard; 30- Alerts; 35- Terminus; 36- Paulo, Brazil; 37- Rare delight; 38- Capital of Georgia, USA; 41- Spirit; 43- Buy alternative; 44- Driving peg; 45- First name in Notre Dame football; 46- Attempts; 47- Abolished; 50- Math branch; 53- Half a fly; 54- Books of maps; 58- Medical; 62- Fashionable; 63- Foreign; 66- Up good; 67- Tirade; 68- European capital, in song; 69- Exon predecessor; 70- Jazzy James; 71- Little; 72- Phooey!

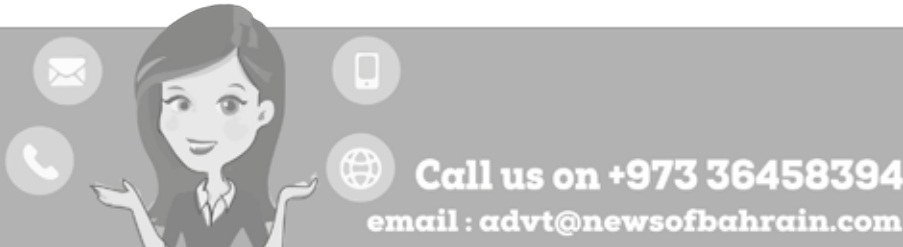
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1- Shade trees; 2- Island feast; 3- Envelope abbr.; 4- Required; 5- Most precipitous; 6- Roadster; 7- Cheer for a matador; 8- Head supporters; 9- First name in cosmetics; 10- Bard’s river; 11- Silver screen; 12- Back part of the foot; 13- LAX guesstimates; 21- Powdery residue; 23- Efts; 25- Altar words; 26- Distributed cards; 27- Go in; 28- Two-time loser to Dwight; 29- Towing org.; 31- Exist; 32- Kidney-related; 33- Mother of pearl; 34- Lieu; 39- Peer Gyn’s mother; 40- Tree houses; 41- Bard’s nightfall; 42- Lookout; 44- Label; 48- G-8 nation; 49- Mailed communique; 51- Bard’s nightfall; 52- Koran religion; 54- Area of 4840 square yards; 55- Yonder thing; 56- Bits of thread; 57- Proceedings; 59- Parks on a bus; 60- Part of MIT; 61- Dove sounds; 64- Tax-deferred nest egg; 65- Slippery swimmer;

Yesterday’s solution

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India hammer England in second Test

Akash Deep claims 10 wickets as India thrash England by 336 runs to level Test series

- Akash Deep 10-147 (6-99 in 2nd innings)
- Gill scores 269 & 161 (record double)
- England crumble for 271 (target 608)

AFP | London

Akash Deep took 10 wickets in a Test match for the first time as India thrashed England by 336 runs at Edgbaston on Sunday for a series-levelling win.

Deep was playing in the second Test of the five-match series after India rested outstanding quick Jasprit Bumrah.

The 28-year-old took 6-99 as England, set a mammoth 608 runs to win, were dismissed for 271 on the fifth day.

Deep's match figures of 10-147 were far and away the best of his eight-Test career.

Jamie Smith was the lone England batsman to pass fifty in the second innings, with the wicketkeeper's 88 following his brilliant 184 not out first time around.

A crushing victory gave India their maiden Test win in nine matches at Edgbaston following seven defeats and a draw at the Birmingham ground.

This game was also a personal triumph for India captain Shubman Gill after he became the first batsman in Test cricket to post scores of 250 and 150 in the same match.

The 25-year-old's majestic 269 in the first innings was followed by a dashing 161 off 162 balls in



India's Akash Deep celebrates after bowling England's Ollie Pope on day five



the second.

Gill has now scored three hundreds in his first two Tests as captain following his 147 during India's five-wicket loss in the series opener at Headingley.

History was against England when they resumed at 72-3 after rain delayed Sunday's start by more than 90 minutes.

No Test side have made more in the fourth innings to win than

the West Indies' 418 against Australia at St John's in 2003.

Early blow

India, bidding for just a fourth series win in England, struck an early blow when Ollie Pope failed to add his overnight 24 by deflecting a Deep ball of extra bounce onto the stumps.

His exit brought in England captain Ben Stokes, on a king pair after his first golden duck in Tests in the first innings.

But Stokes, without a Test hundred in two years, avoided the embarrassment of two noughts in the same match with a legside flick.

England were soon 83-5, however, when Harry Brook was lbw for 23 to a Deep delivery that hit him on the back knee.

Brook, who made 158 in England's first innings while shar-

Scorecard

India 587 (Gill 269, Jadeja 89, Jaiswal 87, Bashir 3-167) and 427 for 6 dec (Gill 161, Jadeja 69, Pant 65, Rahul 55, Tongue 2-93) beat England 407 (Smith 184, Brook 158, Siraj 6-70, Akash Deep 4-88) and 271 (Smith 88, Akash 6-99) by 336 runs

ing a stand of over 300 with Smith that kept the hosts afloat, optimistically reviewed.

But the confirmation of his dismissal was greeted by raucous cheers from the large number of India fans at Edgbaston.

Smith helped Stokes briefly keep India at bay during a sixth-wicket partnership of 70.

But in the last over before lunch Stokes was lbw for 33 to off-spinner Washington Sundar,

Bayern's Musiala out for 'long period' with broken fibula



Jamal Musiala is stretchered off during the match

AFP | Paris

Bayern Munich playmaker Jamal Musiala faces a "long period" on the sidelines after he suffered a broken fibula and an ankle dislocation at the Club World Cup, the German champions said yesterday.

The 22-year-old Germany international was hurt in a challenge with Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma as Bayern lost 2-0 in the quarter-finals in Atlanta on Saturday.

Coach Vincent Kompany was incensed by the injury but called it an "accident". Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer criticised Donnarumma though for being "reckless".

Musiala was on a flight back to Munich yesterday morning and will undergo surgery soon, Bayern said in a statement.

Messi returns to MLS with spectacular double in Inter victory

AFP | Miami

Lionel Messi scored two brilliant goals to lift Inter Miami to a 4-1 victory over Montreal in Miami's return to Major League Soccer action on Saturday in the wake of their elimination from the Club World Cup.

Miami were playing their first MLS game in more than a month. They had advanced past the first phase of the Club World Cup but fell 4-0 to Paris Saint-Germain in the round of 16 last week.

Messi made sure there was no lingering let-down for Javier Mascherano's side, who are aiming to improve on their current sixth place in the Eastern



Lionel Messi #10 of Inter Miami CF controls the ball whilst under pressure from Fernando Alvarez #4, Samuel Piette #6 and Luca Petrasso #13 of CF Montreal

Conference with 32 points from 17 matches.

"It is a great night, we took the

three points that were very necessary to start thinking about the MLS again," Mascherano

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Shubman Gill became the first player in Test history to score both a 250 and a 150 in the same match, leading India to their maiden Test victory at Edgbaston

the first India bowler other than Deep or Mohammed Siraj to take a wicket in the match.

England were 153-6 at the interval and after lunch Smith defiantly hit 17 off a Sundar over, including two soaring straight sixes.

But Chris Woakes fell tamely for seven when a miscued pull off Prasidh Krishna lobbed gently to midwicket.

Smith pulled Deep for two successive sixes to go to 88.

But it was a case of third time unlucky for the 24-year-old when trying to repeat the shot next ball, he holed out to Sundar at deep backward square leg off a well-disguised slower delivery to give Deep his fifth wicket of the innings.

At 226-8, the writing was on the wall for England.

Tailender Josh Tongue was brilliantly caught by a diving Siraj at midwicket before Brydon Carse holed out off Deep to cover where Gill, the player of the match, fittingly took the clinching catch.

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INTER MIAMI COACH JAVIER MASCHERANO said. "It is never easy to reintegrate into the competition after the Club World Cup, and the players have done it perfectly."

Bahrain Bags Four Golds

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's wrestling star made his long-awaited return from injury with a flawless gold-medal performance at the 2025 Grand Prix of Spain, headlining a five-medal haul for the Kingdom in Madrid on Saturday evening.

This was Tazhudinov's first competition since undergoing shoulder surgery following the Paris 2024 Olympics, and his first action in nearly a year. But the reigning world and Olympic champion didn't miss a beat. He opened his 97kg campaign



Akmed Tazhudinov dominates on his return in Madrid

with a 10-0 win over Kazakhstan's Khamzat Tsurov. In the

semis, he overpowered Canada's Nishan Randhawa 13-2. Then,

in the final, he pinned Agdzha (competing for Germany) to complete a statement return and claim yet another gold.

His next test comes in Hungary from July 17 to 20, where a deeper field awaits.

But Tazhudinov wasn't the only Bahrain wrestler making headlines. Shamil Sharipov clinched gold in the 125kg division, while Khidir Saipudinov (79kg) and Magomedrasul Asluev (74kg) also topped the podium. Alibeg Alibegov added a bronze in the 65kg class to complete Bahrain's medal tally.

PSG set up Club World Cup semi clash with Mbappe's Real Madrid

Nine-man PSG defeats Bayern to set up a Club World Cup semi-final against Real Madrid



- **PSG win 2-0 despite two red cards**
- **Bayern have two goals disallowed**
- **Real Madrid beat Dortmund 3-2**

AFP | Atlanta

Nine-man Paris Saint-Germain set up a Club World Cup semi-final clash against their former superstar striker Kylian Mbappe and Real Madrid with a 2-0 victory over Bayern Munich on Saturday in Atlanta.

Los Blancos squeezed out Borussia Dortmund 3-2 in New Jersey in the day's other quarter-final clash, with Mbappe on the scoresheet for the first time at the tournament.

Luis Enrique's PSG needed to dig deep in front of 67,000 fans at

Mercedes-Benz Stadium after late red cards for Willian Pacheco and Lucas Hernandez.

The French side won the UEFA Champions League for the first time in their history in May, despite their key player Mbappe departing for Real last year.

Young forward Desire Doue, who shone on PSG's road to European glory, and Ballon d'Or candidate Ousmane Dembele got the goals in the second half of an enthralling clash against Vincent Kompany's Bayern, who had two strikes ruled out for offside.

The German giants also lost playmaker Jamal Musiala to a horror ankle injury just before half-time, which Kompany said made his "blood boil" because of how unfortunate it is for the 22-year-old.

"After the first red card it became complicated, then with two players less it was a bit of a lottery," said a relieved Luis En-

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PSG COACH LUIS ENRIQUE

which allowed both sides' high-pressing, attacking approaches to shine.

Players and spectators at both matches observed a minute of silence in honour of Liverpool forward Diogo Jota and his brother Andre Silva, who tragically died in a car crash on Thursday.

PSG's clash with Bayern was FIFA's expanded tournament's biggest heavyweight clash thus far and the game delivered, even if fans had to wait until the 78th minute for the opener.

After Harry Kane gave the ball away, PSG surged forward and 20-year-old Doue fashioned some space on the edge of the

post.

Bayern were given hope as they hunted for an equaliser when PSG defender Pacheco was sent off for a high tackle on Leon Goretzka after 83 minutes.

Kane had a goal disallowed for offside, like Bayern's Dayot Upamecano in the first half, and after Hernandez was dismissed for an elbow Dembele tucked home the second in stoppage time, paying tribute to Jota by copying his video-gaming celebration.

"In the first half we showed them who we are and they had problems with us," said Bayern substitute Thomas Mueller, who played his last game for the club.

Mbappe strikes

Real Madrid cruised for the most part against Dortmund before a flurry of goals at the end left them in danger of losing their lead.

Xabi Alonso, unbeaten at the helm, shifted back to a four-man defence against Niko Kovac's side, shorn of suspended Jobe Bellingham, who would have loved to face his older brother, Madrid's Jude.

The coach decided to leave Mbappe, who missed the three group games after a stomach bug, on the bench and persist with Gonzalo Garcia up front.

The 21-year-old striker paid back Alonso for his confidence by grabbing his fourth goal of the tournament after 10 minutes with a close-range finish from Arda Guler's cross.

"He's doing great work for the team... he's in the right position in the box, he's a proper number nine," said Alonso.



Both Ousmane Dembele and Kylian Mbappe paid tribute to the late Diogo Jota by mimicking his iconic video-game celebration and displaying his Liverpool shirt number 20 with their hands

In the 20th minute Fran Garcia doubled Los Blancos' lead, rushing into the box to polish off Trent Alexander-Arnold's dangerous ball across the face of goal.

Madrid were cruising to victory until Max Beier drilled home in stoppage time.

Real responded, with substitute Mbappe netting his 44th goal of the season with an acrobatic finish from another Guler cross.

He paid tribute to the late Jota by making the number 20 with his hands, the Portuguese striker's shirt number at Liverpool.

Madrid were not home and dry. Dean Huijsen was sent off for tugging back Serhou Guirassy as he ran through and the Guinea international netted from the spot, but Dortmund had no time to equalise.

"Everything was under control with the result, not conceding much, but the last 10 minutes were kind of crazy," said Alonso.

"We lost our shape and our intensity, and luckily nothing went wrong."



Gonzalo Garcia #30 of Real Madrid C.F. scores his team's first goal



Ousmane Dembele of Paris Saint-Germain attempts a shot on goal while challenged by Manuel Neuer of Bayern Munich

Norris wins epic home British GP

McLaren dominates as Norris claims emotional home victory in rain-hit thriller

● **Piastrì second despite penalty**

● **Hulkenberg secures first podium in 239 races**

● **Hamilton fourth, Verstappen fifth**

AFP | Silverstone

Lando Norris won a treacherous rain-hit British Grand Prix at Silverstone yesterday from his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastrì.

Sauber's Nico Hulkenberg took third for the veteran German's first ever podium in 239 races.

Briton Norris returned to a rapturous reception from his home fans as he moved to within eight points of Piastrì in the drivers' standings.

"It's beautiful, everything I ever dreamed of, this is everything I want-



ed to achieve, aside from winning the championship this is as good as it gets," beamed Norris.

Piastrì, who finished less than seven seconds behind Norris, threw away the win after the Australian was hit with a 10-second penalty



Ferrari's British driver Lewis Hamilton (L) challenges McLaren's British driver Lando Norris (R) on the first lap

for a safety car infringement. As last week's heatwave gave way to a more typical British summer's day -- spells of blue sky mixed with torrential showers -- drivers had to keep their wits about them with puddles forming on the track.

And Norris emerged from

the chaos all smiles as he added to his wins already this season in Austria, Monaco and Australia.

Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton came in fourth ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

Piastrì fell foul of the stewards when braking heavily before the safety car peeled off, a decision that left Piastrì feeling robbed.

"I'm not going to say much, I

don't want to get myself in trouble," he said in the post-race interview.

"Apparently, you can't brake behind the safety car anymore," he added.

For Hulkenberg, 37, this was a day to remember as he climbed the podium for the first time since joining the F1 grid way back in 2010.



At 37, Nico Hulkenberg became the oldest driver to score a maiden F1 podium in 30 years—since Olivier Panis' famous Monaco 1996 win—ending his 14-year wait in dramatic fashion

"Podium - P3 baby!" said his ecstatic race engineer on the team radio after he crossed the line.

"I don't think I can comprehend what we've just done," replied the German.

Pierre Gasly's Alpine took sixth, with Lance Stroll (Aston Martin), Alex Albon (Williams), Fernando Alonso in the other Aston and George Russell (Mercedes) rounding out the top 10.

Fritz into Wimbledon quarter-finals after Thompson retires

AFP | London

Taylor Fritz booked a place in the Wimbledon quarter-finals in double-quick time yesterday after Australia's Jordan Thompson retired injured with the score at 6-1, 3-0.

The US fifth seed faced grueling five-set battles in his opening two matches but it was a different story in his fourth-round encounter on Court One.

The Eastbourne champion broke Thompson twice to seal the first set in just 21 minutes and led 3-0 in the second set.

The Australian then had a medical time-out to deal with an apparent thigh problem.

He returned to the court and slipped 40-0 down in the fourth game before deciding he was unable to continue, with the match lasting just 41 minutes.

"He's been playing five-setters," said Fritz, 27. "He was out



Australia's Jordan Thompson (R) shakes hands with US player Taylor Fritz after withdrawing

playing a long doubles match yesterday you know, so he's been battling out here and I respected him for coming out.

"Obviously his body's not right. So, you know, I feel bad for him."

Thompson, 44th in the rankings, was taken to five sets in his

opening two singles matches at Wimbledon.

Fritz, seeking to reach his first Wimbledon semi-final, will next face Russian 17th seed Karen Khachanov, who earlier beat Kamil Majchrzak with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 on Court Two.

Fritz won a record fourth

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Eastbourne title last month and was pushed to his limits in his opening two matches at the All England Club.

The world number five rallied from the brink to defeat Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard in five sets before going the distance against Gabriel Diallo in the second round.

Arsenal sign Spain midfielder Zubimendi

AFP | London

Arsenal yesterday announced the signing of midfielder Martin Zubimendi from Real Sociedad in a deal reportedly worth around £55 million (\$75 million).

Euro 2024 winner Zubimendi had previously been a target for Liverpool and was also linked with Real Madrid.

"This is a huge moment in my career," said the defensive midfielder, who is understood to have put pen to paper on a five-year deal.

"It's the move I was looking for and one I wanted to make. As soon as you set foot here, you realise how big this club and this team are.

"I set my sights on Arsenal because their style of play is a good fit for me. They have shown their potential recently and the best is yet to come."

The Athletic reported that Arsenal paid above Zubimendi's 60 million euro (\$71 million, £51 million) buyout clause in order to spread the cost of the fee over a number of installments.

Zubimendi, 26, made 236 appearances in all competitions for Sociedad after graduating from the club's academy and has played 19 times for Spain.

He will reinforce manager Mikel Arteta's midfield options after the departures of Thomas Partey and Jorginho.

Zubimendi's arrival paves the way for Arsenal's record signing Declan Rice to

play a more attacking midfield role alongside captain Martin Odegaard.

"Martin is a player who will bring a huge amount of quality and football intelligence to our team," said Arteta.

"He will fit in really well and he has all the attributes to be a key player for us."

Zubimendi is Arsenal's second signing of the summer transfer window after goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga joined from Chelsea.



Martin Zubimendi

Van der Poel powers into Tour de France lead



Mathieu van der Poel (L) cycles to the finish line to win ahead of Tadej Pogacar (R) and Jonas Vingegaard (C)

AFP | Boulogne-sur-Mer

Alpein's Mathieu van der Poel edged Tadej Pogacar to win the second stage of the Tour de France in a tense hilltop finale at Boulogne-sur-Mer yesterday.

The victory saw the Dutch rider take the lead in the overall standings after depriving Pogacar of his 100th career win as around 30 riders broke away in the final 2km.

It was a second Tour de France stage win for Van der Poel, who took the yellow jersey from his teammate Jasper Philipsen, the winner of Saturday's opening stage for Alpein.

Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard seemed at ease as he crossed the line in third with Frenchman Romain Gregoire fourth and his compatriot Julian

Alaphilippe fifth.

The race got going as Pogacar and Vingegaard tested each other over the final 20km with three short, sharp climbs on narrow roads.

That struggle blew up a peloton that had been largely sedate until then.

Heavy rain left giant puddles at the tiny start town of Lauwin Planque as the 182 riders set off on the 209km run towards the coastal port.

Regional police estimated that one million spectators had lined the roadsides on the opening day of action, but the rain dissuaded that kind of turnout yesterday.

Monday's third stage is a 178km flat run to Dunkirk, where a mass bunch sprint is expected unless the peloton gets splintered by winds as it did on stage one.

French team Cofidis had to scramble yesterday morning as they had 11 bikes stolen from a team truck during the night.