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# HM King hails Bahraini medical professionals

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised the dedication, accomplishments, and contributions of Bahraini medical and healthcare professionals, both locally and internationally.

He highlighted their role in advancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's healthcare system and their growing presence in leading regional and global medical institutions.

HM the King made the remarks while receiving senior members of the royal family, senior officials, citizens, and a group of distinguished medical professionals at Sakhir Palace.



HM the King meets senior royals, top officials, and achievers

Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, His Majesty delivered a royal address reaffirming Bahrain's long-standing tradition of direct engagement with all segments of society.

He underscored the importance of honouring citizens whose achievements in national service bring pride to the Kingdom.

HM King Hamad noted that Bahrain's healthcare system, with roots dating back to the late 1800s, has achieved remarkable

growth, driven by national development and the outstanding efforts of its professionals.

He commended the sector's most notable achievements, shaped by Bahraini expertise, which continue to enhance the system and inspire future generations.

His Majesty expressed appreciation to the Minister of Health and all healthcare professionals for their contributions to improving healthcare quality and

consolidating Bahrain's prominent standing in this vital sector.

Following the address, the medical professionals had the honour of greeting HM the King, who congratulated them on their achievements, expressed gratitude for their service to public health, and extended best wishes for their continued success in serving the Kingdom.

Health Minister, Her Excellency Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hasan, delivered an address in which she expressed, on behalf of herself and all personnel in Bahrain's healthcare sector, gratitude and appreciation to HM King Hamad for the ongoing support received by the health sector.

Heavy vehicle ban on King Hamad Highway from Sep. 1

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The General Directorate of Traffic has announced that, effective September 1, the King Hamad Highway will be added to the list of roads where heavy vehicles weighing over three tonnes are prohibited during peak traffic hours — 6:30am to 8:00am and 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

The measure, part of ongoing efforts to improve traffic flow and enhance safety on key roads, excludes emergency vehicles and pre-authorised public service vehicles.

The Directorate urged all companies, institutions, and drivers to comply with the restrictions, emphasising that cooperation among road users is essential for maintaining public safety and ensuring smooth traffic movement.

It also confirmed that field inspection campaigns will be intensified to ensure compliance.

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# Safety Overhaul

Legislative overhaul and 500 cameras mark safety shift

- Stricter laws planned
- 500 cameras coming
- Shift from awareness

Mahir Haneef

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Bahrain is ramping up its traffic enforcement with a proposed overhaul of penalties for serious violations and the installation of 500 new surveillance cameras, in a major move to enhance road safety and public accountability.

The new measures come in implementation of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and are part of broader legislative and legal steps initiated by the Interior Ministry to deter reckless driving and reduce fatalities.

**Policy shift**

Major Khalid Buqais, Director of Traffic Culture at the General Directorate of Traffic, said during a televised interview that the proposed amendments would



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modernise Bahrain's traffic law by increasing fines and introducing custodial penalties for severe violations such as running red lights, excessive speeding, and reckless driving.

"These changes reflect the leadership's vision to align the law with today's traffic realities and reinforce discipline on the roads," he said on Bahrain TV's 'Shams Al Bahrain' programme.

The reform will also allow for licence suspensions and vehicle confiscations in cases involving serious injuries or fatalities. Buqais



Major Khalid Buqais

noted that enforcement efforts by the General Directorate of Traffic are continuous and not limited to special campaigns or periods.

He underscored that public awareness remains crucial, but added that traffic education must begin at home and in schools. "Awareness is not optional, it's a social necessity," he said.

**Tech-driven enforcement**

One of the most notable developments is the rollout of 500 new traffic surveillance cameras, which Buqais described as

a "qualitative leap" in enforcement capacity. The cameras are expected to enhance monitoring, deter violations, and support investigations.

This move, officials say, aims to position Bahrain among the leading countries in traffic safety through a combination of legislative reform, public education, and smart technology.

Buqais reaffirmed the General Directorate's commitment to 24/7 efforts to safeguard lives and property across Bahrain's road network.

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Royal praise for new governors



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Palace His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Humood bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate, and H.E. Hassan Abdullah Mohammed Al Madani, Governor of the Northern Governorate, following the issuance of the Royal Decree appointing them as governors. The two governors took the legal oath before His Majesty. HM King Hamad congratulated the new governors, commending their experience and competence, and wished them success in carrying out their national duties.

Books presentation



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Palace Shaikh Dr. Abdullatif Mahmood Al Mahmood, accompanied by his son Mohammed Abdullatif Al Mahmood. Dr. Al Mahmood had the honour of presenting His Majesty with two books: the first titled "Islamic Civilisation and Social Coexistence," and the second titled "Islamic Values: The Secret of Muslim Progress, Past and Present." Mohammed Abdullatif also had the honour of presenting HM the King with a book titled "Informing the People of Bahrain about the Dispute between the Two Judges."

# Scholarship Targets Specialists

Prestigious postgraduate grant opens under Rayaat

- Focus on rare specialisations
- One elite scholarship yearly
- Tied to Bahrain's Vision 2050

Mahir Haneef  
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A new scholarship targeting Bahrain's most exceptional students has been launched under AlMa-



The scholarship programme supports qualified Bahraini youth in pursuing postgraduate studies barrah AlKhalifia Foundation's Rayaat programme, offering full tuition support for postgraduate degrees in rare and high-impact specialisations.

The 'Al Tamyoz' scholarship, unveiled for the 2026-2027 academic year, is open to Bahraini youth who demonstrate outstanding academic perfor-

mance, leadership potential, and active community involvement in their field of study. It is available to those who have secured admission to a master's or doctoral programme locally or abroad, with the award covering all tuition costs.

The highly selective programme will grant one scholarship annually to a single candidate, aiming to nurture expertise in niche fields that serve Bahrain's long-term development needs. The initiative is aligned with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2050 and is designed to fill future workforce gaps with specialised national talent.

Breastfeeding awareness event



Government Hospitals Administration, in cooperation with the Bahrain Nursing and Midwifery Society, organised an awareness event at Salmaniya Medical Complex to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2025. The initiative is part of national efforts to promote maternal and child health, raise awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding.

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## 2nd Bahrain Summer Toy Festival concludes



The toy festival brings joy and fun for children and families

- Over 120,000 visitors take part

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Approximately 120,000 residents and tourists visited the 2nd edition of the Bahrain Summer Toy Festival, the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) announced as the event drew to a close.

The festival was held in strategic partnership with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre and the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre (BIEC).

Reputation

Dana Osama Al Saad, Deputy CEO for Resources and Projects at the BTEA, said that the festival's reputation as an exceptional entertainment experience for all the family was further cemented in its second consecutive year.

Now a key event on Bah-



rain's events calendar, the festival is helping to diversify the Kingdom's tourism offerings and consolidating its positioning as a preferred destination for Gulf families during the summer season.

Attendance

Al Saad said that the festival's success was evident by the large attendance it witnessed over the course of its six weeks, as well as improvements to the quality of its offerings which resulted in doubling the venue space this year, as well as attracting

a larger number of celebrities, shows, and concerts.

Tickets, which were issued based on the venue's physical capacity, sold out early on most days.

She noted the widespread acclaim the event received from festival goers, especially citizens and residents coming from other GCC countries.

Volunteers

Al Saad praised the pivotal role played by 180 Bahraini volunteers in organizing the festival to such a high standard.



# Alive, not dead



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A businessman appeared before the High Criminal Court accused of helping to fake his brother's death in order to claim a life insurance payout of \$500,000.

The man said to have died was later found to be alive and living abroad.

The case centres on a 44-year-old investor who arranged a life insurance policy in April 2023, naming his wife as beneficiary.

Four months later, the insurer received notice from a broker stating that he had died in an Asian country. A claim was submitted and a civil court ruled in favour of the wife.

The company requested documents.

## Investigation

A death certificate and a letter from a law office were provided, but doubts were raised. A private investigation was launched.

Findings from the inquiry were at odds with the claim. No funeral prayer had taken place. No grave was dug.

The gravedigger reported no record of burial. A local imam confirmed no service had been held.

## Witness

The man's son, listed as a witness to the death, could not say where his father had been buried.

The death certificate, which carried an official stamp from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was later found to be invalid. Investigators confirmed the man was alive.

Prosecutors say the businessman, aged 46, worked with an unknown party to forge the document.

They allege he and his brother's wife knowingly submitted it to the court to support the



**A death certificate stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was later found invalid when investigators confirmed the man was alive.**

claim.

While no money was paid out, the three face charges of attempted fraud, forgery of public papers, and misleading the judiciary.

## Evidence

Further evidence was given by a hotel manager, who said he overheard the accused telling someone that he had helped his brother obtain an investment visa, register a company in his name, and leave the country.

He said he planned to apply for a death certificate to claim the insurance money.

A former hotel employee said he heard the man speak of offering a bribe to secure the paperwork.

## Records

He recalled the accused saying that the brother would not return to Bahrain and that steps were being taken to change his records in the Asian country.

Prosecutors stated that the attempt to obtain the money was stopped before any payment was made, after concerns were raised over the documents.

# Born Without Proof

Parents forced to seek court orders for basic birth certificates

- Legal window is 15 days
- Court process adds expenses
- Awareness among expats low

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

Expatriate parents in Bahrain who delay registering their child's birth beyond the legally allowed 15 days are being forced to approach the courts for a certificate, according to Pravasi Legal Cell – Bahrain Chapter.

The organisation has raised an alert urging all expatriates to act on time, saying that several families it assisted had to bear unnecessary legal and financial burdens due to delays.

## Court-only option after deadline

"Many parents miss the deadline thinking it can be handled later or through the embassy, but that is not the case," said Sudheer Thirunilath, Global PRO and President of Pravasi



**If a birth in Bahrain is not registered within 15 days, parents have only 30 more days to file a delay request before the case is sent to court.**

Legal Cell Bahrain Chapter.

He said that after the 15-day legal period ends, parents must approach a special delay committee under the Information and eGovernment Authority. Once this period lapses, the only option is through the courts.

"Court procedures involve lawyer fees, civil rulings, execution letters, and other steps. At Salmaniya Medical Complex, a normal delivery is charged at BD 125 and a caesarean costs BD 150, while the birth certificate fee is BD 0.500 for newborns aged one to seven days and BD 0.900 for those older than a week. Ad-



Birth certificate

ditional copies cost BD 1 each, What would have cost around BHD 125 or 150 ends up becoming far more expensive," he added.

"This situation could be due to financial hardship undergone by the couple during the time of delivery," Thirunilath explained. "Such situations are mostly faced by people belonging to the low-income category or couples who have lost their jobs during the time of delivery. They end up delaying applying for birth certificates. There are some who postpone for applying later also."

He said recent cases handled by Pravasi Legal Cell were all related

to couples in financial distress. "There were some cases in which labour charges were paid by the couple but they were not issued birth certificates. If a birth certificate is not issued from there within two weeks, the matter has to go before a court. When the couple is informed that they have to approach a court, they tend to delay it," he said.

## High cost and long wait

"When the matter is handled through court, it results in expenditure of around 400 BD and it is time consuming also," Thirunilath added. "That is why we're calling for awareness on this. There are people who don't take care of this in a timely fashion and there are people who think that everything is done with the delivery. They face trouble when they attempt to go back to their homelands or face visa renewals."

Pravasi Legal Cell warned that there are many cases of undocumented persons due to such delays, and stressed that awareness is crucial. It noted that a delayed birth certificate could prevent children from accessing passports, education, healthcare, and may even restrict future travel.

# Housing Ministry Rides eKey Wave

- 23,000 online transactions
- eKey 2.0 integration complete
- Virtual centre wins award

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has emerged as one of the first government bodies to fully harness Bahrain's upgraded eKey 2.0 system, delivering thousands of secure housing transactions online during the first half of 2025.

Assistant Undersecretary for Resources and Information Donia Faisal Sarhan confirmed that the Ministry recorded around 117,000 visits to its website and completed approximately 23,000 transactions through its eServices and the national portal, Bahrain.bh.

The integration with eKey 2.0, developed in partnership with the Information & eGovernment Authority, has enabled safer and faster access to 32 housing-related digital services. These include financial support applications under the 'Tas'heel+' programme, housing maintenance requests, status inquiries, and more.

Sarhan noted that six of these services were either newly introduced or upgraded in the



Donia Faisal Sarhan

past six months, in line with the government's 2023–2026 programme to digitise public services.

The Ministry's Virtual Customer Service Centre also saw rising demand, with nearly 4,930 visitors and 2,036 ap-

pointments scheduled for financial consultations and remote assistance.

Sarhan said the numbers reflect growing public trust in the Ministry's digital services, supported by interactive channels that simplify communication between citizens and officials.

The Ministry's digital transformation push has also drawn recognition. Its Virtual Customer Service Centre earned the Platinum Shield in the fifth edition of the 'Taqqeem' Government Service Centres Evaluation Programme. Separately, the Ministry received the 2025 Bahrain Digital Content Award in the Government and Citizens Participation category from the Bahrain Technology Companies Society.

# Virtual emergency response drill at airport

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As part of efforts to strengthen preparedness and readiness for handling various emergency scenarios, several directorates of the Ministry of Interior participated in a virtual emergency response drill conducted by Bahrain International Airport Company.

The drill aimed to test coordination mechanisms and immediate response capabilities among relevant entities, while assessing the effectiveness of operational procedures to enhance public safety standards.

The exercise featured a series of simulated scenarios, including a mock aircraft incident, during which evacuation procedures were implemented, emergency plans were activated, and



Preparing for emergency situation

the incident was managed in a virtual environment replicating real-life conditions. The simulation adhered

to internationally recognised best practices in crisis management.

## Incidents

This drill comes within the framework of national efforts to enhance cooperation and integration among stakeholders, while improving the readiness of emergency response teams to deal with various types of incidents.

It reflects the advanced level of preparedness and risk mitigation that the Kingdom of Bahrain has achieved.

The exercise reaffirms Bahrain's commitment to continuous improvement in emergency management and inter-agency collaboration at critical infrastructure sites.

# Man held over indecent video posted online

- Suspect engages in conduct contrary to values of Bahraini society

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A man has been taken into custody after prosecutors said he posted a video on social media showing behaviour offensive to public decency and human dignity.

The Public Prosecution received a report from the Cybercrime Directorate at the Ministry of Interior's General Directorate for Combating Corruption, Economic and

## Electronic Security.

The footage, they said, showed the suspect engaging in conduct contrary to the values of Bahraini society.

He was arrested on orders from the prosecution, brought in for questioning, and shown the video.

The suspect admitted to sharing the clip, saying he had hoped to receive money from followers on his account.

He remains in detention as investigations continue.

The Chief of the Cybercrime Prosecution remarked that such conduct runs against public order and morals and may lead to legal consequences.



# Winter seaside project proposed for Busaiteen

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

A patch of seaside land in Busaiteen may be turned into a winter hangout with food, games and family seating. That is what Muharraq councillor Abdulqader Al Sayyed is aiming for.

He has proposed transforming Plot No. 02029612, an 82,800 square metre strip in Al Saya, into Shitwiyyat Al Saya, a seasonal retreat open during the cooler months.

The plan involves no fixed buildings, only temporary set-ups such as food trucks, open-air seating and small performance spaces.

**Idea**

The idea is to make the most of the area's sea view while keeping its raw feel intact.



Similar project in Saudi Arabia

People could stroll, eat and spend time outdoors, with space set aside for local vendors and children's play zones. Evenings would be softly lit.

Trees, or at least temporary greenery, would help frame the space. A security presence and

health services are also part of the proposal.

**Public tender**

Al Sayyed is calling for a public tender to find a private backer. He wants the winning bidder to be given six months to get



the site into shape and open to visitors.

The municipality would oversee the work and carry out regular checks.

**Detailed study**

He has already submitted the proposal and a detailed study to

“This is a chance to make better use of public land and draw people to the coast without altering it beyond recognition.”

- ABDULQADER AL SAYYED, MUHARRAQ MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

In his view, this is a chance to make better use of public land and draw people to the coast without altering it beyond recognition.

It is also, he suggests, a way to give residents of Busaiteen and nearby areas something to enjoy closer to home.

**ILA to host ‘India 78: Unplugged’ quiz**  
TDT | Manama

The Indian Ladies Association (ILA), Bahrain, will host India 78: Unplugged, a special quiz event marking the 78th anniversary of India's independence, on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Epix Cinema, Dana Mall, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

The competition, open to school teams, corporate houses, and community groups, aims to celebrate India's vibrant culture, rich history, and enduring legacy.

Participants will face intellectually stimulating rounds covering topics from history and politics to art, science, and culture, offering both an educational and entertaining experience.

**Journey**

According to ILA President Mrs. Smitha Jensen, the event is “more than a quiz — it's a journey through India's glorious past and dynamic present.”

She added that the response has been overwhelming, with registrations from leading corporate teams and community groups across Bahrain.

Winners will receive attractive prizes, and all participants will gain a deeper appreciation of India's contributions across various fields. Limited registration slots remain available.

**Cable extension works in Riffa**  
TDT | Manama

The Ministry of Works, in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, has announced the continuation of electricity cable extension works for the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) along Mishtan Street, Noon Street, Umm Al-Nasan Street, and Muharraq Street in the Riffa area until Sunday, August 31, 2025.

The Ministry urged citizens and residents to follow traffic regulations and exercise caution in the area to ensure the safety of all road users.

**Applications open for Imtiaz Initiative until August 30**  
TDT | Manama

The Supreme Council for Women has opened applications for the fifth edition of the “Imtiaz” Initiative, inviting Bahraini female entrepreneurs to showcase their projects and success stories.

The initiative recognises women under 45 with at least three years of entrepreneurial experience.

Applicants must be Bahraini nationals, submit a financial report, and hold a valid business licence with at least 50% ownership in a trade or service-based project.

Applications close on August 30.

The initiative aims to empower women, promote economic participation, and highlight outstanding business models.

# Rare total lunar eclipse to grace Bahrain skies on September 7

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Astronomy enthusiasts in Bahrain and across the Arabian Gulf will witness a rare total lunar eclipse on the evening of Sunday, September 7, coinciding with the full moon of Rabi' al-Awwal 1447 AH, astronomer Mohammed Redha Al Asfour has announced.

Describing it as one of the most significant astronomical events of 2025, Al Asfour said the eclipse will be visible across the Kingdom's skies, passing through several phases over approximately five hours and 27 minutes.

The event will begin with a penumbral eclipse, followed by a partial eclipse, reaching its peak during a total eclipse that will last one hour and 22 minutes, when the moon turns a dark red hue — a phenomenon known as the “blood moon.”

The eclipse prayer period in Bahrain will be between 7:27pm



A visual illustration of the celestial phenomenon. Inset, Bahraini astronomer Mohammed Redha Al Asfour

“This will be the first total lunar eclipse visible in Bahrain since July 2018 and will not occur again until December 31, 2028.”

- MOHAMMED REDHA AL ASFOUR, BAHRAINI ASTRONOMER

and 10:56pm local time, coinciding with the partial and total phases.

Al Asfour noted that this will be the first total lunar eclipse visible in Bahrain since July 2018 and will not occur again until December 31, 2028.

He encouraged the public to observe and document the spectacle, which can be viewed safely with the naked eye, offering a prime opportunity for both astronomy and photography enthusiasts.

**Talks to promote visual arts scene**  
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His Excellency Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the National Arts Council, held a consultative meeting with the Chairman and Board Members of the Bahrain Contemporary Art Association, as part of efforts to support national cultural and artistic initiatives and to strengthen engagement with institutions involved in the development of the visual arts scene in the Kingdom.

The meeting reviewed the association's recently organised activities and events, as well as its upcoming plans aimed at supporting Bahraini artists and highlighting their achievements.

## Disney On Ice



The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) announced that the world-renowned show Disney On Ice will take center stage at the Bahrain Summer Festival 2025, offering a spectacular live experience for families from August 12 to 17 at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB). Organised by the BTEA in strategic partnership with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre, the event underscores the Kingdom's continued efforts to enhance its position as a leading regional destination for entertainment and family tourism.

The live ice skating performance will feature an ensemble of beloved Disney characters including Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy, along with fan favorites from Moana, Frozen, Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, Encanto, and Coco.

## Unique artwork



His Excellency Muharraq Governor Salman bin Hindi Al Mannai, graciously received artist Yaqoob Kamal Al-Abdullah, who presented him with a unique artwork celebrating Bahrain's national identity. He lauded Bahrain's talented youth, crediting their success to the leadership's unwavering support in cultivating their skills.



The National Bank of Bahrain

## NBB Introduces Structured Investment Products for Accredited Investors

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has introduced a suite of structured investment products designed to address the evolving investment needs of Bahrain's High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs), corporate clients, and family offices. Exclusively available to accredited investors as defined by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), these products offer a combination of flexibility, capital protection, and attractive potential returns.

Commenting on the occasion, Kumail Al Noaimi, Group Head of Capital Market Sales & Distribution at NBB said, "Our structured investment products offer innovative and secure solutions that align with the distinct financial objectives and risk profiles of our customers."



This launch reflects NBB's ongoing commitment to providing personalised wealth management services to ensure that our valued clients can benefit from bespoke products that support their long-term investment strategies."

Aligned with NBB's strategic focus on broadening its wealth management offerings, these new diversified investment solutions are tailored to specific financial goals and risk tolerances. Investors can select from a wide range of underlying assets, including equities, indices, commodities, foreign exchange, thematic baskets and Bitcoin linked investments, to structure their portfolios according to market expectations and personal preferences.

The products present varying levels of capital protection, including 100%, 90%, and principal-at-risk structures. With investment durations ranging from three months to five years, clients can choose tenors that match their liquidity requirements. Furthermore, the products enable personalised market views, allowing for bullish, bearish, range-bound, or thematic investment strategies that support diversified and dynamic portfolio allocations.

The introduction of these structured deposit products further reinforces NBB's position as a leading provider of value-driven financial solutions in Bahrain. By expanding the range of investment opportunities, the Bank continues to play an active role in strengthening the Kingdom's capital markets and supporting its economic growth.

### Italy approves plans for world's longest suspension bridge

Rome, Italy

Italy's government yesterday approved a controversial 13.5-billion-euro (\$15.6-billion) project to build what would be the world's longest suspension bridge connecting the island of Sicily to the mainland. Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's coalition hailed the state-funded project as an economic boost for the impoverished south of Italy -- only for critics to warn that it risks turning into a financial black hole.

Italian politicians have for decades debated a bridge over the Strait of Messina, a narrow strip of water between the island of Sicily and the region of Calabria, at the toe of Italy's boot.

But ministers say Wednesday's approval by a government committee, CIPES, is the furthest the project has ever got.

Advocates say the bridge, due for completion by 2032, is at the cutting edge of engineering, able to withstand high winds and earthquakes in a region that lies across two tectonic plates.

## India's central bank holds rates amid US tariff battle

AFP | Mumbai, India

India's central bank maintained its key interest rate at 5.50 percent on Wednesday, as US President Donald Trump ramped up threats to raise tariffs on New Delhi because of Russian oil purchases. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept steady the repurchase rate, the level at which it lends to commercial banks, after a unanimous vote by a six-member panel.

A majority of analysts had forecast a pause following a surprise 50-basis-point reduction in June.

Bank governor Sanjay Malhotra said global trade challenges remained but that the "Indian economy holds bright prospects in the changing world order".

"We have taken decisive and forward looking measures to support growth," he said in a statement.

The RBI cut rates for the first time in nearly five years in February and followed up with



two other reductions in April and June.

The Indian government has forecast above-average monsoon rains, which observers say should help growth, as higher agricultural output will aid the rural economy and keep vegetable prices stable.

But Trump's announcement Tuesday to "substantially" hike tariffs on Indian imports because of New Delhi's purchases of Russian oil has added pressure on India.

Before that threat was made,

the existing 10 percent US tariff on Indian products was already due to rise to 25 percent on Thursday.

Malhotra acknowledged that "the uncertainties of tariffs are still evolving" even though "growth is robust".

Trump's pressure on India comes after he signalled fresh sanctions on Russia if it did not make progress by Friday towards a peace deal with Ukraine. India, the world's most populous country, is not an export powerhouse, but the United States is its largest trading partner.

### Apple to invest additional \$100 bn in US: White House official

Washington, United States

Apple will invest an additional \$100 billion in the United States, taking its total pledge to \$600 billion over the next four years, a senior White House official said yesterday.

The announcement, which was first reported by US media, will be officially made later Wednesday at 4:30 pm (2030 GMT) at a White House event with President Donald Trump.

In February, Apple said it would spend more than \$500 billion in the United States and hire 20,000 people, with Trump quickly taking credit for the decision.

The Silicon Valley-based giant said it was its "largest-ever spend commitment," which came as tech companies battle for dominance in developing artificial intelligence technology.

It builds on plans announced in 2021, when the company founded by Steve Jobs said that it would invest \$430 billion in the US and add 20,000 jobs over the next five years.

Trump, who has pushed US companies to shift manufacturing home by slapping tariffs on trading partners, claimed that his administration was to

thank for the investment.

Apple reported a quarterly profit of \$23.4 billion in late July, topping forecasts despite facing higher costs due to Trump's sweeping levies.

Tariffs are essentially a tax paid by companies importing goods to the United States. This means Apple is on the hook for tariffs on iPhones and other products or components it brings into the country from abroad.



Apple Inc. was the first publicly traded U.S. company to reach a market valuation of \$3 trillion, which it briefly hit in January 2022 -- a milestone that reflects how deeply its products and services have become embedded in daily life around the world.

Chery Bahrain

## Chery Bahrain Supports Youth Development Through Sponsorship of the 9th BDF Officers' Children Summer Camp 2025



Manama

Chery Bahrain, a brand under Asia Motors and part of the Motorcity Group, announced its sponsorship of the 9th BDF Officers' Children Summer Camp 2025, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to supporting youth

development programs in the Kingdom.

This partnership reflects Chery's vision, which places families at the heart of its values, aiming to strengthen connections with younger generations and contribute to creating an environment that encourages their growth and

creativity.

As part of this initiative, Chery organized an interactive day for the children participating in the camp, which included educational and recreational activities designed to foster teamwork, creativity, and self-confidence in a fun and engaging atmosphere.

This collaboration underscores the strong relationship between Chery and the Bahrain Defence Force Officers Club and highlights the company's continuous efforts to partner with national institutions in support of initiatives that promote social development across the Kingdom.





Al Baraka Islamic Bank

# The Door of Al Barakat is Bigger

Al Baraka Islamic Bank Announces Expansion of Cash Prizes for “Al Barakat” Account to a Total of USD 6 Million in 2025

Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced an increase in the valuable cash prizes under Al Barakat Account prize scheme through year-end under the theme “The Door of Al Barakat is now bigger”, bringing total cash prizes to USD 6 million during 2025. This reflects the Bank’s commitment to offering customers greater chances to win and achieve their aspirations.

The first draw will take place on September 30, 2025, with 13 cash prizes totalling USD 350,000, including three grand prizes of USD 100,000 each.



Mr. Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank

The second draw will follow in November 2025, offering 16 cash prizes totalling USD 250,000, including two prizes of USD 100,000 each.

Al Barakat will conclude 2025 with a massive draw in



early 2026, offering its customers unprecedented prizes totaling USD one million, which will be awarded to 11 winners, including 750,000 US dollars to be distributed among three winners.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, said: “At Al Baraka Is-

lamic Bank, we remain committed to providing rewarding, Shari’ah-compliant banking solutions, and the expansion of the Al Barakat Account prize programme is a key step in this direction. By diversifying and increasing prize tiers and holding multiple draws, we enhance our customers’ chances of winning and encourage them

to save and invest with confidence.”

He added: “We are pleased to invite all our valued customers to participate and grow their savings with Al Barakat. We wish everyone the best of luck in benefiting from the valuable winning opportunities as ‘The Door of Al Barakat Just Widened’, while we continue to enhance our services to deliver outstanding banking experiences that meet diverse needs and support our customers’ financial ambitions.”

The Al Barakat Investment Account from Al Baraka Islamic Bank, which is Shari’ah-compliant, offers multiple opportunities to win amazing cash prizes throughout the investment period, with a minimum deposit of BD 50 or the equivalent of USD 135. Individuals of all nationalities aged 18 and above can open an Al Barakat Investment Account via Al Baraka Islamic Bank’s mobile app without the need to visit a branch. Accounts for those under 18 can be opened by their parents or legal guardians.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank is a leading Islamic bank in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Since its establishment in 1984, it has delivered outstanding results in operations and services for both individual and corporate clients. The bank has a proven track record of developing and providing innovative Shari’a-compliant investment solutions to a diverse global client base.

# Trump adds 25% tariff on India over Russian oil purchases

The tariff, set to take effect in three weeks

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump yesterday ordered an additional 25% tariff on Indian goods over New Delhi’s continued purchase of Russian oil, a key revenue source for Moscow’s war in Ukraine.

The tariff, set to take effect in three weeks, comes on top of a separate 25 percent duty entering into force on Thursday, according to the text of the executive order released by the

## India says additional US tariffs ‘extremely unfortunate’

AFP | New Delhi, India

India’s foreign ministry condemned additional US tariffs imposed over its Russian oil purchases as “extremely unfortunate” yesterday, calling the

move “unfair, unjustified and unreasonable”.

“Our imports are based on market factors and done with the overall objective of ensuring the energy security of 1.4 billion people of India,” it said.

“It is therefore extremely unfortunate that the US should choose to impose additional tariffs on India for actions that several other countries are also taking in their own national interest.”

White House.

The order also threatens potential penalties on other coun-

tries deemed to be “directly or indirectly importing Russian Federation oil.”

Exemptions remain for items targeted by separate sector-specific duties such as steel and

aluminum, and categories that could be hit like pharmaceuticals.

Trump has been ramping up pressure on India after signalling fresh sanctions on Moscow if it did not make progress by Friday towards a peace deal with Kyiv, as Russia’s devastating invasion of its

pro-western neighbor drags on.

India’s national security adviser was in Moscow on Wednesday, media in New Delhi reported, coinciding with a visit by US envoy Steve Witkoff.

India’s foreign ministry earlier said US pressure to stop it buying Russian oil was “unjustified and unreasonable” and that it would protect its interests.



# Putin holds ‘constructive’ talks with US envoy Witkoff ahead of sanctions deadline: Kremlin

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin held “constructive” talks with US envoy Steve Witkoff in Moscow yesterday, the Kremlin said, two days ahead of a US deadline for Russia to halt its Ukraine offensive or face fresh sanctions.

US President Donald Trump, who had boasted he could end the conflict within 24 hours of



taking office, has given Russia until Friday to make progress towards peace or face new penalties.

But three rounds of Russia-Ukraine talks in Istanbul have failed to make headway on a ceasefire, with the two sides far apart in their demands.

Russia has escalated drone attacks on Ukraine’s southern coast. Russia’s President Vladimir Putin greets US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff

Putin and Witkoff exchanged “signals” on their positions, Ushakov said, without elaborating.

and missile attacks against its pro-Western neighbour to a record high and accelerated its advance on the ground.

“A quite useful and constructive conversation took place,” Putin’s aide Yuri Ushakov told

journalists, including AFP, after the three hour meeting.

Putin and Witkoff exchanged “signals” on their positions, Ushakov said, without elaborating.

The Kremlin released video of Putin shaking hands with Witkoff at the start of the meeting.

Ahead of the talks, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky urged Washington to increase its pressure on Moscow to agree to a ceasefire.

The Ministry of Labour

## Labour Ministry announces opening registration for 40th annual ceremony

To honour outstanding workers in private sector

Manama

The Ministry of Labour has announced the opening of registration for the 40th edition of the national ceremony honouring outstanding Bahraini workers in the private sector.



The event, held annually un-

der the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of Bahrain, is scheduled to take place in December.

The Ministry has invited private sector companies and institutions to nominate high-per-

forming Bahraini employees for recognition. Submission are to be made via the ministry’s official website, [www.mol.gov.bh](http://www.mol.gov.bh). The deadline for nominations is September 30.

Eligible nominees must be Bahraini nationals who have

demonstrated exceptional commitment and excellence in their roles. All submissions will be reviewed by the Ministry, and a final list of honors will be selected based on set criteria.

The annual ceremony forms part of the ministry’s broader

efforts to promote a culture of productivity, professionalism, and appreciation within the private sector. For further details, companies may contact the ministry on 17873819 or 17873873, or via email at [recognition@mol.gov.bh](mailto:recognition@mol.gov.bh).



# Stocks tick up with eyes on earnings, US tariff deadline

Trump’s claim that Washington was “very close to a deal” to extend a China tariffs

- 50% US tariffs on Brazilian imports came into place yesterday
- Markets kept an eye on US tariff developments

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets edged higher yesterday as traders assessed the latest corporate earnings and awaited President Donald Trump’s next wave of tariffs.

Trump’s claim that Washington was “very close to a deal” to extend a China tariffs truce provided some optimism.

Dozens of economies around the world including the European Union and India are set to face higher US tariffs on Thursday, as Trump’s long-threatened “reciprocal” duties over trade practices he deems unfair take effect.

Separate 50% US tariffs on Brazilian imports came into place Wednesday, with significant exemptions, after Trump

Key figures at around 1330 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ 0.2% at 44,190.66 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ 0.2% at 6,308.57
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 0.2% at 20,955.22
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.3% at 9,167.02
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.2% at 7,633.53
Frankfurt - DAX:	■ at 23,854.85
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.6% at 40,794.86 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	■ at 24,910.63 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.5% at 3,633.99 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1625 from \$1.1582 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.3317 from \$1.3294
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.39 yen from 147.55 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 87.30 pence from 87.01 pence
Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 1.7% at \$68.78 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 1.8% at \$66.78 per barrel

targeted Latin America’s biggest economy over its prosecution of former president Jair Bolsonaro.

Oil prices rallied thanks to Trump’s threat to impose higher tariffs on India over its purchase of Russian crude.

Kathleen Brooks, research director at trading group XTB, said “decent” corporate results in the United States and Europe were overshadowing concerns about a

US economic slowdown and the impact of “Trump’s continuing obsession with tariffs”.

Wall Street’s main indices edged higher at the start of trading.

Paris rose in early afternoon deals, while Frankfurt was flat after data showed German industrial orders unexpectedly fell in June.

London advanced ahead of



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange during morning trading

the Bank of England’s expected decision to cut its key interest rate Thursday.

Markets kept an eye on US tariff developments, with several countries still racing to strike deals before Thursday’s levies kick in.

European investors are “in a relatively confident mood following a US-EU trade deal that eases concerns around tomorrow’s tariff headline”, said Joshua Mahony, chief market analyst at Rostro trading group.

He added that markets are “heavily focused on the likes of India and Switzerland”, which have yet to reach a final agreement with Washington.

In a Tuesday interview with CNBC, Trump said he was looking at hitting pharmaceuticals with tolls that eventually reach

250%, while semiconductors were also in the firing line.

However, he signalled a more positive tone on talks with China, which analysts said helped boost Asian stocks.

In company news, shares in Danish drug giant Novo Nordisk fell 3.5 percent.

The group reported a sharp rise in second-quarter net profit but rising competition is hitting sales of its diabetes and obesity treatments Ozempic and Wegovy in the United States.

In London, shares in Swiss mining and commodity giant Glencore shed 3.7 percent after it posted widening first-half losses on falling coal prices, US tariffs and Middle East tensions.

In the United States, Disney lifted its full-year earnings forecast after reporting higher quarterly profits as it added 1.8 million subscribers to its streaming platform.

However, investors appeared to focus on a drop in revenue from its linear TV business, with its shares falling four% as trading got underway in New York.

Shares in McDonald’s climbed 1.5% after the fast-food chain posted a rebound in sales.

## Syria inks infrastructure, real estate deals worth \$14 bn

AFP | Damascus, Syria

Syria held a signing ceremony yesterday for agreements worth more than \$14 billion, including investments in Damascus airport and other transport and real estate projects, state media reported.

Since the overthrow of longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad in December, Syria’s new authorities have worked to attract investment for the reconstruction of infrastructure destroyed in the country’s devastating civil war.

“We are announcing a group of 12 major strategic projects for a total of \$14 billion,” the head of the Syrian Investment Authority, Talal al-Hilali, said

at the ceremony at the presidential palace.

The plans include a \$4 billion investment project for Damascus airport and \$2 billion in investment for a Damascus metro, as well as more than \$2 billion for a mall and two towers developments, he said.

The projects “will extend across Syria and represent a qualitative shift in infrastructure and economic life”, Hilali said.

Interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa and US special envoy for Syria Tom Barrack were both present at the signing ceremony, the official SANA news agency said.

Barrack congratulated Syrian authorities on “another great accomplishment”, saying they will witness the rise of a “new hub” in “trade and prosperity”.

The United Nations has put post-war reconstruction costs at more than \$400 billion.

Several deals have already been announced.

Last month, Saudi Arabia signed major investment and partnership deals with Syria, valued at \$6.4 billion.

Also in July, Syria signed an \$800 million deal with UAE-based company DP World to develop the port of Tartus, state media reported.

In May, Syria signed a \$7 billion energy deal with a consortium of Qatari, Turkish and US companies as it seeks to revive its crippled power sector.

## Hong Kong’s Cathay Pacific unveils deal to buy 14 Boeing jets

Hong Kong, China

Hong Kong carrier Cathay Pacific said on Wednesday it would place a US\$8.1 billion order for 14 Boeing jets, its first with the US aircraft maker for more than a decade.

The airline said in a filing to the city’s stock exchange it would “purchase 14 Boeing 777-9 aircraft” and had “secured the right to acquire up to seven additional Boeing 777-9 aircraft”.

The new order expects the aircraft to be delivered by 2034, according to a separate filing.

Cathay was one of the first buyers to commit to Boeing’s 777X programme when it unveiled the purchase of 21 aircraft in 2013.



Aggregate being loaded onto a Cathay Pacific Boeing 777 aircraft at the Kansai International Airport in Japan’s Osaka Prefecture. Hong Kong’s Cathay Pacific Boeing said in a statement the new deal brought the order book of 777-9 aircraft -- “the world’s largest twin-engine airplane” -- to 35.

fuel use and emissions, would meet Cathay’s growing global travel demand, it said.

“Boeing certainly had a troubled period in the recent past, but we are very encouraged by the renewed focus that Boeing leadership has on engineering and production quality,” Cathay’s operations and service delivery officer Alex McGowan told a news conference.

Cathay already has a fleet of more than 230 mostly passenger aircraft, consisting of Boeing and Airbus jets.

It has agreed to buy more than 100 new aircraft, it said on Wednesday, adding that the new order has brought Cathay’s total investment to \$12.7 billion (HK\$100 billion).

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Before the civil war began in 2011, Syria had one of the most advanced road networks in the Middle East, with over 60,000 km of paved roads connecting major cities and neighbouring countries. However, years of conflict have severely damaged this infrastructure – with the United Nations estimating that over one-third of Syria’s housing and critical facilities, including hospitals, schools, and water systems, have been either damaged or destroyed.

## Putin decree allows Russia to increase greenhouse gas emissions

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday signed a decree that would allow Russia to increase its greenhouse gas emissions by a fifth by 2035 compared with 2021 levels.

Russia, the world’s fourth-largest emitter of planet-warming carbon dioxide gas, aims to achieve net zero emissions by 2060.

But activists say its current

climate goals are woefully insufficient to combat global warming.

In the decree, Putin ordered his government to implement “by 2035 a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions to 65-67 percent relative to the 1990 level”, taking into account the impact of Russia’s vast forests that soak up carbon.

This would set Russia’s maximum allowed emissions at

around two billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2035 -- lower than the record of 3.1 billion tonnes in 1990 but around 22 percent higher than the 2021 figure of 1.7 billion, according to data provided by Russia to the United Nations.

Russia has cautioned against phasing out fossil fuels at previous climate summits.

Its economy is largely dependent on oil and gas exports and it has repeatedly set targets campaigners have described as unclear and ambitious.





News in brief

◆ **US President Donald**

Trump suggested on Tuesday Vice President JD Vance is “most likely” to secure the Republican party nomination for president in 2028. Trump has avoided naming a preferred successor and said in February that, while Vance was “very capable,” it was too soon to make such calls. Asked on Tuesday whether Vance was the heir-apparent to his Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement, Trump told reporters: “Well, I think most likely.” “In all fairness, he’s the vice president,” he said. The remarks followed speculation that Trump might attempt to defy constitutional limits and seek a third term. “It’s too early, obviously, to talk about it, but certainly he’s doing a great job,” Trump said. “And he would be probably favored at this point.” Trump also floated the idea of Vance teaming up with Secretary of State Marco Rubio to create a formidable Republican ticket.



**Trump suggests Vance ‘most likely’ Republican pick for 2028**

**Prince Harry cleared of ‘bullying’ in African charity row**

◆ **The UK** charity watchdog Wednesday cleared Prince Harry of accusations of bullying in a row with an African charity he founded, but deplored that the bitter internal dispute was played out in public. The charity Sentebele was at the centre of an explosive boardroom dispute in March and April when chairperson Sophie Chandauka publicly accused Harry, the youngest son

of King Charles III, of “bullying”. Days earlier, Harry and co-founder Prince Seeiso of Lesotho had announced they were resigning from the charity they established in 2006, after the trustees quit when Chandauka refused their demand to step down. Harry, also known as the Duke of Sussex, launched the charity in honour of his mother, Princess Diana, to help young people with HIV and AIDS in Lesotho and later Botswana. After a months-long inquiry, the Charity Commission “found no evidence of widespread or systemic bullying or harassment, including misogyny or misogynoir at the charity,” it said in its conclusions published Wednesday.

◆ **Israeli authorities** have banned Jerusalem’s top Muslim cleric from entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound for six months over a recent sermon, his attorney told AFP yesterday. Muhammad Ahmad Hussein, the grand mufti of Jerusalem, will be prevented from entering the holy site in the Israeli-annexed Old City until January 2026, according to lawyer Khalidoun Najem. Najem said Israeli police “did not interrogate” or held a hearing for the mufti prior to their decision. Hussein’s lawyer said that the ban was due to a Friday sermon the mufti gave at Al-Aqsa -- Islam’s third-holiest site and a Palestinian national symbol -- in late July, “which contained nothing inappropriate”.

**Israel bars Jerusalem’s top Muslim cleric from Al-Aqsa: lawyer**



SPOTLIGHT

**Egypt sets opening of \$1 bn Pyramids museum for Nov 1**



Cairo, Egypt

Egypt said yesterday that its much-anticipated new \$1-billion archaeological museum near the Pyramids of Giza will officially open on November 1 after several delays.

Authorities hope that the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), which boasts the treasures of Tutankhamun among its collection of more than 100,000 ancient Egyptian artefacts, will attract visitors from around the world.

Official say that at 50 hectares (124 acres), the museum will be the largest in the world dedicated to a single civilisation.

Prime Minister Moustafa Madbouly told a cabinet meeting that President Abdel Fat-

tah al-Sisi had approved the new opening date.

He said the opening would “an exceptional event” that would showcase Egypt’s cultural heritage and attract visitors from around the world.

It had been set for July 3 but was postponed when Israel attacked Iranian nuclear facilities on June 13 sparking a 12-day war that closed airspace across much of the Middle East.

The project has faced a series of setbacks, including political unrest and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Authorities anticipate that the museum will draw five million visitors per year in a major boost to the tourism industry, which is a key foreign exchange earner for Egypt.

**Israel army directed to execute govt orders on Gaza**

The Army Chief of Staff reportedly expressed dissent over the full occupation of Gaza

● **Netanyahu held a restricted three-hour meeting with security chiefs**

● **The army chief suggested alternatives to a full occupation**

● **Defence Minister Israel Katz hit back with a clear message**

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military will have to execute any government decisions on Gaza, the defence minister said yesterday after reported disagreements over the prospect of a full occupation of the Palestinian territory.

Signs of a rift over strategy emerged as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu prepared to announce a new phase in the war, after he said Israel must “complete” the defeat of Hamas in order to secure the release of hostages still held in Gaza.

The Israeli press, citing officials speaking on condition of anonymity, has predicted an escalation of operations, including in densely populated areas where hostages are believed to be held, such as Gaza City and refugee camps.

The reports also said Netanyahu and his cabinet would order a full military occupation of Gaza, sparking dissension from the army’s Chief of Staff, Eyal Zamir.

On Tuesday, Netanyahu held a restricted three-hour meeting with security chiefs to discuss options for the continuation of the war, his office said in a statement.

At the meeting, Zamir reportedly warned that a full occupation would be like “walking into a trap,” according to public broadcaster KAN.



Palestinians inspect the damage after an overnight strike on the Sheikh Radwan Health Centre run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in the north of Gaza City

The army chief suggested alternatives to a full occupation, such as an encirclement of specific areas where Hamas is believed to be hunkering down, according to the Channel 12 broadcaster.

But Defence Minister Israel Katz hit back with a clear message.

“It is the right and duty of the Chief of Staff to express his position in the appropriate forums,” he wrote on X.

“But once decisions are made by the political echelon, the IDF will execute them with determination and professionalism... until the objectives of the war are achieved,” he added, using an acronym for the Israeli military.

**Trump says ‘up to Israel’**

Netanyahu is expected to convene the security cabinet on Thursday to finalise a decision on the expansion of the offensive, local media reported.

US President Donald Trump told reporters on Tuesday he was not aware of reported plans to occupy the entire Gaza Strip, but said that such a decision would be “up to Israel”.

At war with Hamas since the unprecedented attack by the Palestinian Islamist movement on Israel on October 7, 2023, the Israeli government is under growing pressure to bring the conflict to an end.

Israelis are increasingly alarmed about the fate of the 49 hostages still held in Gaza, of whom 20 are believed to be alive.

The UN Security Council held a special session on Tuesday to discuss Israeli hostages in Gaza, as the country seeks to keep the issue on top of the global agenda.

On Tuesday, Trump described a recent video released by Hamas of emaciated Israeli hostage Evyatar David purportedly digging his own grave as “horrible.”



The October 7, 2023, attack led to the death of 1,219 people on the Israeli side, the majority of them civilians. The Israeli offensive launched in retaliation has killed at least 61,020 people in Gaza, mostly civilians.

In parallel, international criticism has surged over the suffering of over two million Palestinians, who the UN warns are at risk of widespread famine.

**Excessive screen time raises heart disease risk: study**

● **The study tracked the screen consumption and sleep habits of more than 1,000 10-year and 18-year-olds**

AFP | Copenhagen, Denmark

Children who spend too much time in front of screens, whether phones or TVs, have an increased risk of heart and metabolic disease, according to a Danish study published yesterday.

The study tracked the screen consumption and sleep habits of more than 1,000 10-year and 18-year-olds, with researchers examining the relationship between screen time and cardiometabolic risk factors.

“Children and young adults who spend excessive hours glued



Representative picture

to screens and electronic devices may have higher risks for cardiometabolic diseases, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol

and insulin resistance,” said the study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association. Subsequently they face a higher

risk of developing cardiovascular diseases or diabetes, the researchers found.

The analysis revealed that each additional hour of daily screen time increases the risk of disease.

“This means a child with three extra hours of screen time a day would have roughly a quarter to half a standard-deviation higher risk than their peers,” lead author David Horner, a researcher at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, said in a statement.

“Multiply that across a whole population of children, and you’re looking at a meaningful shift in early cardiometabolic risk that could carry into adulthood,” Horner added.

Researchers are divided on the potential harmful effects of screens on children and adolescents, but the majority agree that younger populations are more at risk compared to adults.



Ming Dynasty Chinese military general Cao Qin stages a coup against the Tianshun Emperor

Battle of Gangut: Russian Navy wins its first major victory during the Great Northern War against Sweden



Iraqi government forces slaughter over 3,000 Assyrians in the village of Simele in northern Iraq, commemorated as Assyrian Martyrs' Day

Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering, the precursor to Sony, begins selling its first transistor radios in Japan



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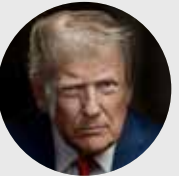
On the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, we remember those who perished & stand with their families. Today, the risk of nuclear conflict is growing & the weapons that brought such devastation are once again treated as tools of coercion. Remembering the past is about protecting peace today & in the future.  
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Over 14,800 patients in Gaza are still in urgent need of specialised medical care. We urge more countries to step forward to accept patients and for medical evacuations to be expedited through all possible routes.  
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For eight straight consecutive summer games, no one has won more medals than @TeamUSA... We want to keep it that way  
@POTUS

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Security and relief personnel heaving rocks and removing debris to build a crossing across a stream of dense sludge during a search and rescue operation

## Indian army searches for scores missing after deadly Himalayan flood

● At least four people were killed and more than 50 are unaccounted for

● Torrential monsoon rains have hampered rescue efforts

● Videos broadcast on Indian media showed a terrifying surge of muddy water sweeping away multi-storey apartment blocks

AFP | New Delhi, India

The Indian army brought in sniffer dogs, drones and heavy earth-moving equipment yesterday to search for scores of people missing a day after deadly Himalayan flash floods.

At least four people were killed and more than 50 are unaccounted for after a wall of muddy water and debris tore down a narrow mountain valley, smashing into the town of Dharali in Uttarakhand state, rescue officials said on Wednesday.

Climate change experts warned that the disaster was a “wake-up call” to the effects of global warming. Deadly floods and landslides

People stand beside a damaged road at a village near Uttarkashi



have hampered rescue efforts, with communication limited and phone lines damaged.

However, the assessment of the number missing has been reduced as soldiers and rescue teams reached marooned individuals. Around 100 people were reported as unaccounted for late on Tuesday.

“The search for the missing is ongoing,” said Mohsen Shahedi from the National Disaster Response Force.

Videos broadcast on Indian media showed a terrifying surge of muddy water sweeping away multi-storey apartment blocks in the tourist region on Tuesday afternoon.

Shahedi said more than 50 people were missing from Dharali, while 11 soldiers were unaccounted for from the nearby downstream village of Harsil. “Additional army columns, along with army tracker dogs, drones, logistic drones, earthmoving equipment etc., have been moved... to hasten the efforts,” the army said.

Military helicopters were flying in essential supplies, it said, as well as picking up those stranded after roads were swept away even though rain and fog made flights difficult.

## UPI's record-breaking day highlights India's digital payments boom

TDT | agencies

India's digital payment revolution reached a new peak on August 2, 2025, as the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) clocked over 707 million transactions in a single day — its highest ever. The milestone was confirmed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), signalling the platform's explosive growth and central role in the country's financial ecosystem.

UPI, which had been averaging around 650 million daily transactions through July, saw a surge at the beginning of August. Experts believe the spike was driven by routine rent transfers, salary payments, and utility bill settlements that typically occur



at the start of each month.

The new record marks a dramatic rise in UPI's adoption. In 2023, the platform was averaging 350 million transactions a day. That figure rose to 500 million by August 2024 and has now comfortably crossed the 700 million mark. The Government of India has set an ambitious target of hitting 1 billion daily transactions by 2026.

The real-time payment system, which allows seamless peer-to-peer and merchant transactions via mobile apps, has become the default choice for digital payments in India. Over 85 per cent of all digital transactions in the country now happen through UPI, with merchant payments accounting for nearly 62 per cent of the total volume — indicating strong uptake by businesses both large and small.

Powered by apps like PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm, BHIM, and banking applications including SBI Yono, ICICI iMobile, and HDFC PayZapp, UPI links multiple bank accounts to a single mobile interface. Users can transfer funds using just a

mobile number or UPI ID, eliminating the need to input card details or bank information.

The platform is not just reshaping India's financial landscape but is also challenging global payment giants such as Visa and Mastercard in terms of daily volume. Unlike traditional card networks that use delayed settlement models, UPI processes payments in real time — offering a faster, more efficient alternative.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also voiced support for reintroducing Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on UPI transactions — at least for high-value merchant payments — to ensure the long-term viability of the platform.

Internationally, India is looking to replicate UPI's success. At the BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok earlier this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed linking UPI with payment systems in other member nations to promote cross-border trade, business, and tourism. He also offered to share India's experience in building Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), suggesting a pilot study to tailor solutions to regional needs.

UPI's global ambitions were further cemented last year when it was formally launched at the Eiffel Tower during the Republic Day reception in Paris — a symbolic step in India's effort to make UPI a global standard for digital transactions.

## Tennessee man with heart implant executed, complained of pain

Washington, United States

A convicted murderer with a heart defibrillator complained that he was in pain while being put to death by lethal injection in the southern US state of Tennessee, according to witnesses to the execution.

Byron Black, 69, was executed on Tuesday at Riverbend Maximum Security Prison for the 1988 murders of his girlfriend, Angela Clay, 29, and her daughters Latoya, 9, and Lakeisha, 6.

Black's lawyers had sought prior to his execution to have the defibrillator deactivated, arguing that it could shock his heart back into rhythm while he was being put to death.

A state court ruled in Black's favor last month but was overruled by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Journalists who witnessed the execution said Black lifted his head shortly after the dose of pentobarbital was injected and said “Oh, it's hurting so bad.”

“I'm so sorry,” they quoted his spiritual advisor, who was in the death chamber, as saying.

Speaking at a press conference following the execution, the witnesses said Black appeared to be in distress but it was not clear if that was because of the lethal drugs or the defibrillator, which also served as a pacemaker.

There have been 28 executions in the United States this year, the most since 2015, when 28 inmates were also put to death.

Twenty-three of this year's executions have been carried out by lethal injection, two have been by firing squad and three by nitrogen hypoxia, which involves pumping nitrogen gas into a face mask, causing the prisoner to suffocate.



## autobuzz

# Citroen 2CV lovers gather in Slovenia to take the slow road

AFP | Postojna, Slovenia

Fans of an iconic French car gather this week in Slovenia to reclaim a slow, stress-free way of life where repairs are easy and cars are slow. "Once you sit down, all the stress from your office is gone," Karmen Uglesic, one of the organisers of this year's 25th world meeting of Citroen 2CV fans, told AFP.

"You stop worrying and simply enjoy," she said.

As head of the Slovenian parliament's public relations office, Uglesic has more than 20 years' experience working with politicians and managing events as the tiny former Yugoslav state transitioned into a fully fledged member of the European Union and NATO.

Preparing for retirement, Uglesic says she owes her mental well-being to her passion for the "Spacek", or "little freak".

That is what one journalist, bewildered by the car's appearance, called the 2CV when it appeared in the Yugoslav market in the early 50s.

"When I get home from work and my husband asks me if I would go for a ride with our 'Spacek', I'm immediately for it! I put on my Citroen T-shirt, open the foldable roof and go for it," Uglesic said.

## 'A different world'

The Citroen 2CV was launched in 1948 as the French carmaker Citroen's answer to Germany's Volkswagen Beetle. The 2CV stands for



A view of Citroen 2CV and other Citroen vehicles parked at a camp during the 25th World Meeting of 2CV Friends in Postojna, Slovenia

"deux chevaux" (two horses), a reference to its original horsepower.

Admired for its simplicity, utilitarian design and low-cost maintenance, more than five million 2CVs were built until 1990, when production stopped due to tougher emissions standards.

Uglesic is one of more than 300 volunteers who organised the 25th world meeting of 2CV friends at an airfield near the Postojna cave, around 50 kilometres (30 miles) south of the capital Ljubljana.

The previous gathering was in Switzerland in 2023.

"If you want to, you can repair it yourself thanks to the engine's simplicity," 55-year-old Italian Gabriele Salvoni told



AFP.

He was sitting with friends, drinking a beer, eating popcorn and surrounded by four 2CVs in different colours.

His group did the 400-kilometres-long trip to Postojna driving at 80 to 90 kilometres per hour, letting traditional Italian supercars shoot past them.

"This is a different world, we travel in peace, that is our way of living," Salvoni said proudly, displaying tatoos on his chest representing two 2CVs with the names of his two children.

## 'A piece of art'

Their cars were parked in one of the many camping areas marked by organisers to leave space for more than 3,000 2CVs to parade around.



The vehicles came in many colours -- some equipped with loudspeakers, others covered in rust, or in yellow with a giant duck on the roof.

"This car is a piece of art," Uglesic said. "Many here take it as a white canvas on which you can paint whatever you like."

As she spoke, a limousine-like 2CV, extended to double its usual length, passed by.

The camp appeared to be a series of parties happening at the same time but in perfect harmony.

From time to time, a column of cars formed to drive along the kilometre-plus main "road" separating two sides of the camp.

They sounded their horns as passers-by sang along to the mu-

sic from their loudspeakers.

Many of the participants were not even born when 2CV production stopped.

"It was my dream for years," 26-year-old freelance artist Jamie said as she sat with her 32-year-old boyfriend Mike under a tent hanging from her blue 2CV.

"I went to France and I fell in love with the car."

## 'Chill a bit'

Mike, who works in aircraft maintenance, is teaching her to repair it herself.

He admitted that, when it rained, their recently restored foldable roof "drips a little, but just on one side, but we don't really mind".

They drove from Hamburg in Germany, where highways have some of the fastest speed limits in the world.

"I don't mind being the slow one on the highway," Jamie said. "I think it's better to slow down. Maybe they should learn something from us: to chill a bit."

Not far away, 16-year-old Aleksandar Dincic from Vranje in Serbia and his father were checking out a tent where 2CV spare parts were being sold.

"I adore these cars, they are very good and can easily be driven in the 21st century," Dincic said.

And his father had promised him one for his 18th birthday, he added.

"It's a car that you drive with pleasure," he said with a smile.



It was designed to carry a basket of eggs across a ploughed field without breaking a single one

Citroen's original design brief in the 1930s was to create a rugged, low-cost car that could transport four people and 50 kg of goods over rough rural roads – even muddy fields – while being so gentle that a basket of eggs wouldn't crack during the ride.

This led to the 2CV's legendary soft suspension system and minimalist design, making it one of the most iconic and practical cars in automotive history.



## China's Baidu to deploy robotaxis on rideshare app Lyft

AFP | Beijing, China

Chinese internet giant Baidu plans to launch its robotaxis on rideshare app Lyft in Germany and Britain in 2026, pending regulatory approval, the two companies said on Monday.

Last month, Baidu announced a similar agreement with Uber

in Asia and the Middle East as it seeks to take pole position in the competitive autonomous driving field both at home and abroad.

Lyft and Baidu said Monday that "in the following years" the fleet of Apollo Go driverless cars will be expanded to thousands of vehicles across Europe.

They did not specify which other countries the cars would

be deployed in, and it was not clear how long it might take to gain regulatory approval for the initial deployment.

Driverless taxis are already on some roads with limited capacity in the United States and China, most notably in the central city of Wuhan, where a fleet of over 500 can be hailed by app in designated areas.

Their reach is spreading, with

Shanghai's financial district Pudong recently announcing a batch of permits for multiple companies to operate robotaxis.

China's tech companies and automakers have poured billions of dollars into self-driving technology in recent years, with intelligent driving the new battleground in the country's cutthroat domestic car market. Baidu is not alone among Chi-

nese companies in searching to expand its foothold abroad.

Its rival WeRide is also active in the Gulf region, and in January announced it had been picked to lead a small pilot project in Switzerland.

Pony.AI, another Chinese company, said in May that it had signed a deal to launch its self-driving taxis on Uber in "a key market in the Middle

East later this year".

San Francisco-based Lyft in April said it had agreed to buy German taxi app Freenow, planting a flag in the European market.

The acquisition marked Lyft's "most significant expansion outside North America", the group said.





## Chris Hemsworth recalls ‘out of body experience’ as he played drums at Ed Sheeran gig

**Bang showbiz** | Los Angeles

Chris Hemsworth had an “out of body experience” as he performed with Ed Sheeran.

The Thor actor joined the Bad Habits hitmaker on stage at a concert in Bucharest, Romania in front of 70,000 fans after learning to play the drums for his National Geographic series Limitless: Live Better Now and recalled how he felt as if he was “floating”

Chris Hemsworth

during the gig. Speaking at a Q+A for the show, Chris said: “(It was) very much a kind of out of body experience and there’s something about being in unison and in time with, not just a band, but a mass group of people.

“And I imagine it was sort of like a universal prayer or whatever, where people get together, and this sort of intention to point towards something positive in the same direction that there would be some interconnected experience.

“And that’s what it felt like. I felt like it was kind of beyond me

at that point. I was just floating along for the ride.”

Hemsworth admits that it was challenging to come up with ideas for the new series after he had been “killed emotionally and physically” by the initial programme Limitless with Chris Hemsworth in 2022.

The 41-year-old star said: “The first series almost killed me, emotionally and physically. That was by design.

“We discussed, what, if we’re going to do a second season, what could we tackle? What new science is there? What could we

expand upon.”

Chris discovered during the making of Limitless that he was considerably more likely to suffer from Alzheimer’s disease because of his genetics but he is prepared to “embrace death” as he doesn’t think it can be cheated.

The Rush star told the BBC: “Suffering comes from denial of our inevitably of death - we all have an expiration date.

“If you were told you had 200 years guaranteed you’d become more complacent and reckless. The idea that life can be taken away at any second is a beautiful reminder to appreciate every moment.”

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Hemsworth hopes that he can educate others about Alzheimer’s after learning that he is at significant risk of the disease - which robs sufferers of their memories.

He said: “That warning sign was further motivation to take care of myself.

“It also felt like a great opportunity to offer up education and a better understanding for people navigating it as Alzheimer’s is something a lot of people face.”

## Rita Ora ‘records song for Love Is Blind UK

**Bang showbiz** | Los Angeles

Rita Ora has recorded a new song for Love Is Blind UK.

The 34-year-old pop star has recorded a new track called Joy, which will feature in the second series of the hit Netflix show.

A source told The Sun newspaper’s Bizarre column: “It’s no secret that Rita loves love so she jumped at the chance to record a track for Love Is Blind UK.”

Joy won’t feature on Rita’s new album, but she jumped at the chance to contribute to Love Is Blind UK.

The insider continued: “Joy is very much a mini side-project rather than being part of the new album.

“The song will be used on the show and be available to stream but there are no plans for a video or to send it to radio.”

Meanwhile, Rita recently revealed that she wants to “celebrate [her] sexuality” through her new music.

The pop star released her single Heat in June, and Rita suggested that it was a taste of things to come.

The chart-topping singer told People: “The whole theme of this record is

ally about being instant [and] really direct with my messaging and stripping everything back behind me, production wise.”

Heat was co-written by Troye Sivan, and Rita admits that she has “a lot in common” with the music star.

The singer - who is married to Hollywood film director Taika Waititi - shared: “I love his sexuality and the celebration he has with that.

“I was really inspired for me and my womanhood to really kind of celebrate my sexuality,

my sexiness and get back into my body, you know? And this really just embodied that.”



Rita Ora

## Lady Gaga leads nominations for 2025 MTV Video Music Awards

**Bang showbiz** | Los Angeles

Lady Gaga leads the nominations for the 2025 MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs), scoring an impressive 12 nods.

It marks the third time the pop idol has topped the nominations list - a feat no other artist has matched in VMA history.

Gaga’s strong showing is followed closely by Bruno Mars, who earned 11 nominations, and Kendrick Lamar with 10.

Pop favourites Rosé and Sabrina Carpenter are not far behind, each collecting eight nominations, including in major categories like Best Pop and Artist of the Year. They’re joined by Ariana Grande and The Weeknd, who both picked up seven nods.

Elsewhere, Billie Eilish earned six nominations, while Charli XCX is up for five, including Best Collaboration and Video of the Year.

A number of major artists landed four nominations apiece, including

Bad Bunny, Doechii, Ed Sheeran, Jelly Roll, Miley Cyrus and Tate McRae.

There are two new categories this year for Best Country and Best Pop Artist.

Artist of the Year will be a battle between Bad Bunny, Beyoncé, Lamar, Gaga, Morgan Wallen, Taylor Swift and The Weeknd. Up for Best New Artist are Alex Warren, Ella Langley, Gigi Perez, Lola Young, Sombr and The Marías.

Bad Bunny (Debí Tirar Más Fotos), Kendrick Lamar (GNX), Lady Gaga (Mayhem), Morgan Wallen (I’m the Problem), Sabrina Carpenter (Short n’ Sweet), and The Weeknd (Hurry Up Tomorrow) will contend for Best Album.

The winners will be announced during a star-studded bash on Sunday, September 7, at the UBS Arena in New York City. For the

first time, CBS will simulcast the awards live alongside MTV, while Paramount+ will also stream the show for viewers around the world.



Lady Gaga

## Tom Holland doesn’t want to be overworked as an actor

**Bang showbiz** | Los Angeles

Tom Holland is wary about “overworking”.

The 29-year-old actor has a busy year in store in 2026 with movies The Odyssey and Spider-Man: Brand New Day both scheduled for release and he has suggested that he will “take a bit more time off” the following year as he looks to manage his workload.

Tom told GQ magazine: “I feel really blessed to be at a point in my career where I can take time off,

reset, and come back ready to go.

“You can’t be in every movie, and you can’t do your best work when you’re burnt out.

“What I’ve learnt is that it’s important to set boundaries - to be mindful about overworking. I’ve got a slightly busy year next year, and then I’ll probably take a bit more time off in 2027. We’ll see.”

Holland has been tipped as a potential replacement for Daniel Craig as James Bond and admits that playing 007 would represent

the “pinnacle” of his career.

He said in conversation with celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay: “Dude, I mean every young British actor, it’s the pinnacle of working in our industry.

“I already consider myself to be the luckiest kid alive you know, I could not have dreamed to have the career that I have.”

Tom Holland



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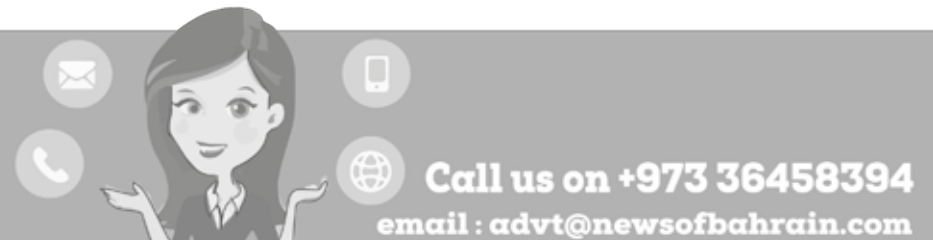
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# Jobe Bellingham ‘anxious’ about following brother Jude at Dortmund

Dortmund’s new signing reveals mental hurdles following superstar brother Jude

- Jobe joined Dortmund from Sunderland
- Debuted in Club World Cup
- Jude advised him to “embrace it”

AFP | Berlin

Jobe Bellingham admitted on Tuesday to having “anxieties” on following in brother Jude’s footsteps after joining Borussia Dortmund in the summer.

Jobe, 19, is two years younger than Jude, who joined Real Madrid in 2023 after three years at Dortmund.

A centrepiece of the England national team, Jude has emerged as one of the best players in the world in recent seasons.

The younger Bellingham



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To avoid comparisons with his famous older brother Jude, Jobe Bellingham wears his first name, “Jobe,” on the back of his jersey instead of his last name, a practice he also followed at Sunderland

Premier League.

Jobe admitted he understood what the perception would be ahead of the move to Germany.

“It’s something you do think about. You have these anxieties, especially me as I’m only young,” Bellingham told reporters at Dortmund’s pre-season camp in Austria.

Jude Bellingham

“I’m not perfect. I do think about these things, but that was down to the club convincing me that these things wouldn’t have much bearing on me.

“This was a decision I made and it’s for myself. My journey is not anyone else’s to understand,” he added.

Bellingham made his Dortmund debut in the Club World Cup in the United States, scoring once and providing an assist in four games.

Like he did at Sunderland, the younger Bellingham wears his first name Jobe on the back of his jersey rather than his last name to avoid comparisons with his sibling.

Jobe said his older brother was “extremely proud -- he didn’t have much to say other than ‘embrace it,’” when he found out he was off to Dortmund, but added



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JOBE BELLINGHAM

“our conversations aren’t usually that serious.”

The midfielder, who usually plays in a deeper role than his brother, said he did “not want to be a superstar... I don’t want to be a big character away from the pitch.

“When I play I just want to be one of the highest performing players and get my head down.”

Dortmund open their season at Essen in the first round of the German Cup on August 18.

Jobe Bellingham

## Liverpool set to cut losses with Nunez move to Saudi: reports

AFP | London

Liverpool striker Darwin Nunez is reportedly closing in on a move to Saudi club Al Hilal, which could allow the Premier League champions to make a fresh bid for Newcastle’s Alexander Isak.

Nunez joined the Reds for an initial 75 million euros (\$87 million, £65 million) from Benfica three years ago but has failed to live up to that price tag.

The Uruguayan has scored 40 goals in 143 appearances but slipped down the pecking order at Anfield under both Jurgen Klopp and Arne Slot.

According to transfer specialist Fabrizio Romano, Al Hilal will



Darwin Nunez

pay an initial 53 million euros for the 26-year-old.

Nunez was likely to play even less this season after Liverpool signed Hugo Ekitike and Florian Wirtz as part of a 300 million euro spending spree that also includes full-backs Milos Kerkez and Jeremie Frimpong.

However, the club could still break the British transfer record by signing Isak, with Newcastle reportedly demanding a fee of up to £150 million for the Swedish striker.

The sale of Nunez would take Liverpool’s income for transfer sales this window to nearly 200 million euros after the departures of Luis Diaz, Jarell Quansah, Caoimhin Kelleher, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Tyler Morton.

## Dewsbury-Hall has point to prove after sealing Everton switch

AFP | London

Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall said he wants to “prove a point” after sealing a move to Everton following a frustrating one-year spell at Chelsea.

The midfielder joined the Toffees yesterday for a reported fee of £28 million (\$37 million) just 12 months after a £30-million move from Leicester to Chelsea.

Dewsbury-Hall was part of the Chelsea side that won the Europa Conference League and Club World Cup in former Leicester manager Enzo Maresca’s first season in charge, but he struggled for first-team

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KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL

opportunities in the Premier League.

The 26-year-old is Everton’s fifth signing of the summer

transfer window after Charly Alcaraz, Thierno Barry, Mark Travers and Adam Aznou ahead of their first season in a new 53,000-capacity stadium.

“I’m so, so excited to get started,” he said. “Just sitting here in the stadium, it’s unbelievable.

“It feels right

Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall



for me. So just that alone gives me the motivation and the extra determination to show everybody, to prove a point and have a really successful time here.”

Everton begin their season away to Leeds on August 18 before their first competitive fixture at the Hill Dickinson Stadium against Brighton on six days later.

## A wheelbarrow of potatoes for Danish football’s man of the match

AFP | Copenhagen

French footballer Maxime Soulas’s prize for his man-of-the-match award in the Danish first division did not go down like a sack of potatoes -- more like a wheelbarrow’s worth.

After performing when the chips were down by opening the scoring for Sonderjyske in their 3-2 win against Nordsjaelland on Sunday, Soulas received 55 kilograms of the tasty tubers, the 26-year-old defender told AFP on Tuesday.

“I gave the potatoes to my club’s cafeteria, and they donated some to a soup kitchen,” he said.

It marks the first time the man of the match can eat his award for his post-match supper.

“The sponsor of the match decides on the reward. He found it funny and now the story’s gone round the world,” said the club’s



Maxime Soulas poses with the prize he received

communications director, Jacob Ravn.

Originally from Montpellier in southern France, Soulas

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Soulas’ potato prize marked the first time a man-of-the-match winner could literally eat their award for dinner—prompting laughs and donations to those in need

came to Denmark in 2020 to play for Amager in the capital Copenhagen, before joining recently promoted Sonderjyske in 2021.

Before that he played his football in the Netherlands.

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# Fritz, Shelton power into Toronto semis

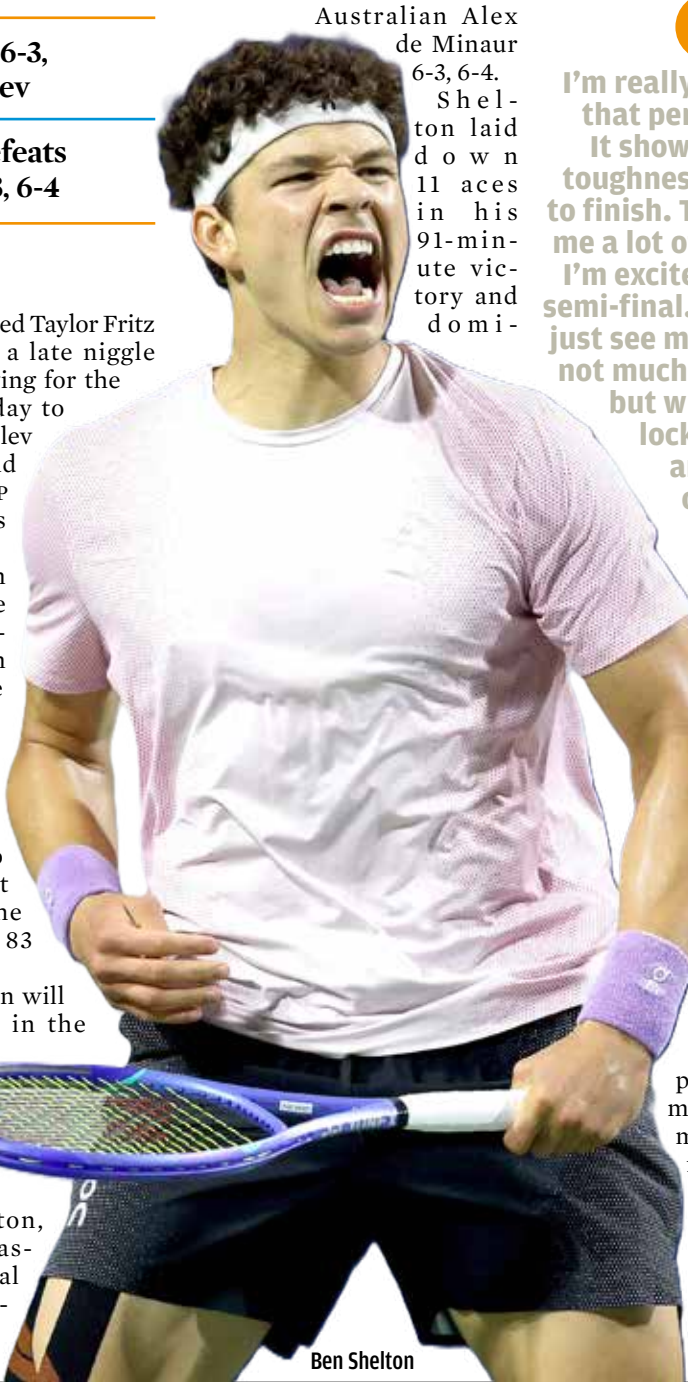
Fritz survives late wobble to set up all-American semi against Shelton

- Fritz wins 6-3, 7-6(4) vs Rublev
- Shelton defeats de Minaur 6-3, 6-4

AFP | Toronto

US second seed Taylor Fritz overcame a late niggles while serving for the match on Tuesday to beat Andrey Rublev 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) and reach the ATP Toronto Masters semi-finals.

The Californian will play for a spot in the Thursday final when he takes on fourth seed Ben Shelton, who won a Masters quarter-final on his fourth attempt, defeating



Ben Shelton

Australian Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-4. Shelton laid down 11 aces in his 91-minute victory and domi-

**“I’m really happy with that performance. It showed mental toughness from start to finish. This win gives me a lot of confidence, I’m excited about the semi-final. People often just see me as a server, not much of a grinder, but when I go into lockdown mode and put a lot of balls onto the court, it surprises guys sometimes**

BEN SHELTON

nated on rallies longer than nine shots. The result ended a seven-match win streak for last week’s Washington champion de Minaur.

“I’m really happy with that performance. It showed mental toughness from start to finish,” Shelton said. “This win gives me a lot of confidence, I’m excited about the semi-final.



Taylor Fritz of United States returns a shot to Andrey Rublev

“People often just see me as a server, not much of a grinder, but when I go into lockdown mode and put a lot of balls onto the court, it surprises guys sometimes.

“Winning longer rallies is all part of my evolution.”

Shelton set up three match points with his final ace and needed only one chance to emerge the winner.

Fritz admitted he was struck by brain freeze as he served for victory leading a set and 5-4. After saving three break points he put a return into the net for 5-all as Rublev held on.

“That game was so shaky for me, we had both been holding

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**Fritz served a personal-best 20 aces in the match despite nearly collapsing when serving at 5-4 in the second set, admitting his “brain turned off” under pressure**

serve easily, everything felt calm and chill,” he said. “It came out of nowhere, the pressure of that game. It was tight and my brain just turned off.”

“The only thing to do is to come back and try to win the set. That’s what is able to make it all feel not as bad.”

Fritz did just that, closing out the win 15 minutes later in the second-set tiebreaker with a serve winner. Fritz struck a personal-best 20 aces (for three-set matches) among his 29 winners. He now stands 6-4 over Rublev.

The American has now won 19 of his last 22 matches including reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals.

# Sizzling Osaka to face Tauson in WTA Canadian Open semis

- Osaka defeats Svitolina 6-2, 6-2
- Tauson stuns Keys in straight sets

AFP | Montreal

Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka advanced to the semi-finals of the WTA Canadian Open on Tuesday with a comprehensive 6-2, 6-2 triumph over 10th seed Elina Svitolina.

Osaka, chasing her first WTA Tour-level title since the 2021 Australian Open, needed only 68 minutes to dispatch the Ukraine star and book a semi-final with Danish 16th seed Clara Tauson, who stunned reigning Australian Open champion Madison Keys 6-1, 6-4.

“I’m just having a lot of fun playing. I’m glad to be here,” Osaka said. “I think I’ll be seeded in the US Open because I won my match. That was a really good goal for me. I’m just really excited.”

Tauson dedicated her victory to her late grandfather, who died on Sunday as the Dane was dispatching Polish second seed Iga Swiatek, who won her sixth Grand Slam title last month at Wimbledon.

“Two days ago, my grandfather unfortunately passed away so I really wanted to win for him



Madison Keys of the United States congratulates Clara Tauson of Denmark for her victory

today,” a tearful Tauson said after beating US sixth seed Keys.

“I was told the day after I beat Iga so I really wanted to come out and show my best tennis for him. Hopefully he’s watching.”

The US Open hardcourt tune-up in Montreal is the first event where Tauson has beaten two top-10 foes, with Swiatek and Keys exiting at her hand.

Tauson dominated the opening set and took full advantage of Keys giving up a break on a double fault to open the second. The Dane won 12 of 19 points on her second serves and kept Keys

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CLARA TAUSON

at bay most of the night.

Keys joined a scrap heap of Montreal seeds, with the top five seeds and seven of the top 10 seeds ousted before the quarter-finals.

Tauson, 22, seeks her fourth career WTA title after the 2021 Lyon and Luxembourg Opens and this year’s Auckland Open, where Osaka retired after winning the first set of the final in their only WTA meeting.

“She’s really tough,” Osaka said of Tauson. “I played her in Auckland this year. I had to stop halfway because I was injured.

So I’m really excited that I’m healthy.”

**First title as a mom?**

Osaka seeks her eighth WTA-level title, and her first since a maternity leave comeback last year. She last won a WTA-level title below the Grand Slams at the 2019 China Open.

Osaka broke for a 3-1 edge in the opening set and exchanged breaks in the last three games to capture the set after 38 minutes, then cruised through the second set, taking the triumph when Svitolina hit a forehand wide.

Tauson is one win away from her second WTA 1000 fi-

nal, having lost the first in February at Dubai to Mirra Andreeva.

The Dane dominated Keys in the first set, breaking in the fourth and sixth games, and Keys double faulted away another break to begin the second set.

Tauson held from there to win, never facing a break point in the second set before holding at love in the last game to end matters after 70 minutes.

Elena Rybakina, the 2022 Wimbledon champion, and 18-year-old Canadian sensation Victoria Morikova will meet in the other semi-final.

Naomi Osaka



# Bahrain Run Japan to the Wire

Bahrain Suffer Opening Defeat to Continental Champions in Youth Worlds Opener

- Furusawa key to Japan's second half
- Bahrain stole possession 21 separate times
- Bahrain face Egypt tonight

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's under-19 team began their IHF Men's Youth World Championship campaign in Group G with a frustrating 32-30 defeat to Japan, in a match that remained tight from start to finish. Tied 15-15 at half-time, Bahrain matched the continental champions stride for stride. The result leaves Bahrain needing wins from their remaining group fixtures against Egypt and South Korea to advance to the main round. The match, held at Cairo Stadium in Egypt, drew an at-



Mahmood Yousif passes the ball under pressure

tendance of 600.  
**Al Falahi Leads Offensively**  
Line player Sayed Ahmed Al Falahi led Bahrain's scoring with eight goals from 12 attempts, consistently converting from close range against Japan's 6-0 defensive shape. His presence in the middle gave Bahrain a reliable scoring outlet throughout the match.

Ali Abbas added five goals and six assists, while Salman Al Showaikh scored four from five. Bahrain's central attacking unit performed well under pressure, creating chances and drawing

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**Bahrain's Al Falahi scored eight goals from just 12 attempts**

fouls in key phases.

**Japan's Key Players Step Up**

While Bahrain were competitive, Japan's depth and efficiency made the difference. Sora Furusawa led their attack with seven goals from eight shots, often exploiting gaps from the backcourt. Kaisei Akiyoshi contributed five goals, and goalkeeper Toshiya Obata finished with 11 saves, several of them decisive in the final stretch.  
Japan's 18 goals from 9 metres (58%) underlined their shooting range, an area where Bahrain managed just two conversions

from nine attempts.  
**Defensive Work Stands Out**  
Bahrain recorded 21 steals, doubling Japan's total, and applied consistent pressure on passing lanes. Mohamed Aadam played a key role with five steals, four assists, and two goals, while also earning two penalties. His all-round effort anchored Bahrain's transitions.  
However, five technical errors and missed opportunities from distance left Bahrain chasing the game late on, despite strong defensive numbers.

**Next Test: The Hosts**

Bahrain now face the Egyptians tonight at 7:30PM (Bahrain time). Egypt, reigning African champions and hosts, were also in action yesterday against South Korea. Bahrain will complete the group stage on Friday against South Korea.  
To progress, Bahrain must finish in the top two. Head coach Raed Al Marzooq will look to sharpen the attack and manage player rotation as the tournament intensifies.

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