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Bahrain greets Russian president

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Hamad and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to Russian President Vladimir Putin on his inauguration for a new presidential term.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman wished President Putin success in performing his duties.

HM King Hamad and His Royal Highness lauded the Bahrain-Russia relations and affirmed the keenness to further enhance cooperation.

'Strengthening partnerships key to global peace'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the importance of initiatives to strengthen international partnerships.

These efforts are crucial for addressing global challenges and promoting global security and peace.

HRH Prince Salman made the statements as he received yesterday the outgoing Executive Director of IISS-Middle East, Lieutenant General (Retd) Sir Thomas Beckett, at Gudaibiya Palace.

During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister was introduced to Air Marshal (Retd) Martin Sampson, the newly appointed Executive Director of IISS-Middle East.

His Royal Highness commended the efforts of Lt Gen (Retd) Sir Tom Beckett throughout his tenure. He also congratulated the new Executive Director of IISS-Middle East and wished him success in his new role.

HRH Prince Salman commended the Kingdom of Bahrain's long and fruitful cooperation with the IISS, and the ongoing efforts to organise the



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with Lieutenant General (Retd) Sir Thomas Beckett

Manama Dialogue over the past 19 years in particular, which has grown into an important and reputable regional and international forum.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister underscored the pivotal role of IISS in providing the necessary elements to support strategies that enhance

regional and global security and stability.

Gratitude

Lt Gen (Retd) Sir Tom Beckett and Air Marshal (Retd) Martin Sampson expressed their gratitude to His Royal Highness for his unwavering commitment to strengthening cooperation between Bahrain and IISS, as well as his continued support of the Manama Dialogue since its inception.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, HE Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

MPs approve compensation for fishermen affected by fishing ban

Mohammed Darwish
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The Council of Representatives approved compensation for fishermen affected by the recent decision of the Supreme Council for Environment (SCE) to prohibit fishing for Shaari, Safi, and Andag.

This urgent proposal, tabled by MPs Jalila Alawi, Mohsen AlAsbool, Najeeb Alkawari, and Maryam Al-Dhaen, was unanimously approved.

It aims to prioritise and reinforce the values of social security enshrined in the constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Through this endeavour, the MPs aspire to establish a balance between the imperatives of environmental preservation and the socio-economic needs of the local fishermen.

MP Alawi remarked, "Inasmuch as we are conscious of the reality that fishermen receive no financial support whatsoever, we ought to monitor their affairs in a manner that assures their rights."

MP AlAsbool expressed his concern about the abruptness of the decision and the resulting impact on fishermen.

He acknowledged that this issue has become a topic of widespread discussion and urgency, underscoring the significance of finding a swift and equitable resolution.

Israel seizes Rafah border crossings

- **US brands closure 'unacceptable'**
- **Gaza ceasefire talks resume in Cairo**

AFP | Rafah

Israel sent tanks into Rafah in southern Gaza, seizing control of the border crossing with Egypt yesterday, an operation the UN said denied it access to the key humanitarian passage.

The thrust into the eastern sector of Rafah, packed with displaced civilians, came with negotiators and mediators due in Cairo in the latest effort towards a hostage release and ceasefire in the seven-month-old war.

The White House said yesterday the closure of border crossings into Gaza was "unacceptable".

"The crossings that have been closed need to be reopened, it is unacceptable for them to be closed," Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told a briefing, adding that another crossing, at



This image grab shows the Israel's 401st Brigade's combat team tanks entering the Palestinian side of the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt in the southern Gaza Strip. (AFP)

Kerem Shalom, was expected to reopen today.

A senior Hamas official, requesting anonymity, warned this would be Israel's "last chance" to free the estimated 128 captives still held in the Palestinian territory, including 35 the military says are dead.

Egyptian state-linked media said

that mediators from Qatar, the US and Egypt met in Cairo with a Hamas delegation in the latest effort towards a truce in Gaza.

"The Qatari and US delegation continue their discussions with the Egyptian delegation and that of Hamas," said Al-Qahera News, a site linked to Egyptian intelligence services, citing a

"senior official". The report did not mention Israeli participation in the talks.

In a statement, Netanyahu's office said he had told negotiators to "stand firm" on conditions for hostage release and "essential requirements" for Israel's security.



The talks got back underway yesterday amid high hopes and tensions after more than seven months of conflict.

Hopeful

Israel's close ally the US said it was hopeful the two sides can "close the remaining gaps".

"We're going to do everything we can to support that process," National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said.

The long-threatened Rafah operation began hours after Hamas announced late Monday it had accepted a truce proposal, prompting cheering crowds to take to the streets despite Israel saying it was "far" from plans it had previously agreed to.

Netanyahu rejects Hamas ceasefire proposal

Jerusalem

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the Hamas ceasefire proposal is not acceptable in its current form and that it was a failed attempt to sabotage Israel's

ground offensive into Rafah, Al Jazeera reported late last night.

"The entrance to Rafah serves two main war goals - the return of our hostages and the elimination of Hamas. We have already proven in the previous release

of abductees that military pressure on Hamas is a necessary condition for the return of our hostages. The Hamas proposal yesterday was intended to torpedo the entry of our forces into Rafah. It did not happen," the Israeli leader was quoted

as saying.

"As the War Cabinet unanimously decided, the Hamas proposal is very far from Israel's necessary requirements. Israel will not allow Hamas to restore its evil rule in the Gaza Strip. Therefore, I instruct-

ed the labour ranks that went to Cairo to continue to stand firm on the conditions necessary for the release of our abductees, continue to stand firm on the essential requirements for guaranteeing Israel's security."



Bahrain bolsters reputation as ‘top wedding destination’

BTEA and EWB clinch two coveted awards at World Travel Awards’ 31st ceremony

Dubai

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) is proud to announce that the Kingdom of Bahrain has achieved an exceptional accomplishment by securing two coveted awards at the 31st World Travel Awards (WTA) ceremony.

Bahrain has been named the “Middle East’s Leading Wedding Destination 2024” award in recognition of its emerging position as a preferred regional destination for large-scale weddings and lavish bridal occasions during the last few years.

This remarkable victory underscores Bahrain’s outstanding tourism landmarks and readiness to host spectacular grand celebrations, solidifying its status as the ideal location for large-scale weddings and festive occasions.

In addition, the Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) has won the “Middle East’s Leading Large-Scale Wedding Venue 2024” award, scooping the re-



Mrs. Sara Ahmed Buhiji receives the two prestigious awards

gional award over four esteemed competitors: Dubai World Trade Centre, Nayyara Banqueting & Conference Centre in Saudi Arabia, Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre, and Qatar National Convention Centre. This accolade highlights Exhibition



World Bahrain’s outstanding achievement in securing the highest number of votes among prestigious venues.

Two accolades

Mrs. Sara Ahmed Buhiji, CEO of BTEA, received the two accolades of “Middle East’s Leading Wedding Destination 2024” and “Middle East’s Leading Large-Scale Wedding Venue 2024” during the WTA gala ceremony, which took place in Dubai, UAE, on May 6, 2024, on the side-lines of the Arabian Travel Market 2024.

Securing the title of “Mid-

dle East’s Leading Large-Scale Wedding Venue 2024” follows Exhibition World Bahrain’s winning title of “World’s Leading New Exhibition and Convention Centre 2023” at the World Travel Awards in December 2023. This consecutive recognition fortifies the venue’s standing as a premier global destination in the MICE industry, celebrated for its versatility, cutting-edge facilities, and innovative services that accommodate a diverse range of events.

Remarkable feat

“Receiving the two interna-

tionally recognized awards is a remarkable feat that represents an international acknowledgment of Bahrain’s emerging status as a favoured destination for luxurious weddings and celebrations. We are immensely proud that families and couples worldwide are choosing Bahrain for their most awaited ceremonies, drawn by its rich heritage, first-rate hotels, luxury hospitality, pristine beaches, and more,” stated Mrs. Sara Ahmed Buhiji, CEO of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA).

“The international recognition of EWB’s dedication, perseverance, and passion serves as a catalyst for us to reach even greater heights. It inspires our team to continue striving for excellence, making significant contributions to the MICE industry and tourism sector both regionally and globally. We are committed to hosting more prestigious international events and large-scale weddings for many years to come.”

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Four murder defendants 'knew right from wrong'

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The High Criminal Court has received a report from a committee of three forensic psychologists stating that four defendants involved in a murder case were aware of their actions and understood the difference between right and wrong at the time of the incident.

The defendants are currently in custody, and the Court scheduled a new hearing on May 13.

The defendants were involved in the death of a young inmate at a correctional facility. The inmate died following a violent assault by the accused Bahraini men. The defendants are facing charges of murder and are standing trial for their alleged involvement in the incident.

Four witnesses had said that the victim had objected to receiving a small amount of juice from one of the defendants who was distributing lunch boxes to the inmates. This prompted the first defendant and the three others to hit the victim when they asked him to come towards them.

Mohammed Darwish
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The Council of Representatives rejected an urgent proposal to defer the enactment of the Ministry of Tourism's recent decree imposing a BD3 per diem hotel accommodation fee for hotel rooms by six months.

MPs Mohamed Janahi, Ahmed Qarata, Mohsin Al Asbool, Mohamed Al Riffai, and Najeeb Al Kawari tabled the proposal, which received 11 votes in support, 2 abstentions, and 16 votes in opposition.

Earlier this month, the Ministry of Tourism had implemented a Hotel Accommodation Fee of BD3 per night for all occupied hotel rooms. Visitors are now required to pay an additional BD3 on top of their regular hotel bill for each day of their stay.

The generated revenue will be allocated towards improving the overall visitor experience, including hosting events and enhancing various attractions.

Overburden

MP Janahi emphasised that "the supplementary BD3 fee on

MPs reject urgent proposal to delay supplementary BD3 fee on hotels



MP Mohamed Janahi



MP Ahmed Qarata



MP Mohsin Al Asbool



MP Mohamed Al Riffai



MP Najeeb Al Kawari



MP Hisham Al Awadhi



MP Basma Mubarak

each day's stay at hotels will merely serve to overburden tourists and citizens."

He added that "the imposi-

tion of a BD3 fee would cause perturbations in the agreements between hotels, tour agencies, and tourism companies."

He noted that a fixed BD3 surcharge on top of a list that includes a 10% service charge, a 5% government levy, and a 10%

VAT renders the list ponderous. Instead, he proposed increasing the government levy by 2 to 5 percentage points.

Expressing his disagreement, MP Hisham Al Awadhi stressed that the proposed deferral was unnecessary.

He argued that the recent fee would be beneficial for the economy and downplayed the concerns raised by MP Janahi, considering them to be minimal.

MP Basma Mubarak suggested a minor adjustment to the proposal by exempting Bahrainis from paying the new fee. This exemption, she argued, would encourage domestic tourism and support the local population.

MP seeks annual budget to support local newspapers

Mohammed Darwish
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MP Hasan Ebrahim Hassan will present an urgent proposal during the next parliamentary term in October, aiming to allocate an annual budget to support local newspapers.

Hasan expressed his appreciation for the important role played by local newspapers, acknowledging their significant efforts in covering current events whilst upholding professionalism and transparency.

He drew attention to the fiscal tribulations affecting local newspapers, including a pronounced slump in advertising revenue.

To prevent job losses and sup-



MP Hasan Ebrahim Hassan

port the continued existence of national dailies, the MP proposed allocating funds within the kingdom's budget for the domestic press. Consequently, government departments, he suggested, should distribute ad-

"To prevent job losses and support the continued existence of national dailies, we need to allocate funds within the kingdom's budget for the domestic press."

- MP HASAN EBRAHIM HASSAN

vertisements evenly among all local newspapers.

In light of Bahraini Press Day, marked on the 7th of May, Hasan extended his congratulations to the press family and journalists.

He commended their role in highlighting the efforts of various governmental and private entities and their dedication to conveying accurate news through responsible reporting.

Hasan lauded the Bahraini Journalists Association (BJA) for its advocacy in favour of the impending press legislations and the oversight of digital media. He expressed aspirations for its prompt enactment.

The MP reaffirmed the government's commitment to journalism through initiatives such as the Prime Minister's Award for Journalism, which annually honours exceptional journalistic achievements and is supported by the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Violent offenders not 'prisoners of conscience'



H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam
Mohammed Darwish
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H.E. Ghanim Al Buainain

ly unrelated to the exercise of freedom of expression and freedom of speech.

Individuals who have been convicted of crimes related to violence, terrorism, and communication with hostile parties should not be labelled as 'prisoners of conscience'.

This was emphasised by the Minister for Shura Council and House of Representatives Affairs, His Excellency Ghanim Al Buainain, in a closing speech he delivered yesterday marking the end of the last session of the second term of parliament.

Al Buainain was speaking in response to the calls made by certain parliament members on 30 April to extend His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Hamad's royal pardon on Eid Al-Fitr to release all prisoners, including those they categorised as prisoners of conscience.

The Minister said that such calls directly contradict the principles of criminal justice in the Kingdom of Bahrain and impinge upon the authority of the judiciary.

He asserted: "All inmates serving sentences at Reform and Rehabilitation Centres have been convicted of illegitimate offences, complete-

"Defendants and convicts escaping the clutches of justice for serious crimes must not be described as exiled."

Furthermore, he condemned characterising convicts as political prisoners, as it undermines the principle of separation of powers and demonstrates an explicit disregard for the rule of law."

Separation of powers

Echoing the same sentiment, the Council of Representatives Speaker, H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, said: "The Bahraini Constitution enshrines the principle of separation of powers as a fundamental pillar of the government system in Bahrain. It also states that no authority has jurisdiction over the judge's rulings."

"What occurred during the session on 30 April crossed boundaries by delving into matters within the jurisdiction of the judicial authority, describing the convicts as if they were not deserving of punishment in the first place and suggesting that their actions were primarily exercises of freedom of expression."

Asian man forces woman into prostitution

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An Asian man has been accused of luring an Asian woman to Bahrain under the pretext of offering her a job in childcare and elderly care, only to force her into prostitution upon her arrival.

The woman was able to escape her captor and reported the incident to the police.

Reports indicate that upon the woman's arrival, the accused individual confiscated her passport, effectively stripping her of her freedom and mobility. He then proceeded to confine her within his residence, revealing



Trapped in a harrowing situation, the woman was compelled to provide sexual services to clients at various hotels for a distressing span of two days.

Fortunately, the woman managed to summon the courage and resourcefulness necessary to escape from her captor's clutches.

Traumatic incident

She promptly reported the traumatic incident to the local authorities, who responded swiftly to her plea for help. Recognising the gravity of the situation and the urgent need to safeguard vulnerable indi-

viduals, the Bahraini authorities wasted no time in apprehending the suspect, who now faces a litany of serious charges.

The accused individual, whose alleged actions embody the repugnant crime of human trafficking, will be prosecuted for a multitude of offenses including fraud, kidnapping, and compelling the woman into a life of prostitution against her will.

The legal proceedings in this matter are set to commence on May 12, 2024, when the court will hear the evidence and arguments presented by both the prosecution and the defense.

his sinister plan to force her into a life of prostitution as a means to repay her supposed travel expenses.

Alba soars to top 1% globally with EcoVadis platinum sustainability rating

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Alba, one of the world's largest aluminium smelters, announced that it has achieved the pinnacle of sustainability recognition – the EcoVadis Platinum Rating. This prestigious distinction from EcoVadis, a world-renowned provider of business sustainability assessments, places Alba among the elite 1% of companies evaluated worldwide.

This remarkable accomplishment marks the culmination of Alba's unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship. Just three years ago, Alba embarked on this journey with a



Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali



continuous improvement demonstrates a deep-rooted sustainability strategy driving positive change.

"We are incredibly honoured to receive the EcoVadis Plat-

inum Rating," said Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali. "This recognition serves as a powerful validation of our relentless pursuit of sustainable practices. Environmental and social impact are paramount to our growth strategy, and we remain firm in our mission to be an eco-friendly smelter, contributing to a greener Bahrain and a more sustainable world."

Further, to celebrate Alba's achievement, EcoVadis will plant a tree through their partnership with One Tree Planted – an environmental non-profit tree planting charity that plants trees in countries around the world.

Ahli United Bank and Reef Island Unveil exclusive deal to Finance Lagoon Beach Villas & City of Water Residences



The deal signing

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Ahli United Bank and LuLu Tourism Company, the master developer of Reef Island, have announced a new partnership, offering exclusive financing solutions for potential buyers of the properties in the Lagoon Beach Villas and the City of Water Residences projects. This agreement reflects AUB's unwavering commitment to providing its customers with access to premium properties and tailored Shari'a compliant financial solutions.

AUB will empower its clients with attractive financing options to make their dream come true of owning a property at the Lagoon Beach luxury and marvelous sea view with its unique Reef Clubhouse. Residents will not only immerse themselves in the exclusivity of a prestigious waterfront community but will also enjoy the serenity and confi-

dence of owning a property within gated community that offers unparalleled distinct advantages. In an distinctive offering, AUB will extend life & fire insurance contribution amount and admin fee coverage to all buyers as part of this exclusive package, ensuring peace of mind for homeowners and their families. True to its commitment to customer-centricity, AUB also offers competitive profit rates, making the dream of owning a home even more accessible.

"We are thrilled to partner with Reef Island Master Developer to unlock exclusive financing opportunities for all our valued customers," said Suvrat Saigal, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer – Retail Banking at AUB.

"We are delighted to join forces with AUB, a renowned financial institution with a proven track record of excellence," expressed Robert Mouawad, Chairman of Lulu Tourism Company.

KPMG in Bahrain receives recognition for IFN Deal of the Year 2023

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KPMG in Bahrain announces its recent accolade as the recipient of the IFN Deal of the Year 2023 in Bahrain award by Islamic Finance News (IFN), the premier news provider in the Islamic finance industry.

IFN stands as the industry's foremost authority, delivering comprehensive coverage and insights into Shari'ah-compliant finance through its extensive network of experts and journalists. KPMG in Bahrain said it has also strengthened their Advisory team with the addition of two seasoned professionals. Farhad Chothia joins as Director, Advisory Services, focusing on Mergers and Acquisitions, bringing with him over two decades of experience across diverse international markets



Alden Muhoni



Farhad Chothia



Jeyapriya Partiban



such as Australia, Dubai, APAC, and South Africa

Additionally, Alden Muhoni assumes the role of Associate Director, Advisory Services, specializing in 'sell-side' and 'buy-side' business valuations.

Jeyapriya Partiban, Partner, Head of Advisory, KPMG in Bahrain stated, "Effective due diligence, technical expertise and industry insights brings immeasurable impact to business leaders and is critical to the success of our clients' M&A ambitions and strategy. We aim to bring a multidisciplinary approach and expert driven mindset to support our clients with insights across a range of value levers including M&A, pricing, operations, people (HR), digital and tech, sales and marketing and ESG to ensure that they can make well informed decisions."

BBK announces 37 winners with total prizes worth BD 135,000 and a Mercedes G500 from Al Hayrat



Winner -Jiran Hasan Laqwi



Winner- Sayed Adnan Ameen Ali

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Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), the leading retail and commercial bank in Bahrain has revealed the names of 37 winners for the Al Hayrat prizes for the month of April.

These prizes amount to a total of BD 135,000 where BD 100,000 is awarded to Sayed Adnan Ameen Ali, BD 1,000 for 25 winners each, and BD 1,000 in loyalty prizes for 10 winners and the Mercedes G500 was won by Jiran Hasan Laqwi. These prizes are part of BBK's Al Hayrat campaign, offering its customers the opportunity to win extraordinary prizes totaling a staggering BD 2.5 million throughout the year.

The draw was held on 30th April under the supervision of a representative from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, representatives from BBK's In-

ternal Audit, Internal Control, Marketing, and Retail Banking departments, in addition to External Auditors from Ernst & Young.

It is noteworthy that the Bank awarded 30 winners BD 500 each as part of the Eid prizes draw that was held on 8th April.

Ahmed Taqi, General Manager of Retail Banking at BBK, commented: "We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners of the Al Hayrat prizes for the month of April, reaffirming our dedication and commitment at BBK to deliver substantial rewards that cater to the diverse financial needs of our esteemed customers."

Taqi announced that a grand prize of BD 100,000 will be awarded to one lucky winner during the month of May and the draw is scheduled for 30th May.

He added: "Throughout the

year, are awarding two lucky winners with BD 500,000 each and exciting cash prizes, luxury cars, and IKG gold bars. In January 2025, we will be celebrating our Grand Draw in a ceremony where more than BD 1 million will be distributed to 119 winners, with winners receiving BD500,000, BD200,000, BD100,000 and BD50,000, BD10,000 and other prizes."

BisB launches exclusive offers for teachers

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of digital Islamic banking services in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is organizing a special event for teachers at BisB Financial Mall in Budaiya. The three-day event will take place from 7th to 9th May 2024, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The special event will serve to pay appreciation to the crucial role and contributions of educators in shaping future generations of the nation.

During the event, BisB will offer exclusive financing packages to all educators from all academic levels of public and private schools, universities, institutes, kindergartens, as well as administrative staff in various educational institutions. These packages will include waived administrative fees for all financing products (exclud-



Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB

ing Auto Finance), competitive profit rates, and flexible repayment terms extending up to 30 years. Additionally, educators who sign up for a new credit card during the event will receive 5,000 bonus points as per the BisB Rewards program.

Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB said, "We invite all teachers and ed-

ucational staff to attend this event and take advantage of our exclusive financing options that cater to their individual needs. By applying for the financing of their preference, they can benefit from our exclusive offers and potentially win one month's salary of up to BD1,000."

In addition to the exclusive benefits, teachers applying for Personal Finance will be eligible to enter draws of the recently launched "Win a Month's Salary" campaign which aims to reward both new and existing customers seeking to top up their existing financing. By applying for Personal Finance during the campaign period ending 31st May 2024, customers will automatically be entered into the special draw that will award five winners a monthly salary of up to BD1,000 each which will be directly deposited into their Tejoori Al Islami accounts.

NOTICE	With regard to the license cancellation
	of "Credit Libanais S.R.L."
	With reference to the Resolution of the Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain No. (15) of 2024 pertaining to the cancellation of the Retail Bank (branch) license of "Credit Libanais S.R.L." issued on 13 Shawal 1445H, corresponding to 22nd April 2024, the Central Bank of Bahrain hereby provides notice that the Retail Bank (branch) license of "Credit Libanais SARL" issued on 18th January 2007, registered under commercial registration No. 64887 has been cancelled, with effect from the date of issuing and publication of the above resolution in the Official Gazette.

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CAMPUS

American University of Bahrain concludes Annual Multimedia Exhibition



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Under the Patronage of Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of Bahrain's National Council for Arts, the American University of Bahrain (AUBH) has concluded its second Annual AUBH Multimedia Design Exhibition, displaying several projects designed by the students at the College of Media and Design.

The Annual AUBH Multimedia Exhibition is a platform for students to display their creativity, innovation, and acad-

emic excellence through projects spanning many disciplines.

Shedding light on student and capstone projects, the event covered a diverse range of topics including rebranding, web design, motion graphics, and videos. A jury panel evaluated the projects, assessing the design elements and principles embedded within the projects.

Dr. Bradley J. Cook, AUBH President commented, "We are honored to have had Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa as our patron for this event. His presence and interest in tour-

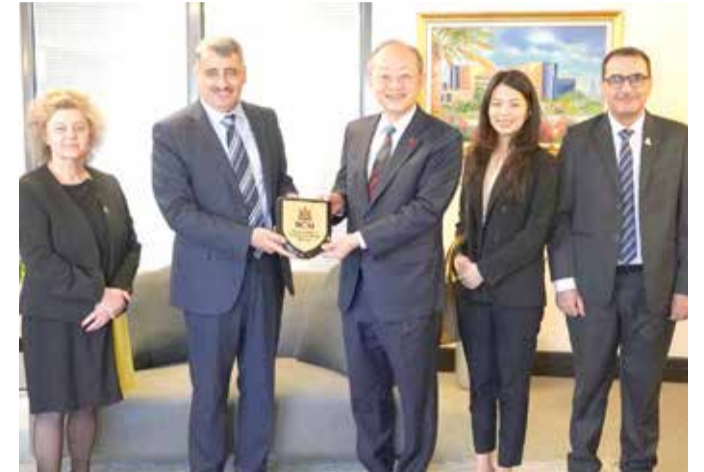
ing the exhibition and engaging with the student projects was a great source of motivation for our students. We are also thrilled to celebrate the success of the projects of our Multimedia Design students, who not only exhibited a unique and creative approach in their projects but also exhibited what we preach here at AUBH - which is an academically rigorous cohort that is equipped with both the hard and soft skills required to thrive in the market."

One of the main goals of this exhibition was to provide visi-

bility to the work produced by students of the different study cycles in the College of Media and Design, as well as to encourage connections between study cycles and the various areas of multimedia study.

Commenting on this momentous occasion, Dr. Lillian Hallak, Associate Professor, College of Media and Design and Program Coordinator said, "We ensure that our graduates are well-versed and aligned with market requirements to inject a strong caliber of professionals into the job market."

RCSI Medical University of Bahrain discusses collaboration with the Taipei Trade Office



RCSI Medical University of Bahrain officials with Bob L.J. Chen

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Professor Sameer Ootom, President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) Medical University Bahrain, welcomed on campus Bob L.J. Chen, Representative of the Taipei Trade Office in the Kingdom of Bahrain, along with Vice Consul Shadin Lu, on April 2nd.

During their visit, Professor Kathryn Strachan, Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, led the discussion and provided a comprehensive briefing on the School of Nursing and Midwifery, highlighting its extensive international and local community engagement initiatives.

The visit fostered discussions on mutual interests, opportunities for partnership, and avenues for future collaboration with universities in Taipei, Taiwan. RCSI Medical University of Bahrain is committed to fostering partnerships with esteemed institutions in Taiwan, such as the National Taipei University for Nursing and Health Sciences and Taipei City Hospital.

Since 2010, our students have been invited to Taiwan to participate in youth camps, various programmes and electives. In the summer of 2023, three senior medical students participated in a surgical observership programme at Taipei City Hospital, where they witnessed robotic general and urology surgeries and discussed with local surgeons the

impact of robotic surgery on operation outcomes compared to laparoscopic surgeries and the epidemiology of specific conditions.

Professor Ootom, commented: "Our students benefit from exchange or elective programmes by enriching their knowledge and skills in a global environment. We are grateful for the support extended by Bob L.J. Chen, and we look forward to bolstering collaboration with our existing and potential partners in Taiwan."

Bob L.J. Chen, commented, "I wish to express our profound respect to Professor Sameer Ootom and all faculties of RCSI Medical University of Bahrain for the tireless efforts and remarkable achievements in educating and training outstanding healthcare professionals over the years. I also wish to congratulate the esteemed University on the significant milestone of its 20th anniversary. We look forward to closer exchanges and collaboration with the RCSI Medical University of Bahrain for mutual benefits in the future."

With a future-focused curriculum and a graduate profile blending personal and professional development with an emphasis on clinical competence, community health and research, RCSI Medical University of Bahrain educates and trains work-ready graduates who can compete for international career opportunities.

The Asian School conducts Investiture Ceremony

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The Asian School conducted its Investiture Ceremony for the new Student Council for Academic Year 2024-25 on Monday.

The ceremony commenced with the recognition of the outgoing Student Council for their dedicated service. The Deputy Head Boy for the previous academic year, Girish Chinnaiya G., shared his experiences, imparting wisdom to the newly selected members.

The new Student Council was then welcomed onstage, where they were formally bestowed with titles and sashes by esteemed dignitaries; Chairperson Elizabeth Joseph, Director Lovy Joseph, Principal Molly Mammen and Vice Principals Elizabeth Sadan and Antony Jude.

Led by the Head Boy Gladwin Britto Arakkal and Head Girl Ridha Fathima Ashir, the Student Council pledged to fulfill their duties diligently and uphold the institution's honor.



Expressing gratitude, they vowed to serve with utmost dedication. Accompanied by House Captains and Sports Captain, they illuminated the ceremonial lamp, followed by words of encouragement from the Principal, emphasizing

honesty, unity, discipline, and morality.

The event concluded with the Head of Activities, Mini Roy, announcing the 'Best Class' per grade for the month of April, a new initiative for the new academic year.

The seamless coordination of the event by Grade 11 A students and their Class Teacher Sahba Riyaz Azmi, ensured that students were inspired and the deserving leaders were empowered to explore their potential.

UTB partners with Hope Talents to advance student development

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In a move aimed at enriching student opportunities, the University of Technology Bahrain (UTB) recently sealed a memorandum of understanding with Hope Talents, signaling a joint commitment to fostering student growth and development.

The core objective of this collaboration is to cultivate initiatives targeting ambitious and gifted youth in science, technology, engineering, and innovation fields. Both entities will share knowledge and expertise, hosting workshops, seminars, and collaborative events to bolster youth capabilities and skills.

Under the terms of the collaboration, UTB will extend academic and technical support to participating youth talents, providing hands-on learning oppor-



Officials after signing the agreement

tunities and field training to optimise their project outcomes and innovations.

Dr. Hasan Almulla, President of UTB,

expressed his enthusiasm for the MoU signing, underlining the university's dedication to nurturing talented youth

and empowering them to fulfill their aspirations. He remarked, "Our univer-

sity's comprehensive development plan

revolves around academic programmes and campus facilities, placing students at the forefront to deliver a unique academic experience."

Dr. Adnan Altamimi, Vice President for Administration and Finance and Head of the Community Engagement Office, echoed Dr. Hasan Almulla's sentiments, emphasizing their joint vision of empowering youth and honing their talents. He pledged concerted efforts to provide requisite support and resources for talented youth to emerge as future leaders.

Latifa Mohamed, General Manager of Hope Talents, affirmed that this partnership aims to bolster Bahrain's human capital by offering employment opportunities for highly capable national talents and facilitating their professional growth.

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Thiago Silva to return to hometown club Fluminense at end of season



Thiago Silva applauds the Chelsea fans after his team's Premier League match against West Ham United at Stamford Bridge

AFP | Rio De Janeiro

Brazilian defender Thiago Silva announced yesterday that he will rejoin hometown club Fluminense when his Chelsea contract expires at the end of the season.

"I'm coming home," the 39-year-old Rio de Janeiro native wrote on X, accompanied with a video of him wearing the shirt of his boyhood club Fluminense.

Silva will join the Copa Libertadores champions on a two-year deal, with Chelsea allowing the centre-back to begin training with Fluminense prior to his registration transferring on July 1.

"He always played for your badge, as a true Blue legend. Thanks for all the love you gave for our champion, @ChelseaFC. Pride of London. Now it's time to come back home. Rio awaits you," said Fluminense on X.

Silva first joined Fluminense's academy as a youth but was forced to move away in order to find first-team opportunities.

He returned to the club in 2006 and won the Copa do Brasil, before joining Italian outfit AC Milan in 2009.

During his career in Europe, Silva won league titles with Milan and Paris Saint-Germain, as well as the Champions League with Chelsea in 2021.

"O Monstro" (The Monster), as Silva is nicknamed by Brazilian fans, represented his country 113 times and won the Copa America in 2019.

Chelsea paid homage to the former Brazil national team captain on its club website: "He has also forged a lasting bond with Blues supporters and was named the club's Player of the Year at the end of the 2022/23 campaign."

Timberwolves maul Nuggets, Brunson fires Knicks over Pacers



Denver's Nikola Jokic is smothered by Minnesota's defence

AFP | Los Angeles

The Minnesota Timberwolves produced a dominant defensive display to seize a commanding 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven playoff series against the Denver Nuggets with a 106-80 road victory on Monday.

The third-seeded Timberwolves harassed Denver relentlessly to claim a second straight win over the NBA champions as the series heads back to Minneapolis for game three on Friday.

Karl-Anthony Towns and Anthony Edwards scored 27 points apiece but the star of the show was Minnesota's suffocating defensive effort, which knocked Denver out of their stride almost from the tip-off.

The Timberwolves finished with 11 steals and 12 blocks, in sharp contrast to Denver who posted just six steals and five blocks.

Remarkably, Minnesota's dominance was achieved

without Rudy Gobert, the Frenchman who is one of the defensive pillars of the Timberwolves line-up.

Gobert skipped the game in order to be with his partner after the birth of the couple's son earlier Monday.

"When you don't get the defensive player of the year, you got to step your game up," Towns said afterwards.

"We all understood the challenge coming in against the defending champions, a really good team, with some of the best players the game's ever seen.

"We just wanted to come here and find a way to win the game."

The normally unflappable Nuggets may also be without star point guard Jamal Murray for game three.

Murray was caught on camera hurling a heat pack onto the court in the second quarter, raising the possibility of a suspension when the incident is reviewed by NBA disciplinary chiefs.

Madrid coach Ancelotti 'confident' of reaching Champions League final

Real Madrid prepares for crucial clash against Bayern Munich in Champions League semi-final

● Ancelotti expresses confidence in squad and fans ahead of pivotal match

● Bayern Munich superior in first leg, says Ancelotti

TDT | Manama

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said he was confident his side could overcome Bayern Munich on Wednesday to reach the Champions League final.

The record 14-time winners snatched a 2-2 draw in the first leg of the semi-final clash in Munich with Vinicius Junior scoring a brace.

"I am confident because this is Real Madrid, we have this squad,



Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham celebrates scoring his team's second goal during a match (file photo)

"I'm confident in the fans who will help us," Ancelotti told a news conference yesterday.

"We think we've got it better, but (Bayern coach Thomas) Tuchel will think he does too."

Ancelotti admitted German giants Bayern, six-time winners, were the superior side in the first leg draw at the Allianz Arena.

"These are similar clubs,



they have great history and a lot of success in the Champions League," continued the Italian coach.

"We respect them... they did better than us in the first leg."

The coach confirmed Andriy Lunin would start in goal despite Thibaut Courtois returning from injury and keeping a clean sheet

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CARLO ANCELOTTI

as Madrid clinched their La Liga crown this weekend.

The Belgian stopper had been out since last summer with a bad knee injury.

"The plan for a player coming back from injury does not change because of one game," said Ancelotti.

"Courtois is doing well but he needs time to get back to his best self -- he had an ideal game."

Madrid defender Dani Carvajal said the team was right to avoid celebrating their title

success on Saturday.

"Not celebrating was the best thing to do, there's a vital game and there will be time to celebrate at the weekend, that's why we took that decision," said the Spain international.

"We're having a great year, we're very excited for the Champions League, we're two games away from lifting it again.

"The dressing room knows it -- in the streets they're giving us encouragement so we can dream of our 15th."

Various long-standing Madrid players could leave at the end of the season after years spent at the club, with Luka Modric, Toni Kroos, Lucas Vazquez and Nacho Fernandez all out of contract in the summer.

"It's hard to know what will happen... I hope not, but some will be living their final Champions League match at the Bernabeu," added Carvajal.

"I hope it's a Madrid victory."

Swiatek feeling the squeeze from crowded Masters calendar

AFP | Rome

After winning a gruelling final in Madrid three days ago world number one Iga Swiatek now has to quickly readjust to the clay in Rome for the Italian Open which began yesterday.

Swiatek said she had spent the first two days in Rome "eating" after coming through "the most intense and crazy final" to avenge her loss to Aryna Sabalenka in last year's Madrid final with a three-hour 11-minute victory in the Spanish capital on Saturday.

The three-time French Open champion said that players were feeling rushed by the expanded format of Masters events which have ballooned to nearly two weeks long and which leave little or no time for physical and mental recovery.

"Overall, the Tour is getting more and more demanding because of the length of the tournaments and all these mandatory rules, both on ATP and WTA," Swiatek said.



Iga Swiatek in action (file photo)

"Scheduling-wise, the planning is going to be more important, sometimes even (missing) some tournaments that are important for you, for you to be ready for the next one."

The top seed will make her Rome start in the second round after a bye, playing American Caroline Dolehide.

Swiatek, who won the 2021

and 2022 editions at the Foro Italico before exiting a year ago in the quarter-finals to eventual champion Elena Rybakina, said the calendar squeeze on players can be huge.

"Even if I win (a tournament), it doesn't stick in my head. I celebrate for one day, then I'm off to another tournament ... in my head.

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IGA SWIATEK

"We don't have time to rest properly. You have to use these days (between long-running events) and treat them a little bit like days off.

"These tournaments are longer and it's not possible to have days off (like) before, so sometimes you have to have them during."

The former champion said she's nevertheless glad to be in Rome, where opening day play was halted for around an hour due to light rain.

"I'm happy to be here because I love this place. I spent my first two days eating," the 22-year-old joked.

Forest lose appeal against Premier League points penalty



A Forest flag is waved ahead of a match (file photo)

AFP | London

Nottingham Forest have failed in their appeal against a four-point penalty for breaching Premier League financial rules, the English top flight announced yesterday.

The club were hit with the sanction by an independent commission in March for breaching the profitability and sustainability rules (PSR) threshold of £61 million (\$76 million) by £34.5 million.

Forest quickly indicated their intention to appeal but an independent appeal board panel has upheld the original penalty, which relates to a three-year assessment period ending with the 2022/23 season.

It means the 17th-placed club remain on 29 points, three points above the relegation zone, with two games left to play.

Forest had sought a reduction in the punishment because they felt the original commission should have taken the big-money sale of Brennan Johnson to Tottenham, two months after the end of the financial year ending 2023, into account as a mitigating factor.

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Forest, two time European champions, were promoted to the Premier League in May 2022, meaning two seasons of their three-year assessment period were as a second-tier club

They also felt the original commission had made a mistake by not wholly or partially suspending the sanction.

A release published on the Premier League website read: "The club argued that the independent commission committed an error in not treating its sale of a high-profile player shortly after the assessment period as a mitigating factor, and that it committed a further error in electing not to suspend some or all of the points deduction it imposed.

Man Utd rut 'not good enough' but Ten Hag vows to fight on

AFP | London

Erik ten Hag took responsibility for Manchester United's miserable showing in a 4-0 thrashing by Crystal Palace on Monday, but said he is still the right man to turn the club's fortunes around.

Palace completed a first ever league double over United in style as Michael Olise scored twice, while Jean-Philippe Mateta and Tyrick Mitchell were also on target for the in-form Eagles.

Defeat left Ten Hag's men eighth and at risk of both their worst ever Premier League finish and missing out on European competition next season.

The Dutchman's future is in



Manchester United's Danish striker #11 Rasmus Hojlund (R) fouls Crystal Palace's English goalkeeper #30 Dean Henderson (L) going for the ball

doubt with structural change ongoing at Old Trafford since British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe

bought a minority stake and took sporting control of the club earlier this year.

"It's clear and it's obvious this is under-performing," said Ten

Hag. "We didn't act how we want to do it and this is by far not good enough."

Ten Hag's options were again limited by a mounting injury list.

Captain Bruno Fernandes missed a club game through injury for the first time in his career, while England international duo Marcus Rashford and Harry Maguire were also absent.

The makeshift centre-back pairing of Casemiro and Jonny Evans were torn apart by Palace's pace and invention.

"Absolutely," added Ten Hag on whether believes he is the right man to lead United forward.

Delhi down Rajasthan to stay in play-off race

Rajasthan Royals' IPL play-off hopes hurt with 20-run loss to Delhi Capitals

● Delhi Capitals post challenging total of 221-8 with aggressive batting

● Rajasthan Royals fall short in chase despite Samson's valiant effort

AFP | New Delhi

Skipper Sanju Samson's 86 went in vain as Delhi Capitals beat Rajasthan Royals by 20 runs yesterday to stay in the hunt for an IPL play-off berth.

Delhi posted 221-8 courtesy of Jake Fraser-McGurk's 20-ball 50 and an attacking 65 by Abhishek Porel at their home Feroz Shah Kotla ground.

Rajasthan looked good in their chase after Samson's fifth half-century of this season but



Delhi Capitals' Tristan Stubbs plays a shot

his dismissal, a catch in the deep which was ruled clean by the third umpire, turned the match in Delhi's favour.

Rajasthan, who are yet to confirm their play-off spot, lost

three more wickets in the next two overs and Delhi restricted the opposition to 201-8 for their sixth win in 12 matches.

"We had it in our hands, it was 10-11 runs per over which

Scorecard

Delhi Capitals 221 for 8 (Porel 65, Fraser-McGurk 50, Ashwin 3-24) beat **Rajasthan Royals** 201 for 8 (Samson 86, Kuldeep 2-27, Mukesh 2-30) by 20 runs

was achievable but these things happen in the IPL," Samson said after the loss.

Inaugural champions Rajasthan, placed second behind top-poppers Kolkata Knight Riders, have eight wins in 11 matches and still favourites to make the top two in the play-offs.

Top four teams will make the play-offs but number one and two will have the advantage of getting an extra match to enter the final on May 26 in Chennai.

Spinner Kuldeep Yadav returned impressive figures of 2-25. Fast bowlers Khaleel Ahmed and Mukesh Kumar also



Yuzvendra Chahal achieves a milestone by becoming the first Indian to claim 350 T20 wickets

took two wickets.

But the batters set up victory after Fraser-McGurk, who raised his 50 in 19 balls, and Porel attacked in an opening stand of 60.

Rajasthan lost wickets after the openers departed but Tristan Stubbs hammered 41 off 20 balls in a late charge to take the total to 221-8.

Stubbs was helped by Gulbadin Naib, who hit 19, and Rasikh Salam, who hit two sixes in his nine runs, as Delhi got 53 runs from the last three overs.

The in-form Samson, a wicketkeeper-batsman who has amassed 459 runs, attempted to set up the chase only to depart in the 16th over when Shai Hope caught the batsman off Kumar.

Hope's foot was parallel to the boundary rope but the third umpire ruled it out and a disappointed Samson walked back after a chat with the on-field officials.

Veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin led the Rajasthan bowling with figures of 3-24.

Yuzvendra Chahal took his 350th T20 wicket -- first Indian to achieve the feat -- when he got skipper Rishabh Pant, a left-hand batsman, caught out at fine leg for 15.

Gauff on the alert to shape up her serve in Rome

AFP | Rome

Coco Gauff said yesterday she was dedicating training time prior to her second-round start at the ATP and WTA Italian Open to cleaning up her serve.

The American third seed was plagued by multiple double-faults in a fourth-round defeat last week to compatriot Madison Keys in Madrid.

And the reigning US Open winner said she plans to fix that delivery problem in Rome before heading to Roland Garros from May 26.

"I had like 14 double-faults - that's four or five games," she said. "(If I) just fix that detail, it will save me."

"Maybe those matches would turn into winning in straight sets instead of losing in three sets."

She added: "For me it's just serving better than I did last week. Honestly, I feel the other



Coco Gauff in action

parts of my game are improving in the right direction.

"If I can work through, it will set me up for a very good Roland Garros."

Both Gauff and defending champion Elena Rybakina expressed pleasure at returning to the Foro Italico and preparing

for the last big event prior to Paris.

"It's nice to be here. (I've seen) some improvements on-site," the Kazakh said. "I'm looking forward to this event."

"I didn't practice for three, four days (after a Madrid semi-final loss to Aryna Sa-

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COCO GAUFF

balenka). Today I managed to hit a bit.

"That's the way to keep on going because it's not easy with our schedule."

Gauff paid tribute to Rafael Nadal, who is likely playing his final Rome event as he nears retirement sometime this season.

"When I saw the little (good-bye) ceremony (in Madrid for Nadal), I was like 'this is real life, this is for real.'"

"I feel a little bit sad; he's definitely one of my favourite players to watch. His mentality, his intensity is something I admire."

Milan nets Giro 4th stage, Pogacar retains lead



Jonathan Milan celebrates his narrow win in the Giro d'Italia fourth stage

AFP | Turin

Italy's Jonathan Milan emerged a popular home winner of the Giro d'Italia fourth stage yesterday with race favourite Tadej Pogacar retaining the overall lead.

The 190km ride from Acqui Terme to Andora on the Italian Riviera was marred by the race-ending crash of Eritrea's Biniam Girmay.

While the man who created history as the first black African to win a Grand Tour stage, in the 2022 Giro, was taken off in an ambulance, Pogacar was safely in the peloton hunting down a two-man breakaway.

Pablo Munoz and Stefan de Bod had forged to the front early in the stage, but their time in the spot-light was numbered with the peloton relentlessly reeling them in.

They were duly swallowed up with 5km to go.

Filippo Ganna of Ineos Grenadiers was the first to attack, and he led over the final hill and down into the day's final destination, the port of Andora.

But it was to be Milan (Lid-Trek) who took the bunch sprint honours, ahead of Australian Kaden Groves (Alpecin-Deceuninck) and German Phil Bauhaus (BahrainVictorious).

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JONATHAN MILAN

"I have so many emotions now. I said from the beginning we came here with one goal for everyone so today the guys did an amazing job and it was such an amazing sensation to win here again at the Giro d'Italia," said Milan, who was adding to his stage win last year.

All the top riders in the overall standings finished in the main pack and the general classification re-mained unchanged.

Pogacar, who crossed in 30th, holds a 46second cushion over his main title rival Geraint Thomas, with Daniel Martinez a further second back in third in the GC ahead of stage five, over 178km from the port of Genoa down the coast to Lucca in northwest Tuscany.

Bangladesh seal T20 series with nine-run win over Zimbabwe

AFP | Chattogram

Bangladesh survived a late onslaught from Faraz Akram to beat Zimbabwe by nine runs in the third Twenty20 international and seal the five-match series 3-0 in Chittagong yesterday.

Playing his first match in the series, Faraz hit an unbeaten 34 off 19 balls, a record for any Zimbabwean batting at number 10, but the visitors still finished short at 156-9.

Faraz and Wellington Masakadza put on 54 for the ninth wicket to lift the side from 91-8.

The visitors needed 21 runs from the final over but Mohammad Saifuddin bowled Masakadza in the first ball to put Bangladesh back on top.

Saifuddin, who made 3-42, held his nerve to concede only three runs from the last three balls.



Bangladesh players celebrate during the match

Towhid Hridoy earlier scored his maiden Twenty20 international with 57 off 38 balls, helping the hosts recover from a sluggish start after they were put in to bat first.

Jaker Ali provided Towhid ample support with 44 off 34

balls as the pair shared 87 for the fourth wicket.

Blessing Muzarabani claimed 3-14 for Zimbabwe, his career best figure, but his teammates struggled to contain the innings.

Muzarabani bowled Liton Das for 12 as the opener shuffled

Scorecard

Bangladesh 165 for 5 (Hridoy 57, Jaker 44, Muzarabani 3-14) beat **Zimbabwe** 156 for 9 (Akram 34*, Marumani 31, Saifuddin 3-40) by nine runs

across to play a paddle sweep, only to miss the line of the ball.

Skipper Sikandar Raza bowled his counterpart Najmul Hossain Shanto for six to leave Bangladesh 29-2.

Jaker joined Towhid after Faraz scalped opener Tanzid Hasan for 21 to help Bangladesh shift gear.

Muzarabani bowled Towhid and Jaker in the space of three balls in the penultimate over.

Bangladesh won the opening two matches to lead the five-match series 2-0.

The final two matches of the series will be played in Dhaka on Friday and Sunday.