



HM King attends wedding of minister’s grandson



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, accompanied by his sons, attended the wedding of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Nasser bin Khalid bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, grandson of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court, held at his majlis in Riffa. The Royal Court Minister expressed gratitude to HM the King for attending the wedding of his grandson Shaikh Khalid bin Nasser and for His Majesty's congratulations.

Four arrested for

shrimping with

banned nets

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The Coast Guard seized a boat carrying four Asians in possession of shrimp caught using banned bottom trawl nets (karaf), in violation of Ministerial Resolution No. (205) of 2018 prohibiting bottom trawling.

The Interior Ministry announced the arrest was part of ongoing efforts to address violations related to fishing practices and tools, and to ensure fishermen's compliance with laws and regulations.

The Coast Guard explained that the seized boat was found in violation of several other requirements, including covering its registration plates, lacking an Automatic Identification System (AIS) device, safety equipment, and legal documentation related to the vessel and crew.

20,000 sign

up for Hajj

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The Supreme Committee for Hajj and Umrah Affairs announced that over 20,000 people have registered for Hajj 1447 AH / 2026 since the electronic registration has opened last Wednesday.

The committee confirmed that those who meet the conditions will receive preliminary acceptance notifications after the registration period ends on September 16.

Dream Builders

Youth policies link classrooms, careers, and courts

Model Sports

Schools unveiled

Transitional

year proposed

Ministry youth

committee leads

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), yesterday placed education and sport at the centre of Bahrain's next phase of youth empowerment, announcing the launch of the Model Sports Schools Project for the 2025–2026 academic year.

The project will assign each participating school a specific sport and combine it with a



HH Shaikh Nasser and HH Shaikh Khalid chair the meeting

comprehensive educational programme that balances academic rigour with athletic training, nutrition, and gender-inclusive participation. HH Shaikh Nasser described the initiative as “a strategic step towards building an integrated generation capable of excelling in sports and academics,” urging all stakeholders to ensure its success.

The SCYS meeting also reviewed a groundbreaking proposal - the introduction of a transitional year between school and university. The recommen-

dation, presented by the Ministry of Legal Affairs, aims to give students more clarity on their academic and professional paths, while strengthening career guidance and ensuring education aligns with labour market demands. HH Shaikh Nasser directed that the proposal be submitted to the Education Minister for consideration.

In parallel, the Council spotlighted the expansion of the ‘Try To Work’ Community Partnership Programme, presented by the Bahrain Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry. The initiative, now in its fourth edition, immerses 15 to 18-year-olds in private-sector career tracks ranging from engineering to entrepreneurship and content creation. The Council directed the Chamber to widen participation and position the programme as a national model for equipping youth with practical, market-ready skills.

Adding weight to the meeting's outcomes, the Ministry of Works received commendation for establishing the first youth

What SCYS

Agreed

Launch of Model Sports Schools Project for 2025–2026

Study to create a transitional year before university

Expansion of ‘Try To Work’ career programme

Establishment of first government youth committee at Ministry of Works

Call for other authorities to set up youth committees

committee within a government agency. The move, hailed as a pioneering step, aims to deepen communication between young professionals and senior leadership while embedding innovation and excellence in government work. The SCYS urged other authorities to replicate the model, highlighting its potential to reshape institutional culture.

Bahrain witnesses rare ‘blood moon’ total lunar eclipse



Bahrain was treated to a total lunar eclipse yesterday evening. The Moon turned a deep red as it passed fully into Earth's shadow – an effect popularly known as a “blood moon.” The next event of this kind is not expected until December 2028. The partial phase began around 7:30 p.m., totality following shortly after, peaking at 9:11 p.m., and ending at 10:56 p.m. Mosques across the Kingdom held eclipse prayers, following the prophetic tradition observed during solar and lunar eclipses. Worshippers gathered to perform the prayers and reflect on the occasion's religious significance. The spectacle drew wide interest from residents and citizens alike, blending scientific wonder with spiritual meaning. With the Moon draped in red, Bahrain's night sky offered an exceptional natural scene. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon moves completely into Earth's umbra (the darkest part of its shadow), filtering sunlight through the atmosphere and giving the Moon its reddish hue. (Pictures by Aji Mathai)

Bahrain’s Smart Transit Breakthrough

First-of-its-kind project unveiled

- Landmark transport milestone
- Vision 2030 alignment
- Passenger experience upgrade

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Bahrain has marked a milestone in its digital transformation with the launch of the Kingdom’s first digital bus station, a pioneering step hailed as a breakthrough for public transport and smart mobility. The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications signed a strategic cooperation agreement with stc Bahrain to establish the hub, which officials say will consolidate Bahrain’s position as a regional leader in



Representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and stc Bahrain

Bahrain’s Economic Vision 2030 was launched in 2008 as a long-term plan to diversify the economy and improve quality of life, with infrastructure and transport seen as key pillars.

smart and sustainable urban mobility.

Milestone project

H.E. Fatima Abdullah Al-Dhaen, Undersecretary of Land Transport and Post, said the new station represented a significant advance in the country’s trans-

port sector. She noted that the initiative strengthens reliance on advanced digital solutions, enhances the passenger experience, and supports national efforts towards sustainable communities under Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable De-

velopment Goal 11.

Sh. Zeyad bin Faisal Al Khalifa, Chief Government Affairs Officer at stc Bahrain, described the move as more than a technological upgrade, calling it a strategic investment in transport infrastructure and the Kingdom’s economic future. He said the



H.E. Fatima Abdullah Al-Dhaen and Sh. Zeyad bin Faisal Al Khalifa sign the agreement

station would support the government’s digital transformation agenda through intelligent, connected, and sustainable mobility solutions that drive competitiveness and serve the public.

Blueprint for future

The stc Digital Bus Station is designed to serve as a blueprint for future smart transport hubs across Bahrain. Officials say it will enable data-driven trans-

port planning, improve service reliability, and contribute to the sustainability of the national economy.

The agreement also highlights the importance of public-private partnerships in advancing Bahrain’s comprehensive development and showcases stc Bahrain’s role in leveraging technology to empower communities, drive growth, and enhance quality of life.

India’s GST 2.0 reforms: bold, scientific and historic in equal measures

By H.E. Ambassador Vinod K Jacob.

On 15th August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had, during his Independence Day speech, spoken about the intention to carry out the Next-Generation reforms in Goods and Sales Tax (GST). Working with a sense of purpose, the GST Council comprising the Union and the States collectively agreed in early September 2025 to GST rate cuts and reforms, which is expected to benefit the common man, farmers, MSMEs, middle-class, women and youth. Welcoming these reforms, Prime Minister Modi observed, “The wide ranging reforms will improve lives of our citizens and ensure ease of doing business for all, especially small traders and businesses.”

The pith and substance of the GST reforms

At its core these reforms simplify the processes related to India’s GST system with a two tier tax structure (5 % and 18 %) which also facilitates filing through efficient technology. The higher 40% rate is reserved for goods such as tobacco and luxury products. In case of essential goods and daily use items, the drop in GST rates is considerable and the concomitant benefits are expected to reach the consumers efficaciously. In case of high value items like cars and appliances the rates are going down from 28% to 18%. It is reasonable to expect therefore that the arrival of lower taxes would encourage more consumption and give a boost to industrial and economic growth.

The way forward

The revised rates and exemp-



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The GST Council comprising the Union and the States collectively agreed in early September 2025 to GST rate cuts and reforms.

tions will come into effect from 22nd September 2025, ensuring timely relief for the common man, households, farmers, and businesses. Only exception will be specified goods namely, cigarettes, chewing tobacco products like zarda, unmanufactured tobacco and beedi, for which the existing rates of GST and compensation cess will continue to apply and the new rates will be implemented at a later date to be notified, based on discharging of entire loan and interest liabilities on account of compensation cess. In other words, effective from 22nd September 2025, the reforms are expected to build a simpler, fairer, and growth-oriented GST framework, ensuring both ease of living for people and ease of doing business for enterprises.

GST 2.0 has the potential to make India more competitive

The emphasis on achieving simplicity of tax structure has been a guiding lodestar for India ever since the GST framework was introduced in the last decade. With the learnings of the past eight years, the governments at the Union and in the States and Union Territories have worked scientifically and constructively to address new challenges posed by the international ecosystem and other domestic constraints to create an advanced system. It is accepted wisdom that a simpler and unified tax system will cut trade costs and boost exports. Indian economy can utilise these reforms to make the country a stronger player in the global market. At a 5 % rate of tax, it becomes an attractive proposition in any geography.

This will also further the impetus for inclusive growth within India. The initial feedback from Indian industry is one of excitement and determination. These reforms, occurring in the immediate aftermath of the announcement of Q1 2025 GDP growth rate of 7.8% for the Indian economy, reinforces our collective commitment to ensuring the stability and promoting the prosperity of the international system. This approach is an article of firm conviction for Indian foreign policy and is expected to enrich all its bilateral relationships including with the friendly Kingdom of Bahrain in the years to come. *(The author is the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain since August 2023. He has previously served as Director General for Economic Diplomacy in the Indian Ministry of External Affairs from 2017 to 2018.)*

ICAI Bahrain Hosts Session on ‘Future of Capital’



ICAI Bahrain officials with distinguished guests and participants

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Bahrain Chapter, successfully kicked off its 2025-26 technical sessions with a well-attended event titled “Future of Capital – Investment Reimagined.” Held on September 6, 2025, at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel in Manama, the session drew over 150 participants eager to

gain insights into the evolving investment landscape.

Speakers

The speakers for the event were Mr. Ajay Sharma, President of Edelweiss, Singapore, Mr. Gaurav Sharma, CFA, Solutions Portfolio Manager at Franklin Templeton Investment Solutions, Dubai and Mr. Veerappan Aiyappan, CFA, FRM, MBA, Director at EVA Mera Funds Investment Private Limited, India

Attendees were provided with valuable insights into global markets, various investment strategies, and effective wealth creation methods. To make the learning experience both fun and impactful, the session included an interactive game designed to help participants better understand the capital market. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the speakers, members, and guests.

International Artistic Residency Program for Bahraini Artists



Representatives from the Embassy of France, BACA and the Alliance Française Bahrain

Embassy of France launches event

Apply before October 3rd

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The Embassy of France in Bahrain, in partnership with the Bahrain Authority for

Culture and Antiquities (BACA) and the Alliance Française Bahrain, has announced an exceptional opportunity for Bahraini artists: the 2026 International Residency Program at the “Cité Internationale des Arts” in Paris, France. This three-month, fully funded residency offers established and professional artists the chance to create, connect, and immerse themselves in France’s vibrant artistic scene.

The program is open to all artistic disciplines, including architecture, design, street art, cinema, dance, literature, gastronomy, crafts, fashion, music, photography, theater, and more. Selected participants will spend three months in residence in Paris between April 2026 and April 2027. It is a unique platform to develop artistic projects, expand networks, and engage in intercultural dialogue

Arab suspect
remanded over
BD14,100 charged
via stolen cards

Mohammed Daughter
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An Arab suspect is on remand after BD14,100 went through a car showroom's online payment link using stolen bank cards issued by foreign financial institutions, the Public Prosecution announced yesterday.

The case began with a report from an electronic payments firm of suspicious activity on its website.

The Anti-Economic Crimes Directorate at the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security opened enquiries, identified the suspect and tied him to the transactions.

Payment link

Prosecutors said he admitted working with a person abroad to exploit the showroom's payment link to pay part of a vehicle's price.

Eight bank cards from banks inside the Kingdom were seized from him.

Witnesses told investigators that, after the payment was processed, complaints arrived from cardholders who denied authorising the charges.

From Meetings to Mobile

BTEA links partnerships with tech rollout

● Private sector collaboration

● Digital tools for visitors

● Strategy 2022–2026 focus

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has put both partnerships and digital innovation in the spotlight, hosting a major meeting for industry stakeholders while unveiling new tools to enhance visitor experience.

The session brought together more than 150 hotel representatives and travel agents, in what officials said was part of the Authority's ongoing drive to strengthen strategic ties and support the growth of the tourism sector.

Dana Osama Al Saad, Deputy CEO of Resources and Projects at BTEA, stressed the importance of the private sector as a key partner in diversifying tourism



Dana Osama Al Saad and other BTEA officials at the event



offerings. She noted that closer cooperation with operators would help position Bahrain as a destination of choice across multiple markets, with positive knock-on effects for the national economy.

Strategy and campaigns

Al Saad also reviewed upcoming promotional campaigns and outlined highlights of the tourism events calendar, while reaffirming the pillars of the sector strategy 2022–2026. She pointed to cultural and historical assets, as well as distinctive national identity, as anchors for sustained tourism development.

In a nod to the sector's evolving needs, Al Saad highlighted the Authority's new smartphone application and revamped website. Both tools are designed to make tourism information and services more accessible to visitors, while delivering a smoother, digitally integrated experience.

By linking face-to-face industry engagement with technology rollout, the Authority signalled that the next phase of tourism growth will be defined by stronger partnerships and smarter platforms.

GCC's First Ambassadors Graduate

Initiative hailed as Gulf first



H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro with the graduates

● GCC's first programme

● Public-private partnership

● Youth empowerment focus

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Bahrain has celebrated the graduation of the first batch of "Consumer Protection Ambassadors," marking the Gulf's first initiative of its kind aimed

at training and empowering youth in consumer rights.

The programme, run in coordination between the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Ministry of Youth Affairs, was held in July and August 2025. It combined theoretical and practical training in commercial law and complaint handling to foster a responsible consumer culture among young nationals.

H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, praised the graduates' readiness to serve society, adding that their work would help

strengthen trust between consumers and authorities. He also pointed to the strong private sector involvement, with Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons and Jahez International providing field visits and training opportunities. Several graduates were later recruited by these companies, underscoring the programme's practical benefits.

Youth leadership

Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, stressed that the initiative goes beyond training to build leadership capacity. She noted that graduates are now equipped to represent Bahrain regionally

and internationally, highlighting the Kingdom's commitment to youth empowerment.

Public-private impact

Officials said the programme underlined the value of public-private cooperation in supporting national development, while showing how targeted training initiatives can yield immediate opportunities for young Bahrainis.

By graduating its first ambassadors, Bahrain has established a new benchmark for youth involvement in consumer protection, one that could inspire similar initiatives across the GCC.

Interior Minister inaugurates advanced research vessel 'Al Mesaha 2050'

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On behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, inaugurated the advanced research vessel "Al Mesaha 2050".

The inauguration of the vessel marks a key milestone in the National Strategy of the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB), which aims to develop a reliable national data system to support strategic decision-making and serve economic development programmes.

Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah expressed pride in the achievements of the development and modernisation process led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the support of the government led by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He affirmed that Bahrain's security and stability constitute a cornerstone for attracting investment and advancing sustainable development objectives in line with the Government Programme.

The Interior Minister highlighted that the launch of Al Mesaha 2050 reflects the adoption of the latest systems and AI-supported technologies to monitor and protect the marine environment, enhance the safety of navigation routes, and support sustainable development.

Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah emphasised that Bahrain provides a safe and attractive environment for both local and foreign investments, supported by stable and flexible legislation, while developing mechanisms that sustain the national economy through the preservation of natural resources, strengthening marine reserves, and implementing programmes that ensure a secure maritime environment.

Paulsson takes part in talks on global dispute resolution

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Professor Marike Patrani Paulsson, Secretary General of The Council for International Dispute Resolution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, participated in a dynamic panel on "Compulsory Mediation for International Disputes" during the American So-

ciety of International Law (ASIL) Abroad Meeting in Singapore.

The meeting, held 3-4 September 2025, continued the theme of ASIL's 119th Annual Meeting, "Traditions and Transitions in International Law."

The panel moderated by Professor Shahla Ali, from the University of Hong Kong, included



Prof. Marike Patrani Paulsson with participants
Professor Paulsson, alongside Professor Tomoko Ishikawa,

from Nagoya University and independent arbitrator Cameron Ford.

The discussions centered over mediation in investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), mandatory mediation, and the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

It also explored the interplay between treaty-based dispute

settlement and emerging mediation frameworks, pointing to both opportunities and limitations of integrating compulsory mediation into ISDS structures.

As part of the outcomes of this session, the panel agreed to work with ASIL on a follow-up project to present the "ASIL Singapore/Michael Hwang Protocol".

Noise nightmare

Arad residents seek relief over dawn roadworks and blocked access

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Neighbours in Block 244, Arad, say months of roadworks on Roads 4403 and 4402 have brought daily noise and blocked access, with crews starting as early as 5 am, including weekends and public holidays.

The works to lay rainwater drains and sewer lines have, they say, dragged on and shut routes to homes and garages.

Residents report the din of heavy machinery from before dawn, which they say has been hard on older people and children, and on those who need rest before work.

“The scheme is in its last stretch, with trenches due to be backfilled with sand next week to ease traffic, while road surfacing will follow later for technical reasons tied to the order of works.”

- AHMED AL MOQAHWI, MUHARRAQ MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Digging

They add that after digging the contractor has left spoil and



materials piled outside houses, kicking up dust and making it harder to move about.

According to neighbours, the

works began in Ramadan and are still going.

They say the project engineer told them he holds a permit to begin early and to work on rest days and public holidays.

Complaints

Muharrraq municipal council member Ahmed Al Moqahwi said he met the road engineer to discuss the complaints and asked for the job to be finished quickly.

He said the scheme is in its last stretch, with trenches due to be backfilled with sand next week to ease traffic, while road surfacing will follow later for technical reasons tied to the order of works.

Bahraini Student Excels Globally

IIT Madras graduate shines in record time

● **PhD completed in 4.5 years**

● **Research uses AI in drug discovery**

● **Schooling roots traced to Bahrain**

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Dr. Fathima Ridha

Dr. Fathima Ridha, who began her academic journey in Bahrain, has emerged as one of the fastest-rising researchers in bioinformatics after completing both her Master's and PhD at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras in just 4.5 years.

A former student of the Asian School and New Millennium School, Fathima pursued a Direct PhD programme at IIT Madras, India's top-ranked engineering institute, after her Bachelor's degree. She earlier secured a Gold Medal in BTech Biotechnology from NIT Calicut.

Record feat

Her doctoral research focused on developing machine learning and AI-based computational tools to study membrane protein complexes, which are among the most important drug targets. The work contributes to better understanding of disease mechanisms and can help guide the design of more effective therapies.

Prestigious honours

With over 10 publications in high-impact peer-reviewed journals, Fathima has presented her findings at conferences in Europe, Japan and Korea. She has won awards including the Royal Society of Chemistry Poster Prize and Best Flash Talk, and was also named an Institute Research Awardee

IIT Madras is ranked as India's number one engineering institute by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for eight consecutive years.

in 2025.

Her exceptional performance was recognised with the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF), India's highest research fellowship for doctoral candidates.

Bahrain connection

Proud parents Mohammed Kutty Karuvanthodikayil and Babitha P.C. said her success reflects the strong academic foundation she gained in Bahrain. Her siblings, Ameena Rena and Rishal Mohammed, were also students of the Asian School.

Dr. Fathima's rapid rise in academia, from Bahrain's classrooms to India's premier institute, has been hailed as an inspiration for the next generation of scientists.

KCA Announces 25th Indian Talent Scan 2025



KCA officials and members at a press conference

Pradeep Puravankara
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The Kerala Catholic Association (KCA) has announced the launch of the 25th edition of its annual cultural festival, “KCA-BFC The Indian Talent Scan 2025.”

The event, which celebrates art, literature, and performing arts among children, is open to all Indian children in Bahrain and will run from October to December.

Organizing committee

A new organizing committee has been formed, with Mrs.

Simi Leo making history as the first-ever Chairperson of the Talent Scan. She will be supported by Vice Chairmen Mr. K. M. Thomas and Mr. Joyal Jose, and Vice Chairpersons Mrs. Simi Asok and Mrs. Pretty Roy.

The advisory board will be led by Mr. Varghese Joseph, with Mr. Roy C. Antony, Mr. Sevi Mathunny, and Mr. Aruldas Thomas serving as members.

Registration for the events opened on September 4 and will close on September 30, 2025. This year's edition will feature new events, with a special focus on team-based activities aimed at fostering personality develop-



The event is open to all Indian children in Bahrain and will run from October to December.

ment. Competitions will begin on October 17

The event offers over 180 in-

dividual and team events, with awards including the prestigious Kalathilakam & Kalaprabha Awards.

Children born between October 1, 2007, and September 30, 2020, are eligible to participate and will be divided into five age groups. The event is a key platform for showcasing and nurturing the talents of young Indians in Bahrain. For more details contact 36268208

A press conference was held at the KCA, where details were shared by KCA President James John, General Secretary Vinu Christy, and other organizing committee members.

Asian faces trafficking charge

● **Hearing set for 9 September**

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An Asian defendant has been referred to the High Criminal Court on a human trafficking charge, with a hearing on 9 September, following a Public Prosecution investigation into claims the victim's passport was seized and she was confined and threatened in a flat.

The Public Prosecution said the case began with a report from the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Directorate at the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence, based on the victim's complaint.

She said she came to Bahrain after a job offer; on arrival, her passport was taken, she was held in a flat and threatened to force her into unlawful acts.

According to a statement issued yesterday, prosecu-



tors started work as soon as the report was received and first took the victim's detailed statement.

Measures

As part of the measures used in such cases, she was placed in the shelter run by the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The Prosecution said legal steps were taken against the suspect and police were tasked with the necessary enquiries to establish the circumstances, including hearing from the officer who conducted them.

On completion of the investigation and in light of the evidence, the defendant was sent for trial before the High Criminal Court, with a hearing set for 9 September.

Bahrain stands out in Gulf dealmaking in Q1

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Bahrain stood out in Gulf dealmaking in the first half of 2025, anchored by a \$693 million move in which Saudi Arabia's ACWA Power bought ENGIE's stakes in power and water assets in Bahrain and Kuwait, a report by Kuwait Financial Centre 'Markaz' said.

Across the GCC, activity eased. Markaz counted 72 transactions in the half, down 22 per cent year on year.

The UAE led with 43 deals, followed by Saudi Arabia with 15. By 30 June, Bahrain accounted for 10 per cent of deals announced and in progress, with four transactions holding steady through the period.

Purchase

The ACWA Power purchase covers Bahrain's Al Dur Power & Water Company, Al Ezzel

Power Company and Hidd Power Company, and Kuwait's Shamal Az-Zour Al-Oula Power and Water Company.

Foreign direct investment into Bahrain came through a single deal in H1 2025, compared with two a year earlier. That is a 50 per cent drop.

Bahraini groups were active across borders. Foulath Holding bought a 49 per cent stake in SULB Company and United Steel Company for \$175 million.

Holding

GFH Financial Group added 15.63 per cent to its holding in Seef Properties, taking its stake to 27.98 per cent.

Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) acquired HSBC's retail banking operations in the Kingdom. Investcorp signed an agreement to acquire Italian firm Epipoli.

BSA global space challenge hackathon

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The Bahrain Space Agency (BSA) announced the opening of registration for programmers, scientists, designers, storytellers, technicians, entrepreneurs, artists, space enthusiasts and students of all ages and nationalities to take part in the eighth edition of the International Space Apps Challenge Hackathon.

This annual international competition is organised by the BSA under the supervision of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), in cooperation with the Bahrain Society of Engineers.

It will take place at the University of Bahrain campus in Sakhir and the Bahrain Polytechnic campus in Isa Town, from October 4-5. Those wishing to register may do so by visiting the websites: (Isa Town)

The concept of the hackathon is to encourage participants to devise innovative ideas to present space data in the form of applications, games, or other technological solutions.

<https://www.spaceappschallenge.org/2025/local-events/isa-town/> or (Sakhir) (<https://www.spaceappschallenge.org/2025/local-events/sakhir/>)

The BSA highlighted that the Hackathon is open to participants worldwide, who will form creative teams and use NASA's open data to compete in developing solutions to a range of challenges facing the space industry today.

NBB participates in CPISP candidacy programme 2025

Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) recently participated in the 2025 Candidacy Programme of the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Programme (CPISP), held at the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) Auditorium.

Representing the Bank, Maram Buallay, Acting Group Chief Human Resources Officer, and Donya Alansari, HR Assistant Manager, engaged with 100 students competing for the prestigious scholarship, providing them with a comprehensive overview of specialised majors within the banking and financial services industry. The session also highlighted essential employability skills designed to enhance their readiness for future career opportunities.

Maram Buallay, Acting Group Chief Human Resources Officer of NBB, said, "Early engagement with aspiring candidates is essential to shaping a workforce that is prepared for the demands of tomorrow's economy.



By introducing students to the financial services sector and the skills it demands, we aim to broaden their perspective on what a future-ready career in this domain can look like. Initiatives like these are critical to nurturing a talent pipeline that supports individual ambi-

The attendees were encouraged to explore trending and niche disciplines to strengthen their competitiveness in the evolving job market, with an emphasis on aligning academic pathways with the market's talent demand. NBB was also presented as an employer of choice that offers a structured internship programme to support students' ambitions and help bridge the gap between academic learning and professional practice.

The session further offered an introduction to NBB's growth strategy, which is driven by investments in advanced technologies and regional expansion while maintaining a strong market position in Bahrain through consistent profitability and customer service excellence.

By engaging with the CPISP candidates, the Bank reaffirmed its commitment to supporting national initiatives that nurture the next generation of leaders and contribute to the Kingdom's long-term economic progress.

Saudi launches Damascus area reconstruction project

Aid package includes a project to clear more than 75,000 cubic metres of rubble

- Rubble hinders humanitarian efforts and reconstruction
- Since Assad's overthrow in December, Syria's new authorities have worked to attract investment

AFP | Damascus, Syria

Saudi Arabia announced yesterday humanitarian projects for Syria including the removal of wartime rubble around Damascus, weeks after inking investment deals worth billions to help rebuild the country's infrastructure.



A Syrian coppersmith uses a metallic tool as he makes a large tray, in front of a workshop in Damascus

The kingdom has been a major backer of the new Syrian government, which came to power after an Islamist-led offensive toppled longtime Syrian ruler Bashar al-Assad in December.

At an event yesterday in Damascus, the Saudi state-run King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief) announced an aid package that includes a project to clear more than 75,000 cubic metres of rubble from the capital and its surroundings.

The Saudi organisation's president Abdullah Al Rabeeah and Syrian minister for emergencies

and disaster management Raed al-Saleh signed an agreement for the initiative, which includes plans to recycle at least 30,000 cubic metres of debris from destroyed homes and other buildings.

Saleh said the rubble hinders humanitarian efforts and reconstruction, and that unexploded "war remnants threaten the lives of civilians".

Other agreements inked yesterday would see Riyadh support the reconstruction of 34 schools in Syria's Aleppo, Idlib and Homs provinces, as well as provide equipment for 17 hospitals nationwide, help rebuild

some 60 bakeries, and rehabilitate sewage and water infrastructure in Damascus.

KSrelief chief Rabeeah said that the projects seek to "address several high-priority areas of urgent needs" and "alleviate the suffering of affected people".

Since Assad's overthrow in December, Syria's new authorities have worked to attract investment for the reconstruction of infrastructure destroyed in the country's 14-year civil war.

In late July, Riyadh pledged \$6.4 billion in investment and partnership deals with Syria.

Greek PM calls fraud in EU farm subsidies 'a chronic problem'

AFP | Thessaloniki, Greece

Greece's prime minister said yesterday that alleged fraud of EU agricultural subsidies was "a chronic problem" in his country's farm sector that started before his government's mandate.

"Our government cannot take all the responsibility" in this matter, which is under investigation by the European Union, Prime Minister Kyrriakos Mitsotakis told a press conference.

He said that the fraud -- which Greek authorities estimate amounts to at least 23 million euros (\$27 million) -- started in 2016, before he came to power in 2019.

The EU probe, looking into allegations that fraudulent claimants syphoned off the money in massive graft, is mainly investigating the period since Mitsotakis's conservative government took office.

EU investigators three months ago raided the Athens offices of the Greek government agency that handled the payments, OPEKEPE, which has since been closed down.

The EU probe has

shown widespread abuse of funds handed out by OPEKEPE, which according to the government annually disbursed more than three billion euros, mainly in subsidies to 680,000 farmers.

A probe subsequently launched by Greek authorities examined 6,354 aid recipients, of whom 1,036 were determined to have received illegal payments totalling 23 million euros.

EU investigators have not yet given their own estimates of the alleged fraud or the number of suspect claimants.

Mitsotakis, speaking at an event in the northern city of Thessaloniki in which he presented his government's economic plans for next year, admitted that his administration "did not manage to clean up OPEKEPE".

He asserted that the funds wrongly disbursed "have started to be recovered" and that "the government is now on the right path to fix this problem".

Those who illegally claimed EU subsidies mainly did so by making false declarations about agricultural land they claimed to control and false claims about livestock, the premier said



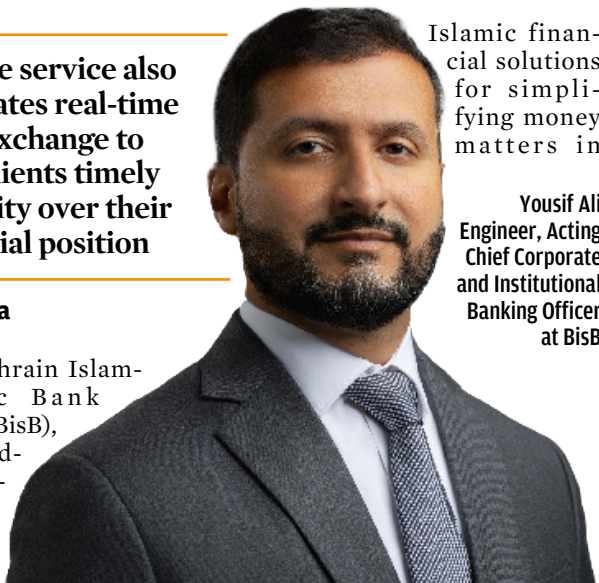
The war devastated much of Syria's infrastructure, with UN estimates putting the cost of reconstruction at more than \$400 billion.

BisB launches Host-to-Host Connectivity solution to streamline corporate financial operations

● The service also facilitates real-time data exchange to give clients timely visibility over their financial position

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative



Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in

Yousif Ali Engineer, Acting Chief Corporate and Institutional Banking Officer at BisB

the Kingdom of Bahrain, has launched its Host-to-Host (H2H) Connectivity solution, an advanced payment integration system designed to transform the way businesses manage their financial operations.

The H2H Connectivity solution enables seamless connectivity between BisB and its clients' Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, delivering greater control, speed, and accuracy across core transaction processes. By digitising key functions such as payment initiation, cash management, and reconciliation, it reduces manual intervention and enhances liquidity management

and operational efficiency. The solution supports flexible integration with any ERP platform via API or file-based methods, offering encrypted file transfers and multiple formats to meet diverse business needs. With automated reconciliation, real-time email alerts, and 24/7 availability, it ensures secure, efficient, and uninterrupted financial operations.

The service also facilitates real-time data exchange to give clients timely visibility over their financial position. All transactions are reflected across both the ERP system and the Bank's e-banking platform, simplifying reconciliation and

improving oversight. To ensure robust data security, the solution uses digital certificates for mutual authentication between the Bank and its clients.

Mr. Yousif Ali Engineer, Acting Chief Corporate and Institutional Banking Officer at BisB, stated, "The launch of our H2H Connectivity solution marks a major leap forward in the way we support our corporate clientele. By integrating directly with their ERP systems, we are delivering a future-ready solution that enables real-time data exchange, significantly reduces operational friction, and enhances overall financial ef-

ficiency. With this innovation, we are providing our customers with a seamless payment processing experience that is aligned with their evolving needs."

This launch underscores the Bank's commitment to driving innovation and digital transformation across the financial sector, while enabling businesses to operate with increased speed and confidence. It also reflects BisB's continued alignment with the Kingdom's broader vision to strengthen its position as a regional leader in cutting-edge digital financial services.

'Build, baby, build': Canada PM's plan to counter Trump

● Unemployment rate hit 7.1 percent in August, the highest level since 2016

● Carney has repeatedly said Canada "can be an energy superpower"

● Greenpeace has accused the prime minister of backing "climate-wrecking infrastructure"

● Despite Carney's efforts to secure Indigenous backing for his major projects push, their concern persists

AFP | Montreal, Canada

On the night he won Canada's election, Prime Minister Mark Carney summarized his plan to jumpstart the country's economy in response to President

Donald Trump's threats. "Build, baby, build!" Carney told a jubilant crowd of Liberal party supporters in April.

In the early weeks of his first term, Carney's plans to build have taken shape, headlined by the new "Major Projects Office", launched last

month to spearhead the construction of ports, highways, mines and perhaps a new oil pipeline -- a contentious subject for groups concerned about the environment.

The office, which is expected to announce its priorities in the coming days, was formed after Carney's Liberals secured cross-party support to pass legislation empowering his government to fast-

track "nation-building projects."

"We are moving at a speed not seen in generations," Carney said, a level

of urgency he argues is required as Trump reshapes the global economy.

Trump's threats to annex Canada have eased, but his trade war is hurting the Canadian economy.

US tariffs on autos, steel and aluminum have squeezed the three crucial sectors and led to job losses.

The unemployment rate hit 7.1 percent in August, the highest level since 2016 outside of the pandemic.

That "adds to evidence that the trade war is taking its toll on Canadian labor markets," RBC senior economist Claire Fan said this week.

Since entering politics earlier this year, Carney has insisted Canada needs to break its decades-long reliance on US trade by revitalizing internal commerce while pursuing new markets in Europe and Asia.

During a visit to Germany last month, Carney said his government was "unleashing half a trillion dollars of investment" in infrastructure for energy, ports

and other sectors.

Jay Khosla, an energy expert at the Public Policy Forum, said the momentum to build would not have been possible without Trump.

"We know our economy is in peril," he said, noting Canada was effectively "captured economically," because of its closeness to the United States.

'Energy superpower?'

Canada is the world's fourth largest oil exporter and its crude reserves are the world's third largest.

Most of its resources are in the western province of Alberta, which exports almost exclusively to the United States, as Canada lacks the infrastructure to efficiently get energy products to other foreign markets.

Former prime minister Justin Trudeau, Carney's predecessor, put climate change at the center of his political brand and faced criticism from some over his perceived lack of support for the energy sector.

In a shift from the Trudeau era, Carney's Liberals now support exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Europe.

"What we heard loud and

clear from German LNG buyers and LNG users is they believe there is demand and they want to buy our products" Energy Minister Tim Hodgson said in Berlin last week.

Carney has repeatedly said Canada "can be an energy superpower."

But not everyone is enthusiastic about that plan.

Greenpeace has accused the prime minister of backing "climate-wrecking infrastructure" while ignoring clean energy.

Carney could likely press ahead despite concerns from pro-climate NGOs, but support from Indigenous leaders -- for whom safeguarding the environment is top priority -- is seen as essential.

Despite Carney's efforts to secure Indigenous backing for his major projects push, their concern persists.

"We know how it feels to have Trump at our border. Let's not do that and have Trump-like policies," said Cindy Woodhouse, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, in a swipe at Carney's backing for energy infrastructure.

"Let's take the time and do things properly."

Federal Reserve must be 'fully' immune to politics: top Trump aide

AFP | Washington, United States

The US Federal Reserve should remain totally independent of all political considerations, President Donald Trump's top economic aide Kevin Hassett -- seen as a favorite to eventually lead the central bank -- said yesterday.

Hassett, the head of the National Economic Council, is seen as a possible successor to Fed chair Jerome Powell, who has come in for tough criticism from the Republican president.

Trump himself named Powell to the post during his first White



House term. "I would say 100 percent that monetary policy, Federal Reserve monetary policy, needs to be fully independent of political influence... including from President Trump," Hassett told CBS's "Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan."

"Central bank independence is something that... Democrats and Republicans and the White House all agreed about," Hassett added.

"We've looked at countries that have allowed the leaders to take over the central banks, and what tends to happen is that it's a recipe for inflation and misery

for consumers."

But Hassett did question whether the bank under Powell was "as independent as we would like, as transparent as we would like? And I think that there's some dispute about that."

Trump has repeatedly bashed Powell for not cutting interest rates in the world's largest economy as quickly as the president believes he should.

He briefly considered trying to oust him, before pulling back from that idea, as financial markets remained volatile. Powell's term ends in May 2026.

Hassett refused to be drawn

about his prospects at the Fed, telling CBS he was focused on his current post.

When asked about the upcoming Supreme Court ruling on whether a large part of Trump's aggressive tariffs are legal, Hassett voiced optimism, calling an eventual decision against the administration a "very unlikely scenario."

A federal appeals court found that Trump exceeded his authority in tapping emergency economic powers to impose wide-ranging duties, but his administration has taken the fight to the top court.

Key OPEC+ members **boost** oil production

To increase production by 137,000 barrels a day (bpd) from next month

● Oil prices are currently hovering around \$65-70 per barrel

● Real test for OPEC+ will be the last three months of this year

● Oil specialists are keeping a close eye on Moscow's war in Ukraine



AFP | London, United Kingdom

Eight key members of the OPEC+ alliance said yesterday they have agreed to again boost oil production, in a strategy analysts saw as a bid to gain a bigger market share of crude sales.

Oil ministers in the V8 grouping -- comprising Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman -- decided to increase production by 137,000 barrels a day (bpd) from next month, they said in a statement. Those countries had already

increased production by 2.2 million bpd in recent months.

In their statement issued after an online meeting on Sunday, they said that the new incoming cycle could see up to an extra 1.65 million bpd eventually coming onto the market.

"OPEC+ caught the market off guard today -- instead of pausing, the group signalled ambition with a production hike. The barrels may be small, but the message is big," said Jorge Leon, an analyst at Rystad Energy.

"OPEC+ is prioritising market share even if it risks softer prices," he said.

Oil prices are currently hov-

ering around \$65-70 per barrel, having tumbled 12 percent this year as global producers outside OPEC+ ramp up supply and tariffs curb demand.

OPEC+ -- which comprises the 12-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies -- had in recent years seen through several output cuts amounting to a total of almost six million bpd.

Analysts, up to a week ago, had been saying the V8 was likely to maintain their current output levels in October.

By raising them, even by a relatively modest 137,000 bpd, the V8 instead indicated that OPEC+

was willing to weather prices falling below \$60 a barrel if it meant regaining market share.

Leon said: "In reality, the actual production boost will be far smaller, given capacity limits and the compensation mechanism. But perception often matters more than physical barrels."

Still, he said, "the move raises questions about unity: countries like Russia depend on high prices to fund their war machine, while others are willing to test lower prices for market share".

Geopolitical factors

The real test for OPEC+ will be the last three months of this

year, a period when seasonal demand tends to be lower, he said.

Oil specialists are keeping a close eye on Moscow's war in Ukraine as well as developments regarding US-Russia relations -- geopolitical factors that could impact oil prices.

US President Donald Trump, whose efforts to mediate between Russia and Ukraine have failed to produce a breakthrough, has recently targeted Russian oil and those who buy it.

In August, he imposed higher tariffs on India as punishment for its purchases of Russian oil.

In a meeting with allies of Ukraine who gathered in Paris

on Thursday, Trump told leaders via a video conference that he was frustrated with EU purchases of Russian oil, particularly by Hungary and Slovakia.

Curbing Russian exports could free up market space for OPEC+ nations.



OPEC was founded in 1960 in Baghdad, Iraq, with just five member countries -- Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela. Today, it has expanded to include 13 member nations, and together they control about 80% of the world's proven crude oil reserves, making OPEC one of the most influential players in the global energy market.

Indonesia's delayed new capital risks **'white elephant'** status

Nusantara, Indonesia

A year after it was inaugurated, Indonesia's would-be new capital Nusantara attracts tourists and construction workers, but most of its architecturally arresting presidential palace and freshly built avenues sit silent.

The legacy project of former president Joko Widodo is battling a slashed budget, slowed construction and a deficit of interest from a new leader focused on social mega-projects.

That has raised questions about whether the city, carved out of the jungle to replace crowded and rapidly sinking Jakarta, will ever see its promised potential.

"The political will on IKN right now feels muted," said Dedi Dinarso, senior associate at public policy advisory firm Global Counsel, referring to the new capital's official name: Ibu Kota Nusantara.

President Prabowo Subianto "is clearly putting his chips on welfare instead".

Just over 1,000 city authority employees live in Nusantara, along with a few hundred more ministry workers and service and medical employees.

That's far short of Jakarta's 12 million residents, and the new city's goal of two million inhabitants by 2045.

Prabowo mentioned IKN just once in his first state of the nation speech, and has slashed funding for the project.

Official budgets show a cut from 43.4 trillion rupiah (\$2.66 billion) in 2024 to just 6.3 trillion rupiah in 2026. The authority had requested more than 21 trillion rupiah for 2026's budget.

Significant foreign funding has also proved elusive despite overtures to allies in the Middle East and Asia.

"Prabowo feels that this is not his legacy. It's not his big push and he has more programmes that he wants to push," an official involved in the city's construction told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"I'm still 50-50 on it

(being finished)," the official added, saying the budget cuts mean "a lot of things will not be completed".

'Your loss'

The former president, known popularly as Jokowi, revived the long-proposed capital move when he won a second term in 2019.

But despite a rush to build, the city was not inaugurated as Indonesia's new capital on August 17 last year as expected.

"In Joko Widodo's time it was very fast-moving, now in Prabowo's time... it's not as fast," said Sofian Sibarani, the city's designer.

Just 800 of the planned 6,600 hectares of the core government area have been developed on or prepared for construction, he said.

Nusantara officials are under-terred, and tout the city as Indonesia's future power centre.

City authority head Basuki Hadimuljono told AFP that pro-

jects in a smaller executive area housing the palace and ministries in the government core were "already 97-98 percent" complete.

He claimed Prabowo wants to move in 2028 before the next presidential election, once the legislative and judicial areas are finished.

As president-elect, Prabowo said he wanted to "continue, if possible finish" the capital move, but since taking office he has yet to express any plans to sign the presidential decree needed to shift from Jakarta.

"It would be signed after the legislative and judicial areas are completed" in 2028, said Basuki.

"If you do not want to move here, or you have a doubt, it is your loss," he added.

Some government employees have expressed reservations about moving to an unfinished jungle city, located around 1,200 kilometres (745 miles) from Jakarta.

But

city employee Helena, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, insisted her unfinished tower block offers "an amazing level of comfort".

"And the facilities we get are more than enough," the 45-year-old told AFP.

The city now has three functioning hospitals, coffee shops, a toll road to nearby Balikpapan city and an airport waiting for commercial flight approval.

A planned shopping mall and cinema remain unbuilt.

'Really cool'

Outside the palace in the ceremonial plaza, dozens of tourists were taking in the promised new capital with gusto.

"I am happy and proud... IKN is really cool," said Ronald Telaumbanua, 38, who travelled from Sulawesi island.

The striking presidential palace, mod-

elled after the mythical Garuda bird, is a draw for photographs, but the city's lush green centre-piece offers little else.

Businesses counting on a boom of arrivals say they are struggling.

"During the Jokowi era, there were many workers, and there were numerous visits. Almost every day was busy," said Abduh Rajab, 57, a snack seller near the developed city centre.

"My earnings have dropped significantly, by almost 60 percent. But I have to stay optimistic. I hope the construction will continue."

Dedi said former general Prabowo was likely to remain focused on flagship policies, such as offering free meals to children and pregnant women.

"That means IKN will not see breakneck development anytime soon," he said.

"Without strong momentum, it risks drifting into white elephant territory."

ministry's buildings in Ibu Kota Nusantara (IKN), the planned new capital of Indonesia, East Kalimantan



News in brief

◆ **Millions of mobile** phones across the UK blared a siren sound at the same time on Sunday as part of government efforts to better prepare for national emergencies. The nationwide drill caused England's third ODI cricket match against South Africa to be paused while kick-off for a rugby league match was pushed back to avoid disruption. At 3:00 pm (1400 GMT), phones and tablets emitted the noise and vibrated for about 10 seconds, while users also received a message saying it was just a test. It was only the second test of the country's national emergency alert system following the first in 2023. The government had in recent weeks embarked on a publicity drive to minimise any shock caused, including through announcements at rail stations and signs on motorways.



UK mobile phones blare in national emergency test

Drone attack from Yemen injures man at Israeli airport: army, medics



◆ **A drone launched** from Yemen injured a man when it fell on Ramon airport in southern Israel on Sunday, Israel's Magen David Adom emergency

service said. "Paramedics are providing medical treatment... to a 63-year-old male in mild condition, fully conscious, with shrapnel injuries to his limbs," the service said in a statement. A spokesperson for Israel's airports authority said the drone "hit the arrivals hall" and that operations at Ramon airport had been halted. The Israeli military said the drone was the fourth launched from Yemen within minutes of each other on Sunday.

◆ **Seoul said yesterday** that negotiations with the United States to secure the release of South Korean workers detained in a raid by US immigration officials have been "concluded" and they would soon be freed and flown home. It follows the arrest of more than 300 South Korean workers at a Hyundai-LG battery plant being built in the southern state of Georgia on Thursday. The operation, carried out in the town of Ellabell, was the largest single site raid implemented so far under US President Donald Trump's nationwide anti-migrant drive, catching Seoul officials off guard. "As a result of the swift and united response... negotiations for the release of the detained workers have been concluded," Kang Hoon-sik, chief of staff to President Lee Jae Myung, said on Sunday.

Seoul says over 300 South Koreans detained in US to be released



SPOTLIGHT

Microsoft cloud platform hit by cable cuts in Red Sea



AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Global tech giant Microsoft yesterday said network traffic for its Azure cloud computing platform was experiencing increased delays in parts of the Middle East due to "undersea fibre cuts" in the Red Sea. Microsoft did not provide an explanation for what caused the cuts to the submarine lines but noted its network had been affected since Saturday. "Network traffic that does not traverse through the Middle East is not impacted," the company said in a statement. The internet access monitoring organisation NetBlocks noted that a series of submarine cable outages in the Red Sea has degraded internet connectivity in several countries, including in India and Pakistan. Global internet and telecom cables have followed shipping routes through the Red Sea, but there has been growing

anxiety about the state of the lines after Yemen's Huthi rebels began attacking passing merchant vessels in late 2023, in actions the group said was in solidarity with the Palestinians amid the Gaza war. The laying and operation of underwater cables have long been the preserve of a consortium of large telecoms operators, but internet giants have largely taken over in recent years as they strive to keep up with ballooning flows of data. About 1.4 million kilometres (nearly 900,000 miles) of fiber optic cables are laid on the ocean floor, enabling the provision of essential services such as trade, financial transactions, public services, digital health and education around the world. Damage to submarine cables is not uncommon. According to the International Cable Protection Committee, there are an average of 150 to 200 outages per year worldwide, or around three incidents a week.

Israel warns recognising **Palestinian** state could trigger 'unilateral' action

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel's foreign minister branded a recent international push to recognise Palestinian statehood a "mistake" yesterday and warned it could trigger an unspecified unilateral response, after reports that Israel plans to annex parts of the occupied West Bank. Several countries, including France and Britain, have pledged to recognise a Palestinian state during the UN General Assembly later this month.

Israel's relations with France have been particularly strained since President Emmanuel Macron announced his country's plans and co-hosted a conference in July with Saudi Arabia to call for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Britain said it would recognise a Palestinian state if Israel failed to agree to a truce in the Gaza war, triggered by Palestinian group Hamas's October 2023 attack. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said such recognition "will destabilise the region" and would make it "harder to get to the peace". "It will push Israel also to have unilateral deci-

Israel hits another Gaza City high-rise as troops push offensive

Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Israel's army said it bombed a Gaza City residential tower Sunday after issuing evacuation orders, just hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced the military was "deepening" its assault on the Gaza Strip's key urban centre.

Israel has not publicly announced the start of a major offensive to seize the city, which Netanyahu's cabinet approved last month, but the military has intensified bombings and operations in the area for weeks,

in a bid to step up pressure on the Palestinian militant group Hamas. "The IDF (Israeli military) struck a high-rise building that was used by the Hamas terrorist organisation in the area of Gaza City," the military said in a statement referring to Al-Roya Tower, saying it had been used "to monitor the location of... troops in the area". Hamas has denied using residential buildings for military purposes. The high-rise was the third such residential tower to be struck in as many

ed. Rasmussen said Denmark does not plan a similar move. "We will never... recognise a Palestinian state which is ruled by Hamas or any other organisation," he said. "And therefore it comes with a lot of preconditions -- a disarmed Palestinian state recognising Israel, transparency, democracy... That is our position." Saar did not specify what Israel's reaction may entail, but his remarks come after the government approved new settlement projects in the West Bank, which Israel has occupied since 1967. A major project just east of Jerusalem, known as E1, would bisect the West Bank, and according to Israel's far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich "bury the idea of a Palestinian state".

sions," Saar said at a joint press conference with his visiting Danish counterpart, Lars Lokke Rasmussen. "States like France and the UK that

pushed the so-called recognition had made a tremendous mistake," he added.



People search for salvage at the mound of rubble at the site of the collapsed Sussi Tower, which was destroyed earlier by Israeli bombardment, in Gaza City



The West Bank is home to around three million Palestinians, as well as about 500,000 Israelis who live in settlements that are illegal under international law.

Israel has annexed east Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau it captured from Syria, both seized during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

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UK police say almost 900 arrests made at Palestine Action demo

AFP | London, United Kingdom

A total of 890 people were arrested in London during a protest this weekend in support of the banned group Palestine Action, the capital's Metropolitan Police said yesterday. The force said 857 people had been arrested under anti-terror

laws for supporting a proscribed group during Saturday's demonstration, with an additional 33 arrested for other offences including assaults on police officers. "We have a duty to enforce the law without fear or favour. If you advertise that you are intending to commit a crime, we

have no option but to respond accordingly," deputy assistant commissioner Claire Smart said in a statement. The government in July proscribed Palestine Action under the UK's Terrorism Act of 2000 following several acts of vandalism, including against two planes at a Royal Air Force

base, which caused an estimated £7 million (\$10 million) in damage. Critics, including the United Nations, have condemned the ban as legal overreach and a threat to free speech, but ministers insist that people are still able to attend pro-Palestinian marches.

1380

Battle of Kulikovo: Moscow's great monarch Dmitry defeats the Mongols, beginning the decline of the Tatars

1504

Michelangelo's statue of David is unveiled in Florence



1941

Siege of Leningrad, World War II, by German, Finnish, and eventually Spanish troops begins; battle lasts over 28 months as Soviets repel the invasion; well over a million lives are lost

1970

Black September hijackings begin as three airliners are hijacked and destroyed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

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Air pollution is a preventable global emergency. We can rein in the pollutants by investing in renewable energy improving waste management halting deforestation & promoting eco-friendly agriculture. Let's take urgent steps for clean, breathable air for all.

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On the birth anniversary of Sree Narayana Guru, we recall his vision and impact on our social as well as spiritual landscape. His teachings of equality, compassion and universal brotherhood resonate widely. His call for social reform and furthering education continues to inspire generations.

@narendramodi

03



If you are feeling depressed, you're not alone. Reach out for help, support may be closer than you think. Take care of your #MentalHealth today!

@DrTedros

04



Last night, Russia launched one of the largest drone and missile strikes on Ukraine, targeting government buildings and civilian homes alike. Once again, the Kremlin is mocking diplomacy, trampling international law and killing indiscriminately.

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Russia hits seat of Ukraine govt in war's biggest air attack

President Volodymyr Zelensky warned would prolong the war

● Drone strikes also damaged several high-rise buildings

● Russia said it had struck a plant and a logistics hub in Kyiv

● Fired at least 810 drones and 13 missiles between late Saturday and early Sunday

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Russia fired its biggest-ever aerial barrage at Ukraine early yesterday, killing four people and setting the seat of the Ukrainian government in Kyiv ablaze in an attack President Volodymyr Zelensky warned would prolong the war.

Yesterday's attack was the first to hit Ukraine's cabinet of ministers, a sprawling government complex at the heart of Kyiv.

An AFP reporter saw the roof of the building in flames and smoke billowing over the capital.

Drone strikes also damaged several high-rise buildings in Kyiv, according to emergency services.



Russia has shown no sign of halting its three-and-a-half-year invasion of Ukraine, pushing hardline demands for ending the war despite efforts by the United States to broker a peace deal.

Residents in Kyiv spoke of their frustration following the strikes.

"This is already routine for us, unfortunately," Olga, a 30-year-old resident of a damaged building told AFP.

The Russians first "grab the

Shaheds (Iranian-designed drones), then the rockets come," she said.

An AFP reporter saw helicopters dropping buckets of water over the government building's roof, as emergency services rushed to the scene.

European condemnation

Russia, which denies targeting civilians in Ukraine, said it had struck a plant and a logistics hub in Kyiv.

Its defence ministry said "no



A firefighter works at a heavily damaged residential building following Russian drone and missile strikes in Kyiv

strikes were carried out on other targets within the boundaries of Kyiv", explicitly denying responsibility for the government building strike.

Police cordoned off the area surrounding the building, the roof and upper floors of which sustained damage.

"We will restore the buildings. But we cannot bring back lost lives. The enemy terrorises and kills our people every day throughout the country," Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko said.

She later posted a video from inside the damaged floor showing shattered offices and burned walls.

Russia fired at least 810 drones and 13 missiles at Ukraine between late Saturday and early Sunday, in a new record, according to the Ukrainian air force.

"Such killings now, when real diplomacy could have already begun long ago, are a deliberate crime and a prolongation of the war," Zelensky said.

Jordanian king rejects any Israeli move to annex West Bank

AFP | Amman, Jordan

King Abdullah II of Jordan on Sunday reaffirmed his "absolute refusal" towards any efforts by Israel to annex the occupied West Bank during a visit to the UAE, the royal palace said.

The message came after several Israeli officials suggested that the country could proceed with the annexation of large tracts of the territory in response to moves by Western governments to recognise Palestinian statehood this month.

According to a palace statement, Abdullah reiterated "Jordan's absolute refusal of any Israeli measures aimed at annexing the West Bank and forcing Palestinians to leave".

He also rejected any plans to displace Palestinians from Gaza or to separate the two Palestinian territories.

He was joined by Emirati President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in expressing opposition to Israeli plans to expand settlements in the West Bank, occupied by Israel since 1967.

They also rejected "Israeli plans aimed at perpetuating the occupation of Gaza and expanding military control".



The United Arab Emirates warned this week that annexation would be a "red line".

The issue was a key point during the US-led negotiations for Abu Dhabi to normalise relations with Israel in the Abraham Accords of 2020.

The Jordanian king has on multiple occasions said that Jordan would never be a "substitute country" for Palestinians, amid suggestions from the United States and Israel that third countries could take in displaced Gazans.

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar on Sunday warned that Western nations recognising a Palestinian state could trigger "unilateral" measures by Israel.

Far-right finance minister Bezalel Smotrich called this week for the West Bank's annexation in response.

Giorgio Armani to be buried Monday in private ceremony



Armani's security staff members applaud as the hearse carrying the coffin of late Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani leaves the Armani Theatre, in Milan

AFP | Rome, Italy

Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani, who died aged 91, will be buried today in a private family ceremony in a village near Milan, local officials said.

Thousands filed past his coffin over the weekend, on display next to the headquarters of his multi-billion-euro lifestyle

company in Milan.

Armani, who died on Thursday, will be buried in the medieval village of Rivalta south of Milan, where his mother is also interred, the local association for the castles in the region said on Sunday.

Security will be deployed to "ensure the privacy of the funeral", scheduled for mid-afternoon, the association said on

social media.

Milan mayor Giuseppe Sala also announced a day of mourning in his city on Monday.

The Armani company told AFP that its shops in Italy would close on Monday afternoon as a sign of respect.

Hollywood stars, politicians and sports figures have been paying tribute to the fashion legend since his death.

Will **Harry** meet **King Charles** on trip **to UK?**

● The last time the self-exiled prince saw Charles was in February 2024

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Prince Harry returns to London on Monday for a children's charity gala. But the question on everyone's lips is whether after years of tensions and hurt he will meet his father, King Charles III.

The last time the self-exiled prince saw Charles was in February 2024, when he flew back from his home in California after learning that his father had been diagnosed with cancer.

The two men met only briefly at Charles's residence, Clarence House, before Harry returned to the United States having stayed the night in a London hotel.

Now 76, the king has been having regular treatments for his undisclosed form of cancer. But the rift between father and son has yet to heal.

Harry has returned to the UK three times since then, but has not met with Charles despite making a heartfelt plea in May.

"I would love reconciliation with my family," he told the BBC, adding tearfully: "I don't know how much longer my father has."

He confessed his dad "won't speak to me... but... it would be nice to reconcile".

The message may have prompted Charles to reach out to his youngest son, to see if their fractured ties can be mended.

Harry, also known as the Duke of Sussex, stepped back as a working royal in 2020 with his wife Meghan, heading to a new life in North America with their baby son Archie.

But on July 9, the king's press secretary Tobynd Andreae, a former deputy editor at the UK tabloid the Daily Mail, and the prince's new head of communications Meredith Maines were spotted meeting in London.

A photo of them sitting together, accompanied by Harry's UK



Britain's King Charles III and Britain's Queen Camilla attend the annual Braemar Gathering in Braemar, central Scotland

spokesman Liam Maguire, on a private terrace was published in the Mail on Sunday stirring speculation that after years of estrangement something was afoot.

According to the Mirror newspaper, the two men may have "a simple face-to-face conversation between a father and his son".

'Fragmented family'

Buckingham Palace has refused to comment on the speculation. But royal watchers are not ruling out a meeting.

"I think reconciliation is on the cards," historian and royal commentator Ed Owens told AFP.

"I think Buckingham Palace and the king have recognised that it is in the king's interest as a public figure to look to reconcile with his son," he said.

"It will be seen as managing to knit back together this very fragmented family which for too long with its various tabloid stories, gossip, and scandal has distracted" from the king's reign,

he added.

Harry will take part in an awards ceremony on Monday night for the WellChild charity, recognising "the remarkable resilience and heroic qualities" of seriously ill children.

He also has several other engagements lined up during the week, his spokesman said.

Charles is due to be in Scotland on Saturday for the traditional annual Highland Games close to his Balmoral Castle.

"The big question is, if the king and Prince Harry meet up, where would it be?" said Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty Magazine.

'First steps'

The pow-wow in July between the royal aides "did show there is a channel of communication", he said.

"The king still very much loves Harry. But clearly, a lot of unpleasant things have happened in the past few years," he added.

The royal family was shaken by revelations made in Harry's

biography "Spare" and in an explosive interview with US chat show queen Oprah Winfrey, alleging among other things that unnamed relatives had made racist comments.

Harry's older brother Prince William, heir to the throne, was particularly angered by several criticisms against him and his wife Princess Catherine.

Harry acknowledged to the BBC that "some members of my family will never forgive me for writing a book. Of course they will never forgive me for lots of things."

Meghan has not returned to Britain since the death and funeral of Harry's grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, in September 2022.

The couple's children, Archie, 6, and Lilibet, 4, were last in the UK for celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of the queen's reign the year before.

Royal expert Richard Fitzwilliams said any meeting would be far from prying eyes

and would just be "the first steps" in any reconciliation.

But he stressed William is completely opposed to welcoming Harry back into the family fold.

Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

WHO chief defends 'invaluable' US health agency



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World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom



When WHO was founded in 1948, one of its very first priorities was to create a standard list of diseases and causes of death so that countries around the world could collect and compare health data consistently. This project eventually became the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), which is still used globally today—not only by doctors and hospitals but also by insurance companies, researchers, and even forensic experts.

Ghebreyesus yesterday defended the United States' premier public health agency, which has been left reeling by US President Donald Trump's administration.

"No institution is perfect and continued improvements are always needed to make sure the latest science and evidence is

applied to emerging challenges in real time. But the work of the US CDC has been invaluable and must be protected!" he said in a statement.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been plunged into turmoil after Trump's government ousted

its director, Sue Monarez, just weeks into her job.

Monarez had clashed with US Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who has fired scientists and overhauled the nation's vaccine policies.

Tedros said the CDC had "long been a centre of excellence",

with many countries emulating it.

The WHO, he said, had a "close and longstanding partnership" with the CDC.

The United States, which had been the biggest donor to the WHO, is in the process of pulling out of the UN health agency

under a January executive order signed by Trump. The process to fully withdraw takes one year.

Monarez reportedly refused to commit to supporting Kennedy's vaccination policy changes. Her ouster triggered the resignation of at least four top CDC officials, deepening the chaos in the US agency.

Since taking office, Kennedy has restricted who can receive Covid-19 shots, cut off federal research grants for the mRNA technology credited with saving millions of lives, and announced new research on debunked claims about autism.

CELEBS

Gwyneth Paltrow feels misunderstood

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Gwyneth Paltrow doesn't think people will "understand" her until she is "dead".

The 52-year-old actress and wellness guru is baffled by the "narrative" surrounding her persona because she often has "no idea" why people have drawn certain conclusions about her and she finds some aspects of her public image hurtful.

Speaking in a teaser clip for her appearance on The Cutting Room Floor podcast, she said: "No one will understand me until I'm dead."

"I have never created my own narrative. I'm aware that that exists."

"But I have had a really strange life in this respect. Like, imagine being an actual person and know that people are characterizing you in a way and you can't understand how they arrived at that narrative. I have no idea who people are talking about."

"I've lived for many decades now with this avatar that's, like, projected on very very strongly, and I don't know why."

I know why, but these are like very tropey, reductive things that you could say about a lot of people and culture. And I also feel like I get distilled down to the most easy-to-understand trope. We're all human beings, so it hurts when somebody willfully misrepresents you or misperceives you."

Although the Goop founder - who has two children with ex-husband Chris Martin and is married to Brad Falchuk - has been keen to correct people's misconceptions she is now trying to just move past worrying about her public image.

She added: "You want to say, 'But this is not true,' or, 'I never said that,' but lately I've been really trying to almost meditate on this idea of, if you could get to the stage where you could really let go of trying to correct misperception, what could that do?"

Gwyneth believes social media has changed the way members of the public relate to celebrities but she doesn't feel comfortable putting her life online.

She said: "So, in the 90s there was all this mystery around

movie stars and that was sort of part of the machine, I think, in a lot of ways.

"In the olden days movie stars were supposed to be mysterious and you were given these tidbits about their lives and it was so exciting and titillating. And then that bred this whole tabloid thing that reached an apex before Instagram."

"Instagram kind of dismantled a lot of that business model. There was this pursuit of images and information to sort of humanise celebrities, and then we segued



Gwyneth Paltrow

Denzel Washington doesn't watch movies any more

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Denzel Washington doesn't watch movies any more because he is "tired" of them.

The Oscar-winning actor has admitted his passion for film has faded and no longer watches movies at home or in the cinema even though he's still working in the industry.

During a video interview with GQ, he confessed: "I don't watch movies, man. I really don't. I'm just being honest with you! I don't watch movies!"

"I don't go to the movies. I don't watch movies ... I'm tired of movies. Yeah."

When asked how many movies he's made during his career,

Washington replied: "Too many. I think 50!"

It comes after the Gladiator II star recently admitted he's "not that interested" in winning another Oscar because he already has two at home.

The 70-year-old Hollywood actor has received 10 Academy Award nominations over the years and he's won twice - taking home the Best Supporting Actor prize for 1989 drama Glory and then claiming Best Actor Oscar for 2001's Training Day - but he's not striving to win another.

Speaking on Jake's Takes, Washington explained: "I don't do it [make movies] for Oscars. I really don't care about that kind of stuff."

"I've been at this a long time, and there's times when I've won, shouldn't have won, didn't win, should have won."



Denzel Washington

Gigi Hadid and Bradley Cooper 'are on the same page'

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Gigi Hadid and Bradley Cooper are "on the same page about what they want long-term".

The 30-year-old model has been dating Bradley, 50, for two years, and the loved-up couple are both happy with where their relationship is heading.

A source told People: "They've talked about blending their lives more, but they're not pushing it. They're on the same page about what they want long-term, and they're letting it happen naturally."

The celebrity duo are said to be "in a great place right now".

The source added: "Their schedules are packed, but they've figured out a rhythm that works for them and the kids. Khai and Lea see each other all the time and get along really well, which has made everything so much easier."

Bradley - who has Lea, eight, with model Irina Shayk - "fits really well into Gigi's circle of family and friends. Everyone can see how happy and relaxed



Gigi Hadid and Bradley Cooper

she is with him. Yolanda [Hadid] especially notices how comfortable Gigi is when Bradley's around."

Despite this, Gigi - who has Khai, four, with Zayn Malik - and Bradley don't intend to rush things.

The insider said: "They're not in a rush but what they have

is solid.

"Even with work, they always make time for each other. They like keeping things simple. Sometimes it's nights cooking at home, other times it's just spending time with the kids or going out with close friends."

Gigi previously revealed that

she feels "really lucky" to have found Bradley.

The model also explained that, over time, she's developed a clear idea of what she wants from a romantic relationship.

She told Vogue magazine: "I think just getting to the point where knowing what you want and deserve in a relationship is essential and then to find someone that is in a place in their life where they know what they want and deserve ... and you both do work separately to come together and be the best partner that you can be. I just feel really lucky. Yeah, lucky's the word."

"I respect him so much as a creative and I feel that he gives so much to me: encouragement and, just, belief. For those people you admire to encourage you, it can create so much belief in yourself."



Mayim Bialik

Mayim Bialik claims Disney cancelled plans for Blossom reboot

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Mayim Bialik has hinted she's done with acting after Disney "cancelled" plans for a Blossom reboot.

The former Big Bang Theory actress - who played the title role of Blossom Russo in the sitcom from 1991 to 1995 - and creator Don Reo were keen to revive the show, but needed Disney's permission

to bring the idea to life.

In a lengthy essay on her Substack, Mayim wrote: "We approached Disney as I was on the cusp of starting Call Me Kat; and was working on Jeopardy! and we simply did not have the time to develop the show but tried to lock it in quickly."

"Time ran out and I did three seasons of Call Me Kat, 2 seasons as co-host of Jeopardy! and when both of those ended, Don and I could not let the possibility of revisiting Blossom go."

The 49-year-old star insisted Disney "seemed to love it", and the duo "felt certain this was moving forward" after meeting with the studio.

Following mergers and changes in the TV industry, Mayim and Don re-pitched the plan to a new team at Disney.

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Yesterday's solution

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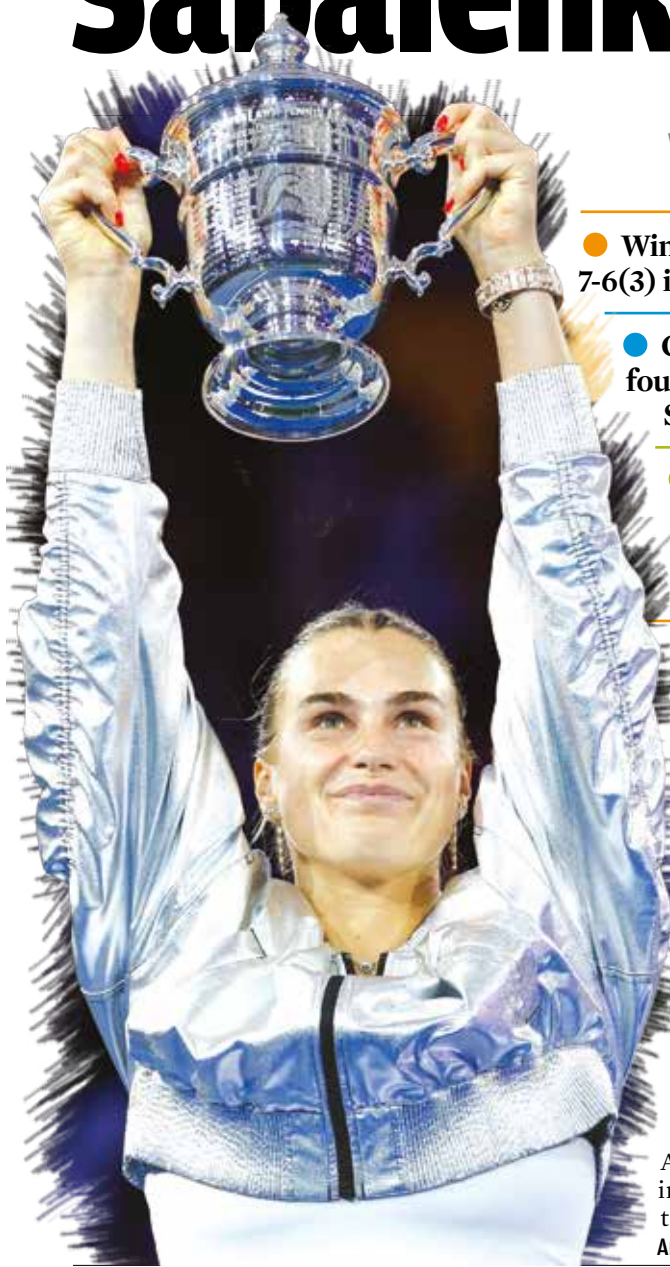
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Sabalenka defends US Open title



World No. 1 avenges Wimbledon loss to Anisimova with dominant serving performance

- Wins 6-3, 7-6(3) in final
- Claims fourth Grand Slam title
- Converts 5 of 6 break points

AFP | New York

World number one Aryna Sabalenka overpowered Amanda Anisimova to defend her US Open crown on Saturday, defeating her American rival in straight sets to clinch the Aryna Sabalenka

fourth Grand Slam title of her career. Sabalenka ruthlessly attacked Anisimova's shaky service game to complete a 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) victory on the Arthur Ashe Stadium which cements her status at the pinnacle of women's tennis. The 27-year-old from Belarus had gone into Saturday's final knowing it was her last chance to grab a Grand Slam crown in 2025 after agonising losses in the Australian and French Open finals. Sabalenka duly atoned for those losses to end Anisimova's hopes of a remarkable redemption just two months after her traumatic 6-0, 6-0 thrashing by Iga Swiatek in the Wimbledon final. "It's crazy, all those tough lessons were worth it for this one," said Sabalenka afterwards. "I'm speechless right now." Anisimova had won six of nine previous encounters against Sabalenka, a run which included a victory in the semi-finals at Wimbledon. But a determined Sabalenka, playing in the seventh Grand Slam title game of her career, brought all her experience



Sabalenka has now won 19 consecutive tiebreaks - a streak that dates back to her first-round match at Wimbledon

to bear as she slammed the door on Anisimova's dream of a maiden Grand Slam title. "Losing in two finals in a row is great but it's also super hard," Anisimova said. "I think I didn't fight hard enough for my dreams today." Sabalenka clinched the win after once again demonstrating her incredible prowess in tiebreaks -- winning her 19th consecutive breaker 7/3 to complete victory in one hour and 34 minutes. **Tie-break drama** Anisimova meanwhile was

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left ruing her inability to make the most of break points at key moments, in sharp contrast to Sabalenka who converted five of her six break point chances. That imbalance was on display early in the first set, when Anisimova failed to convert three break points openings as Sabalenka took a 2-0 lead. Yet Anisimova hit back in the third game, lasering a backhand winner into the corner to earn break point before unfurling a rasping forehand winner to break back before holding for 2-2. With the momentum behind her and her groundstrokes forcing Sabalenka around the court, Anisimova then broke again for a 3-2 lead. But that was the catalyst for Sabalenka to raise her game and she broke to love before holding to edge back in

front. Anisimova's faltering serve again betrayed her in the eighth game, the eighth seed double-faulting twice in quick succession to hand Sabalenka two break points at 15-40. Sabalenka needed no further encouragement and she duly converted before holding to take the first set. Sabalenka punished another wayward service game from Anisimova early in the second set and looked in complete control at 3-1. Yet Anisimova wasn't quite finished, and she held confidently before breaking back to love to level it at 3-3. The fightback was shortlived however, and when Anisimova thumped a wide open forehand long to gift Sabalenka a 15-40 lead, the Belarusian once again seized her chance for a break. Sabalenka held for 5-3 and was soon serving for the match at 5-4. Yet she allowed Anisimova off the hook after ploughing a wide open smash into the net. Instead of giving her match point, Anisimova had break point which she took to give her a lifeline.

Granollers, Zeballos win men's US Open doubles in thriller



Spain's Marcel Granollers (L) and Argentina's Horacio Zeballos with the trophy
AFP | New York

Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos saved three championship points against all-British pair Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski on Saturday to win their first US Open men's doubles title. Salisbury and Skupski were a point away from winning with their opponents serving down 5-4 down in the third set but Granollers and Zeballos fought back to prevail 3-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-5. It is a second Grand Slam triumph for Spain's Granollers and Argentina's Zeballos. They also beat Salisbury and Skupski in three sets at this year's French Open final. "When you play these kind of matches it's so unfair there's a winner and a loser," said Zeballos. "I don't really know how we... won those last points after what we did during the match. We kept fighting. I think if I had to describe the match with one phrase is 'never

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HORACIO ZEBALLOS

Granollers had finished on the losing side in five Grand Slam doubles finals before this year, three of those playing with Zeballos. "Tennis sometimes is crazy, because we were talking coming here that how close you are to lose the match, and then in 20 minutes you win the trophy," said Granollers. Salisbury fell short in his bid for a fifth Grand Slam crown in men's doubles after winning four times with Rajeev Ram. Skupski won at Wimbledon in 2023.

Poignant Portugal cruise, England unbeaten in World Cup qualifying

Ronaldo scores brace in emotional tribute to Diogo Jota as Portugal win 5-0

- Portugal win 5-0 vs Armenia
- England beat Andorra 2-0

AFP | Paris

Cristiano Ronaldo helped an emotional Portugal enjoy a perfect start to their World Cup qualifying campaign as Thomas Tuchel's uninspiring England remained unbeaten on Saturday. Portugal, playing for the first time since the death of their Liverpool forward Diogo Jota along with his brother Andre Silva in a car accident, took an impressive first step to the finals next year sweeping aside Armenia 5-0 in Yerevan. Both teams observed one minute's silence before kick-off at the Vazgen Sargsyan Republican Stadium in tribute to Jota and his brother who were killed in a crash in northern Spain on July 3, 11 days after Jota had married Rute Cardoso, the mother of his three children. Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo was in sparkling form, Portugal's irrepressible 40-year-old talisman scoring in either half, the second a sizzling shot from distance, to take his record international tally to 140 goals, over two decades after his first. A brace from Joao Felix, Ronaldo's new teammate at Saudi side Al Nassr, and a contribution from another Saudi-based player Joao Cancelo lifted Roberto



Portugal's forward Cristiano Ronaldo in action

Martinez's Nations League winners into a Group F lead. **Portugal's number 21** Cancelo marked his goal by pointing to the skies with both hands in memory of Jota's goal celebration. Lazio left-back Nuno Tavares believed Ronaldo's 21st-minute goal held special significance as 21 was the shirt number worn by Jota when playing for his country. "We're all very happy because it shows he's (Jota) with us, that he was there, and that moment,

Ronaldo's goal, was made possible. He'll always be with us, as was clear today," said the defender. Ronaldo said on social media it was the "first step taken" in his quest to appear at a sixth World Cup. The Republic of Ireland face Hungary in the pool's late fixture. England extended their unbeaten run in Group K to four matches but hardly set the world alight in defeating modest Andorra 2-0 at Villa Park in Birmingham.



Ronaldo's first goal came in the 21st minute - the shirt number worn by Diogo Jota for Portugal - a poignant moment that teammates said symbolized Jota's lasting presence with the team

Christian Garcia's first-half own-goal was followed by Declan Rice's header to keep Tuchel's team firmly on course for the 2026 football fiesta in the United States, Mexico and Canada. But while the Three Lions will be more than satisfied with their 12 points this was in truth another underwhelming display that raised questions about Tuchel's ability to produce a trophy-winning team from a gifted generation. England were efficient but unspectacular, lacking guile and intelligence in the final third. No wonder Tuchel wore a frustrated expression on the touchline. Claiming the subdued crowd played a role in the display, the German said: "It's difficult because it's a very different crowd to a Premier League crowd."

Verstappen halts McLaren at Monza

Reigning champion wins fastest F1 race in history after bold overtake on Norris

- Verstappen wins from pole position
- Norris second, Piastri third
- McLaren enforces position swap
- Lewis Hamilton finishes sixth

AFP | Monza

Max Verstappen slowed McLaren’s Formula One dominance yesterday with a phenomenal display of driving on his way to victory at the Italian Grand Prix, the fastest ever race in the sports history.

Starting from pole, reigning world champion Verstappen completed a magical weekend at Monza which included the fastest lap ever in F1 in Saturday’s qualifying by schooling McLaren pair Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri at Monza.

Red Bull’s Verstappen has little chance of securing a fifth straight drivers’ title as he still trails championship leader Piastri by 94 points with the Australian finishing third.

“It was really enjoyable,” said Verstappen who took the chequered flag in 1hr 13mins 24.325sec.

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Red Bull Racing’s Dutch driver Max Verstappen celebrates after winning the Italian Formula One Grand Prix

time and with the hard tyres at the end you can push a bit more... It was a fantastic execution by everyone.

“I think the whole weekend we were all in. It was super enjoyable to win here.”

Piastri leads the drivers standings by 31 points from Norris, who finished second and would have finished third behind his teammate due to an awful pit stop had McLaren not enforced a position swap between the pair.

“I always know it’s going to be a good fight with Max and it was,” said Norris.

“But just not the speed today, not the pace of Max and the Red Bull. But it was still fun, still a good race.”

Charles Leclerc, last year’s winner and the last driver to win at Monza from pole position back in 2019, couldn’t take a podium spot for the massed ranks of Ferrari fans in the stands, the Monegasque finishing fourth.

Leclerc’s teammate Lewis

Hamilton gave it his best shot after a five-place grid penalty had him bumped back to 10th at the start, charging up to sixth thanks to some spectacular driving early in the race.

But the seven-time F1 champion couldn’t push past his former Mercedes teammate George Russell and was left with another underwhelming result in his first Monza GP with Ferrari.

Verstappen show

Yesterday’s win, which hinged

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After a pit-stop error, McLaren ordered Oscar Piastri to let teammate Lando Norris pass to protect his championship position

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on a bold overtaking move against Norris on lap four, was just Verstappen’s third of a season dominated by a McLaren car which has blown away the competition by winning all but four GPs.

But a second win in Italy this year, after triumphing in the last Emilia Romagna GP back in May, caps a historic weekend for the blunt 27-year-old.

Verstappen was forced to allow Norris into first place after a frantic start in which he appeared to forced his British rival off the track.

That move caused Norris to call Verstappen an “idiot” over the team radio, but he was soon back behind the Dutchman who took control of the race by passing Norris with a daring move at the chicane on lap four.

From there Verstappen sped off into the distance, developing a gap of around six seconds over Norris by the time he pitted to switch from medium to hard tyres on lap 38.

Verstappen only lost two places in the pits and soon closed the gap again on the two McLarens who left it very late to pit, with Norris not heading into the box until lap 47.

That slow pit stop left Norris third, bringing back memories of the mechanical failure at last weekend’s Dutch Grand Prix which cost him 18 points in his title battle with Piastri.

But with the race effectively won by Verstappen at that point McLaren ordered Piastri to let Norris pass so that another case of bad luck didn’t cost him.

It was a gesture which caused Verstappen to chuckle on the Red Bull team radio as he was left to cruise around the track on his way to a hugely impressive victory.

Bahrain meet UAE in Dubai friendly



Mohammed Marhoon sharpens his finishing with a volley

TDT | Manama

Bahrain face the United Arab Emirates tonight in Dubai as their international break continues with a second friendly fixture.

Kick-off at the Zabeel Stadium is set for 7:15pm Bahrain



Bahrain coach Dragan Talajic addresses his players during training

time. It follows Tuesday’s 2–2 draw against Qatar in Doha, where Bahrain showed attacking promise but defensive frailties.

Head coach Dragan Talajic is expected to shuffle his pack, handing opportunities to fringe players while keeping the back-

bone of the team intact. Key figures Mahdi Humaidan, Sayed Dhiya Saeed, Ali Madan, and Mohammed Marhoon are all available, alongside experienced defenders Ahmed Bughammar and Waleed Al Hayyam.

The hosts, meanwhile, will also use the encounter to fine-

tune preparations ahead of a busy run of fixtures, with both nations eyeing December’s FIFA Arab Cup in Doha.

For Bahrain, the focus will be on tightening up defensively after conceding twice to Qatar, while continuing to build rhythm up front.

Alex Marquez cruises to Catalunya MotoGP victory



BK8 Gresini Racing MotoGP team’s Spanish MotoGP rider Alex Marquez (L) rides ahead of Ducati Lenovo Team’s Spanish MotoGP rider Marc Marquez

AFP | Montmeló

Alex Marquez comfortably held off his brother Marc to claim the Catalunya MotoGP yesterday, snapping his older sibling’s winning streak of seven straight victories.

The 29-year-old’s triumph on his home circuit, meant standings leader Marc Marquez, who finished second by 1.740s, cannot seal a seventh world title next weekend at Misano.

Ducati rider Marc Marquez leads the overall standings on 487 points, with Alex trailing by 182 after his second career victory and the second of this season.

Enea Bastianini came in a further 5.562s behind on his KTM to finish third.

“I’m very happy, very pleased, but to be honest I still had a thorn in my side from yesterday,” said Alex Marquez, who crashed from the lead during the Sprint on his Gresini Ducati.

“Today I had to pull that thorn out -- maybe without that mistake yesterday, I would have had it today, so maybe it served for something.

“It was a race of self-control. I had more but I didn’t want to destroy the tyres.”

Even though he will have to wait longer to complete his title charge, Marc Marquez was content with the day’s racing.

“I gave everything. I had the perfect race. I led on the first laps,” he said.

“On the last laps I was on the limit, it was hard for me.”

Son scores and assists to lead South Korea over host USA 2-0

AFP | New York

Son Heung-min scored one goal and set up another to spark South Korea’s 2-0 victory over the United States in an international football friendly on Saturday.

The matchup between two clubs bound for the 2026 World Cup was played at Harrison,

New Jersey, in the home stadium of MLS’s New York Red Bulls.

The South Koreans advanced through Asian qualifying to next year’s World Cup, to be co-hosted by the Americans, Canada and Mexico.

Son scored in the 18th minute and Lee Dong-gyeong added another in the 43rd to

secure South Korea’s triumph against a US side coached by Mauricio Pochettino -- Son’s former boss at Tottenham Hotspur.

Son joined Major League Soccer’s Los Angeles FC in a blockbuster move last month that has energized Korean football fans in the United States.



Son Heung-min, at right being hugged, celebrates his goal with teammates

Chinese Taipei snatch win over Bahrain

Bahrain seal first-ever top-eight Asia finish



Somto Onoduenyi throws down a dunk on his return to action

- Bahrain finish 8th out of 44 Asian nations
- Hassan Oshobuge Abdulkadir stars again

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's historic run at the FIBA U16 Asia Cup came to conclusion yesterday, as they narrowly lost 105-103 to Chinese Taipei in the 7th-8th place classification game at the MBank Arena. Despite the heartbreak, the result confirmed Bahrain's first-ever top-eight continental finish, capping an extraordinary year for the young team.

Hassan Oshobuge Abdulkadir once again carried Bahrain, posting 24 points, 18 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 steals in another all-around display. He was matched against Chinese Taipei's I-Le Wang, who top-scored for his team with 18 points and hit the game-winning three-pointer in the final seconds.

Somto Patrick Onoduenyi, returning after three games out,

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Bahrain's 2025 journey was still extraordinary: Gulf champions, Arab champions, and now a confirmed top-eight team in Asia

Quarter Scores

- Q1: Chinese Taipei 27-23 Bahrain
- Q2: Chinese Taipei 29-24 Bahrain
- Q3: Bahrain 34-25 Chinese Taipei
- Q4: Chinese Taipei 24-22 Bahrain

added 2 blocks and provided interior presence that nearly swung momentum Bahrain's way.

The game saw wild swings of momentum — Chinese Taipei led by as many as 14 points, while Bahrain held an 11-point advantage during their furious third-quarter rally. Ultimately,

eight lead changes and a clutch final possession decided the outcome.

The match was witnessed by a modest crowd of 35 fans in Ulaanbaatar.

Tournament Journey

Bahrain's 8th-place finish represents their best FIBA Asia Cup campaign in over a decade. Their journey included:

- Group phase: 141-47 loss to Australia; 70-68 win vs Lebanon; 111-80 win vs India
- Quarterfinal Qualifier: 79-66 win vs Philippines (clinching a top-eight spot)
- Quarterfinal: 84-69 loss vs three-time champions China
- Classification Round: 95-62 loss vs Iran; 105-103 loss vs Chinese Taipei

Despite the final two defeats, Bahrain's progress was undeniable. They finished 8th out of 44 countries, alongside their regional titles in 2025 — winning both the Gulf Championship (undefeated) and the Arab Championship



Chinese Taipei rejoice after their win

Late three by Wang frustrates Bahrain

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Bahrain's U16 Asia Cup ended in heartbreak as Chinese Taipei stole a 105-103 win in the 7th-8th place classification round, thanks to a game-winning three-pointer from I-Le Wang with just seconds remaining.

For Bahrain, the result was a cruel blow after they had fought back from a nine-point halftime deficit to level the game at 81-81 heading into the final quarter. Once again, it was Hassan Oshobuge Abdulkadir who carried the load. The 6'8 forward posted a dominant 24 points, 18 rebounds, and 5 assists, producing his fourth standout performance in as many games. He was ably supported by Yousif Yaqoob Meshaei's perimeter shooting and the return of Somto Onoduenyi,

whose energy and shot-blocking gave Bahrain a much-needed boost.

The fourth quarter was a rollercoaster. Bahrain surged ahead 97-90 midway through the period and looked poised to secure seventh place. But turnovers proved costly. Chinese Taipei forced mistakes, converted second-chance opportunities, and slowly clawed their way back. With the scores tied, it was Wang who delivered the dagger with a three-pointer that sank Bahrain's hopes of finishing on a high.

Momentum Shifts

What made the contest so gripping was its constant swings. Chinese Taipei led by as many as 14 in the first half, only for Bahrain to rally and even hold an 11-point cushion in the second. In total, there were eight lead changes and four ties, with both teams enjoying scoring runs of double figures. It was a game decided by inches, and ultimately by one shot.

Where it Was Won

While Bahrain were more efficient overall — shooting 55% from the field and 50% from beyond the arc compared to Taipei's 46% and 27% — their mistakes proved decisive. Nineteen turnovers led to 27 Chinese Taipei points, while the bench battle was one-sided, with Taipei's reserves contributing 52 points to Bahrain's 36.

The rebounding battle was evenly contested, but Taipei thrived in the scrappy areas: 27 second-chance points versus Bahrain's 15, and 36 points off turnovers compared to Bahrain's 18. In the end, those "extra possessions" tilted the balance against a Bahrain side that looked stronger in set plays and transition.

The scoreboard read defeat, but Bahrain's legacy from Ulaanbaatar is one of progress; their unity was again underlined by the heartfelt tribute to late teammate Hussein Al Hayki, honoring his memory and impact.

Standout performances

- Bahrain: Abdulkadir (24 pts, 18 reb, 5 ast, 3 stl), Onoduenyi (10 pts, 2 blks), Meshaei (timely threes)
- Chinese Taipei: Wang (18 pts, game-winning three), Yu-Chen Chou (6 ast, 6 stl, all-action guard play), Cheng-Che Hsiao (17 pts, consistent scoring)

Pakistan to host Afghanistan, Sri Lanka for T20I tri-series

AFP | Karachi

Pakistan's cricket board announced yesterday it will host a Twenty20 international tri-series with Afghanistan and Sri Lanka in November, as teams get ready for next year's World Cup.

"The series has been organised to provide all teams with valuable preparation ahead of next year's Men's T20 World Cup, to be staged in India and Sri Lanka," the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in a statement.

The tri-series will begin on November 17 with Pakistan taking on Afghanistan at the Rawalpindi stadium.

This will be the first time Pakistan play neighbours Afghanistan in a T20I match on home soil, the PCB said.

Afghanistan have played two one-day internationals in the Asia Cup 2023 and three in this year's Champions Trophy in Pakistan, but they involved opponents other than the home team.



Team Lidl-Trek's Danish rider Mads Pedersen celebrates crossing the finish line

Pedersen wins Vuelta stage 15 as protests keep impacting race

AFP | Monforte de Lemos

Mads Pedersen sprinted to Vuelta stage 15 victory yesterday as pro-Palestinian protestors continued making an impact on the race.

Spanish cyclist Javier Romo fell amid a disturbance caused by a protestor who slipped on the side of the road, with the rider then appearing to run after the person before continuing riding and catching back up to the chase group.

Protestors waved Palestine flags en masse at the start and

end of the stage.

Danish Lidl-Trek rider Pedersen scored his first victory of this year's race with a blistering burst past Marco Frigo on the home straight of the medium mountains stage, running 167.8 kilometres from A Veiga to Monforte de Lemos.

Frigo, riding for Israel-Premier Tech, the team targeted by the protests, came in third behind Orluis Aular.

After a rest day on Monday the race resumes with stage 16 on Tuesday, running 167.9km from Poio to Castro de Herville.