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A tearful Lando Norris clinched his first Formula One world drivers' title in Abu Dhabi yesterday, ending Max Verstappen's four-year reign.

Norris becomes Britain's first world champion since Lewis Hamilton in 2020 with this 13th drivers' crown for McLaren.

McLaren, owned by Mumtalakat, the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, had already won the 2025 Formula 1 World

Constructors' Championship, achieving the title during the Singapore Grand Prix at the Marina Bay Street Circuit last month, six rounds before the season's conclusion.

The Briton finished third in the season-closer behind race winner Verstappen and the other title challenger, McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri, to claim the crown by two points.

After crossing the line his team engineer told him: "That's it mate, you are world champion, world champion!"

"Thank you guys, you made a kid's dream come true," he replied.

"I haven't cried in a while, I didn't think I would cry but I did," Norris said on the podium in the desert night at the floodlit Yas Marina circuit.

Norris celebrates on the podium. (AFP)



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, attends the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to
His Majesty

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

His Royal Highness

Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

Crown Prince and Prime Minister

On the occasion of McLaren Racing, owned by Mumtalakat, the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on winning the Formula 1 World Constructors' Championship for the second consecutive season, and on securing the 2025 Formula 1 Drivers' World Champion title.



Bapco energies

Energy production surge



HH Shaikh Nasser inspects Bapco refinery one year after modernisation launch

Our national youth are fully capable of operating the most advanced technologies in the world, proving that Bahraini talent remains the first choice for employment in strategic sectors.

HH SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA,
CHAIRMAN OF BAPCO ENERGIES GROUP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bapco Energies Group, conducted an extensive inspection visit to the Bapco refinery. The visit marked one year since His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa launched the Refinery Modernisation and Development Programme. HM the King's visit, held on

18 December 2024, followed the anniversary ceremony and focused on assessing the performance and operational efficiency of the refinery's new units. **Capabilities** During the visit, HH Shaikh Nasser was briefed on the refinery's enhanced capabilities, with production increasing from 265,000 barrels per day to 380,000 barrels per day. He announced plans to further raise production to 405,000 barrels per day, representing a 42% expansion.

"This increase will raise the Kingdom's export capacity of high-value petroleum products by up to 40%, exceeding the operational targets initially set for the programme," His Highness said. As part of Bahrain's drive to localise energy-related industries, HH Shaikh Nasser inaugurated the Bapco Manufacturing Facilities, a unit featuring advanced workshops capable of producing spare parts and vital equipment for the refinery. The facility currently meets 10% of the company's annual requirements.



HH Shaikh Nasser meets Bapco officials, engineers and technicians during refinery tour

He also directed a feasibility study for a comprehensive industrial project to manufacture additional spare parts and equipment for the Bapco Energies Group, employing advanced technologies, including 3D printing. "Establishing a national industrial system capable of meeting the sector's needs locally will reinforce Bahrain's position as a leading hub for innovation and advanced engineering industries," His Highness emphasised. HH Shaikh Nasser praised the role of Bahraini engineers and technicians. More than 700 young Bahrainis of both genders have been trained and deployed in

the new units after completing more than 200,000 hours of specialised local and international training. He said: "Our national youth are fully capable of operating the most advanced technologies in the world, proving that Bahraini talent remains the first choice for employment in strategic sectors." Highlighting the programme's achievements, His Highness affirmed that the refinery upgrade has transformed Bahrain's refining sector, with the facility now operating 32 units — up from 13 previously — designed to meet the highest international standards for safety, energy efficiency, and risk management.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations and blessings to

**His Majesty
King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

**His Royal Highness
Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa,
Crown Prince and Prime Minister**

On the occasion of the McLaren team winning the 2025 Formula 1 Drivers' World Championship, as the team's driver Lando Norris finished the season at the top of the drivers' standings

Chairpersons, Boards of Directors, Executive Management, and all affiliates of the National Bank of Bahrain and Bahrain Islamic Bank



Landmark **F1** triumph

HM King congratulated by HRH Prince Salman on McLaren victory

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, received a cable of congratulations from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, following McLaren's victory in the Formula 1 World Constructors' Championship and Lando Norris, McLaren driver, winning the Formula 1 World Drivers' Championship at the conclusion of the Formula 1 World Championship season.

The achievement marks the first time in 27 years that the team has secured both titles in the same season.

HRH Prince Salman underscored that McLaren's achievements reflect the efforts of those leading the team, who are committed to advancing Bahrain's standing in global sport, in line with HM the King's vision for the Kingdom's development.

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also emphasised that the team's success reflects the continued efforts of Team Bahrain in advancing the development of Bahraini sports, particularly in motorsports.



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman

Congratulations

HM King Hamad and His Royal Highness also received a flood of congratulations from senior members of the royal family, ministers, and senior officials.

Among those who sent cables are His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy and Chairman of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, HH Shaikh Mohammed

bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, the Special Representative of His Majesty the King, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khal-



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H.E. Shaikh Salman



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman

ifa, President of the Court of the Crown Prince, HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Advisor to the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

H.E. General His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Commander of the National Guard, HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Coun-

cil for Environment, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Vice Chairman of the Higher Urban Planning Committee, HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid bin Isa Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment, Deputy Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club High Committee, and Member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, HH Shai-

kh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Deputy Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President of the Bahrain Combat Sports Council, HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), HH Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and Her Highness Shaikha Thajba bint Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain committed to enhancing US ties

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Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, has underlined the importance of the relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US.

He emphasised the need to continue developing bilateral cooperation in various domains to achieve common interests and support security and stability in the region.

HH Shaikh Nasser was speaking as he received a US Congress delegation, led by Representative James Moylan.

The meeting was attended by His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Deputy National Security Advisor, and H.E. Shaikh Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, Chairman of



HH Shaikh Nasser receives US Congress delegation head, Representative James Moylan

the Strategic Security Bureau.

They also discussed a number of topics of mutual interest, and reviewed regional and international developments, in addition to opportunities for

enhancing cooperation in various domains in the coming period.

The delegation expressed their appreciation for the long-standing relations with Bahrain,

emphasising their commitment to enhance joint coordination and support efforts aimed at expanding cooperation in a manner that serves the interests of both sides.

Bahrain, Russia hold second round of political consultations

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The second round of political consultations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Russian Federation was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, chaired by H.E. Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director General of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Sergey Vershinin, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russia.

Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali highlighted the longstanding relations between Bahrain and Russia across political, economic, tourism and cultural domains.

He emphasised the King-



The meeting in progress

dom's commitment to enhancing cooperation with Russia and advancing ties to serve the shared interests of both coun-

tries and their peoples.

On his part, the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister expressed his country's commitment in continuing to deepen bilateral cooperation and commended the outcome of the consulta-

tions, wishing Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

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14 new eServices added to 'MyGov app'

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The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) announced that 14 new eServices have been added to the MyGov app, available through the eGovernment App Store at bahrain.bh/apps.

This brings the total number to 111 eServices and features offered since the app's launch in February 2025.

Ali Abdulaziz Janahi, Deputy Chief Executive of Electronic Transformation at the iGA, said that the update builds on the iGA's continuous efforts to enhance the MyGov app and expand its offerings.

Role

The initiative aims to strengthen its role as a national digital platform that complements the National Portal bahrain.bh and provides citizens and residents with convenient access to a wide range of government services in one place.

Among the new additions is the Personal Bill Payment service, introduced in cooperation with the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA).

It allows users with multiple accounts to complete their payments in one step.

To further support humanitarian and charitable initiatives, several new features were introduced, including the "Fael Khier" service in partnership with the Ministry of Interior.

The app now also offers zakat and donation payments, along with mosque and Ram-



Ali Abdulaziz Janahi

adan majlis locations, prayer times, Qibla direction, daily moon phases, and both Gregorian and Hijri calendars available on the app's main page.

These updates were introduced in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Update

Janahi highlighted that, in collaboration with the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, users can now update their mobile number and email address directly through their MyGov app profile.

To make digital health services more accessible, the app allows users to view their vaccination records, report missing vaccination records, and download vaccination documents in collaboration with Primary Healthcare Centres, as well as view athletes' health certificates in cooperation with government hospitals.

These additions come alongside a wide range of other features already available on the platform.

‘Bahrain Police’ reform pushed

Shura Council approves amendments modernising Bahrain’s Public Security Forces Law

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

The Shura Council yesterday approved a draft law to amend the Public Security Forces Law of 1982, endorsing a report by its Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee and backing changes linked to Royal Decree No. 26 of 2025.

The bill seeks to update the legal basis for the Ministry of Interior’s structure after recent internal changes, refresh existing posts and add new categories within the police’s membership.

It also supports the shift in naming to ‘Bahrain Police’, as set out in the draft.

Authority

Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf, His Excellency Nawaf Al Maawda, told members the proposal leaves the core chain of authority intact.

“The draft law does not change the essence of the powers, and



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H.E. NAWAF AL MAAWDA, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AND WAQF

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H.E. RASHID BU NAJMA, UNDERSECRETARY AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AFFAIRS

H.E. Rashid Bu Najma, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior for Legislative Authority Affairs, said the legal text needed to catch up with changes already



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DR JEHAD AL FADHEL, SHURA COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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Amendments

“The administrative changes within the Ministry of Interior



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The amendments strengthen the police’s security and social role in protecting public safety and property

DR JEHAD AL FADHEL, SHURA COUNCIL SECOND DEPUTY CHAIR

and the creation of new sectors and titles required updated legal amendments to fit the new security structure,” he said.

Committee chairman Dr Ali Al

Rumaihi said the draft reflects the pace of change in Bahrain’s security bodies and tied the name change to the force’s long record.

“Bahrain Police is one of the oldest national institutions, and Bahrain is proud of the history of its police and what they have offered in service and achievements,” he said.

Results

He also referred to results linked to open prisons and alternative penalties, citing a 97 per cent success rate and a reoffending rate of about 2 per cent.

Dr Jehad Al Fadhel, Shura Council Second Deputy Chair, said the amendments strengthen the police’s security and social role in protecting public safety and property, and stressed the value of prevention in policing.

Other members called for ongoing training and clear rules for recruitment and promotion to match international benchmarks.

Woman cleared in forgery case

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The High Criminal Court of Appeal has overturned a lower court’s judgment sentencing an African woman to three years in prison and deportation for allegedly forging a marriage contract with a Gulf national to attribute a child to him. The appellate court ruled in her favour after confirming that the marriage had indeed taken place, supported by witness testimony and the plaintiff’s own previous statements.

Judges noted that the woman had signed the marriage con-

tract in her own handwriting, but did so in the presence of the man at his own request when they both visited her country’s embassy to authenticate the document—whose contents were found to be accurate.

Acquittal

In an earlier hearing, lawyer Zahraa Masoud, representing lawyer Mona Zein El-Din, submitted a memorandum arguing for the defendant’s acquittal.

She highlighted the absence of the essential elements of forgery, stating that the marriage contract was the result of mu-

tual consent, with the husband himself initiating the process at the embassy.

The defence requested that the embassy be contacted to obtain the full set of documents to confirm the applicant’s identity and the husband’s in-person attendance, along with his acknowledgment of the marriage’s validity.

According to case details, the Gulf national reported that he had met the woman a year earlier and developed a close relationship with her. During his visits to Bahrain, she would stay with him at his residence.

Review deadlock

Contract compulsory review dispute heads to National Assembly after Shura Council vote



Jawad Abdullah Hussein

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Councils reached a stalemate yesterday, as the Shura Council once again rejected in principle a draft law that would lower the compulsory review ceiling for government contracts by the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission.

The decision sends the measure to the National Assembly for further consideration.

Members discussed the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee’s report on Parliament’s decision to insist on the bill before voting to uphold the upper chamber’s earlier refusal.

Proposal

The draft law, prepared on the basis of a proposal from Parliament, would amend item (9) of Article 2 of Law No. 60 of 2006 on the reorganisation of the Commission.

It would require mandatory review of contracts exceeding BD100,000 concluded by ministries, institutions and public bodies.

The existing compulsory threshold is BD300,000, though entities can still ask the Com-



Dalal Al Zayed

mission to review lower-value contracts.

Aim

Committee rapporteur Jawad Abdullah Hussein said the bill’s aim is already met through existing checks on government contracting.

He warned that lowering the ceiling would add to the number of contracts sent to the Commission, which could reduce the attention given to higher-value agreements and delay work linked to them.

The committee also argued that the proposal cuts against the purpose of Decree-Law No. 34 of 2010, which raised the compulsory threshold from BD100,000 to BD300,000 to reflect higher prices for goods, services and construction and the growing volume of state purchasing, while helping procurement procedures move more smoothly.

Objection

Member Dalal Al Zayed said her objection rested on the legislator’s earlier choice to raise the ceiling, adding that a lower threshold could slow contracts tied to essential services that support citizens and state op-

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With both chambers now holding opposing positions again, the draft law goes to the National Assembly to decide its fate.

erations.

She said the committee reviewed breaches linked to contracts above BD100,000 and found no major violations, while noting that ministries already carry out effective internal checks.

Al Zayed also reminded members that any institution can seek the Commission’s review of a contract even if its value is below BD300,000.

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We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and welcome you to visit our other branches or use our digital banking services.

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All systems go!

Bahrain to highlight major advancements in agriculture and animal production at Mara’ee 2025

- **H.E. Al Mubarak reviews technical and logistical preparations for five-day edition**
- **Event set for December 9-13**

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Mara’ee 2025 constitutes an important platform to showcase Bahrain’s efforts in developing the agricultural and animal production sectors.

It also highlights the Kingdom’s ambition to strengthen its position as a regional centre for innovation and investment in this vital sector.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture, as he invited the public to visit the Bahrain International Agricultural and Animal Production Exhibition (Mara’ee 2025) and benefit from the diverse activities it offers over the five days.

Royal patronage

The event is held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa from December 9 to 13.

H.E. Al Mubarak reviewed the technical and logistical preparations for the upcoming edition of the Mara’ee 2025.

He affirmed that this edition will reflect Bahrain’s growing focus on enhancing food security



This edition will reflect Bahrain’s growing focus on enhancing food security and developing the agricultural and animal production environment

H.E. WAEL BIN NASSER AL MUBARAK,
MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES AND AGRICULTURE

and developing the agricultural and animal production environment in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Minister added that the exhibition this year will feature a rich and integrated



H.E. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak with key officials at the venue

programme suitable for all age groups.

Features

Mara’ee 2025 will include an animal exhibition featuring horses, camels, livestock and birds, alongside the agricultural exhibition with its various sections, providing visitors with a comprehensive experience linking agricultural production and local heritage, and highlighting the biodiversity of the Kingdom.

It will also feature a dedicated programme suitable for all age groups.

arts and culture corner reflecting national interest in agricultural and animal production, as well as entertainment sections, offering visitors a complete family experience combining education, knowledge and enjoyment.

H.E. Al Mubarak emphasised that this year’s exhibition has expanded in both the number and area of exhibitors through local and international participation, reflecting its ongoing development.

Supreme Council sets new curbs on restricted chemicals

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Two new decisions from the Supreme Council for Environment draw a hard line between restricted chemicals requiring prior written approval and substances banned in all cases.

Decision No. 8 of 2025 requires approval before any person or company may produce, import, export or trade restricted chemicals listed in an attached schedule.

The list appears to run to about 224 entries, each named with a CAS number, signalling a detailed, item-by-item approach rather than a general warning.

The decision links the new rules to Law No. 7 of 2022 on the Environment.

Request

Applicants must submit a request using the council’s form with the required details, and the council can ask for extra information or documents.

A decision must be issued within one month once the application is complete and the conditions set by the relevant department are met.

Importers and users of the restricted substances must also submit an annual report covering the types of chemicals handled, quantities imported and stored, and how they were dealt with, including sale, use or disposal, alongside any other details the council requires under its approved template.

Alongside this, the council issued Decision No. 9 of 2025, which sets out chemicals pro-

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hibited from import, formulation, manufacture or use in all cases for health or environmental reasons.

The attached schedule lists 26 banned substances, including several halon and CFC/HCFE-related compounds, as well as multiple types of asbestos, all identified by CAS numbers.

Decision No. 9 also allows the council, when in doubt about a chemical compound, commodity or product, to require the importer or user to test samples at a lab or specialist body accepted by the council to confirm they are free of banned substances.

Penalties for breaches of both decisions fall under the sanctions set out in the 2022 environment law.

Decision No. 8 also repeals Decision No. 7 of 2002 on controlling the import and use of prohibited and severely restricted chemicals.

Both measures were issued by the President of the Supreme Council for Environment, His Excellency Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and take effect the day after publication in the Official Gazette.

10-year sentence in insurance scam upheld

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The First High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld a 10-year prison sentence against a defendant convicted, along with his brother, of orchestrating a sophisticated scheme to fraudulently obtain \$500,000 from an insurance company.

The plan involved the defendant taking out a life insurance policy in favor of his wife, who later filed a claim falsely reporting his death in an Asian country.

Before the payout was released, the company discovered that the man was still alive and residing abroad.

The court also sentenced the wife to one year in prison for her role in the crime.

According to case records, a Gulf-based insurance company reported that the first defendant applied for a life insurance policy in April 2023 worth \$500,000 in favor of his wife.

Four months later, the company received a claim from the wife alleging that her husband had died overseas.

She filed a civil lawsuit and presented documents—including a court ruling and a death certificate—supporting her



claim.

However, suspicions raised by the insurance broker prompted further verification, revealing that the death certificate was forged and the insured man was still alive.

Following an order from the Public Prosecution, security investigations confirmed through confidential sources that the defendant was alive and that the fraud was coordinated with his wife (the third defendant) and his brother (the second defendant).

The wife had used forged documents to file the claim despite knowing her husband was still living abroad.

The Public Prosecution’s investigation found that the forged death certificate had been issued in the foreign country.

Local relatives confirmed the man’s presence there, and the foreign embassy in Bahrain verified the forgery.

Tourism Ministry, Kanoo Museum sign deal



The Ministry of Tourism has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the Kanoo Museum. This comes as part of ongoing efforts to develop cultural tourism and reinforce the status of the city of Manama as a distinguished tourist destination. The memorandum aims to promote cultural and heritage tourism in Manama through the implementation of joint programmes and initiatives that highlight the national identity and the cultural wealth of the capital, and to include the museum among the Ministry’s official tourist destinations in its promotional programmes and activities. Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, and Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Group, signed the agreement.

Focus on effective commercial dispute resolution mechanisms

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Professor Marike Patrani Paulsson, Secretary-General of the Council for International Dispute Resolution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, met with the former Chief Justice of India, Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud, Chair of the Advisory Panel of the newly launched Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC).

She was also joined by Mr. Amir Singh Pasrich, Co-Chair of the International Bar Association (IBA) India and Treasurer of the IBA globally.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of her participation as a speaker at the IBA India Litigation & ADR Symposium in New Delhi.



Prof. Marike Patrani Paulsson with Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud and Mr. Amir Singh Pasrich

Launch

The meeting followed the successful launch of the BICC on 5 November and formed part of a broader programme to promote the Global Justice Bay (GJB) and the BICC, while further strengthening institu-

tional ties with key international stakeholders.

Discussions focused on advancing the next phase of the BICC’s development, including strategic priorities, international engagement, and the enhancement of cross-border

commercial dispute resolution frameworks.

The meeting also addressed avenues for cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the International Bar Association.

Cooperation

Both sides explored avenues to deepen cooperation, exchange expertise, and support the Court’s positioning within the global dispute resolution landscape.

The meeting underscored the shared commitment to advancing judicial and institutional collaboration and to supporting legal certainty and investor confidence through modern, effective dispute resolution mechanisms.

NBB appoints Hend Mohamed Mahmood as Group Chief Human Resources Officer



Hend Mohamed Mahmood

Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced the appointment of Hend Mohamed Mahmood as Group Chief Human Resources Officer, effective 14th December 2025.

Hend brings with her over 30 years of experience in human capital, organisational transformation, cultural transformation, and people development across Bahrain's financial services and government-linked sectors. Throughout her career, she has led the HR function and agenda with a track record of exceptional results and internationally recognised engagement and performance programmes. In her most recent capacity, she led the People and Culture pillar of Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) as

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she led the HR transformation of Bahrain Airport Company. Previously, she led the HR transformation of

Hend holds an MSc in Work and Organisational Psychology from the University of Nottingham, a BSc in Business Administration & Management from the University of Bahrain, and a Professional Co-Active Coach certification from CTI in the United States.

Her appointment underscores NBB's commitment to advancing a high-performance, people-first culture across the Group and driving long-term institutional growth through strategic human capital development.

Hilton Bahrain Celebrates the Season with a Heart-Warming Christmas

Tree Lighting Ceremony with Bahrain Elementary School



Manama

Hilton Bahrain, kicked off the holiday season with its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, joined by students and parents from Bahrain Elementary School. The joyful evening

featured festive performances, family activities, and a special appearance by Santa Claus before the tree was lit, creating a heart-warming start to the celebrations. The Bahrain Elementary School choir filled the hotel with Christmas carols, delighting proud parents and hotel

guests. Their cheerful performance added a sense of community and warmth to the event, perfectly capturing the spirit of the season. Santa Claus surprised the crowd with a visit, bringing excitement to the children as they gathered around the grand tree for the countdown. As the lights

illuminated, families shared a moment of festive magic together. Hilton Bahrain's General Manager, Tamer Farouk, shared: "Welcoming Bahrain Elementary School students, their families, and our community to this year's tree lighting is always a highlight for us. The joy on the children's faces and the togetherness felt throughout the evening truly reflect what this season means. Our annual toy drive is another way we remain committed to giving back and spreading kindness across Bahrain."



Ithmaar Bank names Mohamed Ahmed Bucheerei as Head of Strategy, Transformation and Business Development

● Bucheerei will oversee strategic planning, transformation programmes, corporate development, and business expansion

Manama

Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, announced the appointment of Mohamed Ahmed Bucheerei as Head of Strategy, Transformation and Business Development, reporting to Ithmaar Bank Chief Executive Officer, Maysan Almaskati.

Bucheerei's appointment comes at a pivotal time as Ithmaar Bank advances its comprehensive restructuring and transformation programme aimed at strengthening its business model, optimizing capital, and delivering on a clearly defined strategic roadmap. Since joining Ithmaar in 2020, he has demonstrated strong capabilities in strategy formulation, restructuring, and transformation, contributing to noticeable improvements.

18 years of experience

With more than 18 years of experience in banking, Bucheerei has contributed exceptionally to key strategic initiatives spanning capital restructuring, strategic exits, and the transition and integration of operations. His work has also supported the enhancement of corporate governance across Ithmaar. Prior to this appointment, he served as Head of Asset Management.

In his new role, Bucheerei will oversee strategic planning, transformation programmes, corporate development, and business expansion. He will also lead digitization, ensuring that technology and innovation continue to drive operational excellence and digital growth.



Mohamed Ahmed Bucheerei

Bucheerei holds a Master's degree in Financial Technology from the University of Strathclyde in the United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management (with a minor in Information Technology) from Bentley University in Boston, USA.

Seef Entertainment signs strategic partnership with Global VR Leader ‘Zero Latency VR’

To Launch Advanced Virtual Reality Experiences in Bahrain and the Region

Manama

Seef Entertainment, a leading family entertainment company in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the entertainment arm of Seef Properties, has announced the signing of a strategic partnership with Zero Latency VR, the global pioneer in virtual reality experiences, to introduce cutting-edge interactive attractions at its premier entertainment destinations.

This partnership marks a pivotal step in Seef Entertainment’s strategy to achieve sustainable regional growth and expand its footprint across the region. It further reinforces the company’s position as a provider of world-class family entertainment experiences and a key contributor to the development of Bahrain’s entertainment and tourism sectors.

The agreement underscores Seef Entertainment’s commitment to supporting Bahrain’s national economy through innovative projects that strengthen the Kingdom’s status as a leading regional hub for family leisure and tourism.

Commenting on the partnership, Mr Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties, said “This partnership represents a major milestone in our journey to redefine the concept of entertainment by creating modern, technology-driven destinations that go beyond the traditional experience. We be-

Mr. Daniel Littlepage, Chief Growth Officer of Zero Latency VR



lieve in investing in the industries of the future, those built on innovation and cutting-edge technology, and that adapt to the rapidly evolving landscape of family entertainment. Our partnership with Zero Latency VR reflects our commitment to offering world-class content that positions the Kingdom of Bahrain among the region’s most exciting entertainment destinations.”

He added, “This announcement comes in line

with the comprehensive repositioning plan of Seef Mall – Seef District, which we recently unveiled. The plan aims to reinvent the shopping and entertainment experience in Bahrain through modern and innovative concepts. It includes enhancing the mall’s entertainment facilities, expanding spaces dedicated to family activities and interactive gaming, relaunching Magic Island with a new identity, introducing new international brands, and modernising the dining area with a fresh, contemporary design.”

For his part, Mr. Daniel Littlepage, Chief Growth Of-

ficer of Zero Latency VR, shared, “We’re incredibly excited to join forces with Seef Entertainment, whose flagship vision for Zero Latency VR across their portfolio reflects our shared passion for innovation and world-class entertainment. The Middle East continues to see remarkable growth in demand for premium interactive gaming experiences, and aligning with a partner like Seef, who truly understands how to deliver unforgettable moments to their guests, marks an exciting step forward in our regional journey.”

He continued, “Over the past decade, we have thrilled millions of players worldwide with our immersive VR experiences. We believe this affiliation with Seef Entertainment will serve as a



successful model for regional expansion and establish Bahrain as a major destination for virtual reality enthusiasts across the region.”

Seef Entertainment was established as the entertainment arm of Seef Properties, and it includes prominent entertainment brands: “Magic Island,” which has two branches in Seef Mall – Seef District and Seef Mall – Muharraq; “Yabeela,” the largest entertainment centre in the Kingdom of Bahrain, spanning 6,000 square meters and featuring over 150 advanced family, sports, and interactive games; the “Jumpoline” trampoline centre in Seef Mall – Isa Town; and “Hawa” entertainment centre at Souq Al Baraha in Diyar Al Muharraq, which is the largest inflatable entertainment park in the Kingdom.

Zero Latency VR is a global leader in free-roam virtual reality experiences, operating a network of more than 150 locations across 30 countries. Since opening its first venue in Melbourne, Australia in 2015, the company has welcomed over five million players worldwide. Its immersive experiences combine cutting-edge technology with interactive adventure in expansive, unrestricted spaces, delivering the sensation of stepping directly into a video game world.

Mr Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties

Bede Bahrain partners with Multinational School Bahrain

Manama

Bede Bahrain, the innovative microfinance solutions app, has recently signed a strategic partnership with Multinational School Bahrain.

The partnership comes as part of Bede’s latest offering, “Ta’leem”, as the first financing app in the Kingdom to introduce



this service.

Ta’leem is a groundbreaking educational finance service is designed to empower parents and students with a flexible, reliable solution for managing academic fees in various educational institutions. Bede Bahrain encourages all schools and educational institutions to be part of their Ta’leem offerings.

IAEA calls for repair work on Chernobyl sarcophagus

Vienna, Austria

The UN nuclear watchdog has said that the protective structure surrounding the exploded reactor at Chernobyl can no longer perform its main function of blocking radiation, after a Russian drone strike earlier this year.

Inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) began a rare visit to Ukraine on December 1, to assess the status of key electrical substations

supplying the country’s three nuclear sites that are still operational.

As part of the trip, the team also checked the defunct Chernobyl site’s New Safe Confinement (NSC), which was put in place to stop the release of radioactive material after the explosion of one of its reactors in 1986.

The roof of the NSC was severely damaged in a drone strike in February, which also caused a major fire in the outer cladding of the steel structure.

Divided US Fed set for contentious interest rate meeting

AFP | Washington, United States

While the US Federal Reserve’s final interest rate meeting this year could see an unusual amount of division, financial markets view a third straight interest rate cut as nearly certain.

When the Fed last met in October, Chair Jerome Powell asserted that another rate cut in December was “not a foregone conclusion,” pointing to “strongly differing views” within the central bank.

Minutes from the Fed’s most

recent meeting showed many officials expect a further uptick in underlying goods inflation as President Donald Trump’s tariffs bite.

But recent comments from leading Fed officials also reflected support for cutting again because of a weakening labor market, even though inflation is still above the Fed’s two percent target.

Next week’s outcome in the “deeply divided” Fed was “too close to call,” UniCredit said, also acknowledging that favorable comments from New York

Fed bank chief John Williams towards a cut were a notable “intervention.”

“As one of the most senior members of the (Fed committee), it seems unlikely Williams would have said this without Powell’s prior approval,” UniCredit said.

Policymakers generally hold rates at a higher level to tamp down price increases, but a rapidly deteriorating jobs market could nudge them to slash rates further to boost the economy.

“Usually, as you get closer to a policy meeting, it becomes

quite apparent and transparent what the Federal Open Market Committee is going to do,” said Nationwide Chief Economist Kathy Bostjancic, referring to the Fed’s rate-setting committee.

“This time is very different,” she told AFP late last month.

Financial markets rallied following Williams’ statement on November 21 that rates could go lower in the “near term.”

Futures markets currently show more than 87% odds that the Fed will cut rates to between 3.50% and 3.75%, according to CME FedWatch.

Dearth of data

The Fed moved into rate cutting mode this fall, with rate cuts both in September and October.

But a government shutdown from October 1 through November 12 sapped the central bank of most of the key data points for assessing whether inflation or employment is now the bigger priority.

The latest available government data showed the jobless rate crept up from 4.3 percent to 4.4 percent in September, even as hiring beat expectations.

While delayed publications

on September’s economic conditions have trickled out, the US government has canceled full releases of October jobs and consumer inflation figures because the shutdown hit data collection.

Instead, available figures will be published with November’s reports, but only after the Fed’s upcoming rate meeting.

The US personal consumption expenditures price index rose to 2.8% on an annual basis in September, from 2.7 % in August, according to delayed data released on Friday.

News in brief

◆ **Sri Lankan authorities** issued fresh landslide warnings on Sunday with rains lashing areas already devastated by a powerful cyclone, as the death toll rose to 627. A chain of tropical storms and monsoon rains has battered Southeast and South Asia, setting off landslides, flooding vast tracts and cutting off communities from Sumatra island's rainforests to the highland plantations of Sri Lanka. At least 1,826 people have been killed in the natural disasters rolling across Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam over the past two weeks. Indonesia's president on Sunday vowed to step up aid, with demonstrators rallying after the country's death toll surpassed 900. More than two million people in Sri Lanka -- nearly 10 percent of the population -- have been affected by last week's floods and landslides triggered by Cyclone Ditwah, the worst on the island this century.



Sri Lanka issues landslide warnings as cyclone toll hits 627

◆ **Louvre says hundreds of works damaged by water leak** Egyptian department, the Paris museum said yesterday, weeks after a brazen jewel theft raised concerns over its infrastructure. "Between 300 and 400 works" were affected by the leak discovered on November 26, said the museum's deputy administrator Francis Steinbock, describing them as "Egyptology journals" and "scientific documentation" used by researchers. The damaged items date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries and are "extremely useful" but are "by no means unique", Steinbock added. "No heritage artefacts have been affected by this damage," he said, adding that "at this stage, we have no irreparable and definitive losses in these collections". The incident follows an October heist in which a four-person gang raided the world's most-visited art museum in broad daylight, stealing jewellery worth an estimated \$102 million in just seven minutes before fleeing on scooters, sparking debate over the museum's ageing infrastructure.

◆ **Venezuela acknowledged** yesterday an opposition figure died while in custody, as the Trump administration slammed Caracas as "vile" and the South American country's army swore in thousands of new soldiers amid mounting US military pressure. Leftist President Nicolas Maduro has called for stepped-up military recruitment after the United States deployed a fleet of warships and the world's largest aircraft carrier to the Caribbean under the pretext of combating drug trafficking. Washington has accused Maduro of leading the alleged "Cartel of the Suns," which it declared a terrorist organization last month. Under President Donald Trump, US forces have carried out deadly strikes on more than 20 alleged drug-smuggling vessels, killing at least 87 people.

Venezuela acknowledges death of detained opposition figure



SPOTLIGHT

US media personality Tucker Carlson says will purchase property in Qatar



Former US President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump (L) shakes hands with US commentator Tucker Carlson at the end of a live interview in the finale of the Tucker Carlson Live Tour at Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona

AFP | Doha, Qatar

US right-wing media personality Tucker Carlson announced yesterday that he would purchase property in Qatar as he rebuffed accusations he had taken money from the Gulf state. "I have been criticised as being a tool of Qatar... I've never taken anything from your country and don't plan to. I am, however, tomorrow, buying a place in Qatar," Carlson said as he interviewed Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani. "I'm doing that because I like the city, I think it's beautiful, but also to make the statement that I'm an American and a free man and I'll be wherever I want to be," the former Fox News presenter said, appearing before an audience at the annual diplomatic Doha Forum.

Qatar is home to the largest US air base in the Middle East and is the forward base of Central Command, the US military command responsible for the region. The gas-rich emirate is classified by Washington as a major non-NATO ally, and has assiduously courted US President Donald Trump, gifting him a luxury plane in May to serve as a new Air Force One amid delays in the delivery of new presidential aircraft. Sheikh Mohammed said that unnamed people were putting in "a lot of effort to sabotage the relationship between Qatar and the United States and to try to demonise anyone who will come to this country". He acknowledged outreach by the Gulf country to the United States "to make sure that this relationship is safeguarded and the relationship for us is mutually beneficial".

Nightclub fire kills 25 in Goa

Modi said the deaths were "deeply saddening"

- Tourists were among the dead in the blaze
- Magisterial inquiry opened into the entire incident
- Death due to suffocation in the basement and kitchen area

AFP | Mumbai, India

A fire that ripped through an Indian nightclub in the popular tourist resort region of Goa killed 25 people, the state's chief minister said yesterday. Tourists were among the dead in the blaze, which broke out at about midnight at a club in Arpora in the north of the coastal state. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a statement that the deaths were "deeply saddening". Goa, a former Portuguese colony on the shores of the Arabian Sea, lures millions of tourists every year with its nightlife, sandy beaches and laid-back coastal atmosphere. "Today is a very painful day for all of us," Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said in a statement, saying that "25 people have lost their lives and six have been injured." Sawant told journalists that "three to four" tourists had died, without giving their nationalities. "I have ordered a magisterial inquiry into the entire incident to identify the cause and fix responsibility," Sawant added. "Fire show" Video images from the Press Trust of India news agency showed rescuers carrying the injured or dead on stretchers down the narrow stone staircase of the Birch nightclub. "Most people died due to suffocation in the basement and kitchen area," Nitin V. Raiker, Goa's fire chief, told Indian broadcaster CNN News18. "I received information that there was a club party going on, and a fire show was organised in the club. The wooden parts of the club caught fire, and smoke spread throughout the building."



A general view shows the burned nightclub following a fire that broke out last midnight in Goa



A burned-out interior is seen inside the Birch nightclub following a fire that broke out last midnight, in Goa

Miss France 2026

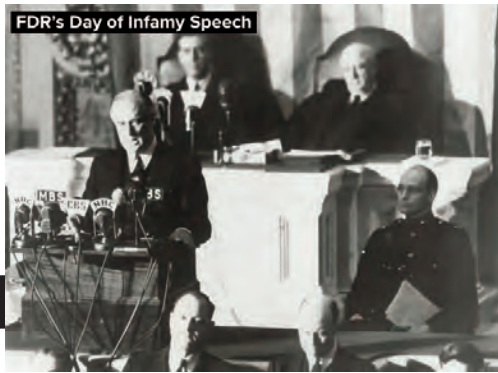


Newly elected Miss France 2026 Miss Tahiti Hinaupoko Deveze (C) celebrates with the other competitors after winning the Miss France 2026 beauty pageant at the Zenith, in Amiens, northern France

1863

Abraham Lincoln issues his Am-
nesty Proclamation and plan for
Reconstruction of the South

1941

US and Britain declare
war on Japan, US enters
World War II

1941 1966

US President Franklin D. Roosevelt deliv-
ers his famous "Day of Infamy" speech to
a joint session of Congress a day after the
bombing of Pearl HarborUS and USSR sign
treaty to prohibit
nuclear weapons
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TWEETS

01



On Armed Forces Flag Day, we express our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women who protect our nation with unwavering courage. Their discipline, resolve and spirit shield our people and strengthen our nation. Their commitment stands as a powerful example of duty,

@narendramodi

02



Online harassment of women is proliferating. We need zero tolerance for online hate, because violence that begins in the digital world can spill over into the physical. I call on the world to unite to end violence against women & girls everywhere, online & offline.

@antonioguterres

03



Ukraine is able to fight for its independence because our people and communities defend Ukraine, care for our state, support those who are facing the greatest hardship, and, of course, help our defense.

@ZelenskyyUA

04



Today, we join our Sindh brothers and sisters in celebrating one of the world's oldest, richest, and most inspiring civilizations. Sindh Culture Day reminds us of the province's unparalleled contributions to Pakistan's cultural harmony, democratic tradition, intellectual prowess, and economic progress.

@CMShehbaz

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Netanyahu says expects to move to second phase of Gaza truce 'shortly'

Netanyahu would meet US President Donald Trump

● Israel army chief says withdrawal line in Gaza is 'new border'

● He and Chancellor Merz noted all hostages except one body are released

● The truce remains fragile, with both sides alleging breaches

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that he expected to move into the second phase of the US-sponsored ceasefire plan for Gaza "very shortly".

Speaking during a joint press conference with German Chancellor Friedrich Merz after a meeting between the two leaders, Netanyahu said: "We discussed how to bring an end to the Hamas rule in Gaza... We finished the first part.

"And then we very shortly expect to move into the second phase, which is more difficult."

Netanyahu also said that he would meet US President Donald Trump later this month to discuss "opportunities for peace" in the region.

Under the terms of the ceasefire that entered into force on October 10, Palestinians committed to releasing 47 living and dead captives seized during

Trump UN envoy Waltz, EU's Kallas in Jordan to discuss Gaza aid

Amman, Jordan

US ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz and EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas were both visiting Jordan yesterday to discuss humanitarian aid for Gaza.

Their visits came as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he expected the second phase of the US-sponsored ceasefire plan for the Palestinian territory to begin soon.

Waltz said on X that he was in Jordanian capital Amman to discuss speeding up the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza and "to see the vital

work Jordanian and UN partners are doing".

"We're ready to move forward with the rebuilding of Gaza... So we're here to knock down those bureaucratic barriers and get things moving," he added.

Kallas was also in Amman on Sunday, where she held talks with King Abdullah II on the Gaza ceasefire and regional developments, the royal palace said in a statement. Abdullah notably reiterated "the need to adhere to the terms of the agreement to end the war on Gaza and ensure the flow of relief aid", the palace said.

the Hamas-led October 7, 2023 attack on Israel.

All of the hostages have so far been released except for the body of an Israeli police officer.

"And now we have a second phase, no less daunting, and that is to achieve the disarmament of Hamas and the demilitarisation of Gaza," Netanyahu added.

"There's a third phase, and that is to deradicalise Gaza, something that also people believed was impossible. But it was done in Germany, it was done in Japan, it's done in the Gulf states, can be done in Gaza too," the Israeli premier said.

Two months since its signing, the Gaza ceasefire remains

fragile with both sides accusing each other of violating it.

Trump's plan has various stages: a truce, the withdrawal of Israeli forces and setting up a new administration for Gaza, and then finally the reconstruction of the vast areas levelled by Israel's retaliatory military campaign.

Merz arrived in Israel on Saturday evening, his first visit since taking office, and reaffirmed Berlin's support for Israel after traditionally solid ties between the two countries were shaken by the Gaza war.

Merz, who took power in May, has repeatedly criticised Israel's relentless military campaign.

Tokyo says Chinese jets locked radar onto Japan fighters

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Chinese military aircraft locked radar onto Japanese fighter jets southeast of Okinawa's main island, Japan's defence ministry said yesterday.

China's navy said Tokyo's claim was "completely inconsistent with the facts" and told Japan to "immediately stop slandering and smearing".

Relations between Tokyo and Beijing have soured following remarks by new Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi suggesting that Tokyo could intervene militarily in any attack on Taiwan.

Chinese J-15 fighter jets twice locked radar on Japanese fighter jets on Saturday, without causing damage or injuries, Japan's defence ministry said.

Fighter jets use their radar for fire control to identify targets as well as for search and rescue operations.

Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi said the incident



Japanese Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi (L) poses with Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles in front of a Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) missile interceptor unit at the Defense Ministry in Tokyo

was "dangerous and extremely regrettable", adding that Japan had lodged "a strong protest" with China.

The two countries have a long-running territorial dispute over the Senkaku Islands, known as the Diaoyu in China.

The tiny, uninhabited islands lie between Okinawa and Taiwan, the much larger self-ruled island that China also claims.

Beijing summoned Tokyo's ambassador following Takaichi's comments last month.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Bahraini-Saudi Coordination Council: A Unity of Destiny and Vision



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

When history looks back on the bonds between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, it will see more than treaties and agreements — it will see a story of brotherhood, trust, and shared destiny. Since the establishment of the Bahraini-Saudi Coordination Council in 1919, this relationship has moved far beyond traditional diplomacy, rising to embody a genuine unity of spirit and purpose between two nations that see themselves not as separate, but as one.

The council's launch in Jeddah in July 2019, under the generous patronage of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa — may God preserve them both — was not merely a ceremonial event. It was the moment two nations reaffirmed their vow to stand side by side on every front: political, security, economic, cultural, and social. Their vision, as leaders and as brothers, was clear — to create a model of integration that reflects the shared aspirations of their peoples.

Co-chaired by Crown Prince and Prime Minister His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, the council stands as a bridge between generations — a mechanism to ensure that the partnership endures and evolves, no matter how the world around it changes.

Since its first meeting on December 24, 2020, the council has built a structured path forward, forming subcommittees to turn broad ambitions into actionable realities — from political coordination and security to economy, culture, and infrastructure. Each meeting since has carried new milestones, each decision a step closer to integration rooted in trust and shared progress.

At its second meeting, held at Al-Sakhir Palace a year later, more than 65 strategic initiatives were launched, expanding cooperation into tangible forms. Whether in unifying trade standards, strengthening electronic networks, facilitating movement across borders, or advancing colossal infrastructure projects like the King Hamad Causeway and regional railway, each initiative carried with it the unmistakable mark of fraternity and collective progress.

By February 2024, the third meeting in Riyadh saw yet another leap — the inauguration of the Saudi-Bahraini Investment Company, a \$5 billion joint venture symbolizing faith in a shared economic future. It was also the stage for announcing the unified electronic security network and over 50 new joint initiatives that deepened economic, tourism, and social integration.

And just days ago, on the sidelines of the Gulf Cooperation Council summit in Al-Sakhir, the fourth meeting reaffirmed that vision with a powerful new package of agreements and memoranda of understanding — a bold step toward realizing the concept of a "single economy" that reflects a seamless partnership between the two kingdoms.

But beyond all the agreements and figures lies something far more profound — the unity of hearts. The relationship between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia is more than strategic alignment; it is kinship in its purest form. It is the comfort of a brother visiting another's home without formality, the trust that welcomes without question, and the bond that time only strengthens.

In this shared journey, there are no boundaries — only bridges of understanding, compassion, and shared ambition. The path that stretches ahead for both kingdoms is illuminated not merely by political will but by sincere affection, mutual respect, and faith in a common destiny.

For Bahrainis and Saudis alike, this is not just cooperation. It is family — a unity of vision and heart that will continue to shape the Gulf's future for generations to come.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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Sweet Success: Al Hilal and Lulu host Bahrain's Largest Mother's Cake Mixing



Al Hilal Healthcare Group and Lulu Bahrain hosted the highly successful "Mother's Cake Mixing Ceremony - Season 3" at Ramli Mall, bringing together over 200 expectant mothers. The event aimed to celebrate and support pregnant women, beginning with a session by Tasma Yoga on the importance of prenatal and postnatal fitness. Moms-to-be also engaged in an interactive Q&A with Al Hilal's expert team of gynecologists, including Dr. Maimoona Liaquat along with specialists Dr. Aysha Sayed Kazi, Dr. Safa Dab , Dr. Nisha Parameswaran Nair, Dr. Aysha Anjuna, Dr. Radhika Telugu, and Dr. Jasmine Sankaranarayanan. The main attraction was the grand cake mixing ceremony, where participants helped prepare the ingredients for Bahrain's largest cake. CEO Dr. Sarath Chandran expressed gratitude to partners. Mr. Shameem VA, General Manager of Lulu Hypermarket Ramli Mall, Mr. Asif Mohammed, Vice President - Business & Strategy of Al Hilal Healthcare Group, Mr. Sahal Jamaludheen, Finance Manager at Al Hilal Healthcare, and Mr. Franco Francis, Branch Head of Al Hilal in Muharraq was present. The celebration concluded with exciting lucky draws, including three winners receiving free deliveries at Al Hilal Healthcare Group, plus a variety of prizes and goody bags for all attendees. Al Hilal plans to continue this tradition with Season 4, promoting maternal wellness across Bahrain.



Record Turnout at ICRF's 'Faber Castell Spectra 2025' Art Competition



The Indian Community Welfare Association (ICRF Bahrain) successfully hosted the 17th 'Faber Castell Spectra' painting competition, at the Indian School, Isa Town. As Bahrain's largest art event for students, this year's competition saw an overwhelming participation of nearly 3,000 children from around 30 schools, alongside an adult category. ICRF Chairman Adv. V K Thomas inaugurated the finale. The results were announced the same evening, with winners being honored at a ceremony attended by several dignitaries, including Madhu Ramankutty, CEO of State Bank of India, Bahrain. Top winners across the five categories received trophies and certificates. All participants received drawing materials courtesy of Faber Castell, who has supported the event since 2009. The winning artwork will be featured in the 2025 ICRF wall and desktop calendars, continuing the event's mission to foster young artistic talent.

ABTTA Honors Pioneers and Launches Major Training Initiative

The Bahraini Association of Travel and Tourism Agencies (ABTTA) marked Bahraini Women's Day by honoring sixteen pioneering women in the sector, recognized for their dedication and experience spanning up to 47 years. Held at the Domain Hotel in Manama, the ceremony was attended by Minister of Tourism Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi. ABTTA President, Fatima Ahmed, celebrated the women as an "active force" who have led companies and represented Bahrain internationally. Furthermore, the ABTTA unveiled a major initiative for 2026: an extensive training program aiming to qualify 100 employees in partnership with the "Origin Training Center." The course, which grants IATA certification, will focus on essential modern skills like effective communication, content creation, and social media management.



MUHARRAQ GOVERNORATES OPENS HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBITION FOR NATIONAL DAY



The Muharraq Governorate inaugurated a Historical Photo Exhibition at the Busaiten Community Events Hall, running till 9th December, 2025, as part of Bahrain's National Day celebrations. The opening was attended by high-profile officials, including Speaker of the House, H.E. Mr. Ahmed bin Salman Al-Musallam, Governor of Muharraq, H.E. Mr. Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al-Mannai, and Chief of Public Security, H.E. Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al-Hassan. The exhibition features over 300 rare historical photographs and valuable documents, showcasing Muharraq's rich heritage, traditional crafts, and historical development. H.E. Al-Musallam praised the event for highlighting national belonging and preserving authentic Bahraini heritage. H.E. Al-Mannai emphasized the exhibition's role in reinforcing national identity and consolidating Muharraq's status as a cradle of culture. The exhibition is open to the public on Monday and Tuesday in two sessions: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 4:00 PM-9:00 PM.

BKS-DC International Book Festival & Cultural Carnival Opens in Bahrain



The 9th BKS-DC International Book Festival and Cultural Carnival, a collaboration between Bahrain Keraleeya Samaj (BKS) and DC Books, was inaugurated. H.E. Vinod K. Jacob, the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, formally opened the event, which was preceded by a musical performance by over 80 students from the Asian School. The ceremony featured renowned poet and lyricist Prabha Varma as the guest of honor. BKS President P.V. Radhakrishna Pillai delivered the keynote address, and the Ambassador officially addressed the audience by lighting the lamp. Running daily until December 14th (9 am to 11 pm), the festival showcases nearly one lakh books, including a dedicated children's section, alongside a photography exhibition. Daily cultural programs, including music, dance, and Indian art forms, begin at 7:30 pm, followed by book launches and interactive sessions with guest authors. The festival and exhibitions are open to the public daily.

CAMPUS

Indian School Bahrain student wins gold in Khalid bin Hamad Chess Championship



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) student has won laurels to the institution by securing gold medal in the Khalid bin Hamad Chess Championship for Bahrain's schools for the academic year 2025-2026. Dhruvi Panigrahi of Class 8 secured gold medal and Individual Championship in 12-14 age category for girls. Jeff George of Class 4 emerged runners up in 9-11 age category for boys. They were trained under the guidance of Physical Education Teacher Saikat Sarkar. ISB Hon. Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese, Hon. Secretary V Rajapandian, Hon. Vice-Chairman and Hon. Member - Sports Dr. Mohammed Faizal, EC Members, Principal VR Palaniswamy, Senior School and Academic Administration Vice-Principal G. Satheesh, and Physical Education HoD Sridhar Siva Samiayya congratulated the students and coach

New Millennium School - Bahrain hosts Udaan 2025



Manama

To keep the spirit of multilingualism alive among the children, New Millennium School, Bahrain, hosted its annual Inter-School Hindi Oratory competitions – UDAAN, 2025 on 6th December, 2025. Students from all the CBSE schools in the Kingdom, gathered at a common platform to showcase their talents. The entire auditorium buzzed with excitement and zeal as the students show-cased their talent in Hindi Patriotic Song presentations, monologue contest, Humorous poetry recitation, and street play competition. Among the triumphant participants were, Aryan Ashwin

of New Millennium School, who won the 1st prize in Hindi Patriotic Song Competition, Diya Arun, of New Horizon School bagging the 2nd place and Nihla Fathima of Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School securing the 3rd position. Riddhima Lal of Bahrain Indian School, emerged as the proud winner of the Hindi Ekal Abhinay (Monologue) Competition bagging the 1st position, followed by Manas Sharma of New Millennium School and Pratyusha Dey of The Indian School securing the 2nd and the 3rd positions respectively. In the Selfcomposed Humorous Poetry Competition, Kinshuk Pancholi of The Indian School bagged the 1st position



followed by Momin Maryam Sameen of Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School and Sayyad Yusuf of Bahrain Indian school emerging as the second and the third winners.

The team from Bahrain Indian school clinched the winning title in the Hindi Street Play competition, followed by the team from Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School bagging the second position and the New Horizon school team placing themselves in the third position. School Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai and Principal Dr Arun Kuumar Sharma, applauded the efforts put in by the Hindi Department in successfully organizing the spectacular show in coordination with the Head Mistress (Activities & Administration). They also congratulated the proud winners and extended their wishes to the mentors and the parents.



From Bahrain to Yale: Young Scholars Shine on World Stage

Neethu Vayalakkara
TDT | Manama

Three students from Sacred Heart School, Bahrain, achieved remarkable success at the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions (ToC), held at Yale University, USA, from 6 to 11 November 2025. Their participation marked a proud moment for the school and underscored Bahrain's growing presence in global academic competitions. The team of Maverick Coutinho, Natalya Nair, and Gershom Joe, qualified for the Tournament of Champions after strong performances at the Bahrain regional round and later at one of the World Scholar's Cup Global Rounds. Their achievement



ment was formally recognised through an official invitation issued by the WSC team.

Accompanied by Flavina Vaz, mother of Maverick Coutinho, the Sacred Heart delegation joined over 1,500 scholars from around the world. The Tournament of Champions is hosted annually by the Yale International Relations Association (YIRA), a non-profit student organisation at Yale University. Since 2012, YIRA has partnered with the World Scholar's Cup to host this flagship event, aimed at fostering global awareness, critical thinking, and intellectual collaboration among school-aged students. Throughout the competition, participants explored a wide range of academic disciplines, including science, technology, history, literature, social scienc-

es, arts, and current affairs. Students engaged in debates, collaborative writing, the Scholars Challenge, and the Scholars Bowl, testing both individual capability and team synergy. **Achievements** The Sacred Heart students excelled across multiple events, earning 10 medals overall: Maverick Coutinho won 3 Gold Medals (Collaborative Writing, Team Collaborative Writing, Scholars Bowl); Natalya Nair secured 2 Gold (Team Collaborative Writing, Scholars Bowl) and 2 Silver Medals (Individual Debate, Collaborative Writing); and Gershom Joe achieved 2 Gold (Team Collaborative Writing, Scholars Bowl) and 1 Silver Medal (Collaborative Writing).

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Australia crush England by eight wickets for Ashes lead

Smith finishes the job as Australia outplay England in all departments

● England's batting collapses again under pressure

● Michael Nesar takes a career-best 5-42

● Steve Smith hits the winning six

AFP | Brisbane

Australia cruised to an emphatic eight-wicket win over England in the day-night second Ashes Test in Brisbane yesterday for an ominous 2-0 lead in the series.

Set a paltry target of 65 for victory, Australia captain Steve Smith pulled Gus Atkinson for a huge six over square leg to get the job done in style.

Although not as humiliating as the two-day loss in the first Test at Perth, England were comprehensively outplayed in every department.

Australia are now overwhelming favourites to retain the Ashes with matches in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney to follow.

"Great day. First two days were pretty even, game turned when we were able to extend to get the new ball under lights, that was crucial for us," said Smith, who clashed verbally with England bowler Jofra Archer as the hosts raced to victory.

"It can be tricky with the pink ball, it changes really quickly and you have to adapt."

For England it was more misery.

Their batting, apart from Joe Root and Zak Crawley in the first innings and captain Ben



Australia's captain Steve Smith (C) celebrates with team mate Jake Weatherald (2nd L) after hitting the winning runs

Stokes and Will Jacks in the second, was just as rash as in Perth.

They gave their wickets away with poor strokes on the bouncy Gabba surface.

They also bowled poorly, pitching too short and wasting the new pink ball, in stark contrast to an Australian attack missing spearheads Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood.

To make matters worse England dropped five catches in the first innings, whereas Australia's fielders caught everything that came their way.

Josh Inglis's brilliant run-out of Stokes in the first innings changed the course of the match. "Obviously very disappointing," said Stokes.

"I think a lot of it comes down to not being able to stand up to the pressure of this game, this format, when the game is on the line."

England were behind the game once they let Australia's tail help the home side post 511 on Saturday, an overall lead of 177.

They then lost six second-innings wickets under lights to end the third day 134-6, still 43 runs behind the Australian total.

While many expected England to surrender meekly yesterday, Stokes and all-rounder Jacks led a fighting rearguard action to ensure Australia had to bat a second time.

Stokes and Jacks defied the Australian pace attack on a fiercely hot day to edge their way past the initial deficit target and begin to set Australia something to chase.

Flicker of resistance

England batting coach Marcus Trescothick said Saturday his batsmen would not change their

aggressive approach, despite a clatter of wickets from poor shots.

But Stokes and Jacks were patient during the first session yesterday.

They left balls they didn't need to play and seemed happy to take their runs in singles rather than expansive boundary shots.

They scored just 28 runs in the first hour and passed the 43-run deficit 96 minutes into the session, scoring only 59 runs in the two hours.

The Australian bowlers, who ran rampant under lights on Saturday with the pink ball, were far more ineffective yesterday, despite the wicket beginning to play some tricks.

The English offered only one chance when Scott Boland squared up Stokes, who got a thick edge over the slips cordon.



Josh Inglis's brilliant running throw to dismiss Ben Stokes in the first innings swung momentum sharply Australia's way, a moment the hosts later credited as a decisive turning point

They continued to frustrate the Australians in the second session until just before the drinks break Jacks got an edge to Michael Nesar and Smith snared a breath-taking catch at slip, diving full length to his left and catching it low to the ground.

Nesar struck again in the next over when Stokes nibbled at a ball outside the off-stump and got a fine edge to keeper Alex Carey to leave England 227-8, a lead of exactly 50.

Atkinson, Brydon Carse and Archer offered no real resistance as Nesar recorded career-best figures of 5-42.

Sixty-five was never going to be enough and although Australia lost Travis Head and Marnus Labuschagne in the chase, Smith and Jake Weatherald guided the home side to an easy win.

"A great game of cricket, very clinical," said Inglis, who was born in England.

"Timing is a big thing in pink-ball cricket, when you're batting and bowling."

Messi dazzles as Miami beat Vancouver to win MLS title

AFP | Miami

Lionel Messi inspired Inter Miami to their first ever MLS Cup title on Saturday, playing a starring role in a 3-1 victory over the Vancouver Whitecaps in Florida.

Argentina superstar Messi provided assists for two goals and helped create another to spark wild celebrations before a rapturous home crowd at the Chase Stadium in Fort Lauderdale.

"This is the the moment that I've been waiting for, and that we as a team have been waiting for," Messi, named MLS Cup Most Valuable Player, said afterwards.

Miami took the lead after an early Edier Ocampo own goal but were left reeling by Ali Ahmed's second half-equaliser for Vancouver.

But Messi then laid on an assist for Argentina international team-mate Rodrigo De Paul to put Miami 2-1 up before supplying the pass for Tadeo Allende's injury time goal that sealed victory.

Miami's first Major League Soccer crown provided glittering vindication for co-owner David Beckham, the former



Lionel Messi celebrates with his Inter Miami team-mates after their MLS Cup victory over Vancouver Whitecaps

England and Manchester United star who had long dreamed of bringing success to Miami.

"There was a lot of sleepless nights, but I always believed," Beckham said afterwards. "I always believed in bringing the team here, and when I found the right partners I knew anything was possible."

"We always promised our fans that we would bring success, and bring the best players, and today we've achieved that."

Vancouver -- spearheaded by

German legend Thomas Mueller -- had looked the likelier victor after recovering from Ocampo's eighth minute own goal to level through Ali Ahmed in the 60th minute.

The Whitecaps almost took the lead moments after the equaliser, with Emmanuel Sabbi's shot crashing off both posts in the 62nd minute as Miami escaped.

Costly mistakes

But with the Whitecaps in

complete control, the Canadians were stunned when Miami regained the lead after a blunder by midfielder Andres Cubas.

Cubas took too long in possession and was robbed by Messi, who skipped clear before releasing De Paul to provide the clinical finish.

Vancouver never recovered from that hammer blow and Miami started the party in injury time when Messi played in Allende for the third to make it 3-1.



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DAVID BECKHAM

Whitecaps coach Jesper Sorensen said his team had never recovered after falling behind to De Paul's goal against the run of play.

"We made a few mistakes and they took advantage of them," Sorensen said.

"We made a mistake -- the ball dropped for Messi and he made the pass to Rodrigo. A game is decided in a few moments, and when you play Miami, they have the players to take advantage of these moments."

The win marks the crowning achievement of Inter Miami since the club -- which entered the league as an expansion club in 2020 -- successfully lured World Cup-winner Messi to Miami in 2023.

Rutter rescues Brighton in West Ham draw

Stoppage-time goal denies West Ham vital win in relegation fight

- **Georginio Rutter scores last-minute equaliser for Brighton**
- **West Ham remain 18th in Premier League**
- **Brighton stays in European qualification hunt**

AFP | London

Brighton forward Georginio Rutter stopped West Ham climbing out of the Premier League relegation zone with a last-gasp equaliser in a dramatic 1-1 draw yesterday.

Nuno Espirito Santo's side were moments away from escaping the bottom three thanks to Jarrod Bowen's second half strike at the Amex Stadium.

But Rutter grabbed Brighton's leveller in stoppage-time to leave West Ham stuck in 18th place.

The third-bottom Hammers are two points behind fourth-bottom Nottingham Forest in the fight for survival.

Conceding so late was a painful blow for West Ham but after holding Manchester United to



West Ham United's English defender #63 Ezra Mayers (R) clears the ball from Brighton's French midfielder #10 Georginio Rutter (behind)

a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford on Thursday, West Ham's battling display was further evidence of their improvement since Nuno replaced the sacked Graham Potter in September.

West Ham have lost just one of their last six league matches to revive their survival hopes.

Brighton blew a two-goal lead in a 4-3 defeat against Aston Villa in midweek, surrendering

their 10-match unbeaten run at home in the process.

Avoiding another loss in front of their own fans kept seventh placed Brighton in the hunt for European qualification.

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West Ham midfielder Lucas Paqueta recently returned from suspension, having been previously cleared of all charges in a spot-fixing investigation launched by the Football Association in 2024

On the rain-lashed south-coast, both teams struggled to cope with the treacherous conditions.

West Ham boss Nuno Espirito Santo brought Lucas Paqueta back into the team after his suspension for a needless dismissal provoked by two incidents of dissent in quick succession against Liverpool.

The 28-year-old claimed his behaviour was the result of frustration at a spot-fixing investigation launched against him by the Football Association in 2024 that ended this summer

with Paqueta being cleared of all charges.

Nuno said Paqueta was still affected by the investigation but the Brazilian went close to putting West Ham ahead with stinging strike that Bart Verbruggen pushed away.

Verbruggen kept Brighton level with a brilliant double save after half-time, clawing away Bowen's deflected effort before quickly scrambling to his feet to stop Crysencio Summerville's volley.

West Ham finally made the breakthrough in the 73rd minute.

Jan Paul van Hecke's careless back header was intercepted by Callum Wilson and he slipped a pass towards Bowen, who stretched for a low shot that crept past Verbruggen from an acute angle.

However, Brighton laid siege to the West Ham goal in the closing stages and snatched their equaliser in stoppage-time.

West Ham keeper Alphonse Areola made two saves in a penalty area scramble, but Rutter pounced on the loose ball and squeezed his low shot into the net from close-range.

FA Cup holders Crystal Palace will climb to fourth place if they win at Fulham in yesterday's other game.

Salah opens door to Liverpool exit with 'thrown under the bus' rant

AFP | London

Mohamed Salah took aim at Liverpool manager Arne Slot in an astonishing rant that could spell the end of his legendary career at Anfield after claiming he has been "thrown under the bus" during the Premier League champions' slump in form.

The Egyptian was left on the bench for the third consecutive game in Saturday's 3-3 draw at Leeds and was not even introduced as a substitute by Slot.

After next weekend's home match against Brighton, Salah is set to depart for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) and hinted that could be his final appearance in a Liverpool shirt should he be selected.

"I'm very, very disappointed. I have done so much for this club down the years and especially last season," Salah told reporters in the mixed zone at Elland Road.

"Now I'm sitting on the bench and I don't know why. It seems like the club has thrown me under the bus. That is how I am feeling. I think it is very clear that someone wanted me to get all of the blame."

"I got a lot of promises in the summer and so far I am in the bench for three games, so I can't say they keep the promise. I said many times before that I had a good relationship with the manager and all of a sudden, we don't have any relationship. I don't know why, but it seems to me, how I see it, that someone doesn't want me in the club."

"This club, I always support it. My kids will always support it. I love the club so much, I will always do. I called my mum yes-



Liverpool's Egyptian striker #11 Mohamed Salah applauds fans on the pitch

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MOHAMED SALAH

terday — you guys didn't know if I would start or not, but I knew.

"Yesterday I said to (my parents), 'Come to the Brighton game.' I don't know if I am going to play or not but I am going to enjoy it."

"In my head, I'm going to enjoy that game because I don't know what is going to happen

now. I will be at Anfield to say goodbye to the fans and go the Africa cup. I don't know what is going to happen when I am there."

Saudi speculation

Salah is Liverpool's third highest goalscorer of all time with 250 goals in 420 appearances, winning two Premier League titles and the Champions League since joining from Roma in 2017.

However, he has been a shadow of his former self during Liverpool's struggles this season.

Slot's men have won just two of their last 10 Premier League games to slip to eighth in the table.

Salah has scored just five times in 19 appearances this season but had been a regular starter until last weekend's 2-0 win at West Ham.

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Crowning glory

Tearful Norris completes ‘long journey’ to become new Formula One world champion

AFP | Abu Dhabi

Lando Norris claimed his maiden drivers’ championship yesterday to complete McLaren’s first title double since 1998 with a perfectly-judged drive to finish third behind Red Bull’s winner Max Verstappen and team-mate Oscar Piastri.

A tearful Norris won the title by two points ahead of Verstappen, who relinquished his crown after four consecutive years, in a tense and emotional season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix dominated by strategy and tactics.

After crossing the line his team engineer told him: “That’s it mate, you are world champion, world champion!”

“Thank you guys, you made a kid’s dream come true,” he replied.

“I haven’t cried in a while, I didn’t think I would cry but I did,” Norris said on the podium in the desert night at the floodlit Yas Marina circuit.

Support

“I want to thank my mum, my dad, they’ve supported me since the beginning.

“It feels amazing, I know now what Max feels like a little bit. I want to congratulate both Max



Norris, centre, celebrates his achievement with his team. (AFP)

and Oscar, I’ve enjoyed it, it’s been a long year!” he added.

McLaren, headed by team principal Andrea Stella and CEO Zak Brown, secured back-to-back constructors’ titles in Singapore last month.

Exciting

“That was exciting, a little too exciting, awesome,” said Brown. “What an effort, Lando and Oscar, what a fantastic season!” added the American.

“I’m so proud of our drivers, we let them race to the end. It’s been a dream with these two

guys, as that Max guy is hard to beat so what an accomplishment.”

Norris becomes Britain’s first world champion since Lewis Hamilton in 2020 with this 13th drivers’ crown for McLaren.

Success

The 26-year-old’s success comes over half a century after Emerson Fittipaldi claimed the British marque’s first drivers’ title in 1974.

A galaxy of F1 greats followed - James Hunt (1976), Niki Lauda (1984), Alain Prost (1985, 1986,

1989), Ayrton Senna (1988, 1990, 1991), Mika Hakkinen (1998, 1999) and Hamilton in 2008.

Assessing his path to glory Norris added: “As we’ve seen many times, anything can happen. So I just kept pushing. I wanted to fight to the end. (Verstappen and Piastri) certainly did not make my life easy this year. But I am happy!

Long journey

“It has been a long journey with McLaren, I’ve been with them for nine years.

“For me to bring something

Champion colours



Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), ‘The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East’, turns Papaya to celebrate a new World Champion: Lando Norris!

back to them, I feel like I did my part for the team this year so I’m proud of myself.”

Piastri, who had led the championship for much of the season before being overtaken by Norris in Mexico, finished third in the standings.

Sunday’s season-closer was the first time the title was decided by a contest involving more than two drivers since a four-way scrap at the final race in Abu Dhabi in 2010.

‘Never give up’

Norris showed great discipline and patience as he executed his race under extreme pressure knowing that any error could gift the title to an unforgiving and relentless Verstappen or Piastri, who led the championship for 15 Grands Prix this year.

“I’m definitely not disappoint-

ed,” said Verstappen.

“I am proud of everyone. We never give up.”

It was Verstappen’s fifth win in Abu Dhabi and extended the Yas Marina Circuit’s record in producing 11 consecutive winners from pole position as he came home 12.594 seconds clear of Piastri with Norris third, 3.9sec further adrift.

Charles Leclerc, who was pressing Norris for much of the race, came fourth for a revitalised Ferrari, ahead of Mercedes’ George Russell, Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin and Esteban Ocon of Haas.

Seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton finished a solid eighth for Ferrari, after starting 16th, ahead of Oliver Bearman of Haas and Nico Hulkenberg, in his 250th Grand Prix, of Audi-bound Sauber.

How Lando Norris won the F1 title

Norris’s victory caps a season of intense rivalry within his own McLaren team

AFP | Abu Dhabi

The road was rocky and rife with twists and turns but it ultimately led Lando Norris to his desired destination in Abu Dhabi yesterday - the summit of Formula One.

Norris’s title heroics were as much down to his flair and fighting spirit as it was a tale of two teammates.

Throughout this long and draining 24-race campaign the pendulum of power swung between Norris and Oscar Piastri, his McLaren teammate.

Add in four-time deposed champion Max Verstappen’s remarkable late fightback and it produced a title skirmish for the ages.

A white knuckle ride that kept F1 fans enthralled and tested to the limits the resurgent McLaren’s ‘papaya rules’ of allowing their two gifted drivers to race unencumbered by team orders.

For much of the year the calm and collected Piastri appeared to hold the upper hand.

Nothing seemed to faze the Australian, and a three-win streak in Bahrain, Jeddah and Miami suggested the title was his to lose.

For Norris, 26, this was a painful period.



McLaren’s British driver Lando Norris performs a donut as he celebrates winning the world championship title

Unlike Piastri he wore his heart on his sleeve, publicly berating himself for the slightest error as he sought perfectionism.

By the time the F1 circus pitched up in Monaco a cooler, more detached less self-critical Norris nailed a track record lap for pole and a first win in the Principality.

He shrugged off a DNF after crashing into Piastri in Canada with wins in Austria, Silverstone and Hungary.

An avid golfer, Norris’s title ambitions however looked lost in F1’s long rough at Zandvoort after a breakdown in the Dutch Grand Prix left him trailing Piastri by a massive 34 points.

The weight of expectation as

‘champion-in-waiting’ then appeared to play mind games in Piastri’s head.

He suffered an opening lap crash in Baku after a “silly error” as the air of invincibility appeared to desert the young Aussie.

McLaren wrapped up their second successive constructors’ title in Singapore but that

feat was overshadowed as the friendly but feisty relationship between their two drivers boiled over, sparks flying on the streets of Singapore as the duelling duo collided wheel-to-wheel.

“So are we cool with Lando just barging me out of the way there?” Piastri complained.

Norris finally regained the championship initiative by one

point for the first time since April in Mexico, followed by a perfect sprint/race from pole performance in Brazil.

McLaren’s dramatic double disqualification in Las Vegas opened the title door for Verstappen, who won in Qatar last weekend before Norris sealed the deal by making the podium at Yas Marina to deny Verstappen by a priceless two points.



Tensions peaked in Singapore when Norris and Piastri collided wheel-to-wheel—an explosive moment that highlighted McLaren’s “no team orders” philosophy during one of the most fiercely contested seasons in modern F1