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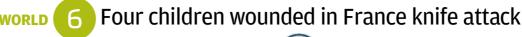
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Tom Holland 'taking a year off' from acting

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BNI launches first chapter in Bahrain



HIs Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister yesterday attended the wedding of the grandson of the President of the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB). Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa



HRH Prince Salman during talks yesterday with outgoing Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava

HRH lauds Indian community, calls for further boosting bilateral ties

Hails the contribution of Indian envoy in strengthening bilateral relations





Sultan of Brunei arrives today

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Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei will arrive in Bahrain today for an official visit, according to an announcement by the Royal Court. The visit aims to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries and discuss regional and international developments of mutual interest.

During the visit, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Sultan Bolkiah will engage in talks, exploring ways to enhance cooperation and collaboration in various fields. Both leaders will exchange views on key

issues of common concern. The Royal Court welcomed the Sultan and his accompanying delegation, expressing their hopes for a fruitful and successful visit.

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Piyush Srivastava completes his term in Bahrain

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and Prime Minister, yesterday hailed the significant contribu-Kingdom's comprehensive de- stering Bahrain-India ties. velopment.

ther strengthen the ties to fulfil opment onward. the aspiration of both the nations and their people.

His Royal Highness Prince bassador of India to Bahrain, nurturing partnerships with In-Salman bin Hamad Al Piyush Srivastava, marking the dia across multiple sectors. welfare of citizens in both countries. Vinod K Jacob, a native of Khalifa, the Crown Prince end of his tenure, at Gudaibiya

Prince Salman expressed apthe Indian community to the role played by Srivastava in bol-

HRH also specifically ac-

tinuous growth of Bahrain-In- played by the members of the Said. Expressing his gratitude, dia ties across various sectors, Indian community in propelling Ambassador Piyush Srivasta-HRH stressed the need to fur- Bahrain's comprehensive devel-

bassador continued success in ing the Crown Prince's unwa-The remarks came, as HRH his future responsibilities, HRH vering support in enhancing Prince Salman spoke with Am- underscored his keenness to Bahrain-India relations for the

conveyed to Srivastava the im- an Foreign Service Officer, will portance of building upon the replace Srivastava as the next tions made by the members of preciation for the commendable accomplishments achieved by ambassador to Bahrain. He is both friendly nations for the presently Deputy High Com-

"This is crucial to meeting Commission in Sri Lanka.

Expressing delight in the con- knowledge the pivotal role mutually beneficial goals," HRH va conveyed his appreciation to His Royal Highness for the Furthermore, wishing Am- opportunity to meet, commend-HIS Royal Highness also Kerala and a 2000-batch Indibetterment and progress of all. missioner in the Indian High

HM King approves united GCC payment system

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The agreement for Linking the Payment Systems of Bahrain to that of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries has received the endorsement of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Bahrain officially signed the agreement on October 20, 2021, after it was approved by the Shura and Representatives councils.

The agreement will come into effect after publication in the Official Gazette.



HIs Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chairs Government Executive Committee meeting.

Lebanon recalls France envoy after rape accusation: ministry

AFP | Beirut

ebanon's foreign minis-**L** try said yesterday it was recalling its ambassador to France, Rami Adwan, after an investigation was opened into allegations of rape and intentional violence by the

"Following the circumstances surrounding the case of the Lebanese ambassador to France... it has been decided to recall ambassador Rami Adwan," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Adwan is being investigated in France following complaints by two former embassy employees. He has diplomatic immunity but could face trial if Lebanon agrees to lift it.

Lebanon this week sent an investigation team to the embassy in Paris to question the ambassador and hear statements from embassy

Thursday's foreign ministry statement said the decision to recall Adwan also came "in light of" the dispatch of that team to

It said a charge d'affaires was appointed as head of mission on Wednesday.

Take back IS fighters, Saudi, US tell nations

Urges funds for Iraq, Syria

Aims to raise \$601 million

United States pledges \$148 million

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▼he United States pledged for stabilisation efforts Saudi Arabia in urging Western Saudi Arabia



\$148 million yesterday US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (3rd L) meets with Yemeni Presidential Leadership Council President Rashad al-Alimi (3rd R), during the ministerial in Iraq and Syria as it joined meeting for the Global Coalition to Defeat IS (Islamic State group), in Riyadh, states to repatriate foreign Islamic State group fighters and their relatives.

The announcement was made at a ministerial meeting of the international coalition against IS in Riyadh, which was co-hosted by Saudi Arabia and the United States with the aim of raising \$601 million for a stabilisation

"I'm announcing that the United States is committing \$148.7 million to that fund," said US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who kicked-off a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

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