



HRH Prince Salman appoints directors to ministry posts



HRH Prince Salman
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, issued Edict (38) of 2025 regarding the appointment of a Director at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, based on a proposal by the Minister of Finance and National Economy.

Lubna Khalid Mohammed Al Wazzan shall be appointed as Director of the Human and Financial Resources Directorate at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

HRH Prince Salman issued Edict (39) of 2025 regarding the appointment of Mohammed Abdullah Husain Al Malki as Director of the Project Implementation Follow-up Directorate at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, succeeding Mohammed Abdulaziz Rashdan, based on a proposal by the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning.

Jail term upheld for unlicensed investor who took BD80,000

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The High Criminal Court of Appeal has upheld a five-year prison sentence and a BD100,000 fine against a Bahraini man convicted of running an unlicensed investment scheme.

He has also been ordered to repay more than BD80,000 to nine victims.

The 30-year-old, employed as a sales representative, persuaded several individuals to hand over large sums in 2024.

He claimed the money would be invested in electronics and air-conditioning services.

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Bahrain Expands Scholarship Access

Evening school students included

● 300 nursing seats offered

● Al-Azhar studies supported

● Application process upgraded

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Bahrain has expanded its national scholarship programme to cover over 4,000 grants and scholarships for high-achieving students graduating from the 2024-2025 academic year, with a new digital system rolled out to streamline the application process.

The plan includes special allocations for nursing, studies

at Al-Azhar University, and extends eligibility to non-traditional students such as evening school and home study graduates.

The announcement came after His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, approved the updated study mission plan.

The initiative targets graduates of both public and private secondary schools who secured a grade point average of 90 percent or above.

Royal backing emphasised

H.E. Dr. Juma underscored that the scholarship expansion reflects the continued support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma

He noted that 1,900 scholarships will go to students scoring 95 percent or higher, and 2,300 for those in the 90-94.9 percent bracket.

Applicants who meet the criteria may complete scholarship procedures within two months of receiving their university admission.

Priority fields and access

This year's plan includes 300



Al-Azhar University in Cairo is one of the oldest operating universities in the world, dating back to 970 AD, and remains a global centre for Sunni Islamic scholarship.

scholarships earmarked for nursing studies, alongside 12 international scholarships in the United States and the United Kingdom, and five slots for religious studies at Al-Azhar

University.

The programme also reserves hundreds of seats in local and regional universities.

In a key shift towards accessibility, the ministry has eliminated the need for password-based SMS login, replacing it with direct access to the application links.

Digital registration live

Students can apply through the Ministry's main website (www.moe.gov.bh) or the scholarship portal (scholarship.moe.gov.bh) from Tuesday until the end of Monday, July 14. The new system is designed to reduce delays and improve user experience for thousands of applicants.

The move aims to align the scholarship system with the kingdom's broader digital transformation goals in education.

Royal care for education



The care provided by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Honorary President of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), for its beneficiaries is a fundamental pillar in building the nation's future. This care helps raise their intellectual and educational standards, reflecting HM the King's commitment to broadening knowledge, strengthening students' ability to support national progress, and creating an encouraging learning environment for youth. This was emphasised by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the RHF, as he attended the 21st ceremony honouring 653 students from various educational stages who achieved a grade of 95% or above during the 2024/2025 academic year, in addition to honouring 26 graduates who received bachelor's degrees through Foundation scholarships. HH Shaikh Nasser commended the support the RHF receives from the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, through various plans, programmes, and ongoing support for students.

Italy airport tragedy

Man dies after being sucked into plane engine

AFP | Rome

A man died after being sucked into the engine of a plane preparing to take off at Bergamo Airport in northern Italy yesterday, an airport spokesperson revealed.

The victim, who was "neither a passenger nor an airport

employee", forced his way onto the runway, where he was "pursued" in vain by airport security, according to the spokesperson for airport management company SACBO.

According to Italy's Corriere della Sera daily, the man was a 35-year-old Italian.

It said he burst into the air-

port, then used an emergency exit to rush onto the runway toward an aircraft preparing for take-off.

Earlier in the day, Spanish airline Volotea wrote on social media that its flight from Bergamo to Asturias in Spain was involved in an "incident" at 10:35 am (0835 GMT).

"One person not onboard and not affiliated with the company was seriously injured. All 154 passengers and six crew are safe," it said on X.

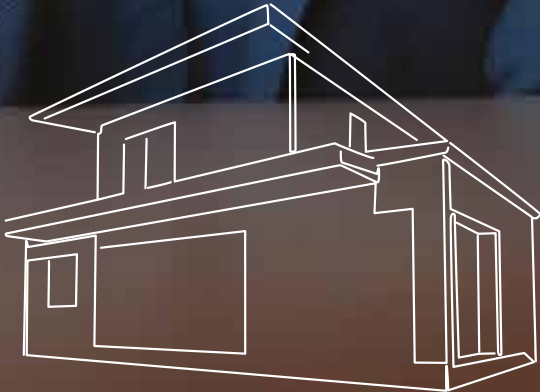
"We are doing everything possible to support the affected passengers and crew, providing them with psychological support, while working in close

coordination with the Italian authorities." The plane was an Airbus A319, according to tracking website Flightradar24.

Flights were suspended at Bergamo Airport, Italy's third largest by passenger volume, following the incident, but resumed at midday, according to SACBO.

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Vehicle theft charges collapse

● Over lack of proof

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Three men accused of stealing a vehicle in the capital were acquitted after a judge found the case against them too shaky to stand.

Two of the accused turned up to court and denied any part in the alleged theft, which took place in February.

The third, though legally summoned, stayed away and was tried in his absence.

Prosecutors claimed the three had made off with personal belongings belonging to a man named in the case file and pushed for punishment under Article 380(7) of the Penal Code.

The pair who showed up denied the charge when it was read out.

Representing the second man, defence lawyer Jassim Al Isa filed a plea asking for acquittal. The court took his argument on board.

The judge reviewed the file, heard the arguments and gave the evidence a close look.

Safety first

MPs demand lights and cameras on deadly Sitra road

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Calls for surveillance cameras and temporary lighting on the industrial road in Sitra have been submitted to the government by MPs Jaleela Alawi Al Sayed and Mohsen Al Asbool, following the death of a man in a traffic accident.

The pair said the road, which cuts through the village's industrial zone, is pitch black at night and lacks even the most basic safety features, despite carrying a steady stream of lorries, cars and workers at all hours.

They warned that the situation has spiralled, with mounting complaints from residents and repeated collisions.

In their joint submission, they pressed for cameras to help police the area and deter rule-breaking, and for lights, even if only temporary, to make



MP Jaleela Alawi the road passable and less of a hazard once night falls.

Danger

They added that the danger extends beyond this single stretch.

Other roads across Sitra, many of which are currently being dug up or reworked, are also in need of quick fixes to prevent further loss of life while those projects



MP Mohsen Al Asbool crawl to completion.

"The darkness is choking the island," they said, describing the toll it is taking on road safety.

Action

They called on those in charge to step in and take action before the next tragedy.

Their final remark was pointed: repeated public appeals should not be met with silence,



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especially where lives are concerned.

The proposal, they said, must be studied and acted upon without delay.

Nose bite in stable scuffle leads to jail term

● Three years behind bars and fined BD50

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A man has been jailed for three years and another fined BD50 following a scuffle in a stable that left one of them with part of his nose gone and a long-term injury.

The Appeals Court upheld both sentences after a fight between a 42-year-old and a man in his thirties ended with the younger one suffering damage described by doctors as a 10 per cent permanent disability.

It began when a nearby worker heard shouting and rushed to find the two men grappling on the ground. He stepped in to break it up.

The older man fled in a car while the witness and another man tried to stop the bleeding from the other's face.

Blood

Blood was pouring from his nose.

During questioning, the older man admitted he had bitten his opponent several times.

He said he was pinned down and only trying to get him off.

The younger man said he had been thrown to the ground and bitten three times. One bite was to his nose, the others to his stomach and thigh.



Cooperation agreement

The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and "Osool" (Assets) signed a cooperation agreement. The signing was attended by Major General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources, and Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Osool, along with a number of senior BDF officers and Osool executives.

Plans to cap domestic helper fees could 'backfire'

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Plans to cap the fee for bringing in domestic helpers may backfire, the government has warned, arguing that a single price would dull rivalry among Bahrain's recruitment offices and leave households with fewer options.

In a paper sent to the Shura Council, the Cabinet said that if every agency must charge the same amount, many would focus only on workers from countries that cost less to recruit yet yield a higher mark-up, crowding out other nationalities.

The government set out its own moves to keep a closer eye on the trade. A web portal is being built to log every step of the hiring process for foreign workers, domestic staff included.

When the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) spots a sudden rise in agency fees, it orders the firm involved to spell out the reason, then



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decides on any action.

Audited accounts

The government is also weighing a rule that would force agencies to file audited accounts on a regular basis so inspectors can see how much profit they make and judge if a cap on margins is needed.

Talks are in progress with labour-sending countries on agreements that would shave down recruitment costs and make direct hiring simpler.

While price control sounds helpful, the Cabinet insists rigid rates could lead to poorer service and a thinner spread of choices for families.

Man jailed for life over hammer killing and arson

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A man who killed his flatmate with a hammer and set fire to their shared accommodation in Tubli has been sentenced to life in prison.

The High Criminal Court also

ordered the confiscation of the weapon used and ruled that the man be permanently deported from Bahrain once he has served his time.

The case began on 9 April 2025, when a fire broke out in

a workers' residence in Tubli.

Inside, police discovered the body of an Asian man with severe injuries to the head.

The Public Prosecution launched an immediate investigation.

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Death sentence for killing neighbor

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A man who lay in wait and stabbed his neighbour to death outside his home in Shakhura has been sentenced to death.

The First High Criminal Court delivered the ruling yesterday after finding that the accused, aged in his forties, had carried out the killing on purpose and with planning.

The victim, who lived nearby, was attacked without warning as he stepped out of his house.

The man behind the stabbing was not only a neighbour but also a relative, prosecutors said.



Body

Police were called after the body was found in the street, not far from the victim's front door. He had been stabbed several

times.

The Public Prosecution launched an immediate investigation. A team visited the scene, along with a forensic doctor and crime

The First High Criminal Court handed down the death sentence for deliberate and pre-planned murder.

scene officers.

They examined the body, took samples, and noted marks at the site.

Identity

Camera footage from the area and statements from nearby residents pointed to the man's identity. He was picked up by police

and, under questioning, admitted to the killing.

The man told prosecutors he had made up his mind to get rid of the victim following earlier disputes between them.

He then waited outside the victim's home and struck with a knife.

Weapon

The forensic team examined the wounds, confirming they matched the weapon seized.

The man remained in custody while the case was reviewed.

After several hearings, the court handed down the death sentence for deliberate and pre-planned murder.

Jail terms upheld for sisters credit card fraud

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Two sisters have lost their appeal after being convicted of helping run a credit card scam, acting on instructions from a man based overseas who used them to buy and resell dozens of mobile phones using stolen card details.

The Supreme Criminal Appeals Court upheld their convictions for fraud and money laundering.

Fine

It ordered each sister to pay a fine of BD100,000 and kept their original four-year prison terms in place. The pair will be deported once they finish their sentences.

The man behind the scheme, who was prosecuted in his absence, was sentenced to six years in prison and fined the same amount.

The court also ordered the seizure of BD21,846 and 639 files traced to the proceeds of the scheme.

Tarqan Charms Bahrain Stage

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Families across Bahrain are in for a wave of childhood memories as celebrated Space-toon composer and performer Tariq Al Arabi Tarqan prepares to take the stage next week during the Bahrain Summer Games.

Tarqan will lead two musical performances on Wednesday and Thursday as part of the Bahrain International Book Fair, hosted at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre.

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) is presenting the event in strategic partnership with Bayonne Al Dana Theatre, bringing one of the Arab world's most recognisable children's music stars to local audiences.

The second edition of Bahrain Summer Games has doubled in size compared to its launch year, expanding its footprint and programming to cater to a broader family audience.

Visitors will find interactive zones featuring Arabic and English theatrical performances, gaming sections, creative workshops, and live meet-and-greets with beloved cartoon characters.

Festivalgoers holding general tickets will have access to Tarqan's musical performances, while premium ticket packages with added services are also on offer for fans seeking an enhanced experience.

Entry passes are available through the Platinum List platform at <https://bahrain-toy-festival.platinumlist.net>.

Young Minds Power Bahrain's Digital Future

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Bahrain's digital future is getting a strong push from its young innovators, with the upcoming Bahrain Digital Content Awards putting the spotlight on local creativity, innovation, and content excellence.

Set to take place on Sunday, the event is being held under the patronage of His Excellency Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council.

Organised by WorkSmart in strategic partnership with the World Summit Awards (WSA), the ceremony reflects Bahrain's growing ambitions in the digital economy.

This year's edition introduces a dedicated youth category aimed at nurturing fresh talent and recognising emerging creators across digital platforms.



H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh at a previous ceremony of the event

The award's organisers have described this as a key step toward building national capacity in line with Bahrain's Vision 2030 goals.

Organisers said the award will honour achievements across a broad range of strategic themes, including digital government, environmental sustainability, healthcare, and education.

Cultural, economic, and tech-

nological innovation are also key areas of recognition.

Chairman of the Bahrain Digital Content Award, Ahmed Al-Hujairi, said the initiative aims to promote creativity and excellence in digital development while ensuring alignment with national priorities.

"The continued staging of the Bahrain Digital Content Award reflects a strong and ongoing commitment to fostering cre-

ativity and driving innovation within the digital content sector, which stands as a key catalyst for economic growth and sustainable development," Al-Hujairi said.

The Bahrain Technology Companies Society (BTECH) has issued an open invitation to startups, corporates, academic institutions, and government entities to attend the event and explore networking opportunities.

Bahrain Polytechnic Elects Female President

- Bayan elected as president
- Twelve-member council formed
- CEO urges student engagement

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Bahrain Polytechnic students have elected Bayan Yaser Mohamed Abdulla Mohamed Abdulla as President of the 2025-26 Student Council, marking a milestone for female representation in campus leadership and student governance.

Bayan received the highest number of votes in a strongly contested election that saw wide participation from students across disciplines. The



Bahrain Polytechnic administration and faculty with Bayan Yaser Mohamed Abdulla Mohamed Abdulla and the incoming 2025-26 Student Council officials

12-member Bahrain Polytechnic Student Council (BPSC) was officially approved by the institution's Chief Executive Officer following the vote.

New Leadership Team

Ebrahim Saleh Qaed Mohamed Alamri will serve as Vice President, with Ahmed Adnan Mohamed Rafeea A. Rahman Awadhi as Secretary and Hameema Salah Mohamed Yaqoob Kamal as Financial Treasurer.

Committee heads include Husain Ali Abdulla Mohamed Abdulla Albanna, who was named Chair of the Sports Committee, alongside Vice Chair Maryam Fawaz Jasim Mohamed Jasim Almannaei, Noora Fawaz Jasim Mohamed Jasim Almannaei and Jameela Mohamed H. Sharaf will lead the Art and Culture Committee. Maryam Aref Ismaeel Radhi Ismaeel was appointed Chair of the Social Committee, with support from

Fawaz Mohamed Ahmed Mohsen Ali Alhayki. Bayan Khaled Ebrahim Mohamed Alheddi and Maryam Ali Hasan Ali Hasan will head the Student Services Committee.

Institutional Backing

Professor Ciarán Ó Catháin, CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic, congratulated the newly elected council, highlighting the election process as a sign of strong student responsibility and dem-

ocratic engagement.

He stressed the importance of empowering students to participate actively in shaping their educational and social experience.

He also expressed appreciation to the outgoing council, whose initiatives had a notable impact on campus life and student development.

Voice of the Students

Bayan called her election both

Bahrain's labour market is witnessing a steady rise in female workforce participation, with women now making up over 43 percent of the public sector according to Bahrain's Information and eGovernment Authority.

an honour and a responsibility.

She pledged to make the council a platform for cooperation and open dialogue with administration and faculty, aimed at enhancing academic outcomes and student well-being.

The incoming council is expected to advance efforts toward a more inclusive, collaborative, and student-driven environment throughout the year.

Bharti's Worldmark to redefine How India works and plays

Retail and mobility transform commuting

- 17 million sq ft GBD
- Office, retail, entertainment hub
- 0.2 million daily workforce

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Bharti Real Estate is setting out to redefine how India works, shops, and plays with its ambitious new project at Aerocity, New Delhi - the Worldmark Global Business District (GBD), envisioned as India's first truly integrated, boundary-less business hub.

Spanning over 17 million square feet, the development aims to shift India from traditional Commercial Business Districts to globally benchmarked mixed-use ecosystems. Strategically located beside the international airport, Worldmark is designed to be an ultra-connected, talent-rich, and future-ready urban destination.

Integrated Ecosystem

The Global Business District will support over 0.2 million people working in and around the complex each day, with express multi-modal mobility allowing 100-km commutes in under an hour. From on-lease corporate offices ranging from 2,000 to 2 million square feet on a single floor plate to luxury

and family-oriented retail, the development promises to combine scale with precision. Adding to its allure is The Mall at Worldmark, a massive 2.8 million sq ft retail centre that will house India's largest indoor entertainment destination, a high-end luxury shopping experience named 'The Haute District', and a family recreation zone.

Business Magnet

The district has already attracted strong pre-leasing demand from global firms, many of which are seeking built-to-suit office campuses. Worldmark 3.0 and 4.0, the next development phases, are expected to add another 10 million sq ft within five years. According to Bharti Real Estate Managing Director and CEO S. K. Sayal, "India must promptly prepare to accommodate forward-thinking corporations and brands... Our precise objective is to achieve this by providing Worldmark GBD with unparalleled leasing opportunities."

Capital Transformation

The project also answers a long-standing need for New Delhi, which despite being the capital, lacks a purpose-built commercial district of global stature. Bharti aims to fill that void by merging infrastructure with social vibrancy, safety, and sustainable design to match the expectations of global corporations and lifestyle-centric employees.

With Bharti's proven track record, including developments like Worldmark Gurugram and Bharti Crescent, the new GBD project signifies a shift from standalone office projects to dynamic, all-in-one destinations.

Worldmark is no longer just an address, it is becoming a benchmark for India's global ambitions.

Beyon Money Business and EazyPay Forge Strategic Partnership to Launch Co-Branded POS Solution for Bahrain's Merchants

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Beyon Money Business, part of the Beyon Group, has signed a strategic partnership with Eazy Financial Services (EazyPay), a POS & on-line payment gateway acquirer and payment services provider in the Kingdom of Bahrain, licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain. The collaboration will create a closed-loop payment ecosystem involving EazyPay, its merchants, and Beyon Money Business to launch a seamless and innovative payment experience for merchants across Bahrain. The agreement introduces a co-branded POS device that integrates Beyon Money Business's Flexi Wallet capabilities into EazyPay's trusted POS network. The solution enables merchants to accept a broad range of pay-



ment methods benefitting their customers with fast, secure, contactless payments. Supporting the POS device is a real-time, data-driven dashboard that empowers businesses with full visibility over their transactions. With a user-friendly interface and advanced analytics, merchants can monitor performance, track sales trends, and make informed decisions with greater agility. In addition to the smart pay-

ment features, the solution includes a streamlined onboarding and settlement process, allowing merchants to quickly get started and manage funds. The offering also presents a compelling value proposition for businesses by enabling faster settlement cycles, reducing reliance on traditional banking systems, and enhancing liquidity management. Merchants will also enjoy access to a daily earnings growth op-

portunity of up to 4.5% on their Flexi wallet balances, with the flexibility to withdraw funds at any time—transforming the POS from a transactional tool into a strategic financial asset. By aligning with Beyon Money Business, EazyPay reinforces its role as a key enabler in Bahrain's digital payments ecosystem and strengthens its position in the competitive fintech landscape. Commenting on the launch, Bruce Rayner CEO Beyon Money said: "Our collaboration with EazyPay is a strategic step forward in enabling digital-first commerce for Bahrain's business sector. By combining our advanced wallet infrastructure with EazyPay's robust acquiring capabilities, we're offering merchants a future-ready solution that simplifies operations and enhances their bottom line." Nayef Tawfiq Al Alawi, EazyPay Founder – MD & CEO added: "We are proud to partner with Beyon Money Business on this groundbreaking solution. It reflects our shared commitment to advancing Bahrain's fintech agenda and delivering high-impact services to the business community. Together, we're re-shaping how merchants accept payments and manage financial operations."



Bahrain Chamber mulls enhanced support for Healthcare Sector

Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Mr. Sameer Nass, met yesterday with Dr. Amer Al Derazi, President of the Bahrain Medical Society, at the Chamber's headquarters. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Khalid Alawadhi, Chairman of the Chamber's Health Sector Committee. Discussions centred on enhancing cooperation between the Chamber and the Society, with a focus on joint initiatives to strengthen the Kingdom's healthcare sector. Mr. Nass reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to supporting the sector by addressing its challenges and promoting a climate that encourages growth and development. Dr. Al Derazi, in turn, expressed his appreciation for the Chamber's support and its willingness to engage with the Bahrain Medical Society through sector-specific committees and continued collaboration.



AUBH names Dr. Wafa Almansoori as Interim President and Provost

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American University of Bahrain (AUBH)'s Board of Trustees has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Wafa Almansoori as Interim President, effective mid-July 2025, until a new president is formally appointed.

The University has also announced the appointment of Dr. Almansoori as Provost, effective July 16, 2025.

With decades of experience



in quality assurance and institutional development, she has

played a vital role in shaping the university's academic programs, overseeing preparations for international accreditation, and strengthening AUBH's collaboration with the Higher Education Council and the Education & Training Quality Authority.

"We are confident that her strategic vision and outstanding leadership will guide AUBH smoothly through this transitional period, while upholding

its continued excellence and distinguished standing. Her appointment reaffirms our trust in her capabilities and extensive experience," said Mr. Hisham Al-Saie, Chairman of the AUBH's Board of Trustees.

Commenting on her dual appointment, Dr. Almansoori said: "Our focus will be on fostering excellence, building strategic partnerships, and ensuring sustainable institutional development."

BBK sharpens Banking talent through ‘Grow’

Six-month rotations with mentors



● 20 graduates begin training

● Six-month in-house programme

● Rotations across key divisions

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A new generation of Bahraini banking professionals has entered BBK’s elite ‘Grow’ programme, with 20 university graduates embarking on a six-month rotation that combines hands-on experience with advanced mentorship across the bank’s divisions. Now in its third edition, the programme has already produced 40 skilled professionals who have gone on to build careers in Bahrain’s financial ser-

vices sector. The latest cohort is being trained in key areas such as risk management, IT systems, marketing, operations, information security, and anti-money laundering. **Core exposure** Participants rotate through BBK’s departments under the guidance of experienced professionals, building practical knowledge to complement their academic backgrounds. The pro-

gramme also incorporates expert-led workshops in financial analysis and banking operations. Senior executives from the bank serve as mentors, offering one-on-one guidance to help graduates strengthen their leadership skills and understand the inner workings of modern financial institutions. **Future focus** BBK’s initiative reflects a long-term strategy to nurture



Bahrain was the first country in the Gulf to establish a banking sector, with its first bank opening in 1920, laying the foundation for its role as a regional financial hub.

Bahraini talent and prepare future leaders to contribute to the Kingdom’s evolving banking landscape. By focusing on youth development, the bank aims to sustain its role as a key driver of innovation and economic growth.

Stocks mark time as Trump postpones tariffs deadline

Trump has sent out tariff letters to more than a dozen countries

● The letters said Japan and South Korea would be hit with 25% tariffs

● Indonesia, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Africa and Malaysia faced duties ranging from 25% to 40%

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Europe eked out small gains but Wall Street was flat yesterday after President Donald Trump extended his tariffs deadline and hinted at a further pushback, though uncertainty over US trade policy capped gains. Shortly before the three-month pause on his “Liberation Day” tariffs was set to expire, Trump said he would give governments an extra three weeks to hammer out deals to avoid sky-high levies on exports to the

Key figures at around 1545 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ at 44,346.89 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ at 6,319.49
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 0.2% at 20,413.80
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.5% at 8,854.18 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.6% at 7,766.71 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.6% at 24,206.91 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.3% at 39,688.81 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▲ 1.1% at 24,148.07 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.7% at 3,497.48 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1708 from \$1.1710 on Monday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3567 from \$1.3602
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 146.83 yen from 146.13 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.30 pence from 86.09 pence
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 0.4% at \$68.22 per barrel

world’s biggest economy. “The Trump administration’s latest announcements on tariffs offered some relief to financial markets,” noted AJ Bell investment analyst Dan Coatsworth. “On the flipside, this only extends the uncertainty with markets likely to spend the next

three weeks trying to guess the ultimate outcome.” Trump has sent out letters to more than a dozen countries -- including top trading partners Japan and South Korea -- setting out what he intends to charge should they not reach agreements by August 1, which replaces Wednesday’s deadline.



(L-R) Secretary of State Marco Rubio, U.S. President Donald Trump, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, and Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe, attend a dinner with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Blue Room of the White House. Investors tentatively welcomed the delay amid hopes officials will be able to reach deals with Washington, with some observers seeing the latest move by the president as a negotiation tactic. The letters said Japan and South Korea would be hit with 25-percent tariffs, while Indonesia, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Africa and Malaysia faced duties ranging from 25 percent to 40%. When asked if the new dead-

line was set in stone, the president said: “I would say firm, but not 100 percent firm.” Wall Street stood flat two hours into trading while London, Paris and Frankfurt all ended with meagre gains of around 0.5 percent at the close. EToro US investment analyst Bret Kenwell sees investors as being torn between risk and opportunity. “While trade tension may be on the rise again, investors should remember that we’re just one session removed from record highs in the S&P 500 and Nasdaq,” he said. Asian equity markets ended mostly higher, including a 0.3% gain in Tokyo. “Tokyo’s resilience suggested that investors are treating the move as a headline risk rather than a market-altering shock -- at least for now,” said David Morrison, senior market analyst at Trade Nation. Wendy Cutler, vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute, said the levies on Japan and South Korea “will send a chilling message to others”. “Both have been close partners on economic security matters,” she said, adding that companies from both countries had made “significant manufacturing investments in the US in recent years”. The dollar was trading mixed against main rivals while oil prices recovered from earlier dips as Brent crude clambered back to the \$70 mark.

Bahrain secures British Investment

Carbon-linked deal drives momentum

- USD 250m in three years
- New £2bn sustainability pact
- Growth in trade, logistics, tech

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Bahrain has quietly become one of the UK’s fastest-growing economic gateways in the Gulf, securing over USD 250 million in British investment over the past three years, with a bold £2 billion private-sector deal now steering focus toward green growth and industrial reinvention.

The announcement came during a high-level visit to the United Kingdom by a Bahraini



delegation led by H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and

Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB). The delegation met with

British businesses and investors, showcasing opportunities in Bahrain’s evolving financial, ICT, tourism, and education sectors.

Strategic expansion

Ties between the two kingdoms have intensified in recent years, with the Strategic Investment and Collaboration Partnership (SIP2) signed in June marking a major step forward. The agreement commits over £2 billion from the Bahraini private sector into projects linked to carbon reduction and sustainability. It follows the UK’s inclusion in the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA), which aligns the two countries on economic integration and technology partnerships.

“Bahrain remains a trusted gateway for UK companies seeking growth in the Middle East, backed by a business-friendly environment, agile regulation,

and high-growth sectors,” said H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif. “The increased confidence from UK investors is a testament to our enduring partnership, and we look forward to building on this momentum.”

Future-focused sectors

The EDB’s visit also features two panel discussions in collaboration with the Financial Times under the theme ‘Shaping the Next Generation of Manufacturing and Logistics Hubs’. The sessions will explore how supply chain shifts, sustainability mandates, and technology trends are influencing decisions about where global companies site their facilities.

UK-based firms such as Standard Chartered, HSBC, Deloitte, Reckitt Benckiser, and the University of Strathclyde already have a presence in Bahrain. Their footprint reflects the Kingdom’s appeal as a base for expansion across the Gulf.

Trade surge

Non-oil trade between Bahrain and the UK rose by 45 percent in 2024, reaching USD 645 million from USD 443 million the year before. The growth adds further weight to Bahrain’s positioning as a regional node for innovation-driven, low-carbon, and service-based industries.



The UK is Bahrain’s third-largest non-oil trading partner, with bilateral non-oil trade growing 45 percent in 2024 alone.

Array becomes first Bahraini Firm Certified

CMMI Level 3 milestone reached

- First in Bahrain certified
- Global software quality benchmark
- AI, cloud delivery excellence

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

Array Innovation, a Bahrain-headquartered AI and cloud-native solutions provider, has earned the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level 3 certification for software development - a global recognition that places the company in elite territory among tech firms across the region.

The distinction marks a first for any Bahraini company and affirms Array’s standing as a key player in the kingdom’s digital transformation efforts. The CMMI Level 3 appraisal validates that Array operates with documented, repeatable processes and is committed to



delivering high-quality, consistent software solutions. It also signals international confidence in Bahrain’s emerging tech ecosystem.

Raising the bar

Founder and CEO Alaa Saeed described the certification as a signal to current and prospective clients of the firm’s ability to deliver world-class digital solutions. “As Array is the first company in Bahrain, and one

of only a handful in the region to achieve this distinction, we are also extremely proud to have advanced Bahrain’s technology sector as a whole,” he said.

The achievement reflects a rigorous quality management framework at the company, which operates under the ownership of Mumtalakat, Bahrain’s sovereign wealth fund. Array’s services span artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics, and cloud-native software systems through its Quantitative Development vertical.

Pushing further

Chief Operating Officer Jasser El Mohor confirmed that the company is already working toward the more advanced CMMI Level 5 certification, a step that would further solidify its role



CMMI Level 3 certification is globally used to assess software development maturity, with fewer than 10 firms in the GCC publicly listed as certified at this level.

as a regional leader in software delivery.

Array’s multidisciplinary team of engineers, designers, architects, and consultants has played a pivotal role in building platforms that help organisations gain insights, streamline operations, and meet their goals with greater efficiency.

The company’s focus on innovation, quality, and client-centric delivery is fast becoming a benchmark in the Gulf’s rapidly maturing digital economy.

Seef Properties in deal with EWA to join KAFAA programme

- Part of strategy to promote energy sustainability and reduce carbon emissions

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Seef Properties signed an Agreement with the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) to participate in the national KAFAA Programme, which aims to improve energy efficiency in high-consumption facilities. Under the agreement, Seef Mall – Seef District and Seef Mall – Muharraq will join the initiative, implementing a range of technical and operational measures to reduce electricity consumption and enhance energy efficiency in line with national standards.

Part of Bahrain’s broader strategy to promote energy sustainability and reduce carbon emissions, the KAFAA Program is in line with regional efforts across the GCC to achieve clean and sustainable energy goals. It is considered one of the Kingdom’s key national projects supporting its commitment to reaching carbon neutrality by 2060, contributing to the region’s drive to

address climate change and diversify energy sources.

Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf said: “Our participation in the KAFAA Program underscores our commitment to improving energy efficiency across our destinations. We are dedicated to adopting best practices in environmental sustainability, advanced technologies, and digital systems to optimize the management and operation of our properties. This step highlights the value of collaboration with government entities in achieving sustainable development goals and reinforces Seef Properties’ role in supporting Bahrain’s efforts to promote environmental sustainability and responsible resource use, in line with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030.”

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News in brief

◆ **Russia has labelled Yale University** an “undesirable organisation”, authorities said yesterday, part of a the Kremlin’s crackdown on critics that has accelerated during Moscow’s campaign in Ukraine. Being declared “undesirable” effectively bans entities from operating in Russia and makes anyone who works with them liable to prosecution. According to the prosecutor general, Yale’s activities were aimed at “violating territorial integrity of the Russian Federation, imposing an international blockade on the state and undermining its economic foundations.” The prosecutors singled out Yale’s School of Global Affairs, accusing it of preparing opposition activists to organise protests in the country. President Vladimir Putin’s top contender, late opposition activist Alexei Navalny who died in prison in unclear circumstances in February 2024, was among the school’s fellows.



Russia blacklists Yale University in latest crackdown

◆ **Berlin yesterday** said the Chinese military had targeted a laser at a German aircraft participating in an EU-led mission to protect marine traffic in the Red Sea. “Endangering German personnel and disrupting the operation is entirely unacceptable,” the foreign ministry said on X, adding that Beijing’s ambassador to Berlin had been summoned for talks. The German aircraft was targeted “without reason or prior contact... during a routine operation” over the Red Sea while taking part in the European Union’s Aspides mission, a spokesman for the German defence ministry said. The aircraft in question was a “multi-sensor platform” used as a “flying eye” for reconnaissance. The Chinese vessel had “taken the risk of endangering (German) personnel and equipment”, the spokesman added.

◆ **Thirteen people** caught up in a faulty accounting software scandal at British Post Office branches may have killed themselves and 59 more contemplated doing so, a public inquiry report published Tuesday said. The Post Office wrongfully prosecuted around 1,000 subpostmasters -- self-employed branch managers -- between 1999 and 2015. Errors in tech giant Fujitsu’s Legacy Horizon accounting software incorrectly made it appear that money was missing from their accounts. Many ended up bankrupt after being forced by the Post Office to pay back the missing funds. Some were jailed. Dozens who were later exonerated died without ever seeing their names cleared. Inquiry chair Wyn Williams said that there was a “real possibility” that 13 people killed themselves as a result of their ordeal.

UK post office scandal may have caused 13 suicides: inquiry



SPOTLIGHT

Netanyahu says has nominated Trump for Nobel Peace Prize



AFP | Washington, United States



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday he has nominated Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize, presenting the US president with a letter he sent to the prize committee. “He’s forging peace as we speak, in one country, in one region after the other,” Netanyahu said at a dinner with Trump at the White House. Trump has received multiple Nobel Peace Prize nominations from supporters and loyal lawmakers over the years, and has made no secret of his irritation at missing out on the prestigious award.

The Republican has complained that he had been overlooked by the Norwegian Nobel Committee for his mediating role in conflicts between India and Pakistan, as well as Serbia and Kosovo. He has also demanded credit for “keeping peace” between Egypt and Ethiopia and brokering the Abraham Accords, a series of agreements aiming to normalize relations between Israel and several Arab nations. Trump campaigned for office as a “peacemaker” who would use his negotiating skills to quickly end wars in Ukraine and Gaza, although both conflicts are still raging more than five months into his presidency.

Qatar says ‘we will need time’ for ceasefire

Trump voiced optimism about a possible breakthrough



Two girls react after an Israeli strike hit a tent housing displaced Palestinians, in Gaza City

- Indirect talks have failed to end the hostilities
- A two-month halt began in January 2025
- Qatar’s Ansari declined to go into detail about the negotiations

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Negotiations for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas are continuing but “need time”, host Qatar cautioned yesterday, after US President Donald Trump voiced optimism about a possible breakthrough. A fresh round of indirect talks, after 21 months of fighting in Gaza, began on Sunday, with Qatar’s foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari confirming discussions had gone into a third day. “I don’t think that I can give any timeline at the moment, but

Gaza civil defence says 29 killed in Israeli strikes

Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Gaza’s civil defence agency yesterday said that 29 people were killed in Israeli strikes across the Palestinian territory devastated by 21 months of war. Among those were nine people killed in a drone strike on a camp for displaced people near Khan Yunis, in southern Gaza, according to civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal. Shaimaa Al-Shaer, 30, a resident of the Al-Sanabel camp, told AFP: “I was in front of my tent preparing breakfast for my four children -- beans and a bit of dry bread. Suddenly, there was an explosion. “Smoke and dust filled the



area. Debris and stones flew in all directions and hit our tent,” she added. “Four children who were playing in front of the neighbouring tent were injured. I saw people carrying martyrs. We don’t know where death comes from, the bombings continue.”

I can say right now that we will need time for this,” Majed Al-An-

sari told reporters at a regular briefing, when asked if a deal was

close. Qatar, along with fellow mediators the United States and Egypt, has brokered back-and-forth talks aimed at a truce since the earliest days of the war, which erupted with Hamas’s October 7, 2023 attack on Israel. With the exception of a week-long truce in November 2023 and a two-month halt that began in January 2025, the indirect talks, principally held in Doha and Cairo, have failed to end the hostilities. Trump, during Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s visit to Washington, earlier said the Doha talks were going “very well” and that Hamas “want to have that ceasefire”. Ansari declined to go into detail about the negotiations, but said they were focused on a framework for talks. “What is happening right now is that both delegations are in Doha, we are speaking with them separately on a framework for the talks,” he said.

Red Cross warns Gaza health system overwhelmed by casualties at aid distributions

Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said yesterday that a “sharp surge” in deaths and injuries in incidents around aid distribution sites in Gaza is pushing the territory’s already stretched health system past its capacity. The ICRC said in a statement that its field hospital in south Gaza recorded 200 deaths since the new aid distribution sites were launched in late May. The facility also treated more than 2,200 “weapon-wounded pa-



A Palestinian woman weeps as she bids farewell to a loved one during the funeral of Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes on the southern Gaza Strip the previous day, outside the Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis

tients, most of them across more than 21 separate mass casualty events”, it added. “Over the past month, a sharp surge in mass casualty incidents linked to aid distribution sites has overwhelmed Gaza’s shattered healthcare system,” the ICRC said. “The scale and frequency of these incidents are without precedent,” it said, adding that its field hospital had treated more patients since late May than “in all mass casualty events during the entire previous year.” ICRC said that all its staff were now contributing to the emergency response effort.

Turko-Mongol ruler Tamerlane (Timur) destroys Baghdad, killing 20,000

Louisiana and South Carolina are the last states to ratify the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing civil rights



British battleship HMS Vanguard explodes at Scapa Flow due to an internal explosion caused by faulty cordite, killing 804 crew members

National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger secretly visits the People's Republic of China to negotiate a detente between the US and China



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The national debt is actually double what people think it is because of our future obligations. "The government's one big pyramid scheme. Social Security is the biggest Ponzi scheme of all time. People pay into Social Security and the money goes out of Social Security

@elonmusk

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Interacted with Mr. António Guterres, @UN Secretary General, on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

@narendramodi

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Great to meet with Prime Minister @narendramodi at the #BRICS2025 Summit, as @WHO works closely with #India for the official opening of our Traditional Medicine Centre in December.

@DrTedros

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President Trump is "forging peace as we speak, in one country and one region after the other. So, I want to present to you, Mr. President, the letter I sent to the Nobel Prize committee. It's nominating you for the peace prize, which is well-deserved

@netanyahu

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US to send Ukraine 'more weapons': Trump

Kremlin warned arms to Ukraine only serves to prolong the conflict

● Washington said last week it was halting some weapons shipments to Kyiv

● Trump has reportedly promised to immediately send 10 Patriot interceptors

● Putin launched the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022

AFP | Washington, United States



Medics provide assistance to a wounded woman following a drone attack in Kharkiv

President Donald Trump has said the United States will send additional weapons to Ukraine, triggering Russian criticism after Moscow claimed new gains in its grinding war against its neighbor.

The Kremlin warned yesterday that sending arms to Ukraine only serves to prolong the conflict, a day after Trump's pledge for "more weapons" for Ukraine to defend itself.

"It is obvious of course that these actions probably do not align with attempts to promote a peaceful resolution," Kremlin

spokesman Dmitry Peskov was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying in a briefing.

Trump's announcement to send weapons to Ukraine Monday followed Washington saying last week that it was halting some weapons shipments to Kyiv, leaving Ukrainian officials caught off guard and scrambling for clarity.

A pause poses a potentially serious challenge for Kyiv, which is contending with some of Russia's largest missile and drone attacks of the more than three-year war.

"We're going to have to send

more weapons -- defensive weapons primarily," Trump told journalists at the White House.

"They're getting hit very, very hard," he said of Ukraine, while adding that he was "not happy" with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Trump has reportedly promised to immediately send 10 Patriot interceptors -- anti-missile systems -- to Ukraine, according to US news website Axios.

Putin launched the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 and has shown little willingness to end the conflict despite pressure from Trump.

The US president's pledge to ship more arms to Ukraine came after Moscow said Monday that its forces captured its first village in Ukraine's central Dnipropetrovsk region after advancing towards it for months.

Russia launched a fresh large-scale drone and missile barrage before the announcement, including on Ukraine's military recruitment centers.

Kyiv also said it carried out a drone attack on a Russian ammunition factory in the Moscow region.



Under the Biden administration, Washington committed to providing more than \$65 billion in military assistance to Ukraine.

Trump has announced no new military aid packages for Kyiv since taking office for the second time.

Texas flood toll passes 100

● Forecasters have warned of more flooding as rain falls on saturated ground

● President Donald Trump confirmed he planned to visit Texas on Friday

AFP | Hunt, United States



Members of a rescue team look for missing people on the Guadalupe River in Kerrville, Texas

The death toll from catastrophic flooding in Texas rose to more than 100 on Monday, as rescuers continued their grim search for people swept away by torrents of water.

Among the dead were at least 27 girls and counselors who were staying at a youth summer camp on a river when disaster struck over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Forecasters have warned of more flooding as rain falls on saturated ground, complicating recovery efforts involving helicopters, boats, dogs and some 1,750 personnel.

"There is still a threat of heavy rain with the potential to cause flooding," Texas Governor Greg Abbott said in a statement Monday, with the number of victims expected to rise still.

President Donald Trump confirmed he planned to visit Texas on Friday, as the White House slammed critics claiming his cuts to weather agencies had weakened warning systems.

"Blaming President Trump for these floods is a depraved lie, and it serves no purpose during this time of national mourning," Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters Monday.

She said the National Weather Service, which The New York Times reported had several key roles in Texas unfilled before

the floods, issued "timely and precise forecasts and warnings."

Trump has described the floods that struck in the early hours of Friday as a "100-year catastrophe" that "nobody expected."

The president, who previously said disaster relief should be handled at the state level, has signed a major disaster declaration, activating fresh federal funds and freeing up resources.

At least 104 flood-related deaths were reported across central Texas.

Kerr County, through which the Guadalupe River runs, was the hardest hit, with at least 84 people killed including 28 children, according to the local sheriff's office.

The toll includes 27 who had been staying at Camp Mystic, an all-girls Christian camp that was housing about 750 people when the floodwaters struck.

Camps are a beloved tradition in the long US summer holidays, with children often staying in woods, parks and other rural areas.

Iran says it has not requested US talks since war



AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran said yesterday it has not made any request for talks with the United States, after President Donald Trump said Tehran was seeking negotiations following last month's war with Israel.

"No request for a meeting has been made on our side to the American side," said Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei, according to Tasnim news agency.

Trump said Monday that Iran was seeking talks with the United States and that talks have been scheduled, without specifying the time or the location.

"We have scheduled Iran talks. They want to talk," Trump told reporters in the White House where he was meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"They want to meet. They want to work something out. They're very different now than they were two weeks ago."

Three dead in Red Sea attack as Huthis resume campaign

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

An ongoing attack on a cargo vessel in the Red Sea has killed three people, an EU maritime force said yesterday, after Yemen's Huthi rebels resumed their campaign against shipping in the vital waterway.

The Eternity, a Liberian-flagged bulk carrier, had been badly damaged and was under "continuous attack" since Monday in waters off Yemen, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said.

"The vessel has sustained significant damage and has lost all propulsion," UKMTO, which is run by the British navy, said in a statement.

"The vessel is surrounded by small craft and is under continuous attack."

Operation Aspides, the European Union military force deployed in the Red Sea in response to the Huthi's attacks on shipping, told AFP that "the chief engineer, an oiler and an engine cadet" were killed.

It also reported "at least two injured, including a Russian electrician who lost a leg".

All but one of the 22 crew are Filipino, according to Philippines officials.

Now 48, man becomes **140th** 'stolen grandchild' tracked in Argentina

● Nearly 500 infants are believed to have been taken

● The identity of "Grandchild No. 140" was not revealed

● The Grandmothers said Romero's long-lost son was finally found thanks to an anonymous tip

AFP | Buenos Aires, Argentina

Nearly five decades after he was born in a dictatorship-era detention center and snatched from his mother, a Buenos Aires man has become the 140th person identified as one of Argentina's hundreds of "stolen grandchildren."

DNA tests confirmed the birth identity of the 48-year-old introduced by the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo activist group Monday simply as "Grandchild



Estela de Carlotto (C-L), president of the Argentinian human rights organization "Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo", and Adriana Metz Romero (C-R), sister of tracked "Grandchild No. 140", gesture during a press conference at the House for Identity in Buenos Aires

No. 140."

The group has worked for decades to trace the whereabouts of young activist women who were arrested and "disappeared" by Argentina's 1976-1983 military dictatorship, and the now-adult babies they bore in captivity.

Nearly 500 infants are believed to have been taken, many

given to childless people close to a dictatorship keen to have them raised as regime loyalists.

The identity of "Grandchild No. 140" was not revealed at a press conference held by the Grandmothers to announce the happy breakthrough.

But among those present was his older sister, Adriana Metz

Romero, who works with the Grandmothers and tearfully told reporters she could not wait to meet her sibling in person.

"Now I know where my brother is!" she said, sitting with a black-and-white photo of their parents: Graciela Alicia Romero and Raul Eugenio Metz, left-wing activists snatched by au-

thorities in December 1976.

Romero was 24 years old, mother to a one-year-old daughter, and five months pregnant at the time, according to the Grandmothers.

She gave birth to a son on April 17, 1977 while held at a clandestine detention center known as "La Escuelita" in the port city of Bahia Blanca.

She was tortured there, according to witness testimony. Neither Romero nor Metz was heard from again.

The Grandmothers said Romero's long-lost son was finally found thanks to an anonymous tip.

"We decided to call him to find out if he would agree to a DNA test. He agreed, and it was confirmed that he is my brother," said Metz Romero, who has had initial contact with him via video call.

She was herself raised by her grandparents.

'Right to identity'

Founded in 1977, the Grandmothers group takes its name from the Plaza de Mayo square in Buenos Aires where women

defied the dictatorship to hold protests demanding information on the whereabouts of their loved ones.

Rights groups say about 30,000 people died or disappeared under the brutal rule, though Argentina's current libertarian President Javier Milei has claimed the number was lower. The Grandmothers have accused Milei of defunding their research in his quest to slash public spending.

In June, the group went to court to demand protections for the National Genetic Data Bank -- which helped in this case but has been left largely "paralyzed" by budget cuts, according to the Grandmothers.

Leader Estela de Carlotto, herself reunited with a lost grandson decades after her pregnant daughter disappeared, made another appeal for support Monday. "Thanks to perseverance and constant work... they (stolen grandchildren) will continue to appear, but the search cannot be done alone," she said at the "Space for Memory," a former torture center converted into a memorial site in the capital.

Man dies after being sucked into plane engine at Italy airport

AFP | Rome, Italy

A man died after being sucked into the engine of a plane preparing to take off at Bergamo Airport in northern Italy yesterday, an airport spokesperson told AFP.

The victim, who was "neither a passenger nor an airport employee", forced his way onto the runway, where he was "pursued" in vain by airport security, according to the spokesperson for airport management company SACBO.

According to Italy's Corriere della Sera daily, the man was a 35-year-old Italian. It said he burst into the airport, then used an emergency exit to rush onto the runway toward an aircraft preparing for take-off.

Earlier in the day, Spanish airline Volotea wrote on social media that its flight from Bergamo to Asturias in Spain was involved in an "incident" at 10:35 am (0835 GMT).

"One person not onboard and not affiliated with the company was seriously injured. All 154 passengers and six crew are safe," it said on X.

"We are doing everything possible to support the affected passengers and crew, providing them with psychological support, while working in close coordination with the Italian authorities."

The plane was an Airbus A319, according to tracking website Flightradar24.

Kisses, handshakes: British royals host friendly state visit for **French president**

AFP | Windsor, United Kingdom

There were protocol-compliant hugs, kisses and firm handshakes Tuesday as the visibly delighted Macrons received an affectionate welcome from King Charles III and his wife Camilla on the first state to Britain by a French president in 17 years.

The French first couple Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte garnered a full quota of royal pomp as Charles and Camilla's guests at the historic Windsor Castle, west of London.

Francophile Charles and Macron have already met several times in recent years and enjoy a good relationship. Underlining their ease in each other's company at the start of the visit -- before it takes a more political turn with an address to parliament -- their exchanges were demonstrably friendly and natural, despite the meticulously regulated protocol.

At their side, their wives Bri-



France's President Emmanuel Macron (2L) his wife Brigitte Macron (2R) and The Reverend David Stanton (R) visit Westminster Abbey in London

gitte, wearing a white dress, and Queen Camilla in a bright green outfit appeared equally comfortable as they kissed each other.

Around noon, after a band played the French national anthem, the Marseillaise, the two couples climbed into royal carriages.

The king and Macron, both

sporting blue suits, travelled in one while their spouses were in a second.

Behind the first couples, heir-to-the-throne Prince William and his wife Catherine, Princess of Wales, followed.

After that came French culture minister Rachida Dati and defence minister Sebastien Lecornu.

The scene had a touch of déjà vu for Dati who previously accompanied former president Nicolas Sarkozy and his wife Carla Bruni in 2008.

Good rapport

A large crowd of Windsor residents and tourists lined the way behind security barriers.

"It is really good, it is much nicer than going to London... it is a nice place to have a state visit," said Suzanne Gardener, a 64-year-old retiree who came with her husband to watch the procession.

Windsor and its castle, about 30 miles (48 kilometres) west of London, was a favoured res-

idence of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Elizabeth, who is buried in the castle's St George's Chapel, was known to favour the property over Buckingham Palace in central London which is currently undergoing renovations.

"I hope he (Macron) enjoys it, and his wife as well... I think they all get along well," added Gardener.

Arriving in the castle courtyard, the Marseillaise was played again by a regiment of the Scots Guards resplendent in their famous tall bearskin hats, followed by God Save the King.

Then king, queen, the Macrons, William and Catherine then disembarked and took their positions for a royal salute.

The French president and the king then inspected the troops, as planes flew noisily over the castle which is located not far from Heathrow Airport.

Red eye

Charles nursed a visibly red

eye, the result of a burst blood vessel, according to the palace.

As the two leaders prepared to join their wives, the French president narrowly avoided a breach of protocol when he nearly grabbed the king by the shoulder.

Meanwhile, Brigitte and Camilla chatted, smiling and clearly enjoying each other's company.

The three couples then headed for lunch at Windsor before they will be reunited for a state banquet on Tuesday evening, with around 150 guests.

The presence at the banquet of Catherine, also known as Kate, who is recovering from cancer, has not been officially confirmed by the palace.

Dressed in a pale pink Dior jacket and dress ensemble, the princess earlier accompanied Prince William to an airbase west of London to personally welcome the Macrons.



An interesting fact about Windsor Castle is that it is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world -- and it has been continuously inhabited for over 950 years! Built by William the Conqueror in the 11th century, Windsor Castle has served as a royal residence for 40 monarchs, including Queen Elizabeth II, who spent many of her final years there. It's not just a historic monument -- it's still an official residence of the British monarch today!

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Bahrain Outclasses Kuwait

Bahrain's U16 squad continues its impressive GBA Qualifiers run with another big win

● 2 wins out of 2 for Bahrain

● Mohammed Adel lights it up

● Saudi test comes tonight

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

After opening the 2025 GBA U16 Basketball Qualifiers with a 96-45 rout of Oman, Bahrain followed it up with another brilliant performance against Kuwait last night, winning 93-52 at Umm Alhassam Sports Hall.

Kuwait looked set to close the first quarter with a narrow lead before Bahrain executed a swift 8-0 run to take a 25-22 edge by the buzzer. From there, it was Bahrain's tempo and composure that controlled the rest of the contest.

By halftime, the game had cracked open: Bahrain surged ahead 58-31, with defensive rebounding and three-point precision suffocating Kuwait's rhythm. The third quarter con-

tinued in dominant fashion, with Bahrain stretching the score to 80-43 before easing into a controlled finish.

Key Contributors

Manama Club's Mohammed Adel Abdulla poured in 20 points, including four three-pointers, once again leading Bahrain's scoring and orchestrating the offense with ease. His shot selection and court awareness turned several broken possessions into momentum-swinging moments.

Somto Patrick Onoduenyi added 14 points, 14 rebounds, and 4 assists, dominating both ends of the court and throwing down several highlight-reel dunks that deflated Kuwait's defensive morale. His transition leadership was vital in Bahrain's fast-break success.

Hassan Oshobuge Abdulkadir was immense on the glass with 17 rebounds and 16 points, creating second-chance opportunities and setting the tone in the paint.

Ali Khalil Habib grabbed 8 rebounds and dished 3 assists, while Mohamed Mahmood Farhan contributed 5 boards and 3 assists off the bench.

Kuwait's AbdulAziz AlMutawa was again their top scorer



Yousif Yaqoob goes for a stylish layup

with 13 points, but was held in check through physical defense and tight switching.

Depth Tells the Story

Bahrain's bench once again

delivered. Yousif Ali Alsama-heeji brought calm and experience from his time with Al Ahli's Premier League title run, while Ali Alhaddad, Hussain Fuad Ghuloom, and Hasan Ruyan



Bahrain's Somto Patrick Onoduenyi has thrown down multiple dunks in both games, asserting himself as the team's most explosive finisher.

(12 points) all played important minutes.

Captain Ali Husain Mohamed kept the team focused and vocal from the sideline, providing leadership throughout.

Altogether, Bahrain's depth translated into 21 assists, 63 rebounds, and 21 steals, while forcing 30 turnovers from Kuwait. It was a statistical and stylistic show of effort and discipline.

Strong Foundation From Coaching Staff

Head Coach Rassem Al-Marzooqi and Assistant Hani Alam have implemented a sys-

tem rooted in team discipline, switching defense, and fast-paced transition play. Their influence was evident in Bahrain's ability to respond to Kuwait's early challenge and in their clinical dismantling of Oman just a day earlier.

"I'm proud of the boys," said AlMarzooqi after the win. "To come out with this kind of performance less than 24 hours after our last game shows real focus and maturity. But we know tomorrow will be another tough test—Saudi looked very strong today."

The team is clearly targeting improvement from its third-place finish in the 2023 edition, and so far, the signs point upward.

Next Up: Saudi Arabia

Bahrain will face a tougher test tonight at 7:30 PM, when they meet Saudi Arabia, who are coming off a 73-30 demolition of the UAE.

The qualifiers are being played in league format, with five of the six GCC countries participating in this year's Gulf Basketball Association (GBA) event. The tournament serves as a qualifier for the FIBA U16 Asia Championship, to be held this September.

Injured Shadab and Rauf out of Pakistan's squad for Bangladesh T20Is



Pakistan's Haris Rauf (L) celebrates with teammate Shadab Khan (file photo)

AFP | Karachi

Pakistan yesterday left out injured allrounder Shadab Khan and fast bowler Haris Rauf from the fitness-hit squad for the Twenty20 international series in Bangladesh this month.

Shadab, vice-captain of the team during their 3-0 home win over Bangladesh last month, has undergone a shoulder operation and is recuperating in England.

Rauf injured his hamstring during a T20 League game in the United States on Sunday while another pacer, Hasan Ali, is out due to his commitment in county cricket in England.

Pakistan continues to leave out former captains Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan, and spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi as selectors said they want to try some new players in the build-up to the World Cup.

India and Sri Lanka will co-host the Twenty20 World Cup in February-March next year. Azam and Rizwan were last

The 31-year-old Salman Mirza could become Pakistan's oldest T20I debutant if selected, having waited over a decade since his first-class debut in 2013 for his international chance

part of the T20I squad in South Africa last year, while Shaheen featured on the New Zealand tour in March this year.

Salman Agha will lead the side in Bangladesh where the matches will be played in Dhaka on July 20, 22 and 24.

Also left out are pacers Naseem Shah and Mohammad Wasim who both continue to regain full fitness after injuries.

It left the selectors to choose uncapped pacers in 31-year-old Salman Mirza and Ahmed Daniyal, 28, who both performed well in the Pakistan Super League this year.

Spinning allrounder Mohammad Nawaz returns to the squad after last playing for Pakistan in January 2024.

India expect England's Archer to pose 'challenge'

AFP | London

Jofra Archer will pose a fresh "challenge" for India should the England fast bowler make his long-awaited return to Test cricket at Lord's this week, the tourists' batting coach said yesterday.

The 30-year-old is poised to end four years of injury-induced exile in the third Test starting Thursday, after India levelled the five-match series at 1-1 after thrashing England by 336 runs at Edgbaston.

England could refresh their pace attack at Lord's by recalling both Archer and Gus Atkinson, with Brydon Carse and Josh Tongue possibly making way.

Archer burst onto the international scene in 2019 but played the last of his 13 Tests in February 2021 and this season has bowled just 18 first-class overs for county side Sussex.

"It will be a challenge, Jofra coming in," India batting coach

Sitanshu Kotak told reporters.

"There might be a couple of bowling changes in the England team, but that we don't know."

England captain Ben Stokes said the pitch at Edgbaston was more of a sub-continental than typically English surface, with the hosts making it clear they would like the rest of the series played on pitches with more pace and bounce.

Two days out from the game, a green

pitch at Lord's offered the promise of assistance for pacemen on both sides, with India recalling Jasprit Bumrah after resting him in Birmingham.

"The wicket also will be a little more challenging, it seems," said Kotak. "And after the last two games, if as a host, England think that they want a little bit more challenging wicket, it is fair enough..."

"You bat well, it is fine. If you don't bat well, any wicket can be challenging."

"It looks as if there's a little

Jofra Archer



Archer has bowled just 18 first-class overs since his last Test appearance 42 months ago, making his potential return one of the most remarkable comebacks in recent cricket history

green in the wicket... But, tomorrow (Wednesday), when they will do the final cut (of the pitch), after that we can say."

India's batsmen have posted seven hundreds so far this series, with captain Shubman Gill already having three to his credit after scoring 269 and 161 at Edgbaston.

Sinner cancels Wimbledon practice hit after elbow injury

AFP | London

World number one Jannik Sinner cancelled a practice session yesterday, fuelling fears his bid for a first Wimbledon title could be undone by an elbow injury.

The Italian suffered the problem after falling in the first game of his fourth-round clash with Grigor Dimitrov on Monday.

Sinner trailed the Bulgarian by two sets when Dimitrov was dramatically forced to retire after injuring a pectoral muscle.



Grigor Dimitrov (R) speaks with Jannik Sinner (L) after getting injured (file photo)

However, the US and Australian Open champion's reprieve could be short-lived.

Sinner said after the match he would have an MRI scan on his elbow to assess the damage.

"It was quite an unfortunate fall," said Sinner.

"I could feel it. So let's see. Tomorrow (Tuesday) we are going to check to see how it is, and then we see."

The three-time Grand Slam champion is due to play American 10th seed Ben Shelton in the second match on Court One on Wednesday.

Mbappe and PSG set for Club World Cup reunion as Real Madrid eye final

Real Madrid's new era faces PSG as Mbappe seeks to prove a point against former club

- Mbappe to face PSG for first time
- Ongoing legal battle over unpaid wages
- Missed group stage due to illness

AFP | East Rutherford

Kylian Mbappe will come up against Paris Saint-Germain for the first time since leaving the French club a year ago as Xabi Alonso's Real Madrid revolution gets its biggest test yet in Wednesday's Club World Cup semi-final.

Mbappe should be remembered as a PSG legend, having spent seven prolific campaigns there and eventually departing as their all-time top scorer with 256 goals in 308 games.

But his legacy was a little tainted by the manner of his departure, the sense among many that for the last half of his time in Paris he was just waiting for the right moment to move to Madrid, the club he had dreamed of representing as a young boy.

PSG, under their Qatari president Nasser al-Khelaifi, were not happy with the way in which Mbappe chose to run down his contract in order to sign for Real in 2024, denying them a transfer fee.

A bitter legal dispute has gone on between the parties for much of the time since, with Mbappe claiming he is owed 55 million euros (\$64.4 million) in unpaid wages and bonuses from his spell in Paris.

The latest twist came just this week, when one of Mbappe's lawyers told AFP that the France captain had withdrawn a complaint of moral harassment against his former employers. That was after the Paris prosecutor's office revealed last month that an investigation had been opened following a complaint by the player

over the way he was treated by PSG in the summer of 2023. He believes he was sidelined by PSG and made to train with players the club were looking to offload after refusing to agree a new contract. Mbappe missed a



Paris Saint-Germain's French forward #10 Ousmane Dembele (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring his team's second goal against Bayern Munich

pre-season tour to Japan and the start of the next campaign before eventually being reintegrated into Luis Enrique's squad.

All of that should have been behind Mbappe long ago, given the way his first season at Real has gone on a personal level.

The 26-year-old, a World Cup winner in 2018, scored 43 goals in 56 matches for his new club across all competitions up to the end of the campaign in La Liga, a remarkable tally.

However, Mbappe has endured frustration at the Club World Cup, not featuring at all during the group stage due to a stomach bug which led to him requiring hospital treatment.

First start?

In his absence, young forward Gonzalo Garcia has made the step up in impressive fashion, starting all five matches in the United States and scoring four goals.

The last of those was the opener in the 3-2 quarter-final win over Borussia Dortmund

Kylian Mbappe

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Despite being PSG's all-time top scorer with 256 goals, Kylian Mbappe's legacy is "tainted" by his contract run-down and an ongoing legal dispute with PSG over €55 million in alleged unpaid wages

at the MetLife Stadium on Saturday, but it was Mbappe who got what was ultimately the deciding goal.

He came off the bench midway through the second half and scored a brilliant, acrobatic overhead kick for Real's third of the afternoon in stoppage time.

"He is still not perfect, not 100 percent, but he is getting better every day," Alonso said of Mbappe after that match.

"Now he will have three days to keep progressing and feeling better ahead of the semi-final."

It is hard to imagine Mbappe

not getting his first start of the tournament against PSG, the club who won the Champions League in the season following his departure after so many years of disappointment in Europe with him in the team.

PSG came to the US fresh from crushing Inter Milan 5-0 in the Champions League final.

They reached the last four with a 2-0 win over Bayern Munich in Atlanta in the last eight -- despite having Willian Pacheco and Lucas Hernandez sent off -- and need not fear Real.

"It doesn't matter who we play in the semi-finals. All that matters is that we are there and that we want to get to the final," said Luis Enrique, for whom this is also a special occasion given that he spent five years at Madrid as a player in the 1990s.

Alonso has just taken over as Real coach after an outstanding spell with Bayer Leverkusen and has already displayed great tactical flexibility, flitting between a back four and a three-man central defence at the tournament.

It will be fascinating to see which system he opts for here, and if Mbappe starts as he prepares to play against PSG for the first time since July 2017, when he was still a thrilling teenager at Monaco.

Newcastle agree £55m fee for Forest's Elanga - reports

AFP | London

Anthony Elanga is set to become Newcastle's first major signing of the transfer window after the Magpies reportedly agreed a £55 million (\$75 million) deal with Nottingham Forest.

The Athletic, BBC and Sky Sports all reported yesterday that the Swedish international is on his way to St James' Park.

Elanga was one of the stars of Forest's surprise seventh-placed finish in the Premier League last season, scoring six goals and providing 11 assists.

Forest paid just £15m to sign Elanga

from Manchester United two years ago.

Newcastle's attempts to strengthen their squad in preparation for a return to the Champions League next season have so far been frustrated.

Despite being backed by the Saudi sovereign wealth fund, the League Cup winners have been limited in what they can spend in recent seasons by financial sustainability rules.



Tottenham sign Japan defender Takai

AFP | London

Tottenham signed Japanese international Kota Takai from Kawasaki Frontale yesterday.

The 20-year-old centre-back has signed a five-year deal with the Europa League winners and will cost a reported fee of £5 million (\$7 million), according to Sky Sports.

Takai, who has been capped by his country four times, was named Japan's young player of the year in 2024 having broken into Kawasaki's first team two

years previously.

He made a total of 81 senior appearances in all competitions for the club, scoring four goals, and helped them reach the 2025 Asian Champions League final.

Takai faces stiff competition for a place in Thomas Frank's side up against Micky van de Ven, Cristian Romero, Kevin Danso and Radu Dragusin.

However, reports have linked Argentine international Romero with a move to Atletico Madrid.

Takai is Spurs' second signing of the transfer window after Mathys Tel's six-month

loan from Bayern Munich was made permanent.



Sabalenka survives Wimbledon scare

World number one overcomes Siegemund in three sets to reach third Wimbledon semi-final

- Sabalenka wins 4-6, 6-2, 6-4
- Trailed twice in final set
- Only top six seed left standing

AFP | London

World number one Aryna Sabalenka fought back from the brink of a shock Wimbledon exit to reach the semi-finals with a gutsy 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 win against Germany's Laura Siegemund yesterday.

Sabalenka twice trailed by a break in the final set on Centre Court and was two games away from crashing out before staging a dramatic revival to win in two hours and 54 minutes of unrelenting tension.

The 27-year-old top seed is through to the All England Club semi-finals for the third time after losing at that stage in 2021 and 2023.

Beaten in the Australian and French Open finals this year after winning the US Open in 2024,



Belarus's Aryna Sabalenka returns the ball to Germany's Laura Siegemund

Sabalenka remains on course to reach a fourth successive Grand Slam title match.

The Belarusian will face American 13th seed Amanda Anisimova or Russian world number 50 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova for a place in the final.

Sabalenka remains the only one of the top six women's seeds still standing at the tournament after two weeks of shocks.

The three-time Grand Slam champion nearly joined that list of high-profile exits in a memorable clash.

World number 104 Siegemund, who has fared better as a doubles player in her career, was in just her second Grand Slam singles quarter-final, but she produced an impressive display that kept Sabalenka off balance for long spells.

The 37-year-old's surprise run had included a victory over Australian Open champion Madison Keys in the third round.

It took everything Sabalenka had to avoid becoming Siegemund's latest scalp.

Siegemund's deft use of slice backhands and drop-shots left Sabalenka bewildered as she broke twice in the opening three games of the first set.

Waving her arms in frustration, Sabalenka briefly stemmed the tide with her first break in the fourth game.

But, mixing her game up cleverly, Siegemund broke for the third time and held her nerve to serve out the set at the second attempt.

It was the first time Sabalenka had dropped a set in this year's tournament.

Sabalenka responded by raising her game, unloading increasingly powerful groundstrokes, accompanied by ear-splitting shrieks to underline her determination.

The Belarusian's barrage exposed cracks in the German's game as she secured three breaks to level the match, becoming the first player to take a set from Siegemund in the 2025

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Laura Siegemund, ranked 104 and primarily known for her doubles play, was just two games from stunning world number one Sabalenka in what would've been her biggest career singles win

tournament.

Siegemund punished a series of errors to break in the third game of the deciding set before Sabalenka levelled at 3-3.

When Sabalenka served up a double-fault and two unforced errors, Siegemund was within touching distance of the semi-finals.

But Sabalenka refused to surrender, breaking again as the emotional rollercoaster continued, before finally sealing her victory with a roar of relief.

Wimbledon line technology fails again as Fritz reaches semis

- Fault call error in 4th set

AFP | London

Wimbledon's under-fire line technology system suffered another embarrassment during Taylor Fritz's quarter-final win over Karen Khachanov yesterday.

Swedish umpire Louise Azemar Engzell had to stop a point in the opening game of the fourth set on Court One when "fault" was incorrectly called after a Fritz forehand landed well inside the baseline.

The call of "fault", rather than "out", and positioning of the ball suggested the system was

still tracking Fritz's serve as opposed to a rally and the point had to be replayed.

Tournament organisers said on Sunday they were confident of avoiding further issues with the technology after a major error in Sonay Kartal's fourth-round defeat to Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the women's draw.

On that occasion, the new system failed to call out when a Taylor Fritz



shot by Kartal landed well behind the baseline.

A fully automated system has replaced human line judges at Wimbledon for the first time this year, in line with the Australian Open and the US Open.

But there have been a number of glitches and concerns raised by other players about the technology, including British stars

Emma Raducanu and Jack Draper.

The controversy did not stop Fritz reaching his first Wimbledon semi-final after another hard-fought encounter as the American won 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (7/4).

The fifth seed was on the brink of a first round exit when he fell two sets down to Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard and was also forced to five sets against Gabriel Diallo in round two.

But Fritz was handed a break by Jordan Thompson's early retirement in his fourth round match and summoned his energy to see off a fightback from Khachanov.

One break of serve was enough for the American to take the first two sets.

Pogacar wins Tour de France stage four for career century



UAE Team Emirate - XRG team's Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar (R) sprints to the finish line

AFP | Rouen

Tadej Pogacar won stage four of the Tour de France at Rouen yesterday to claim his 100th professional victory as Mathieu van der Poel kept the overall lead.

Pogacar attacked on an incline to the line to finish just ahead of Van der Poel with Jonas Vingegaard third.

It was the 26-year-old Slovenian's 18th Tour de France stage win as he seeks a fourth overall triumph on the Tour.

Fans were treated to another Pogacar-Vingegaard head-to-head duel as five hills made the final 40km a roller-coaster.

But overall leader Mathieu van der Poel also entered the fray, narrowly failing to win the stage but keeping the yellow jersey he took from Alpecin teammate Jasper Philipsen, who quit the Tour injured after a nasty fall on Monday.

On the day's final real climb,

Pogacar dropped all his rivals with only Vingegaard offering a real fight.

But the big Dutch rider and the slender Dane both came back at Pogacar, making him fight all the way to the line in a thunderous finale.

The same trio top the overall standings, with Pogacar second and Vingegaard in third.

Unlike the opening three stages, there was hardly a puff of wind and not a drop of rain, but there were still plenty of falls.

Stage five will shake up the overall standings with a 33km individual time trial around Caen.

The stage is being billed as the day Remco Evenepoel will finally slip into the overall leader's yellow jersey.

To do so the 25-year-old Belgian world and Olympic champion in the discipline will need to cover the 33km course almost a minute faster than Pogacar and Vingegaard.

Liverpool return to training in wake of Jota death

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Liverpool's stars returned to training yesterday for the first time since the tragic death of forward Diogo Jota.

The Premier League champions postponed the start of pre-season training after Jota, 28, and his brother Andre Silva died in a car crash in northern Spain last Thursday.

Manager Arne Slot and a number of the Liverpool squad, led by captain Virgil van Dijk, attended Jota's funeral in his home town of Gondomar, near Porto, on Saturday.

Mohamed Salah, Andy Robertson, Conor Bradley and Wataru Endo were among the



Well-wishers leave flowers, scarves and shirts at a memorial set up close to Anfield football ground for their Portuguese forward Diogo Jota in Liverpool

players pictured arriving at the training ground.

Salah said in his tribute to the Portuguese international that he was frightened to go back to Liverpool to face the reality of Jota's passing.

"Teammates come and go but not like this. It's going to be extremely difficult to accept that Diogo won't be there when we go back," Salah posted on Instagram.

A site of remembrance has been set up at the club's iconic Anfield stadium where hundreds of bouquets of flowers, shirts, scarves and pictures have been left by fans and former players in recent days.