

Gold rush continues for Bahrain in Konya

Bahraini elite athletes Winfred Yavi, Dawit Fikadu and Muna Mubarak each claim a gold medal to headline a four-medal haul on day three of track and field events in the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games in Turkey | P12

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Bahrain and Saudi discuss more tourism cooperation
 Riyadh

Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia discussed cooperation to create diverse business opportunities in the sector of tourism and promote its sustainability in line with international developments.

They agreed to explore the future prospects of tourism projects undertaken by the private sector in both countries, in addition tapping into investment opportunities in this vital sector.

This came as Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sarafi met Saudi Tourism Development Fund Chief Executive Officer Qusai bin Abdulla Al Fakhri in Riyadh yesterday.

Al Sarafi hailed the deep-rooted and steadily-growing relations binding the two countries, noting expanding cooperation across all fields, particularly the tourism sector.

Iranian 'plot' to kill Bolton
 Washington

The US Justice Department said yesterday it had uncovered an Iranian plot to kill former White House National Security Adviser John Bolton, and announced charges against a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

The Justice Department said Shahram Poursafi had offered to pay an individual \$300,000 to kill Bolton.

Team Bahrain hailed for Ashura 'success'

HM King: This ceremony will remain as the most prominent pillars of religious freedom

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended Team Bahrain's efforts, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to make Ashura commemoration successful.

HM the King said that this religious ceremony will remain as the most prominent pillars of religious freedom and sectarian pluralism that the Kingdom of Bahrain has enjoyed throughout

the years.

HM the King praised the unremitting and integrated efforts exerted by government agencies, mainly the Interior Ministry and Jaafari Endowments Council, to commemorate annual religious event.

He also hailed the provision of all security and community services, and the care and follow-up necessary for rituals to ensure their free and comfortable practice, appreciated the awareness and national responsibility shown by everyone during the ceremony.



HM the King



"This year's commemoration of Ashura was marked by the highest levels of discipline and organisation, confirming Bahrain's spaciousness as an open and homogeneous society, and a land of brotherhood and peace."

- HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

His Majesty added that this year's commemoration of Ashura was marked by the highest levels of discipline and organisation, confirming Bahrain's spaciousness as an open and homogeneous society, and a land of brotherhood and peace.

'Haven of diverse religious practices and faiths'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's strong social fabric, making the country a haven of diverse religious practices and faiths.

He said that the Kingdom's respect for all faiths is an indication of the country's commitment as a model society that embodies the far-reaching aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This came as HRH Prince Salman met yesterday the Minister of Interior, General Shaikh Rashed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa,



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets Ministers and senior officials

the Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture Affairs, Wael Bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Health, Dr Jalila bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan,

the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, the

Chief of Public Security Lieutenant-General Tariq Al Hassan, and the Chairman of the Jaafari Endowments Council, Yousif bin Saleh Al Saleh, at Riffa Palace, following the conclusion of Ashura.

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His Royal Highness commended the efforts of the Interior Ministry and various government agencies and their active roles in accommodating the citizens' needs during Ashura.

He also expressed thanks to the Jaffari Endowments Council, the General Authority of Hussaini Processions and the heads of ma'atams and hussainias for their joint cooperation and commitment to facilitating Ashura.

The Ministers and senior officials expressed their thanks for His Royal Highness' commitment to supporting necessary measures taken to meet citizens' needs during Ashura.



Arms against Ukraine

Iran providing Russian officials with 'drone training'

Washington

Iran has started training Russian officials on using Iranian-made drones, a US official said yesterday, after Washington previously accused Moscow of looking to Tehran as it struggles in Ukraine.

"During the last several weeks, Russian officials con-

ducted training in Iran as part of the agreement for UAV transfers from Iran to Russia," the official revealed yesterday.

The information provided is based on downgraded intelligence, the official said.

The Biden administration first revealed last month that it had information about Russia and

Iran discussing the potential sale of Iranian drones for Russia to use in Ukraine.

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said that the US had intelligence suggesting that Iran was preparing to provide Russia with "several hundred" drones to use in its war on Ukraine, with training sessions

set to begin as early as July.

But when asked at the end of July about these reports, National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said that the US had seen no indications of actual delivery or purchase of Iranian drones by the Russian Ministry of Defense.

The Wall Street Journal re-

ported yesterday that Iran's foreign ministry denied being involved in a drone program for Russia.

And also, last month, Sullivan showed satellite imagery of what he said was a Russian delegation in Iran receiving "a showcase of Iranian attack-capable UAVs."

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

10207386

ACTIVE CASES

3801

DEATHS

1512

DISCHARGED

659075

NEW CASES

625

CRITICAL

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HM King issues decree amending provisions on restructuring LMRA Board of Directors

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Royal Decree (42) of 2022, amending some provisions of Royal Decree (83) of 2020 on restructuring the Board of Directors of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

According to the decree, the phrase (Labour Minister) shall replace the phrase (Labour and Social Development Minister) whenever it appears in Royal Decree (83) of 2020 on restructuring

the Board of Directors of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority.

Under the decree, Fatima Abdulghani Ismail shall be appointed as member of the Board of Directors of LMRA, instead of Maha Abdulhameed Mufeez, until the end of the term of the current board.

The Prime Minister and the Labour Minister, each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of this decree, which takes immediate effect, and will be published in the Official Gazette.



HM the King

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Industrial Partnership

HM King Hamad also issued Royal Decree (41) of 2022, endorsing the kingdom's accession to the Statute of the Industrial Partnership for Sustainable Economic Development, signed on June 3, 2022.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce shall implement the provisions of this decree, which enters into force upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

HRH Prince Salman is thanked by Saudi Arabia Crown Prince



HRH Prince Salman
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HRH Prince Mohammed

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received a cable of thanks from the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister

of Defense of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, in response to His Royal Highness's congratulatory cable on the success of this year's Hajj pilgrimage.

Inmates' Ashura rituals go 'smoothly and freely'

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The Ashura Commemoration in the reform and rehabilitation centres went smoothly and freely.

This assessment was made by a delegation from the Council of Commissioners at the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), led by Ali Ahmed Al Derazi, after they visited the Jau Correction and Rehabilitation Centre and the Dry Dock Detention Centre for several days.

During the field visits, they were informed about the organisational measures that were taken in the centres to enable inmates to practise their religious rites during the Ashura Commemoration.

They were made in a manner that does not prejudice the security and safety of the inmates, on the one hand, and does not constitute harm or infringement



Al Derazi and other NIHR delegation members are briefed about the inmates' religious rituals

of the freedom and privacy of other inmates from other religions and sects, on the other.

At the outset of the visits, the NIHR's delegation held extensive meetings with the centres' officials, who briefed it about the regulations in place during the Ashura Commemoration.

They toured the centres'

buildings and wards, where they met some inmates, chosen randomly, and asked them about their remarks regarding their living conditions, in general, the extent to which they enjoy the freedom to perform their religious rituals, in particular, in addition to their health conditions and the treatment they

receive.

The delegation was also briefed on the facilities provided by the Centres' managements, which enabled the inmates to perform their religious rites comfortably in all the buildings they visited on time and in accordance with the provisions set by the Reformation and Rehabilitation Law and its executive regulations.

It also watched the recordings of the buildings' security cameras which indicated that everything went on normally.

The NIHR's delegation's visits revealed that the freedom to practise religious rites and perform worship is guaranteed for inmates, as the managements of the centres provided designated places with sufficient space for performing worship and practising religious rites collectively and commensurate with the number of inmates.

Ambassador credentials



Foreign Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani received yesterday Nepalese Ambassador-Designate to Bahrain Tirtha Raj Wagle, who presented a copy of his credentials. Dr Al Zayani welcomed Ambassador Wagle, lauding the strong relations binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Nepal. He stressed the importance of further developing them for the benefit of both countries, wishing the ambassador success in his duties.

Enhancing social services



Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal received yesterday Social Development Minister Osama bin Ahmed Al Asfoor, whom she congratulated on his appointment by HM the King to his post and wished every success in carrying out his duties. During the meeting, the Speaker highlighted the importance of enhancing social, rehabilitation and professional integration services for people with disabilities stressing the need to provide educational institutions for them, especially those related to higher education.

Bahrain-US defense cooperation



Defence Affairs Minister, Lieutenant-General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, received US Ambassador to Bahrain Steven Bondy. The Minister praised the friendly relations between Bahrain and the US and they discussed ways to strengthen them. The meeting reviewed the developing relations between the two countries on various levels, especially with the military and defense cooperation.

Catholic Filipino Community Music Ministry Spiritual Formation



The Filipino Catholic Community Music Ministry Spiritual Formation was held last 8 August at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bahrain. It was facilitated by Rev. Fr. Anthony C. Almazan, OFM Cap, Spiritual Director of the Filipino Catholic Community in Bahrain. Left, Rev. Fr. Almazan with members of the Katolikong Pinoy sa Bahrain group.

European University in Bahrain establishment approved



Dr Al Nuaimi
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Education Minister and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council (HEC) Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi approved the establishment of a private higher education institution named European University in Bahrain.

The university will host academic programs from the University of London.

July temperature 'slightly warmer than normal'

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The month of July 2022 was slightly warmer than normal in temperatures with below average wind speed.

This was based on the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' Meteorological Directorate' monthly weather summary.

The mean temperature of the month was 35.4°C which is 0.3°C above the long-term normal for July and this goes on record as the ninth highest mean temperature for July since 1902.

This is the same as in July 2008 and 2011. The highest mean monthly temperature for July was 36.9°C recorded in 2017 and 2020.

The mean maximum temperature of the month was 39.2°C which is 0.5°C below the long-term normal. Note that the highest mean monthly maximum temperature for July was 42.1°C recorded in 2017.

During the month, Bahrain had 10 days with a maximum temperature exceeded 40°C. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 43.3°C which occurred on the 19th July at Bahrain International Airport.

The highest temperature recorded for July at Bahrain International Airport was 47.4°C which occurred on July 15, 2000 and July 13, 2010.

The highest temperature recorded in the month at Bahrain International Circuit was 46.3°C and at Durrat al Bahrain was 44.9°C which was recorded on July 19, 2022.

The mean minimum temperature of the month was 32.7°C which is 1.3°C above the long-term normal and on record the fourth highest mean minimum temperature for July since 1946.



Judiciary plays a key role in strengthening fairness

HRH Prince Salman: A major pillar for safeguarding rights and achieving comprehensive development

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has highlighted the role of the Kingdom's judiciary in further strengthening fairness as a major pillar for safeguarding rights and achieving the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He affirmed the importance of continuing to advance the judiciary by adopting wide-ranging initiatives that improve the efficiency of procedures, in line with the Kingdom's development goals.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he received yesterday the Vice President of the



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with Shaikh Khalid

Supreme Judicial Council and President of the Court of Cassation, Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, at Riffa Palace.

His Royal Highness congratulated Shaikh Khalid on his appointment to his post, wishing him every success in his role.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the im-

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- HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

upholding judicial integrity.

He commended the constructive cooperation between the executive, legislative and judicial authorities, and noted the importance of building on their ongoing successes, which serve as the bedrock of the Kingdom's advancement and development, in line with the visions of HM the King.

Shaikh Khalid expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness and noted his continued support of the Kingdom's judiciary, which is central to Bahrain's ongoing development.

Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

Achieving SDGs a national priority, says Speaker

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Taking care of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and harnessing constitutional and parliamentary tools for the sake of their implementation are a permanent priority.

This was emphasised by Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal as she received yesterday Sustainable Development Minister Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif.

The Speaker said that it is

in line with the ongoing modernisation process during His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's prosperous era, and based on the ambitious plans launched by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to achieve SDGs.

She commended the tremendous efforts being exerted by the Sustainable Development Ministry to achieve the kingdom's



Speaker Zainal with the Sustainable Development Minister

goals, affirming parliamentary support for those endeavours.

The Minister expressed sincere thanks to the Speaker for the meeting, praising the legislative branch's support for government departments, hailing the ongoing executive-legislature cooperation and coordination to serve the royal vision regarding the achievement of SDGs.

Speaker Zainal congratulated Al Khulaif on her appointment by HM the King to her post.

Court stories

Court of Appeal overturns ruling declining Bahraini's 'two different official names' request

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The Court of Appeal overturned a ruling declining to have a dual national's name changed after he had a name change in a Gulf state and requested that his Bahraini documents be updated to reflect the change.

The refusal was unjustified because it defies logic for one person to use two different official names. The court ordered the relevant authority to change the defendant's name in the Bahraini documents so that it matches with the documents issued by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member state.

According to the appellant's lawyer, his client has dual citizenship and previously changed his name

in a GCC member state, obtaining a passport and ID card under the new name.

“He then filed a lawsuit before the Court of First Instance requesting that his name be amended in official Bahraini documents to unify his info between the two countries. The case was referred to the Names Committee for a report, after which the court rejected the case, stating that the plaintiff's name does not cause him severe embarrassment,” the lawyer explained.

The citizen then resorted to the Court of Appeal.

“My client's Gulf nationality is his nationality of origin under which he changed his name and obtained an ID card following the amendment. The Court of First Instance

ruled that the appellant's name did not cause severe embarrassment, however, his client did not submit the application due to embarrassment, but to unify his name in the identities he holds for the two countries,” the lawyer explained.

The Court of Appeal declared that the appellant provided evidence of obtaining a passport from his country of origin, and a copy of the Civil Affairs decision to change the name, presenting justified reasoning.

“It flouts common sense for a person to hold two separate names in official documents, thereby the court decided to overturn the appealed ruling in favour of changing the appellant's name,” the Court's ruling stated.

Asian man on trial for attempt to 'smuggle' 158 drug capsules

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The High Criminal Court has begun hearing the case of an Asian man accused of attempting to smuggle 158 capsules that contain illicit drugs.

According to court files, the defendant was spotted while he was in a state of exhaustion at Bahrain International Airport.

He was ordered to be extensively searched. He threw up 10 capsules as he couldn't bear keeping them inside his body, and the remaining capsules were extracted from in-

side his body at Salmaniya Medical Complex.

“I was offered 400,000 Pakistani rupees to smuggle the drugs,” the Asian man told prosecutors. “I was promised a job, and I was given the tickets to smuggle the drugs.”

Investigators discovered that the defendant was among a network specialised in smuggling drugs.

The defendant will appear again on Thursday before the High Criminal Court, before which he is being tried for attempting to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom.

'Treasure Your Heart' drive to boost public knowledge

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Bahrain has taken major steps to continue improving public health and delivering high-quality services in the healthcare sector.

This was emphasised by Brigadier Dr Haitham Amin, Head of Cardiology at Mohammed bin Khalifa Cardiac Centre (MKCC), and the "National Acute Heart Attack Program".

Dr Amin said that the launch of the "Treasure Your Heart" campaign aims to improve public knowledge about the causes of heart diseases, with a focus on diseases involving the arteries of the heart, especially heart attacks and coronary artery diseases, which is the number one cause of death around the world.

He explained that coronary artery disease happens when there is a narrowing or blockage of the arteries of the heart caused by cholesterol build-up and plaque formation.

Over time, this leads to decrease blood flow to the heart muscle leading to symptoms. A sudden blockage of the artery of the heart caused by a blood clot will lead to a heart attack with its serious complications, including death.

Dr Amin listed several risk factors leading to coronary artery disease. These can be divided into non-modifiable causes such as age, a strong family history and gender and modifiable risk factors including diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated blood cholesterol, smoking, obe-



Heart attack is preventable with healthy lifestyle

sity, poor diet and the lack of exercise.

He explained that the symptoms of a heart attack are usually described as chest pain that may occur at rest or can be preceded by emotional or physical stress. This pain is described as a heaviness or burning sensation that

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- BRIGADIER DR HAITHAM AMIN

gradually increases and reaches its maximal intensity in around 30 minutes.

The pain may radiate to the shoulders, arms, jaw or upper back. It may be associated with shortness of breath, sweating, palpitations, dizziness or fainting. Once these symptoms are

present, he stressed that an individual should call the National Ambulance (999) or be driven to the closest emergency room or local health centre.

Dr Amin stated that prevention is better than cure and that 80% of heart attacks can be prevented by healthy lifestyle choices and strict control of the modifiable cardiac risk factors stated above.

This includes strict sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol control, as well as lifestyle changes that include exercise, healthy eating, maintaining an ideal weight, and avoidance of all forms of smoking.

According to the WHO, an estimated 17.9 million people have died from cardiovascular diseases in 2019.

RHF, BUB sign cooperation

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) and the British University of Bahrain (BUB) have signed a memorandum of cooperation.

Signed by RHF's Secretary-General, Dr Mustafa Al Sayed, and BUB President, Professor Julie Cross, the memorandum aims to expand the communication network in the educational field to serve orphans.

During the meeting, Dr Al Sayed conveyed greetings from HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to BUB officials.

He extended sincere thanks to the Board of Directors Chairman of BUB, Shaikh Khalifa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Professor Julie Cross and all BUB employees for their tremendous educational efforts.



United Gulf Investment Corporation BSC

Condensed interim consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) | 31 December 2021 (Audited) |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 30,974,291 | 31,978,155 |
| Investment in associates | 2,378,861 | 1,964,000 |
| Right-of-use assets | 280,466 | 308,854 |
| | <u>33,633,618</u> | <u>34,251,009</u> |
| Current assets | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 256,000 | 256,000 |
| Inventories | 14,031,557 | 11,752,218 |
| Trade and other receivables | 14,972,792 | 12,072,434 |
| Mudaraba deposits | 1,855,149 | 1,666,399 |
| Cash and bank balances | 7,364,042 | 7,145,725 |
| | <u>38,479,540</u> | <u>32,892,776</u> |
| Total assets | <u>72,113,158</u> | <u>67,143,785</u> |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Capital and reserves | | |
| Share capital | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Statutory reserve | 3,134,426 | 3,134,426 |
| Share premium | 116,328 | 116,328 |
| Other reserves | 11,086,873 | 3,839,919 |
| Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent company | 34,337,627 | 27,090,673 |
| Non-controlling interest | 8,829,176 | 6,499,883 |
| | <u>43,166,803</u> | <u>33,590,556</u> |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Non-current portion of term loans | 18,434,575 | 18,939,575 |
| Non-current portion of lease liabilities | 521,713 | 320,523 |
| Employees' terminal benefits | 724,806 | 709,455 |
| | <u>19,681,094</u> | <u>19,969,553</u> |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Current portion of term loans | 2,569,419 | 5,584,073 |
| Current portion of lease liabilities | 42,300 | 285,991 |
| Trade and other payables | 6,653,542 | 7,713,612 |
| | <u>9,265,261</u> | <u>13,583,676</u> |
| Total equity and liabilities | <u>72,113,158</u> | <u>67,143,785</u> |

Condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the quarter and six months period ended 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Six months ended 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) | Six months ended 30 June 2021 (Reviewed) | Three months ended 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) | Three months ended 30 June 2021 (Reviewed) |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Sales | 32,743,938 | 25,257,273 | 17,505,328 | 12,321,153 |
| Cost of sales | (22,021,665) | (23,695,282) | (11,290,798) | (11,376,249) |
| Gross profit | <u>10,722,273</u> | <u>1,561,991</u> | <u>6,214,530</u> | <u>944,904</u> |
| Other income | 17,235 | 275,587 | - | 240,260 |
| | <u>10,739,508</u> | <u>1,837,578</u> | <u>6,214,530</u> | <u>1,185,164</u> |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Indirect expenses | (831,844) | (758,010) | (478,608) | (381,524) |
| Finance costs | (143,860) | (161,061) | (65,343) | (80,886) |
| | <u>(975,704)</u> | <u>(919,071)</u> | <u>(543,951)</u> | <u>(462,410)</u> |
| Net profit for the period before tax and share of profit from investment in associates | <u>9,763,804</u> | <u>918,507</u> | <u>5,670,579</u> | <u>722,754</u> |
| Share of profit from investment in associates | 24,543 | 127,487 | (23,900) | 54,858 |
| Net profit for the period before tax | <u>9,788,347</u> | <u>1,045,994</u> | <u>5,646,679</u> | <u>777,612</u> |
| Provision for zakat | (212,100) | (326,676) | (106,050) | (201,462) |
| Net profit and other comprehensive income for the period | <u>9,576,247</u> | <u>719,318</u> | <u>5,540,629</u> | <u>576,150</u> |
| Net profit attributable to: | | | | |
| Shareholders of the Company | 7,246,954 | 570,978 | 4,191,281 | 451,488 |
| Non-controlling interest | 2,329,293 | 148,340 | 1,349,348 | 124,662 |
| | <u>9,576,247</u> | <u>719,318</u> | <u>5,540,629</u> | <u>576,150</u> |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share | <u>36.23 fils</u> | <u>2.85 fils</u> | <u>20.96 fils</u> | <u>2.26 fils</u> |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to: | | | | |
| Shareholders of the Company | 7,246,954 | 570,978 | 4,191,281 | 451,488 |
| Non-controlling interest | 2,329,293 | 148,340 | 1,349,348 | 124,662 |
| | <u>9,576,247</u> | <u>719,318</u> | <u>5,540,629</u> | <u>576,150</u> |

Condensed interim consolidated statement of cash flows for the six months ended 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Six months ended 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) | Six months ended 30 June 2021 (Reviewed) |
|---|--|--|
| Operating activities | | |
| Net profit for the period | 9,576,247 | 719,318 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation | 1,385,136 | 1,404,749 |
| Amortisation of right-of-use assets | 28,388 | 28,386 |
| Written-off provision for slow-moving inventories | (1,361,842) | - |
| Reversal of excess provision for impaired trade receivables | - | (206,801) |
| Share of profit from investment in associates | (24,543) | (127,487) |
| Bank interest income | - | (63,466) |
| Interest expense on term loans | 140,553 | 136,293 |
| Interest expense on lease liabilities | 3,307 | 24,768 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Inventories | (917,497) | 3,617,980 |
| Trade and other receivables | (2,900,358) | (854,737) |
| Trade and other payables | (1,060,070) | 554,546 |
| Employees' terminal benefits, net | 15,351 | 21,607 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>4,884,672</u> | <u>5,255,156</u> |
| Investing activities | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (381,272) | (554,544) |
| Advances to investment in associates | (440,360) | - |
| Addition to investment in associates | - | (307,040) |
| Dividends received during the period | 50,042 | 117,421 |
| Net movement in Mudaraba deposits | (188,750) | 86,533 |
| Bank interest income received | - | 63,466 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(960,340)</u> | <u>(594,164)</u> |
| Financing activities | | |
| Interest expense on term loans paid | (140,553) | (136,293) |
| Proceeds from term loans | - | 5,762,889 |
| Repayment of term loans | (3,519,654) | (8,661,355) |
| Interest expense on lease liabilities | (3,307) | (24,768) |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | (42,501) | (198,146) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(3,706,015)</u> | <u>(3,257,673)</u> |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | <u>218,317</u> | <u>1,403,319</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period | 7,145,725 | 1,693,571 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period | <u>7,364,042</u> | <u>3,096,890</u> |

Condensed interim consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the six months ended 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent | | | | | Non-controlling interest | Total | |
|---|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | Share capital | Statutory reserve | Share premium | Revaluation reserve | Retained earnings | | | |
| At 31 December 2020 | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | (3,016,531) | 24,282,443 | 29,906,510 | |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 570,978 | 570,978 | 148,340 | 719,318 |
| At 30 June 2021 (Reviewed) | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | (2,445,553) | 24,853,421 | 30,625,828 | |
| At 31 December 2021 | 20,000,000 | 3,134,426 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | (489,124) | 27,090,673 | 33,590,556 | |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 7,246,954 | 7,246,954 | 2,329,293 | 9,576,247 |
| At 30 June 2022 (Reviewed) | 20,000,000 | 3,134,426 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | 6,757,830 | 34,337,627 | 43,166,803 | |

These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial information were approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their

Rashed Abdulla Al Suwaiket Al Hajri
Chairman

Abdulla Fahad. Al-Subaie
Vice - Chairman



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

for the six months ended 30 June 2022

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2022 / US\$ 000's | 30 June 2022 (reviewed) | 31 December 2021 (audited) | 30 June 2021 (reviewed) |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and bank balances | 674,570 | 722,471 | 593,229 |
| Treasury portfolio | 3,314,062 | 3,089,925 | 2,379,758 |
| Financing assets | 1,457,758 | 1,311,002 | 1,252,936 |
| Investment in real estate | 1,185,905 | 1,905,598 | 1,817,499 |
| Proprietary investments | 1,141,659 | 211,638 | 171,357 |
| Co-investments | 136,069 | 171,877 | 128,272 |
| Receivables and other assets | 540,197 | 531,488 | 578,336 |
| Property and equipment | 70,009 | 139,687 | 135,741 |
| Total Assets | 8,520,229 | 8,083,686 | 7,057,128 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Clients' funds | 148,073 | 216,762 | 88,776 |
| Placements from financial, non-financial institutions and individuals | 3,411,900 | 3,052,092 | 2,722,879 |
| Customer current accounts | 222,574 | 133,046 | 150,462 |
| Term financing | 1,988,847 | 1,750,667 | 1,269,419 |
| Other liabilities | 457,220 | 404,654 | 428,670 |
| Total liabilities | 6,228,614 | 5,557,221 | 4,660,206 |
| Total equity of investment account holders | 1,249,544 | 1,358,344 | 1,221,554 |
| OWNERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 1,015,638 | 1,000,638 | 1,000,638 |
| Treasury shares | (70,283) | (48,498) | (62,234) |
| Statutory reserve | 27,970 | 27,970 | 24,058 |
| Investment fair value reserve | (58,839) | (28,561) | 4,109 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | - | (70,266) | (50,258) |
| Retained earnings | 62,629 | 81,811 | 17,940 |
| Share grant reserve | - | - | 1,093 |
| Total equity attributable to shareholders of the Bank | 977,115 | 963,094 | 935,346 |
| Non-controlling interests | 64,956 | 205,027 | 240,022 |
| Total owners' equity | 1,042,071 | 1,168,121 | 1,175,368 |
| Total liabilities, equity of investment account holders and owners' equity | 8,520,229 | 8,083,686 | 7,057,128 |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY for the six months ended 30 June 2022 / (US\$ 000's) | Attributable to shareholders of the Bank | | | | | | | Non-controlling interests | Total owners' equity |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Share capital | Treasury shares | Statutory reserve | Investment fair value reserve | Foreign currency translation reserve | Retained earnings | Total | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2022 | 1,000,638 | (48,498) | 27,970 | (28,561) | (70,266) | 81,811 | 963,094 | 205,027 | 1,168,121 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 42,180 | 42,180 | 3,196 | 45,376 |
| Transfer on reclassification from FVTE to amortised cost | - | - | - | 41,320 | - | - | 41,320 | - | 41,320 |
| Fair value changes during the period | - | - | - | (69,084) | - | - | (69,084) | (2,335) | (71,419) |
| Transfer to income statement on disposal of sukuk | - | - | - | (2,514) | - | - | (2,514) | - | (2,514) |
| Total recognised income and expense | - | - | - | (30,278) | - | 42,180 | 11,902 | 861 | 12,763 |
| Bonus shares issued | 15,000 | - | - | - | - | (15,000) | - | - | - |
| Dividend declared | - | - | - | - | - | (45,000) | (45,000) | - | (45,000) |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | (53,650) | - | - | - | - | (53,650) | - | (53,650) |
| Transfer to zakah and charity fund | - | - | - | - | - | (1,483) | (1,483) | - | (1,483) |
| Sale of treasury shares | - | 31,865 | - | - | - | 121 | 31,986 | - | 31,986 |
| Transferred to income statement on deconsolidation of subsidiaries | - | - | - | - | 70,266 | - | 70,266 | - | 70,266 |
| Adjusted on deconsolidation of subsidiaries | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (141,295) | (141,295) |
| Additional NCI on acquisition of subsidiary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 363 | 363 |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 1,015,638 | (70,283) | 27,970 | (58,839) | - | 62,629 | 977,115 | 64,956 | 1,042,071 |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY for the six months ended 30 June 2021 / (US\$ 000's) | Attributable to shareholders of the Bank | | | | | | | Non-controlling interests | Total owners' equity | |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | Share capital | Treasury shares | Statutory reserve | Investment fair value reserve | Foreign currency translation reserve | Retained earnings | Share grant reserve | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2021 (as previously reported) | 975,638 | (63,979) | 19,548 | 5,593 | (46,947) | 22,385 | 1,093 | 913,331 | 272,733 | 1,186,064 |
| Effect of adoption of FAS 32 | - | - | - | - | - | (2,096) | - | (2,096) | - | (2,096) |
| Balance at 1 January 2021 (restated) | 975,638 | (63,979) | 19,548 | 5,593 | (46,947) | 20,289 | 1,093 | 911,235 | 272,733 | 1,183,968 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 37,044 | - | 37,044 | 710 | 44,145 |
| Fair value changes during the period | - | - | - | 11,200 | - | - | - | 11,200 | (6) | 11,194 |
| Transfer to income statement on disposal of sukuk | - | - | - | (12,684) | - | - | - | (12,684) | - | (12,684) |
| Total recognised income and expense | - | - | - | (1,484) | - | 37,044 | - | 35,560 | 7,095 | 42,655 |
| Bonus Shares issued | 25,000 | - | - | - | - | (25,000) | - | - | - | - |
| Dividends declared | - | - | - | - | - | (17,000) | - | (17,000) | - | (17,000) |
| Transfer to zakah and charity fund | - | - | - | - | - | (1,572) | - | (1,572) | (142) | (1,714) |
| Transfer to statutory reserve | - | - | 4,510 | - | - | (4,510) | - | - | - | - |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | (26,777) | - | - | - | - | - | (26,777) | - | (26,777) |
| Sale of treasury shares | - | 28,522 | - | - | - | 921 | - | 29,443 | - | 29,443 |
| Foreign currency translation differences | - | - | - | - | (3,311) | - | - | (3,311) | (1,411) | (4,722) |
| Acquisition of NCI without a change in control | - | - | - | - | - | 7,768 | - | 7,768 | (38,253) | (30,485) |
| Balance at 30 June 2021 | 1,000,638 | (62,234) | 24,058 | 4,109 | (50,258) | 17,940 | 1,093 | 935,346 | 240,022 | 1,175,368 |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT for the six months ended 30 June 2022 / US\$ 000's | Six months ended | | Three months ended | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 30 June 2022 (reviewed) | 30 June 2021 (reviewed) | 30 June 2022 (reviewed) | 30 June 2021 (unreviewed) |
| Investment banking income | | | | |
| Asset management | 3,584 | 1,599 | 2,595 | 794 |
| Deal related income | 41,514 | 33,138 | 17,824 | 16,353 |
| | 45,098 | 34,737 | 20,419 | 17,147 |
| Commercial banking income | | | | |
| Income from financing | 42,975 | 39,784 | 21,747 | 18,126 |
| Treasury and investment income | 26,617 | 33,323 | 14,822 | 22,509 |
| Fee and other income | 1,960 | 2,257 | (1,363) | 701 |
| Less: Return to investment account holders | (18,638) | (16,093) | (10,123) | (7,804) |
| Less: Finance expense | (16,055) | (17,558) | (7,975) | (8,991) |
| | 36,859 | 41,713 | 17,108 | 24,541 |
| Income from proprietary and co-investments | | | | |
| Income from sale of real estate assets | 1,932 | 7,346 | - | 3,913 |
| Leasing and operating income | 7,265 | 2,134 | 6,137 | 990 |
| Direct investment income, net | 3,247 | 13,921 | 757 | 2,780 |
| Share of profit from equity-accounted investees | 10,500 | - | 10,500 | - |
| Income from co-investments | 15,865 | 5,010 | 10,942 | 2,610 |
| | 38,809 | 28,411 | 28,336 | 10,293 |
| Treasury and other income | | | | |
| Finance and treasury portfolio income, net | 52,104 | 58,898 | 24,168 | 29,248 |
| Other income, net | 9,893 | 17,251 | 1,918 | 9,392 |
| | 61,997 | 76,149 | 26,086 | 38,640 |
| Total income | 182,763 | 181,010 | 91,949 | 90,621 |
| Operating expenses | 59,565 | 59,760 | 25,266 | 27,575 |
| Finance expense | 80,691 | 63,396 | 44,910 | 29,733 |
| Impairment allowances | (2,869) | 13,709 | (4,254) | 8,508 |
| Total expenses | 137,387 | 136,865 | 65,922 | 65,816 |
| Profit for the period | 45,376 | 44,145 | 26,027 | 24,805 |
| Attributable to: | | | | |
| Shareholders of the Bank | 42,180 | 37,044 | 23,062 | 20,922 |
| Non-controlling interests | 3,196 | 7,101 | 2,965 | 3,883 |
| | 45,376 | 44,145 | 26,027 | 24,805 |
| Earnings per share | | | | |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share (US cents) | 1.22 | 1.21 | 0.67 | 0.68 |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the six months ended 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2022 (reviewed) | 30 June 2021 (reviewed) |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Profit for the period | 45,376 | 44,145 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Income from commercial banking | (26,321) | (33,065) |
| Income from proprietary investments | (37,282) | (18,931) |
| Income from dividend and gain on treasury investments | (53,024) | (85,628) |
| Foreign exchange gain | (1,305) | (1,105) |
| Finance expense | 80,691 | 80,953 |
| Impairment allowances | (2,869) | 13,709 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 776 | 2,621 |
| | 6,042 | 2,699 |
| Changes in: | | |
| Placements with financial institutions (maturities of more than 3 months) | - | (100,995) |
| Financing assets | (146,756) | 14,330 |
| Other assets | (19,209) | 44,773 |
| CBB Reserve and restricted bank balance | (982) | (10,319) |
| Clients' funds | (68,689) | (42,159) |
| Placements from financial and non-financial institutions | 359,808 | 304,879 |
| Customer current accounts | 89,528 | 9,706 |
| Equity of investment account holders | (108,800) | 64,561 |
| Payables and accruals | 17,099 | (36,367) |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | 128,041 | 251,108 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Payments for purchase of equipment | (74) | (851) |
| Proceeds from sale of proprietary investment securities, net | 415 | 23,129 |
| Purchase of treasury portfolio, net | (269,077) | (41,882) |
| Cash acquired on acquisition of a subsidiary | 407 | - |
| Cash paid on acquisition of a subsidiary | (5,215) | - |
| Dividends received from proprietary investments and co-investments | 25,528 | 7,449 |
| Advance paid for development of real estate | (22,652) | (5,081) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (270,668) | (387,236) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Financing liabilities, net | 149,146 | 180,341 |
| Finance expense paid | (82,531) | (72,767) |
| Purchase of sukuk | (2,028) | - |
| Dividends paid | (853) | (17,299) |
| Purchase of treasury shares, net | (21,785) | 1,746 |
| Net cash generated from financing activities | 41,949 | 92,021 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the period | (100,678) | (44,107) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January | 844,344 | 655,455 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June | 743,666 | 611,348 |
| Cash and cash equivalents comprise: | | |
| Cash and balances with banks (excluding CBB Reserve balance and restricted cash) | 615,504 | 538,438 |
| Placements with financial institutions (less than 3 months) | 128,162 | 72,910 |
| | 743,666 | 611,348 |

The Board of Directors approved the condensed consolidated interim financial information on 10 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Ghazi Faisal Ebrahim Alhajeri
Chairman

Hisham Alrayes
Chief Executive Officer & Board Member

"The above Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and the Changes in Owners' Equity have been extracted from Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements of GFH Financial Group B.S.C. for the six months ended 30 June 2022, which were reviewed by KPMG, who have expressed an Unqualified Opinion on 10 August 2022".

GFH H1 profit grows 13.9% to US\$42.18 million

● Second quarter net profit rose 10.2%

● Consolidated net profit was US\$26.03 m

TDT | Manama

GFH Financial Group yesterday reported profits for the second quarter and first half 2022, attributing the increases mainly to income generated from the placement of the Group's global investments, commercial banking business and sustainable infrastructure platform.

Second quarter net profit attributable to shareholders was US\$23.06 million up 10.2% from US\$20.92 m in the year-ago quarter reflecting continued steady growth and progress.

Earnings per share was US cents 0.67 compared to US cents 0.68 for the comparative quarter



Ghazi Al Hajeri, Chairman of GFH



Hisham Alrayes, CEO of GFH

of 2021.

Total income was US\$91.95 m compared to US\$90.62 m in the prior-year quarter, a rise of 1.5%. Consolidated net profit was US\$26.03 m compared with US\$24.81 m in the year-earlier quarter, an increase of 4.9%. Total expenses were US\$65.92 m compared to US\$65.82 m in the

comparative period of 2021, an increase of 0.2%.

H1 results

Net profit attributable to shareholders rose 13.9% to US\$42.18 m compared to US\$37.04 m in the year-ago period. Earnings per share was US

cents 1.22 compared to US cents 1.21 a year ago. Total income was US\$182.76 m versus US\$181.01 m for the 2021 period, an increase of 1.0%. Consolidated net profit increased by 2.8% to US\$45.38 m from US\$44.15 m in the first six months of 2021. Total expenses were US\$137.39 m up 0.4% from US\$136.87 m for the first

six months of 2021.

Commenting, Ghazi Al Hajeri, Chairman of GFH, said, "The aim is to accelerate growth and investments in sustainable infrastructure assets and environments across the Gulf and internationally, an area of significant opportunity and one in line with our focus on furthering embedding ESG principles and impact into the heart of our business, investments and development principles. With positive momentum from the first half of the year, we look forward to maintaining our upward trajectory and creating even greater value for our investors and shareholders."

Hisham Alrayes, CEO of GFH, added, "During the period, we acquired a majority stake in SQ Asset Management, a US-based student housing specialist, strengthening our presence in the US real estate sector and supporting new transactions of approximately US\$0.5 billion in the student housing space

during the first half of the year alone. Our commercial banking subsidiary, KHCB, has also performed well during the period, continuing to increase its contributions after a successful turnaround. We are also very proud that Infracorp, which was launched in January of this year, has already announced good profits during its first reporting period. We expect even further progress in these key areas of our business. And continued expansion of our investment activities, deal flow and global footprint. This remains a priority in the forthcoming periods as we actively pursuing organic and inorganic growth with an eye towards delivering even stronger results during the remainder of 2022."

Currently, GFH manages over US\$15 billion of assets and funds including a global portfolio of investments in logistics, health-care, education and technology in the MENA region, Europe and North America.

Bank ABC posts US\$70 million H1 profit

● H1 total operating income crossed \$500 million mark for the first time in history

TDT | Manama

Bank ABC (Arab Banking Corporation) yesterday reported a jump in its quarterly and H1 profits, aided by higher interest rates, volumes and inclusion of revenue from BBE, despite facing unexpected headwinds from geopolitical developments and persistent high inflation across some markets.

The headwinds, the bank said, were counterbalanced by sustained high oil prices, improving economic activity in other markets and rising interest rates.

Bank ABC also said that its merger and integration of BBE along with its digital and other strategic initiatives are progressing well.

Group Chairman, Saddek Omar El Kaber, said, "We are extremely pleased with the Group's performance with historic achievement in revenues and solid growth in profits during the first half of 2022 despite



Saddek Omar El Kaber, Bank ABC's Group Chairman



Bank ABC Head Office in Bahrain

unexpected headwinds."

"We are looking forward to further progress on our strategy and gaining momentum in our revenues to achieve record levels for the full year."

Second quarter results

Consolidated net profit attributable to the shareholders of the parent was US\$39 million, 56% higher compared to US\$25 m reported for the same period last year.

Earnings per share remained unchanged at US\$0.01.

Total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the parent was a loss of US\$111 m, compared to US\$137 m profit reported for the same period last year, mainly from a net impact of

foreign exchange translation in foreign subsidiaries and change in fair value of debt instruments.

On a headline basis, total operating income increased 21% to US\$273 m, benefitting from higher interest rates, volumes and inclusion of revenue from BBE during this year. On an underlying basis, total operating income jumped 33% to US\$270 m from the year-ago quarter.

Net interest income surged 40% to US\$193 m, benefitting from higher interest and supported by growing volumes in some key markets.

Operating expenses increased 34% to US\$172 m from a combination of consolidation of BBE as well as the Group returning to

a more normal level of activity.

On an underlying basis, net operating profit was US\$96 m, 28% higher, compared to US\$75 m in Q2 2021. Headline net operating profit was US\$ 101 m, compared to US\$97 m reported for the same period last year.

Impairment charges or credit loss expenses were US\$26 m compared to US\$29 m reported for the same period last year.

The tax charge was US\$22 m, compared to US\$35 m for the same period last year.

H1 performance

Consolidated net profit attributable to the shareholders of the parent was US\$70 m, 27% higher compared to US\$55 m reported for the same period last year.

Earnings per share was US\$0.02, unchanged from the corresponding period, last year.

On a headline basis, total operating income was US\$520 m, 28% higher, compared to US\$407 m reported for the same period last year. On an underlying basis, Total Operating Income was at US\$523 m, compared to US\$400 m for the same period last year, benefitting from increase in interest rates and consolidation of BBE. Net interest income was US\$370 m, 42% higher against US\$260 m reported for the same period last year, supported by higher interest rates, higher loan volumes, consistent margins and the addition from BBE.

Impairment charges (ECL) for the period were US\$51 m compared to US\$49 m reported for the same period last year, broadly in line with historic credit loss experience. Tax charge US\$42 m, compared to US\$36 m for the first half of 2021.

Loans and Advances were 2% higher for the quarter at US\$17.0 bn compared with US\$16.8 bn at 2021 year-end, reflecting the Group's selective underwriting and strengthening in BRL FX rate. Deposits were at US\$24.7 bn, compared to US\$25.8 bn at the 2021 year-end.

Musk sells Tesla shares worth \$6.9 bn, cites chance of forced Twitter deal

Reuters

Tesla Inc (TSLA.O) Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk sold \$6.9 billion worth of shares in the electric vehicle maker, saying the funds could be used to finance a potential Twitter deal if he loses a legal battle with the social media platform.

"In the (hopefully unlikely) event that Twitter forces this deal to close *and* some equity partners don't come through, it is important to avoid an emergency sale of Tesla stock," he said in a tweet late on Tuesday.

Shares of the microblogging site rose 3.5% to \$44.35 in premarket trading, but were still trading significantly below Musk's offer price of \$54.20 per share. Musk in early July tore up his April 25 agreement to buy Twitter for \$44 bn. Twitter has sued Musk to force him to complete the transaction, dismissing his claim that he was misled about the number of spam accounts.

Tamkeen gets top Golden Bridge Business and Innovation Awards

Awards honours comprehensive transformation plan over the past year

TDT | Manama

The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) received a prestigious international award in recognition of its entrepreneurial initiative of conducting a comprehensive transformation plan that focuses on driving greater economic impact for Bahrain.

Tamkeen was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" in the category of non-profit or government organizations in the 14th Annual 2022 Golden Bridge Business and Innovation Awards.



The Golden Bridge Business and Innovation Awards are the Maha Mofeez, Acting Chief Executive of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen)

world's leading business awards programme honoring achievements in various sectors around the world.

Maha Mofeez, Acting Chief Executive of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) expressed deep pride in this achievement and highlighted the active role of Tamkeen's employees in receiving this international recognition. She stated: "This achievement was made possible by the unwavering support from our leadership and the great efforts of Tamkeen's dedicated employ-

ees. This recognition motivates us to continue driving change in Bahrain by being entrepreneurial in everything we do. We look forward to further success as we continue this journey of transformation to drive greater economic impact for Bahrain." Tamkeen's transformation resulted in 16 specialized programmes offering individuals and enterprises tailored support designed to help them reach their highest potential. As well as a new assessment framework to ensure transparency

and fairness in evaluation, and a framework for data analytics to streamline performance reporting. Tamkeen also launched an updated online portal, and unveiled a new brand identity that communicates and emphasizes this new approach.

Tamkeen said it will continue to work to provide the high quality and impactful support to enterprises and individuals in Bahrain to enhance productivity and achieve sustainable economic growth for the Kingdom.

Allies refuse Japan's offer to surrender on the condition that Emperor Hirohito retains his status

Formal peace treaty ends over 7 yrs of fighting in Indochina between the French and the Communist Viet Minh



Al-Qaeda formed at a meeting between Osama bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri and Dr Fadl in Peshawar, Pakistan

NATO takes over command of the peacekeeping force in Afghanistan

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, PREPARATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS
ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

News in brief

◆ **A close aide to Pakistan's** former Prime Minister Imran Khan and a local media house will face sedition charges, accused of inciting mutiny in the powerful military, the country's interior minister said yesterday. The charges were related to comments made by Khan adviser Shahbaz Gill and aired on ARY TV on Monday night, which the minister, Rana Sanaullah, said was a planned move to malign the military. He said the accused would face sedition charges for inciting mutiny in the military. "We've set up a special team to probe it," he told reporters in Islamabad, adding, "It was a planned move to malign our institutions." Gill and ARY TV's head of news, Ahammad Yousaf, had been arrested, police officials Asad Abbas and Naeem Tahir told Reuters. The arrests came late on Tuesday and early on Wednesday, a day after a state-run media regulator said in a statement that it had ordered ARY News to be taken off air for airing "false, hateful and seditious" content. Khan said the charges were politically motivated, calling Gill's arrest an "abduction". "Can such shameful acts take place in any democracy?" he said in a tweet.



Former Pakistan PM Khan's aide, TV channel face sedition charges

◆ **Malaysia urges ASEAN states to engage Myanmar junta's rivals**



◆ **Malaysia wants a clear endgame in Myanmar's** faltering peace process and is advocating direct engagement by ASEAN states with the junta's opponents, and bringing other countries into the fold, its foreign minister said yesterday. Saifuddin Abdullah, whose candid remarks about the troubled peace process have angered the junta, also said the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) special Myanmar envoy should have a tenure longer than a year to be more effective. Myanmar has been trapped in a spiral of violence since the military seized power last year and ended a decade of tentative democracy, triggering a backlash of protests, strikes and armed resistance that the generals have met with deadly force. ASEAN countries, which have a code of non-interference in each member state's affairs, are losing patience with the junta over its failure to follow a plan that includes multi-party dialogue, humanitarian aid access and a cessation of hostilities.

◆ **British Foreign Secretary** Liz Truss yesterday summoned China's ambassador to Britain, Zheng Zeguang, to explain Beijing's actions towards Taiwan following U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit. A furious China has extended its largest-ever exercises around the self-ruled island it claims as its own following Pelosi's visit - the highest-level trip to the island by an American official in decades. "I instructed officials to summon the Chinese Ambassador to explain his country's actions."

UK summons Chinese ambassador over 'aggressive' escalation on Taiwan

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

| Country | Total cases | Total deaths |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 USA | 94,128,907 | 1,059,641 |
| 2 India | 44,190,697 | 526,826 |
| 3 France | 34,117,888 | 152,822 |
| 4 Brazil | 34,066,000 | 680,598 |
| 5 Germany | 31,379,757 | 145,241 |
| 6 UK | 23,368,899 | 185,052 |
| 7 Italy | 21,368,480 | 173,426 |
| 8 S. Korea | 20,845,973 | 25,382 |
| 9 Russia | 18,770,657 | 382,902 |
| 10 Turkey | 16,295,817 | 99,678 |
| 11 Japan | 14,618,271 | 34,075 |
| 12 Spain | 13,280,557 | 111,339 |
| 13 Vietnam | 11,353,573 | 43,095 |
| 14 Australia | 9,711,971 | 12,570 |

Global tally

591,536,245

Deaths

6,442,648

Recovered:

563,473,759

New cases

+528,124

New deaths

+1,020

Figures as of closing

Middle East

| Country | Total cases | new cases | Total deaths | New Deaths | Total recovered | Active cases |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Egypt | 515,645 | | 24,613 | | 442,182 | 48,850 |
| Saudi Arabia | 811,512 | +150 | 9,264 | +1 | 798,172 | 4,076 |
| UAE | 1,001,445 | +889 | 2,338 | +1 | 980,178 | 18,929 |
| Kuwait | 655,854 | | 2,562 | | 652,250 | 1,042 |
| Oman | 397,231 | +509 | 4,260 | | 384,669 | 8,302 |
| Qatar | 416,636 | +760 | 681 | | 409,990 | 5,965 |

Russia using power plant as 'nuclear shield': Ukraine

● **Ukraine says 13 killed in Russian rocket attack**

● **Accuses Russia of shelling from near nuclear plant**

● **Russia says it does not deliberately target civilians**

● **Has accused Kyiv of shelling power plant from struck town**

Reuters | Kyiv

Ukraine yesterday accused Russia of exploiting its position in a nuclear power plant it had seized to target a nearby town in a rocket attack that killed at least 13 people and left many others seriously wounded.

The town Ukraine says Russia targeted - Marhanets - is one that Russia has alleged Ukrainian forces have used in the past to shell Russian forces who are holed up at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant which they took over in March.

Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), has urged both sides to exercise restraint, warning of the "very real risk of a nuclear disaster."



Smoke rises after explosions were heard from the direction of a Russian military airbase near Novofedorivka, Crimea

And foreign ministers from the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries on Wednesday demanded that Russia immediately hand back control of the plant to Ukraine, something Moscow seems unlikely to do.

Russia says its forces are behaving responsibly and doing everything they can to ensure the facility's safety. Moscow has accused Ukrainian forces of shelling the plant, something Kyiv denies.

Valentyn Reznichenko, governor of Ukraine's central Dnipropetrovsk region, said on Wednesday that the Russian attack on Marhanets was carried out with 80 Grad rockets.

More than 20 buildings had been damaged in the town, which is located on the other side of the Dnipro river from the power plant, he said.

The same attack damaged

a power line, leaving several thousand people without electricity, he added. A hostel, two schools, a concert hall, the main council building and other administrative buildings had been hit too, he said.

Images supplied by Ukrainian officials showed the rubble-strewn corridor of a school that had apparently been hit with its windows blown out and a residential building pierced by a rocket.

Britain, which is helping Ukraine with weapons, intelligence and training, said on Wednesday that it believed Russia had "almost certainly" established a major new ground force to support its war.

The new force, called the 3rd Army Corps, was based in the city of Mulino, east of Russia's capital, Moscow, the British Defence Ministry said in a daily intelligence bulletin.

Beluga whale that strayed into River Seine euthanised during rescue

Reuters | Saint-Pierre-La-Garenne, France

An ailing beluga whale that strayed into the River Seine died yesterday during an attempt to return it to the sea off northern France, authorities said.

Rescue divers overnight guided the whale into a net before a crane lifted it from the river in an operation which lasted six hours. It was then transported in a refrigerated truck to the Channel port of Ouistreham.

During the road journey, the already-weak beluga suffered respiratory failure and it was euthanised by vets shortly after arriving in Ouistreham.

"Despite an unprecedented rescue operation, it is with sadness that we announce the

cetacean's death," the local Calvados authorities said.

The plan had been to move the malnourished whale to a saltwater basin in the hope it might recover some strength before being transferred to the sea.

But it was a risky venture.

The four-metre male weighed 800 kilograms (1763 pounds), well below an adult beluga's typical weight of 1,200 kg, and had not fed since it was first spotted in the Seine last week.

Rescuers believe it was sick before it wandered up the river to within 70 km (43 miles) of Paris. The whale's condition deteriorated during the road journey to the coast. It was still alive when it reached Ouistreham but was weak and struggling to breathe.

Marine conservation group Sea Shepherd France, which was involved in the rescue operation, said leaving the whale in the Seine would have condemned it to certain death. Beluga cannot survive prolonged periods in the warm, freshwater of rivers.

"(The operation) was risky, but essential to give a chance to an otherwise doomed animal," the group added.

In late May, a gravely ill orca swam dozens of miles up the Seine and died of natural causes after attempts to guide it back to sea failed.

In September 2018, a beluga was spotted in the River Thames east of London, in what was then the most southerly sighting of a beluga on British shores.



The beluga, or white whale, is one of the smallest species of whale. Their distinctive color and prominent foreheads make them easily identifiable. Unlike most other whales, the beluga has a very flexible neck that enables it to nod and turn its head in all directions.



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



2G Ethanol Plant in Panipat will help boost production and usage of biofuels in the country.
@narendramodi

02



American journalist Austin Tice has spent a decade in captivity in Syria. I am committed to bringing home all U.S. hostages and wrongful detainees abroad and will continue to pursue the release of Austin and other U.S. hostages in Syria.
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03



One of the ways we're giving working people a fighting chance is by making health care, prescriptions, energy, and so much more affordable and accessible through the Inflation Reduction Act.
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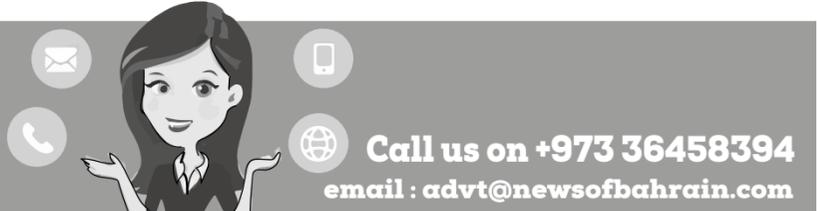
04



I applaud Mongolia's ambition to plant one billion trees by 2030. If we work hard to restore ecosystems, we will heal nature and ourselves.
@antoniogetterres

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Sri Lanka's ousted president seeking entry to Thailand after weeks in Singapore

Reuters | Bangkok

Former Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa has requested entry into Thailand for a temporary stay in a second Southeast Asian country after fleeing his island nation last month amid mass protests, the Thai foreign ministry said yesterday.

Rajapaksa fled to Singapore on July 14 following unprecedented unrest caused by Sri Lanka's worst economic crisis in seven decades, and days after thousands of protesters stormed the president's official residence and office.

The retired military officer then resigned from the presidency, becoming the first Sri Lankan head of state to quit mid-term.

Rajapaksa is expected to leave Singapore and head to Thailand's capital Bangkok on Thursday, two sources said, asking not to be named. Sri Lanka's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Tanee Sangrat, a Thai foreign ministry spokesman, said Rajapaksa holds a diplomatic passport that allows him entry into the country for 90 days. He did not say when Rajapaksa intended to visit.

"The entry to Thailand by the former president of Sri Lanka is for a temporary stay," Sangrat said.

"The Sri Lankan side informs us that the former president has no intention for political asylum in Thailand and will travel to another country



Gotabaya Rajapaksa

afterwards."

Rajapaksa has made no public appearances or comments since leaving Sri Lanka, and Reuters was unable to immediately contact him.

Singapore's government said this month that the city state had not accorded him any privileges or immunity.

A member of the influential Rajapaksa family, the 73-year-old served in the Sri Lankan military and later as defence secretary.

During his time as defence secretary, government forces finally defeated Tamil Tiger rebels in 2009 to end a bloody civil war. Some rights groups now want accusations that Rajapaksa committed war crimes to be investigated. Rajapaksa has previously strenuously denied the allegations.

China withdraws promise not to send troops if it takes control of Taiwan

Reuters | Beijing

China has withdrawn a promise not to send troops or administrators to Taiwan if it takes control of the island, an official document showed yesterday, signalling a decision by President Xi Jinping to grant less autonomy than previously offered.

China's white paper on its position on self-ruled Taiwan follows days of unprecedented Chinese military exercises near the island, which Beijing claims as its territory, in protest against U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit last week.

China had said in two previous white papers on Taiwan, in 1993 and 2000, that it "will not send troops or administrative personnel to be based in Taiwan" after achieving what Beijing terms "reunification".

That line, meant to assure Taiwan it would enjoy autonomy after becoming a special administrative region of China, did not appear in the latest white paper.

China's ruling Communist Party had proposed that Taiwan could return to its rule under a "one country, two systems" model, similar to the formula under which the former British



Troops in military vehicles take part in the military parade marking the 70th founding anniversary of People's Republic of China

colony of Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

That would offer some autonomy to democratically ruled Taiwan to partially preserve its social and political systems.

All mainstream Taiwanese political parties have rejected the "one country, two systems" proposal and it enjoys almost no public support according to opinion polls. Taiwan's government says only the island's people can decide their future.

A line in the 2000 white paper that said "anything can be negotiated" as long as Taiwan accepts that there is only one China and does not seek independence, is also missing from the latest white paper.

Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council condemned the white paper, saying it was "full of lies of wishful thinking and disre-

garded the facts" and that the Republic of China - Taiwan's official name - was a sovereign state.

"Only Taiwan's 23 million people have the right to decide on the future of Taiwan, and they will never accept an outcome set by an autocratic regime."

The updated white paper is called "The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era". The "new era" is a term commonly associated with Xi's rule. Xi is expected to secure a third term at a Communist Party congress later this year. Taiwan has lived under the threat of Chinese invasion since 1949, when the defeated Republic of China government fled to the island after Mao Zedong's Communist Party won a civil war.

Hundreds of prisoners escape after armed group attacks east Congo facility

Reuters | Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo

Hundreds of prison inmates in the eastern Congolese city of Butembo have escaped after the facility was attacked by an armed group overnight, local authorities said on Tuesday.

Two police officers were killed and part of the prison was damaged by a fire during the

attack by Mai-Mai militiamen, said Antony Mwalushayi, a spokesperson for the army's operations against armed groups in Democratic Republic of Congo's North Kivu province.

He did not say how many prisoners had escaped, but Butembo Mayor Mowa Baeiki-Telly said it was in the hundreds and appealed to residents to help round them up.

"If there is an escapee, he

should not be burned - do not kill him ... bring him here to us so that we can put him back in prison," he told reporters.

Mai-Mai comprises several armed groups which originally banded together to resist two invasions by Rwandan forces in the late 1990s. They have since morphed into a variety of ethnic-based militia, including hardline secessionists.

Europe to consider "dose-sparing" to increase monkeypox vaccine, WHO seeks trials



A person receives a dose of the Jynneos vaccine at Spallanzani Hospital, as vaccinations against monkeypox began in Rome, Italy

Reuters | London

Health officials in Europe are discussing whether to follow a move by the United States to stretch out scarce monkeypox vaccine supplies, with the World Health Organisation calling for more data.

There have been 27,800 monkeypox cases - largely among men who have sex with men - and 12 deaths worldwide this year.

Supplies of the key Bavarian Nordic (BAVA.CO) shot, the only vaccine authorized to prevent monkeypox and a key part of the global public health response, are scarce, according to WHO and other government health agencies. On Tuesday, the US backed using one vial of the vaccine to administer up to five separate doses - instead of a single dose - by injecting a smaller amount in between layers of the skin. The vaccine was designed to be injected into a layer of fat beneath the skin.

This so-called 'dose-sparing' approach has been tried before with other vaccines, including for polio and yellow fever, but the evidence is limited on whether it could work for monkeypox.

celebs



Taylor Swift

Pete Davidson in 'trauma therapy' following Kanye's attacks on social media

IANIS | Los Angeles

Comedian Pete Davidson has been in "trauma therapy" largely due to rapper Kanye West's attacks on social media.

The news was confirmed by several sources to Page Six.

Beginning in April, 'The King of Staten Island' star, 28, has been seeking help following his feud with the rapper for dating his former wife, Kim Kardashian.

"The attention and negativity coming from Kanye and his antics is a trigger for (Pete), and he's had to seek out help," an insider told People, who first reported the story on Monday.

The source stressed that, despite calling it quits last week, Davidson "has no regrets for dating Kim and

wants it to be made very clear that she's been nothing but supportive of him throughout their relationship".

On August 5, an insider confirmed to Page Six that Davidson and Kim, 41, had called quits after nine months of dating.

Kanye has continuously criticised Davidson, who he dubbed Skete, ever since he was first linked to Kardashian in October 2021.

Earlier this year, West released a video for 'Eazy' that had him literally kidnapping and burying a cartoon version of Davidson. He also rapped about "beating Pete Davidson's a**".

West also attacked Davidson in a second video for the same tune, this time while the actor wore a "Skete" hoodie.

Pete Davidson

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Taylor Swift punches back in copyright lawsuit, claims she wrote hit 'Shake It Off' herself

Fox | Los Angeles

Taylor Swift and her legal team hit back in a copyright lawsuit in which the singer-songwriter is accused of stealing lyrics for her hit song, "Shake It Off."

Sean Hall and Nathan Butler, who wrote 3LW's 2000 song "Playas Gon' Play," are accusing the superstar of using their words. A Monday court filing insisted that Swift wrote 2014's "Shake It Off" by herself, while her attorney accused Hall and

Butler of trying to cash in on the song's astronomical success.

"The lyrics to Shake It Off were written entirely by me," Swift said in a declaration, as reported by The Guardian. "Until learning about Plaintiffs' claim in 2017, I had never heard the song Playas Gon' Play and had never heard of that song or the group 3LW."

Swift claimed that she was just 11 when "Playas Gon' Play" was released, and that she was not allowed to watch MTV's "Total Request Live"

music video countdown show until she was "about 13 years old." Backing this up, Swift's mother Andrea Swift filed an accompanying statement in which she said that she kept a close watch over the media her daughter was exposed to at home.

Swift's attorney claimed in a motion filed in federal court that Hall and Butler were merely trying to cash in on the success of Swift's song.

CINEMA

LAAL SINGH CHADDHA
(PG-13) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC) (NEW)
AAMIR KHAN, KAREENA KAPOOR, NAGA CHAITANYA

OASIS JUFFAIR (ATMOS): 1.15 + 4.30 + 7.45 + 11.00 PM
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BEAST
(PG-15) (ADVENTURE/ACTION/THRILLER) (NEW)
IDRIS ELBA, SHARLTO COPLEY, LEAH JEFFRIES

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RAKSHA BANDHAN
(PG-13) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA) (NEW)
AKSHAY KUMAR, BHUMI PEDNEKAR

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FALL
(PG-15) (THRILLER/DRAMA) (NEW)
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I LOVE MY DAD
(15+) (DRAMA/COMEDY) (NEW)
PATTON OSWALT, JAMES MOROSINI, CLAUDIA SULEWSKI

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SEEF (I): 11.30 AM + 3.30 + 7.30 + 11.30 PM

DEMON'S PIT
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GHOST
(PG-15) (EMARATI/THRILLER/COMEDY/HORROR) (NEW)
MARIAM SULTAN, ABDULLAH AL JUNAIBI, KANO AL KENDY

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 5.00 + 10.00 PM

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(PG-15) (MALAYALM) (NEW)
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(PG-13) (TAMIL) (NEW)
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SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 4.00 + 9.45 PM

MACHERLA NIYOKAVARGAM
(TELUGU) (NEW)
NITHIIN, KRITHI SHETTY, CATHERINE TRESA

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SEEF (I): 1.00 + 6.45 PM

BULLET TRAIN
(15+) (ACTION/COMEDY/CRIME)
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SEEF (I): 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

PAAPPAN
(PG-15) (MALAYALM)
SURESH GOPI, ASHA SHARATH, SUNNY WAYNE

OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.00 + 4.15 + 7.30 + 10.45 PM

SEEF (I): 1.00 + 6.45 PM

AL HAMRA-ON THURSDAY: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN

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(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/COMEDY)
MOHAMMED EMAM, HUDA AL-MUFTI, MUHAMMAD SALAM

CITY CENTRE: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

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STEVE CARELL, TARAJI P. HENSON, MICHELLE YEOH

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BAHEBEK
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TAMER HOSNY, HANA EL ZAHED, HUDA EL MOFTI

CITY CENTRE: 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

WADI AL SAIL: 8.00 + 10.15 PM

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TOM CRUISE, MILES TELLER, JENNIFER CONNELLY

CITY CENTRE: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM

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JOHN ABRAHAM, ARJUN KAPOOR, DISHA PATANI

SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 4.15 + 10.00 PM

PARADISE HIGHWAY
(PG-15) (THRILLER/CRIME/DRAMA)
MORGAN FREEMAN, JULIETTE BINOCHE, FRANK GRILLO

CITY CENTRE: 2.30 + 7.30 PM

JURASSIC WORLD: DOMINION
(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/ACTION/THRILLER)
CHRIS PRATT, BRYCE DALLAS HOWARD, LAURA DERN

CITY CENTRE: 10.45 AM + 1.45 + 4.45 + 7.45 + 10.45 PM

THE BLACK PHONE
(15+) (HORROR)
ETHAN HAWKE, MASON THAMES, JEREMY DAVIS

CITY CENTRE: 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 PM

CHHALLA MUD KE NAHI AAYA
(PG-13) (PUNJABI/DRAMA)
AMRINDER GILL, SARGUN MEHA, KARAMJIT ARMOL

SEEF (I): 3.15 + 11.00 PM

KIRA WIL GEN
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KARIM ABDUL-AZIZ, AHMAD EZZ, HEND SABRY

SEEF (I): 7.00 + 10.30 PM

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How to play
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Across

1- Table d'...; 5- Assistant; 9- Ultimate; 12- Bear in the sky; 13- To make of brass; 15- London district; 16- Skin marking, often due to injury; 17- Weighted down; 18- Planetary revolution; 19- Protective helmet; 21- Citadel of Moscow; 23- Ceremony; 24- Long-sleeved linen vestment; 25- Ripe; 28- Not merely local; 33- Ignominy; 34- Can't stand; 35- Actress Olin; 36- Spanish title; 37- Off-the-wall; 38- Porcine pad; 39- Estimator's phrase; 41- Scottish Gaelic; 42- Chip maker; 44- Farewell, in Japan; 46- Potemkin setting; 47- Microwave; 48- Geographical expanse; 49- A defiled mortal; 53- British rock group; 57- Abba of Israel; 58- Like Fran Drescher's voice; 60- Cork's place; 61- Boast; 62- Narrow openings; 63- Agitated state; 64- Male cat; 65- Of course!; 66- New Ager John;

Down

1- Quiet; 2- Killer whale; 3- Boris Godunov, for one; 4- Membrane in the ear canal; 5- Remove by melting; 6- Steamed; 7- Father; 8- O.T. book; 9- Christmas song; 10- Baht spender; 11- Word with French or English; 14- Livid; 15- Emblem; 20- Employ; 22- Biblical high priest; 25- Windows predecessor; 26- Now, in Nogales; 27- Aromatic herb; 28- Mikhail's wife; 29- French 101 verb; 30- Bird homes; 31- Pays to play; 32- 1972 Derek and the Dominos hit; 34- German Mister; 37- Instruments of offense; 40- Flowing gently; 42- Impression; 43- Most tidy; 45- Pester; 46- Threat finale; 48- Diminish; 49- It's owed; 50- Spanish river; 51- Yes...; 52- Spanish surrealist; 54- ... dancing is popular with cowboys!; 55- Goddess and sister of Ares in Greek mythology; 56- Clockmaker Thomas; 59- Bro's sibling;

Yesterday's solution

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Osaka retires, Raducanu exits, Andreescu upsets in Toronto

Naomi Osaka retires in opening match at Toronto with back injury

● **Emma Raducanu loses to defending champion Camila Giorgi**

● **Bianca Andreescu beats Daria Kasatkina**

AFP | Toronto

A tearful Naomi Osaka retired injured and U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu fell at the first hurdle as the top women's players continued their preparations for Flushing Meadows at the Toronto Open on Tuesday.

News of the pending retirement of Serena Williams overshadowed proceedings at the tune-up for the year's final Grand Slam but there were no shortage of first-round upsets for fans to enjoy, including one by local Bianca Andreescu.

Twice U.S. Open champion Osaka, in only her second tournament back from an Achilles injury, battled on gamely before retiring while trailing Kaia Kanepi 7-6(4) 3-0.

"I felt my back from the start



Naomi Osaka is tended to by a trainer during a match against Kaia Kanepi

of the match, and despite trying my best to push through it, I just wasn't able to today," said Osaka. Toronto-born Raducanu conceded a tight first set to Camila Giorgi but looked on course to level up the contest when she took a 2-0 lead in the second.

The Italian defending champion stormed back to rattle off the last six games with a mix of solid returns, net play and movement, however, easing into the second round 7-6(0) 6-2.

"I think it was a really good match, to be honest," said ninth

seed Raducanu. "I just need to get better at dealing with players who play as quick as she does."

Andreescu later delighted a packed house with a 7-6(5) 6-4 victory over Daria Kasatkina in an evening match that left the Russian world number nine, fresh off a title win in San Jose, clearly disgruntled.

The Canadian, who took the Toronto title in 2019 before winning the US Open, twice called out the trainer, including during the first-set tiebreak, before prevailing in a topsy-turvy match on



Osaka has played only six matches with a 2-4 record since losing the Miami final in early April to world number one Iga Swiatek

centre court.

"I was honestly a mess," said the 53rd ranked Andreescu. "I'm so sorry for my attitude, I really do not feel well, I don't know what it was ... maybe I ate too much before the match."

There were also first-round wins for 10th seed Coco Gauff, China's Zheng Qinwen, Belgian Elise Mertens, Spain's Sara Sorribes Tormo and Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic.

Greek third seed Maria Sakkari stamped out any chance of another upset in the final match of the day, fighting off a comeback from 2017 US Open champion

"I felt my back from the start of the match, and despite trying to push through it, I just wasn't able to today. I'd like to pay credit to Kaia for playing well and want to wish her all the best for the rest of the tournament

NAOMI OSAKA

Sloane Stephens to take a 6-2 4-6 6-2 victory in a second round tie.

The news that six-times US Open champion Williams would soon be hanging up her racket dominated talk among players and fans around the complex.

"She changed the sport and she did a lot and now she can bow down," spectator Natalie Chapusette said of the 40-year-old.

"It is good news for her, but not for the fans. But if you see the human behind the sportsperson, she deserves it."

Kanepi, however, was unmoved by the news.

Germany coach Flick delighted with Werner's Leipzig return



Timo Werner
Reuters | Berlin

Timo Werner's return to his former club RB Leipzig is good news both for the league and for the player, who will continue competing at the highest level, Germany coach Hansi Flick said, with the year-ending World Cup just around the corner.

Werner, whose form over the past two years raised questions about whether he was the right striker for this year's World Cup in Qatar, signed a four-year contract on Tuesday to return to Leipzig from Chelsea.

The 26-year-old spent the largest part of his senior career at RB Leipzig between 2016-20 and is the club's all-time top scorer with 95 goals.

"I am very happy for the Bundesliga that Timo Werner is coming back," Flick said in a statement. "With his qualities he is an enrichment for every league."

Bahrain youth conduct camp at Rafa Nadal Academy Kuwait



Bahrain's national youth tennis team players at Rafa Nadal Academy Kuwait

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's national youth tennis team completed a three-week training camp in Kuwait City, hosted by the Rafa Nadal Academy Kuwait and held upon the invitation of the Kuwait Tennis Federation (KTF).

The Kingdom's delegation included Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) board member Mohammed Salman and players Abdulrahman Al Dosari, Salman Mohammed, Nasser Mohammed, Ahmed Moham-

med, Redha Hassan, Abdulla Al Dosari and Hassem Tubli.

At the end of the camp, certificates of participation were presented to the players from the academy.

BTF president Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the KTF for hosting the national team. He stressed that the camp was successful by all standards, and that it has contributed to the further development of the players technically, physically and mentally.

Sanchez joins Marseille after leaving Inter

Reuters | Marseille

Marseille have signed former Arsenal and Barcelona star Alexis Sanchez on a free transfer following his departure from Inter Milan, the French club announced yesterday.

Marseille said the forward, with 143 caps for Chile, had signed a deal at the Velodrome after passing a medical. A club official told AFP he had agreed



Alexis Sanchez

a one-year contract.

Sanchez, 33, recently terminated his contract with Inter and arrived at Marseille airport late on Tuesday to be met by several hundred adoring supporters.

Zain Bahrain announces Esports summer tournament

TDT | Manama

Zain Bahrain, a telecommunications industry innovator in the Kingdom, announced the first-ranked Esports summer tournament in the Kingdom in partnership with Bahrain Esports Federation and PLAYHERA.

The Esports tournament will support the development of the Esports ecosystem in an authentic and meaningful way through professional to grassroots-level events and extend the visibility of local esports talents, which comes as part of Zain Bahrain's future roadmap to grow the gaming community in the Kingdom.

The 3-week tournament has started, and it is open for all gamers aged 13 years old and above. It will feature three popular game titles - Rocket League, a vehicular football game; Valorant, one of the most talked-about first-person shooter games and all-time fan favorite FIFA. This tournament will be divided into three parts, one part for each game, and the registration for each part will be announced on Zain Bahrain's social media. The top-ranked players will battle each other and win cash prizes that reach up to \$2500.



With this tournament, Zain Bahrain hopes to provide gamers with a platform to hone their digital skills, promote sportsmanship and teamwork, and enhance their STEM education as they connect over their shared passion.

Abdulla Bin Khalid Al Khalifa, Zain Bahrain Director of Communications and Investor Relations, commented, "As a leader in telecommunication and digital services, Zain Bahrain is determined to support the Esports ecosystem in the Kingdom through collaboration with its partners. As a telco,

"As a telco, we are well suited to host the first-ranked Esports summer tournament since Esport tournaments rely on fast network speeds, connectivity, and local market knowledge

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we are well suited to host the first-ranked Esports summer tournament since Esports tournaments rely on fast network speeds, connectivity, and local market knowledge. The tournament is for all Esports enthusiasts and gamers 13 years old and above in the Kingdom. We hope the tournament will inspire them and pave the way for them to become a professional player in the future representing the Kingdom of Bahrain."

Zain Bahrain will continue to work closely with its partners to enable the growth of Esports in the Kingdom and give gamers and esports enthusiasts the support, recognition, and opportunities they deserve.

Registration is open, for more information visit <https://playhera.com/tournaments/>

BTC seniors tournament set for September

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) will host the first BTC Seniors Tournament, sponsored by Royal Bahrain Hospital, from September 1 to 15, the club announced yesterday.

The BTC's sports committee is organising the tournament. They discussed details of the event in a meeting, headed by BTC tournament committee head Salah Al Najjar, and attended by sports committee members Khaled Janahi and Abdullatif Mohammed, BTC de-



The BTC sports committee during their meeting

velopment committee member Khaled Abdulqayoom, BTC as-

stant manager Ali Sabry and

BTC coaches Janji Soquiño and

Ric Jayson Apostol Alforque. The competition is open for all eligible players. There are nine competition categories, including Men's Singles over-35, Men's Singles over-45, Ladies' Singles over-30, Men's Doubles over-35, Men's Doubles over-45, Men's Doubles over-55, Men's Doubles over-65, Ladies' Doubles over-30 and Mixed Doubles over-35.

Registration will be held from August 15 to 27. Visit BTC's social media accounts for more information or contact the BTC on +973-17729561.

Gold rush continues for Bahrain in Konya

Bahraini elite athletes Winfred Yavi, Dawit Fikadu and Muna Mubarak each claim a gold medal to headline a four-medal haul on day three of track and field events in the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games in Turkey

● **Winfred Yavi wins gold in women's 3,000m steeplechase while Bahrain's Tigest Mekonin captures silver**

● **Dawit Fikadu clinches men's 10,000m gold while Muna Mubarak bags the gold medal in the women's 400m**

● **Sprinters Yaqoob Salem, Edidiong Odiong and Zenab Moussa Ali Mahamat all advance to respective semis rounds**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain enjoyed a superb four-medal haul that included three gold medals yesterday on the third day of the athletics competition at the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games, being held in Konya, Turkey.

Winfred Yavi, Dawit Fikadu and Muna Mubarak were all crowned champions in their respective track events.

Winfred claimed the gold medal in the women's 3,000m steeplechase, Fikadu won gold in the men's 10,000m, and Muna captured her gold in the women's 400m.

Bahrain's other medal yesterday was a silver taken by Tigest Mekonin in the same race as Winfred.

Their victories brought Bahrain's overall medal tally so far to 10 medals at the Games, including five gold, three silver and two bronze medals—all won in athletics.

The two other gold-medallists were Edidiong Odiong in the women's 100m and Birhanu Balew in the men's 5,000m. The other silver-medallists were Aminat Jamal in the women's 400m hurdles and Bontu Rebitu in the women's 10,000m; while the bronze medallists were Ruth Jebet in the same race as Bontu and Abdelrahman Mahmoud in the men's shot put.

Bahrain will be looking to add more medals today with several other athletes set to compete.

Yesterday, Winfred clinched first place with a dominant showing in the women's steeplechase to finish in nine minutes 34.57 seconds. Tigest followed in second place in 9:50.14, while Ikram Ouaziz of Morocco won bronze in 9:57.18.

Dawit Fikadu won the men's 10,000m gold in 28:31.14 following a tight finish.

Narrow miss

Bahrain's Albert Rop, competing in the same race, narrowly missed out on a medal, placing fifth in 28:45.66.

Abel Chebet of Uganda was a close runner-up in 28:31.39, while Bouh Guelleh Moumin



Bahrainis Winfred Yavi, centre, and Tigest Mekonin celebrate on the women's 3,000m steeplechase podium with their medals



Dawit Fikadu raises his arms in victory after crossing the finish line in first place to win the men's 10,000m final

of Djibouti came third in 28:33.01.

Muna Mubarak clinched her gold in the women's 400m in 52.97 seconds.

Elsewhere yesterday in athletics, Yaqoob Salem qualified for the men's 200m semi-finals after clocking a time of 20.92s in his heat.

Edidiong, fresh from taking the women's

100m gold the previous day, stayed in contention for a fantastic double after advancing to the women's 200m semi-finals, as did fellow-Bahraini Zenab Moussa Ali Mahamat. Edidiong clocked a mark of 23.23s in her heat, while Zenab had a time of 23.33s.

Bahrain's John Koech came close to a podium place in the men's 3,000m steeplechase final but came one position shy. He finished fourth in 9:19.64.

Musa Isah also came close to medalling, taking fourth place in the men's 400m final in 46.08s.



Muna Mubarak celebrates with the Bahrain flag after winning gold in the women's 400m

Bahrain's day-three winnings brought their overall medal tally so far at the Games to 10 medals, including five gold, three silver and two bronze medals—all won in athletics

Countryman Abbas Ali came seventh in the same race with a time of 46.60s.

Bahrain's top sportsmen and women are competing in six sports at this year's Games, including athletics, shooting, judo, cycling, wrestling and weightlifting.

The Bahrainis are looking to add to their impressive medal haul from past editions of the Games, when they had won 28 medals in the multi-sport event. Those included 14 gold medals, six silver and eight bronze medals in all.

Bahrain line up Egypt, Japan friendlies for Asian futsal preparations

● **Bahrainis set to compete in AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2022 in Kuwait from September 25 to October 20**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's senior men's national futsal team have lined up three international friendly matches next month ahead of their participation in this year's AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2022.

The Bahrainis will first take on their counterparts from Egypt in two games in the Kingdom on September 1 and 3.

They will then lock horns with Asian giants Japan on September 23. That exhibition contest will take place in Kuwait, where the continental tournament will get underway a couple of days later on September 25.

The three friendlies were confirmed yesterday by the Bahrain Football Association as part of the national team's final preparations for the Asian Cup.

In the 16-nation tournament, Bahrain are in Group B for the preliminary round alongside



Bahrain's national futsal team celebrate after securing their qualification for the AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2022 in April (File photo)

Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

There are four groups in all for the competition's opening stage.

Group A features hosts Kuwait, Iraq, Thailand and Oman; Group C comprises Iran, Lebanon, Chinese Taipei and Indonesia; and Group D includes Japan, Vietnam, South Korea and Saudi Arabia.

Each of the top two teams from all four groups move through to the quarter-finals following a single round-robin.

The Bahrainis booked their tickets to this year's Asian Cup after finishing second in their

group in the West Zone qualifying tournament held last April in the UAE.

The nationals are coached by Brazilian Lino Gomes, who helped guide the men's team to the futsal bronze medal at the third GCC Games held in May.

This year's Asian Cup is the 17th edition of the tournament, which was previously known as the AFC Futsal Championship. It will be the third time Bahrain are participating. The nationals previously competed in 2002, when they could not make it past the first round, and then in 2018, when they advanced to the quarter-finals.

BRAVE CF becomes the most global promotion in MMA history

TDI | Manama

A brand synonymous with breaking records and barriers, BRAVE Combat Federation officially became the most global mixed martial arts organization in the history of the sport on August 6, when BRAVE CF 61 kicked off in Bonn, Germany. With the addition of Germany to the host countries list, BRAVE CF has now traveled to 28 countries in less than six years, surpassing second-place UFC, which has hosted shows in 27 nations overall.

Since September 23, 2016, with BRAVE CF 1, the fastest-growing MMA promotion in the world has gone around the globe, literally. In just its first full year of operations, events were hosted in Bahrain, Brazil, United Arab Emirates, India, Kazakhstan, and Mexico.

The number of countries was notably extended between 2017 and 2018, when BRAVE CF inaugurated its brand in Jordan, Indonesia, Northern Ireland, Morocco, and Colombia.

In its third year of operations, BRAVE CF rapidly picked up the pace, hosting shows in Pakistan, South Africa, Saudi Arabia,



From BRAVE CF 1 to BRAVE CF 61, it took the promotion 2144 days to reach that landmark. The accomplishment is all the more impressive given that the UFC needed 9452 days to get to 27 countries

Philippines, and England. After that, the organization added Romania, Kyrgyzstan, Slovenia, and Sweden to the list, eventually crossing the 20-country barrier with a series of four shows hosted in Stockholm, in mid-2020 during the height of the COVID 19 global pandemic.

In 2021, BRAVE CF went back on the road to help empower mixed martial arts in Europe, hosting events in Russia, Belarus, Italy, Poland, Serbia. And then BRAVE kicked off 2022 with shows in new territories such as South Korea and Uz-

bekistan.

Then on August 6th, BRAVE Combat Federation reached a monster milestone in its six-year history, and has become the most-traveled organization in MMA.

From BRAVE CF 1 to BRAVE CF 61, it took the promotion 2144 days to reach that landmark. The accomplishment is all the more impressive given that the UFC needed 9452 days to get to 27 countries. Aside from the record-breaking at BRAVE CF 61, other milestones by the promotion include BRAVE CF being the only international MMA organization to host an event in Africa, as well as putting together the first international MMA show in several other nations.