



Bahrain Closes Prime Minister's Fellowship Program Entry

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The race for a place in Bahrain's flagship public sector leadership program has officially closed, with the 11th intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program now moving into the high-stakes selection phase.

Backed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the fellowship is designed to sharpen the skills of Bahrain's national workforce, strengthen government performance, and channel new talent into decision-making

roles. Registration ran from July 10th to August 10th, and short-listed applicants will next face interviews and aptitude tests before the final list of fellows is confirmed. Last year's 10th intake attracted over 2,500 applicants, a benchmark that rais-



es the question of whether this year's pool will be even larger. Those selected will undergo leadership training, develop advanced research and analytical skills, and gain rare insight into the machinery of government. The program also gives fellows opportunities to work di-

rectly on national strategies and initiatives. As the evaluation process begins, attention will turn to the calibre of candidates who will form the 11th cohort, and to how they may shape Bahrain's policy landscape in the years ahead.


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Trump wants to move homeless people 'far' from Washington

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President Donald Trump said yesterday that homeless people must be moved "far" from Washington, after days of musing about taking federal control of the US capital where he has falsely suggested crime is rising.

The Republican billionaire has announced a press conference for today in which he is expected to reveal his plans for Washington - which is run by the locally elected government of the District of Columbia under congressional oversight.

It is an arrangement Trump has long publicly chafed at. He has threatened to federalize the city and give the White House the final say in how it is run.

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USS Nimitz strengthens Gulf security and ensures safe passage for global trade



The massive USS Nimitz strengthens maritime security, ensuring safety across the Gulf (Pictures by Anchalo Bensiger)

- Carrier visit signals deterrence
- Protects Gulf trade routes
- Strengthens US-Bahrain alliance

Ashen Tharaka
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The USS Nimitz entered Khalifa bin Salman Port like a moving fortress, its flight deck stretching longer than three football fields and its presence dwarfing everything in sight. Behind it sailed the guided missile destroyers USS Gridley and USS Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee, completing a wall of steel and firepower built to command the seas.

For Rear Admiral Frederic C. Goldhammer, who leads the visiting task force, the mission is to keep the peace by making conflict unthinkable. "Success for us means never having to fire a shot, but making sure the peace holds," he told The Daily Tribune in an exclusive interview on board.



Rear Admiral Frederic C. Goldhammer

Clear signal

The Nimitz and its escorts were operating in the Indo Pacific before being ordered to the Gulf just over a month ago following concerns over maritime security. Operational details remain classified yet Admiral Goldhammer was clear about the purpose. "Anytime there's a crisis in the world, the first question the President asks is, 'Where is the nearest aircraft carrier?'" he said. "Our mission is to project strength, deter threats, and ensure that freedom of navigation remains wunchallenged."



The USS Nimitz is a premier launchpad powering aircraft carriers across global waters

He said their presence, like that of the Vinson Carrier Strike Group before them, sends a clear message that the United States stands with its partners to keep sea lanes open.

Guarding global trade

With nine out of ten goods traded worldwide relying on secure shipping routes, the waters of the Gulf are a lifeline for global commerce. Attacks in the Red Sea and other nearby routes have shown how quickly that lifeline can be threatened. The Admiral said any disruption here could have far reaching consequences for economies across the world.

More than a port call

It has been years since a United States carrier group last visited Bahrain and the crew looked forward to the Kingdom's hospitality. "This is more than just a port visit," Admiral Goldhammer said. "It is a demonstration of trust, interoperability, and shared purpose with Bahrain, a steadfast partner for decades. The support we receive here directly contributes to our ability to deter aggression and maintain maritime security."

Power with restraint

Although the Nimitz is more than half a century old, Admiral Goldhammer said it remains fully mission capable. Decommissioning will be considered in the



An aircraft carrier's visible presence can deter aggression without firing a single shot, as adversaries factor in the overwhelming force it represents.

years ahead as newer Ford class carriers take its place. For now, he called it "a capital ship, an instrument of national power."

The visit reflects over seventy years of United States Bahrain partnership strengthened by agreements such as the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement, which sets out a framework for defence cooperation built on shared commitment to stability in the Middle East.



From Civilians to Lifesavers

Ordinary citizens prepare for disaster duty

- Third phase volunteer training
- Skills in firefighting, first aid
- Boosts national emergency readiness

Mahir Haneef
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The General Directorate of Civil Defence has launched the third phase of its foundational volunteer programme, turning everyday citizens into trained responders ready to assist in emergencies and disasters.

The initiative, part of the Interior Ministry's strategy to strengthen community partnership and reinforce Bahrain's civil protection system, aims to prepare support teams equipped with the skills and readiness to contribute effectively to national response efforts.

Brigadier Ali Mohammed Al Kubaisi, Director General of



Participants at the volunteering programme

the Civil Defence, said the volunteering programme reflects the approach of the Interior Ministry, led by General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khaliifa, the Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Civil Defence Council, in making community partnership a central pillar of public safety.

He stressed that integrating volunteers into the Civil Defence framework adds valuable

capacity, raising the efficiency and preparedness of the national emergency response for various situations.

Building resilience

Brigadier Al Kubaisi added that the programme embodies national solidarity and translates the ministry's strategy to create an aware and cooperative society capable of supporting authorities in safeguarding Bahrain's security and stability.

The current phase includes theoretical and practical courses such as first aid, firefighting, safe evacuation, hazardous materials handling, and both physical and mental preparedness training.

He said these efforts are aimed at ensuring volunteers can play a decisive role when the country faces emergencies, making them an integral part of Bahrain's broader safety net.

Largest football stadium project in Capital Governorate

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The Director General of the Capital Municipality, Eng. Mohammed Saad Al-Sahli, has paid a field visit to the site earmarked for the construction of the largest football stadium in the Capital Governorate, located in Sitra.

He was accompanied by MP Jalila Al-Sayed Alawi, Member of the Council of Representatives, and Ahmed Khalil, Director of Health, Safety and Environment for the Bapco Refinery Modernization Project, along with a number of officials from Bapco Refining Company, a subsidiary of Bapco Energy — the integrated energy group spearheading Bahrain's energy transformation.

The project is among the key development initiatives for residents, aimed at delivering a qualitative leap in public facilities dedicated to community sports.



Eng. Mohammed Saad Al-Sahli and MP Jalila Al-Sayed Alawi with key officials during field visit to the site

Quality of life

Eng. Al-Sahli stressed that the project aligns with the Capital Municipality's vision to establish community and sports infrastructure that enhances quality of life and provides youth with a safe, well-equipped environment to practice sports.

He praised the partnership with Bapco Energy Group for its active role in supporting the project and advancing its community objectives.

MP Alawi expressed pride in the launch of this vital project, describing it as a direct response to residents' needs and a reflection of constructive cooperation between the legislative and executive branches and the private sector.

She noted that the modern, standards-compliant stadium will boost sporting activities in the region, offering young people a safe and suitable space

to nurture their talents, make productive use of their time, and develop their skills.

Spanning 8,184 square meters, the Sitra stadium will feature a football field built to the highest approved specifications with premium artificial turf.

The facilities will include changing rooms, parking areas, pedestrian walkways, and landscaped green spaces to enhance the site's visual appeal and environmental quality.

Summer Enrichment Program successful

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The Ministry of Education has concluded its Summer Enrichment Program for the 2024–2025 academic year, following four weeks of activities held in 11 summer centers across Bahrain's governorates.

The initiative drew wide participation from primary and intermediate students and was supervised by a select team of ministry supervisors and educational specialists.

Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Services, Kafa'a Habib Al-Anzour, highlighted that the program offered a rich and comprehensive educational experience designed to bridge theoretical learning with practical application in an engaging, enjoyable environment.



Officials and personnel from the Ministry of Education with students

She noted the strong turnout this year, describing it as a boost to the Ministry's mission of preparing a more efficient, creative generation. Parents expressed appreciation for the Ministry's efforts, commending the variety and quality of activities and noting the program's positive role in enhancing their children's skills and making productive

use of their summer vacation.

The program featured a diverse range of workshops, interactive sessions, and competitions covering art and design, science, culture, theater, sports, and scouting and guiding activities.

Each was tailored to foster students' personal and social skills, creativity, cooperation,

and sense of belonging.

Closing ceremonies were held at all participating centers, where students showcased their talents through artistic performances that reflected the skills they had acquired.

The events also saw the distribution of certificates in recognition of the students' active participation and commitment.

Bahrain Bourse down 2.12 pct year-to-date



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The Bahrain Bourse closed the second quarter of 2025 in the red, its general index easing to 1,943.81 points, a 2.12 per cent drop since January.

This followed a stronger first quarter, when the index reached 1,951.37 points, up 1.02 per cent from the previous year's close. Market value fell to BD7.56 billion from BD8.01bn a year earlier, a decline of 5.61 per cent.

Figures in the bourse's quarterly bulletin show 219.49 million shares changed hands between April and June, worth BD50.79m.

Compared with the same quarter last year, trade value dropped 29.8 per cent and volume fell 54.49 per cent, while the number of deals rose by 29.77 per cent.

Activity

The financial sector dominated activity, accounting for 48.43 per cent of the total value at BD24.6m and 53.04 per cent of the shares traded.

Bahraini investors were behind BD78.7m of turnover, or 77.48 per cent of the total, while trades by non-Bahrainis reached BD22.88m, or 22.52

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Prices rose for 18 companies, fell for 14 and remained unchanged for nine.

The Bahrain Islamic Index stood at 829.48 points, up 0.96 per cent year-on-year from 821.58 points.

Staples

Finance was the only sector to record growth, up 1.01 per cent, while consumer staples led the declines with a 19.72 per cent fall.

Basic materials dropped 16.53 per cent, industrials 12.14 per cent, communications 4.58 per cent and consumer discretionary 0.4 per cent.

By the end of June, the exchange listed 41 companies, three funds, 19 bonds and sukuk, and nine treasury bills.

Bahrain-Lebanon relations



His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Dainah, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, highlighted the strong Bahrain-Lebanon ties and the advanced cooperation between the two countries in various sectors. This came as Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak received H.E. Mirna Khawly, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Lebanon to Bahrain. The Minister commended her efforts in enhancing bilateral relations to serve the shared interests of both countries. The meeting reviewed topics of mutual interest, particularly in the domains of oil, energy, and the environment, and explored opportunities for knowledge exchange and partnership advancement in these sectors.

Stage set for Colorectal Surgery Conference

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The organising and scientific committees of the Bahrain Colorectal Surgery Conference are finalising preparations for the event, to be held on September 25–26, organised by Government Hospitals Administration in cooperation with "Education Plus".

Dr. Israa Sami, Conference Chairperson and Consultant in General and Colorectal Sur-

gery at Government Hospitals, said the conference aims to promote continuous medical education and enhance the quality of healthcare services in Bahrain.

She noted that the programme will address recent advances in colorectal surgery, including minimally invasive techniques, treatments for colorectal cancers, and management of inflammatory bowel diseases.

Unified communication line to enhance public services

● **Southern Municipality launches initiative for prompt response, updates and guidance**

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The Director General of the Southern Municipality, Eng. Issa Abdulrahman Al-Buainain, has reaffirmed the municipality’s commitment to developing its capabilities and tools to keep pace with modern methods of receiving and processing public complaints and suggestions, ensuring faster and more convenient services for citizens.

In line with this goal, the Southern Municipality has launched a unified communication line via WhatsApp at 17986000 to handle general inquiries and follow up on transaction completions in the shortest possible time.

Procedures

The same number also serves as a direct telephone contact, with calls transferred to relevant departments for prompt response, updates, and guidance on any additional documents required to complete procedures.

Al-Buainain noted that the municipality prioritizes improving its communication channels with the community, paying close attention to all comments, complaints, and suggestions it receives.

During the first half of this year, the municipality recorded 1,096 submissions through the National Suggestions and Complaints System (Tawasul), including 946 complaints, 23 suggestions, and 150 inquiries.

Timeframe

All cases were addressed within the timeframe stipulated in the service level agreement.

He emphasised the municipality’s commitment to re-



Eng. Issa Abdulrahman Al-Buainain



The municipality’s readiness to communicate with citizens, residents, and service requesters through Tawasul, the unified number 17986000 via phone or WhatsApp, or other available channels.

ceiving feedback from citizens through the “Tawasul” platform, local press, and social media, with specialised teams forwarding cases to the appropriate departments for field inspections and necessary action in accordance with municipal procedures.

Al-Buainain concluded by affirming the municipality’s readiness to communicate with citizens, residents, and service requesters through Tawasul, the unified number 17986000 via phone or WhatsApp, or other available channels, stressing the municipality’s dedication to listening to the public, addressing their needs, and completing transactions promptly.

MP hails Bahrain’s real estate market surge

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MP Ahmed Al-Saloum has lauded the Survey and Land Registration Bureau’s outstanding performance and the significant growth of the Bahraini real estate market during the first half of 2025.

Chairman of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee at the Council of Representatives, Al-Saloum highlighted the Bureau’s efficiency under the leadership of Eng. Bassem bin Yaqoub Al-Hamar.

He revealed that real estate transactions reached approximately BD775.2 million — a notable increase from the same period last year.

The number of transactions also rose to over 5,000, reflecting robust market activity and investor confidence.

The highest single-day trading value was recorded on April 21, amounting to BD53.6 million, underscoring the sector’s vitality.

Al-Saloum pointed out remarkable growth across vari-

ous market segments, including a 14% rise in house transactions and significant advances in the apartment sector.

He noted increased demand across all age groups and a narrowing gender gap in property transfers, illustrating the sector’s inclusiveness and its capacity to meet diverse community needs.

The lawmaker praised the Bureau’s embrace of digital transformation, citing streamlined procedures and real-time data availability via electronic platforms.

He described these advancements as essential to enhancing investor and citizen experiences, boosting transparency, and reinforcing Bahrain’s position as a competitive regional hub for real estate investment.

Al-Saloum affirmed that the Finance and Economic Committee remains committed to providing legislative and oversight support for initiatives driving sustainable growth in the real estate sector.

Housing, hiring violations

Ten jailed for harbouring domestic workers living unlawfully

● **Two to three months behind bars and with fines; followed by deportation**

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Ten people have been convicted for sheltering and assisting domestic workers to live in Bahrain unlawfully and to work in hourly house-cleaning, the Second Lower Criminal Court has ruled.

Prison terms range from two to three months, with fines.

Eight will be deported after



serving their sentences.

The Chief of the Ministries and Public Bodies Prosecution

said the case arose after the Public Prosecution received a report from the Search and Fol-

low-up Directorate at the General Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Residence.

Suspicion

A Bahraini man and his wife were arrested on suspicion of housing five Asian domestic workers who were in the Kingdom without leave to remain for hourly cleaning work, with help from three Asian co-defendants.

Prosecutors questioned the couple alongside the workers and ran further enquiries that indicated others were involved.

All suspects were arrested, questioned and remanded pending investigation. The case was then sent to the criminal court, which issued the convictions.

Repairs sought for Zayed Town Park’s damaged gates and fencing

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Repairs to Zayed Town Park’s damaged gates and perimeter fencing are being sought.

First District councillor Abdullah Saleh Daraj has asked the authorities to act.

He said he lodged a formal request through the Southern Municipal Council on 12 May to fix the site, which he described as in poor repair.

Look

The councillor called for faster work on the entrances and boundary fence to keep visitors



Abdullah Saleh Daraj, Southern Municipal Council member

safe and restore the park’s look.

The park is the only public green space for Zayed Town residents.



The damaged gates and perimeter fencing

He added that he was hopeful of a response from the authorities and that the council will keep following up to ensure the work is carried out as soon as possible.

Bahrain mourns passing of distinguished physician

● **Dr. Ali Safar died during tourist trip to Mashhad, Iran**

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The Ministry of Health and government hospitals have mourned the death of Dr. Ali Hussein Abdul Karim Safar, a resident physician in the In-



Dr. Ali Safar

ternal Medicine Department at Salmaniya Medical Complex, who passed away in the Iranian city of Mashhad. Dr. Safar was widely respected for his dedication, professionalism, and significant contributions to patient care and the advancement of healthcare services in Bahrain.

Colleagues described him as one of the most committed physicians in his field, whose work left a lasting impact on both the medical community and the pa-

tients he served.

News of his passing has deeply saddened his family, friends, and the wider medical fraternity. Those close to him recalled his noble humanitarian values and tireless efforts to improve the lives of others through medicine.

Many described his loss as particularly painful, noting that Bahrain has lost one of its most prominent and competent doctors.

DANAT launches Taaleq summer internship

● **Empowering next generation of STEM experts in pearl and gemology**

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The Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) has announced the launch of its annual summer training programme for this year, titled Taaleq, targeting science majors from various universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain who are interested in the study of pearls and gemstones. This comes as part of its social responsibility and commitment to investing in human capital in the field of pearls and gemstones, to prepare and qualify national talent to lead the sector in the future.

The two-month training programme offers participants



DANAT’s laboratory for pearl inspection

intensive practical experience at DANAT’s laboratory to familiarise them with the work of gemstone laboratories.

It trains them in the use of

modern technology to analyse and identify gemstones and determine their suitability for use in the jewellery industry, in addition to the latest global

techniques available at DANAT’s laboratory for pearl inspection.

This enables trainees to acquire advanced skills and best practices in marine biology and environmental sustainability.

Noora Jamsheer, Chief Executive Officer of DANAT, said: “We are pleased to launch the Taaleq summer training programme as an essential part of our vision to build a new generation of national professionals specialised in the science of pearls and gemstones, empowering Bahraini youth, enhancing their abilities and skills, and introducing them to the professional and career opportunities available in various fields related to pearls and gemstones.”

She added that the programme offers STEM students intensive practical training in advanced laboratories, enabling them to work in the jewellery and gemstone industry and to participate in real scientific research.

MP calls for immediate start on Hoora housing project

Mohammed Darwish
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Only 51 housing applications are pending in Hoora, some lodged more than 20 years ago, and MP Mohammed Janahi has urged the Housing Ministry to launch the area's long-discussed housing project without delay.

He said the file is one he has followed closely, with requests from 2003, 2004 and 2006 still on the books.

The situation, he added, shows the extent to which residents in this part of the capital have waited for a solution.

Janahi argued that the modest scale of demand makes it possible to address the matter quickly if the ministry places it



among its immediate priorities.

Pressure

He said such a move would ease pressure on families facing poor housing conditions and offer them the stability they have sought for years.

His proposal calls for the use of two plots of land near Beit Al Qur'an on Road 1901, to be built as either individual units or apartment blocks to clear the

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MP MOHAMMED JANAH

outstanding list.

The lawmaker also said housing projects in Manama should be planned fairly, with the capital given its place in Bahrain's housing development plans.

Truly worthy cause

Fil-Am Bahrain to host bingo night fundraiser for child's prosthetic leg



The funds raised from this event will be allocated to assist a young Filipino child in need of a prosthetic leg

ORLANDO FONTANILLA, FIL-AM BAHRAIN PRESIDENT

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The Filipino-American Association of Bahrain (Fil-Am Bahrain) is cordially inviting everyone to a special fundraising event that guarantees an evening filled with enjoyment, camaraderie, and the chance to make a meaningful difference in a young life.

Filipino-American officers are actively preparing to host a Bingo Night Fundraiser on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Intercontinental Hotel, Manama.

The organizers are sincerely encouraging the entire community to lend their support to this noble initiative.

Reservations

Reservations can be made by scanning the QR code on the official flyers or via the provided reservation link, <https://www.cognitoforms.com/FILAMAssociationBahrain/FILAMAssociationBingoRegistration> or contact the Events Director, Rey Giron, Whatsapp No, 1 (425) 268-3646 and Madeline Despi, Deputy Events Directress, Mobile No. 3666 0909.

At the core of this initiative is a deeply compassionate

objective to provide a young Filipino child in urgent need with a prosthetic leg.

Fil-Am President Orlando Fontanilla passionately expressed the vision behind the fundraiser, stating, "The funds raised from this event will be allocated to assist a young Filipino child in need of a prosthetic leg."

Transformative impact

He further highlighted the transformative impact this would have, adding, "This initiative aims to give the child the opportunity to attend school, walk, and play with peers."

In addition to the noble cause, attendees can look forward to an evening filled with excitement.

For an entry fee of BD8/- per person, participants will enjoy a delicious meal and receive 30 bingo cards, setting the stage for an exhilarating night.

The event will include a total of 10 thrilling bingo games, culminating in an exciting finale.

The last four rounds will be designated as blackout games, providing participants with the opportunity to win substantial prizes.

Youth leadership and community spirit



A charity drive was conducted at a construction site in Salmabad, Bahrain to support construction workers and laborers with meals and drinks. The initiative was spearheaded by Simrah Raza, a Year 8 student at Saint Christophers School, and carried forward with the participation of her school friends and their families. Volunteers provided prepared meals, bottled water, and snacks, extending appreciation for the workers' hard work and dedication. This effort underscores the power of youth leadership and community spirit, and the organizers thank the site management for their cooperation and invite others to participate in future outreach activities.

11 August 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INITIAL RESULTS OF THE OFFER BY A A N S D COMPANY W.L.L. TO ACQUIRE UP TO 100% OF THE ISSUED AND PAID-UP ORDINARY SHARES OF NASS CORPORATION B.S.C. AND THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OFFER'S CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

This announcement is made in compliance with the requirements of the Central Bank of Bahrain's ("CBB") Takeovers, Mergers and Acquisitions Module ("TMA") of Rulebook Volume 6, and with further reference to prior disclosures pertaining to A A N S D Company W.L.L. ("A A N S D" or the "Offeror") conditional exit offer dated 23 June 2025 (the "Offer"), to acquire up to 100% of the issued and paid-up ordinary shares of Nass Corporation B.S.C. ("NassCorp"), for cash of BHD 0.075 per Nass Corporation B.S.C. share which, excluding those shares held by the Concert Parties (defined in the Offer Document) and treasury shares held by NassCorp, amount to 90,835,345, representing 42.23% of the issued ordinary shares of NassCorp with the intention of a subsequent voluntary delisting of NassCorp. Terms capitalized herein are as defined in the Offer Document dated 23 June 2025.

A A N S D confirms that, following market hours of 10 August 2025 (the Initial Offer Closing Date), it received the following results of the Offer from SICO B.S.C.(c), in its capacity as Receiving Agent:

Number of NassCorp Shares tendered in the Offer (excluding any Acceptances deemed void as per the terms of the Offer)	% of NassCorp Shares, excluding the Concert Parties and treasury shares, tendered in the Offer	% of total NassCorp Shares with voting rights tendered in the Offer
41,074,568	45.22%	19.10%

Prior to the Offer, the shareholders of A A N S D and their Concert Parties held 124,241,495 shares of NassCorp, representing 56.47%. No Concert Parties are entitled to participate in the Offer.

- A A N S D further confirms that the Conditions Precedent to the Offer (depicted in section 5.8 of the Offer Document) have been satisfied, as of 10 August 2025, and accordingly the Offer is declared unconditional in all respects.
- NassCorp Shareholders who do not accept the Offer should note that they will remain shareholders in a closed Bahraini shareholding company and will be exposed to the liquidity risk in relation to their holding of NassCorp shares with no exit option through the Bahrain Bourse. Rights and obligations of such remaining NassCorp Shareholders will be governed by the memorandum and articles of association of NassCorp, as amended following completion of the Offer and the delisting of NassCorp.
- In light of the above, and in accordance with Rule TMA-2.14.2A, the Offer shall remain open for not less than fifteen (15) calendar days and accordingly the Final Offer Closing Date shall be at 1:00 pm on Monday 25 August 2025.
- Accordingly, the timetable of principal events is as follows:

Event	Date/Time
Initial Offer Closing Date	Sunday 10 August 2025
Final Offer Closing Date	Monday 25 August 2025 (1pm)
Settlement Date	Thursday 4 September 2025

The Central Bank of Bahrain, Bahrain Bourse and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in the Kingdom of Bahrain assume no responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the statements and information contained in this announcement and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from the reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents to this announcement.

The directors of A A N S D, whose names appear in the Offer Document, jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in this announcement, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the directors.

A A N S D will announce in a timely manner any new or material development(s) related to the above subject.

On behalf of the Managers of A A N S D

Sameer Abdulla Nass
Manager
A A N S D Company W.L.L.

Cultural youth exchange programme



Her Excellency Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Youth Affairs Minister, received a delegation from Rubu' Qarn (RQ) for Creating Leaders and Innovators in Sharjah. The delegation is visiting Bahrain as part of a cultural youth exchange programme organised by Sharjah Youth and Sajaya Young Ladies of Sharjah. The delegation included members of the Sharjah Youth Parliament in its ninth session (2025-2026). The Minister underscored the strong and deep-rooted relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, noting that these ties continue to advance cooperation, particularly in youth affairs, which are witnessing innovative and sustainable development.

Northern Governor expresses pride in royal trust

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The Northern Governor, Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, expressed his deep pride and honour in the royal trust bestowed upon him by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, in appointing him as the Northern Governorate.

He extended his highest gratitude and appreciation to HM the King for this confidence, affirming his commitment to continue the path of dedication and work in the spirit of Team Bahrain, in line with the directives of the esteemed government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Al Madani vowed to translate these directives into practical plans and initiatives that contribute to serving the nation and citizens, and meeting the aspirations of the Northern Governorate's residents in various development and service.

Trafco Group

Trafco Group discloses financial results for half year ended 30 June 2025

Manama

Trafco Group (Trading code: TRAFCO) has reported a net profit attributable to the shareholders of Trafco of BD 309K for the second quarter of 2025 as against BD 603K compared to the second quarter of previous year, with a decrease of 49%.

The basic and diluted earnings per share for the second quarter of 2025 were 4 fils compared to 8 fils during the second quarter of previous year.

The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of Trafco for the second quarter of 2025 BD 511K compared to BD 521K for the second quarter of previous year with a decrease of 2 %.



Mr. Ebrahim Zainal, Chairman of Trafco Group



Mr. Azzam Moutragi, the Group CEO

For the half year of 2025, the group achieved net profit for the period attributable to the shareholders of Trafco of BD 891k compared with BD 1.56m

in the same period of previous year, with a decrease of 43%.

The basic and diluted earnings per share for the half year of 2025 were 12 fils compared

with 21 fils in the same period of previous year. The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of Trafco for the half year of 2025 was BD 1.13m compared to BD 1.58m of the same period of previous year, with a decrease of 28%.

The total shareholders' equity (excluding minority interests) as of 30 June 2025 was BD 29.03m compared with BD 29.24m at the end of last year, with a decrease of 0.7%.

The total assets as of 30 June 2025 was BD 53.89m compared to BD 55.63m at the end of last year, with a decrease of 3 %.

Mr. Ebrahim Zainal, Chairman of Trafco Group stated that the group and its subsidiaries continue to provide their services by supplying food and

commodities to the local market despite market challenges and global price fluctuations, especially in the first half of the year. The performance of all group companies improved in the second quarter, and it is hoped that the improvement in performance will continue in the coming period with the stability of global markets. He added, that the finance cost and depreciation for some new projects that capitalized starting this year, for example the new expansion of frozen warehouses at Trafco Logistics Company, at a cost of about three million dinars, will be a factor of pressure on the profitability of this company until the required growth is achieved in the coming months according to the management

plan. On his part, Mr. Azzam Moutragi, the Group CEO, stated that the 9% decline in total sales for the first half of 2025 had slight impact on profits where, the main decline in profits was attributed to lower gross profit margin, due to the availability of large quantity of inventories with high cost and subsequent drop in global prices, which led many importers to liquidate their stocks at prices below the actual costs to avoid the risk of product expiry, which led accelerated in the market. We have observed a gradual improvement in the Group's overall sales performance during the second quarter of 2025, and we expect further stability in both global and local food commodity markets.

Midal Cables

Midal Cables launches MiRecAL

Recycled aluminium wire rod for more sustainable industrial practices

Manama

Midal Cables proudly announces the launch of MiRecAL, a new line of aluminium wire rod recycled products developed in alignment with the Kingdom of Bahrain goal to achieve net-zero emissions by 2060. The launch reflects the company's continued commitment to advancing sustainability in the industry

The MiRecAL line includes two recycled variants containing 15% and 30% recycled aluminium, respectively. These products deliver estimated reductions in greenhouse gas emissions of up to 29% compared to conventional aluminium rod manufacturing,



Khalid A. Latif, CEO of Midal Cables Group

contributing to efforts toward a low-carbon economy

“MiRecAL represents a practical shift toward more sustainable industrial processes,” said Khalid A. Latif, CEO of Midal Cables Group. “It

reflects how our industry can actively support national and global emissions targets while maintaining high standards of quality and reliability.” Manufactured in Bahrain, MiRecAL products comply with international standards (IEC, EN, and ASTM) and meet the requirements of ISO 14021:2016. This initiative builds on Midal Cables' long-standing approach to responsible manufacturing and reinforces its role in supporting sustainability within the regional and global power and infrastructure sectors.



Designer regrets Adidas ‘copying’ Mexican footwear

AFP | Mexico City, Mexico

Us fashion designer Willy Chavarria said Saturday he regrets that sandals he created together with Adidas “appropriated” a traditional design from the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

Local authorities had complained that the Oaxaca Slip-On sandals were a “reinterpreted” model of huarache sandals, particularly one found uniquely in the area, which has one of the highest Indigenous populations in the country. Mexico's government said Friday it was seeking compensation from Adidas.

“I deeply regret that this design has appropriated the name



Willy Chavarria (L); Sandals known as “huaraches”

and was not developed in direct and meaningful partnership with the Oaxacan community,” Chavarria, who is of Mexican heritage, said in a statement.

Chavarria acknowledged that the sandals “did not live up to the respect and collaborative approach” deserved by the community of Villa Hidalgo Yalalag, from where the original

design is said to have come.

The Mexican government said Friday that Adidas had agreed to meet with Oaxaca authorities.

“It's collective intellectual property. There must be compensation. The heritage law must be complied with,” President Claudia Sheinbaum said during her regular morning press conference Friday.

The controversy is the latest instance of Mexican officials denouncing major brands or designers using unauthorized Indigenous art or designs from the region, with previous complaints raised about fast fashion juggernaut Shein, Spain's Zara and high-end label Carolina Herrera.

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 JUNE 2025 (REVIEWED)

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025 (REVIEWED)	THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE		SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	BD	BD	BD	BD
Revenue from contracts with customers	11,386,182	11,943,513	22,245,230	24,452,590
Costs of revenue	(9,211,061)	(9,437,172)	(18,214,375)	(19,549,569)
GROSS PROFIT	2,175,121	2,506,341	4,030,855	4,903,021
Other operating income	31,270	30,998	109,202	79,253
Personnel costs	(1,185,322)	(1,129,994)	(2,334,572)	(2,286,687)
General and administration expenses	(219,512)	(272,017)	(451,830)	(504,522)
Selling and distribution expenses	(362,384)	(400,972)	(680,221)	(715,809)
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	(96,271)	(93,882)	(196,101)	(193,598)
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	(55,526)	(54,859)	(113,263)	(108,350)
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	287,376	585,615	364,070	1,173,308
Investment income	333,105	357,368	1,095,090	1,056,211
Finance costs	(122,390)	(107,829)	(246,152)	(202,952)
Finance costs on lease liabilities	(49,475)	(51,149)	(100,031)	(102,605)
Foreign exchange gains, net	10,425	14,017	21,199	29,003
PROFIT OF THE GROUP FOR THE PERIOD	459,041	798,022	1,134,176	1,952,965
of which profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(149,774)	(195,082)	(243,054)	(391,949)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF TRAFCO GROUP B.S.C.	309,267	602,940	891,122	1,561,016
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS)	4	8	12	21
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:				
- Gain on disposals of investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	102,921	3,025	102,921
- Net change in fair value of investment through other comprehensive income	190,540	(195,854)	245,975	(80,789)
	190,540	(92,933)	249,000	22,132
Items to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:				
- Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	18,823	(9,916)	2,272	(10,470)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period	209,363	(102,849)	251,272	11,662
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OF THE GROUP FOR THE PERIOD	668,404	695,173	1,385,448	1,964,627
of which attributable to non-controlling interests	(157,674)	(174,373)	(254,452)	(385,123)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF TRAFCO GROUP B.S.C.	510,730	520,800	1,130,996	1,579,504

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY	Attributable to shareholders of Trafco Group B.S.C.													Non- controlling interests	Total equity
	Reserves											Total Trafco's shareholders			
	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Fair value reserve	Foreign currency reserve	Retained earnings - distributable	Retained earnings non- distributable	Proposed appropriations	Total reserves				
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025 (REVIEWED)	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	
2025															
Balance at 1 January 2025	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,665,000	6,815,322	(47,083)	5,142,474	496,736	1,385,413	19,491,615	29,238,978	5,777,254	35,016,232	
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	238,716	1,158	891,122	-	-	891,122	891,122	243,054	1,134,176	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	239,874	239,874	11,398	251,272	
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	238,716	1,158	891,122	-	-	1,130,996	1,130,996	254,452	1,385,448	
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,335,413)	(1,335,413)	-	(1,335,413)	
Transfer to general reserve	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	
Gain on disposal of investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	(1,543)	-	1,543	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 30 June 2025	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,715,000	7,052,495	(45,925)	6,035,139	496,736	-	19,287,198	29,034,561	6,031,706	35,066,267	
2024															
Balance at 1 January 2024	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,615,000	8,483,180	(49,259)	4,597,974	496,736	1,311,223	20,488,607	30,235,970	5,403,645	35,639,615	
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,561,016	-	-	1,561,016	1,561,016	391,949	1,952,965	
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	23,828	(5,340)	-	-	-	18,488	18,488	(8,626)	11,662	
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	23,828	(5,340)	1,561,016	-	-	1,579,504	1,579,504	383,123	1,964,627	
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,261,223)	(1,261,223)	(1,261,223)	-	(1,261,223)	
Transfer to general reserve	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	-	
Gain on disposal of investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	(102,580)	-	102,580	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 30 June 2024	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,665,000	8,404,428	(54,599)	6,261,570	496,736	-	20,806,888	30,554,251	5,788,768	36,343,019	

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2025 (REVIEWED)	(REVIEWED) 30 JUNE 2025 BD	(AUDITED) 31 DECEMBER 2024 BD
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	12,403,218	12,429,324
Right-of-use assets	3,082,252	3,290,337
Investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	14,430,941	14,221,497
	29,916,411	29,941,158
Current assets		
Inventories	9,358,021	11,880,300
Right of return assets	44,959	44,436
Trade and other receivables	12,550,015	11,996,791
Cash, bank balances and short-term deposits	2,020,458	1,764,512
	23,973,453	25,686,039
TOTAL ASSETS	53,889,864	55,627,197
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	8,067,505	8,067,505
Treasury shares	(1,706,644)	(1,706,644)
Share premium	3,386,502	3,386,502
Reserves	19,287,198	19,491,615
Equity attributable to shareholders of Trafco Group B.S.C.	29,034,561	29,238,978
Non-controlling interests	6,031,706	5,777,254
Total equity	35,066,267	35,016,232
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	2,870,254	3,132,699
Employees' end of service benefits	1,555,521	1,589,586
Term loans	1,826,363	2,246,737
Retention payable	123,624	126,964
Government grant	6,375,762	7,221,431
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	6,398,846	7,316,851
Import loans	2,721,970	2,896,872
Bank overdrafts	805,309	1,153,651
Lease liabilities	551,646	539,667
Contract and refund liabilities	508,511	491,694
Retention payable	127,845	-
Term loans	1,323,374	980,465
Government grant	10,334	10,334
	12,447,835	13,389,534
Total liabilities	18,823,597	20,610,965
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	53,889,864	55,627,197

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements were reviewed by Ernst & Young and approved by the Board of Directors on 10th August 2025.

Ebrahim Mohamed Ali Zainal
Chairman

Yusuf Saleh Abdulla Alsaleh
Vice Chairman

Azzam Moutragi
Group CEO

Ernst & Young
Auditor

Takaful International Company

Takaful International announces financial results for the six-month period ended 30 June 2025

Manama

The Board of Directors of Takaful International Company B.S.C. (Trading Code: TAKAFUL) approved the financial results for the period ended June 30, 2025.

The financial results for the three months ended 30 June 2025

The net profit attributable to the shareholders after tax was BD 178K for the three months ending on June 30, 2025, compared with a net profit of BD 162K for the same period in the previous year, an increase of 10%. Comparatively, earnings per share increased to 2.1 Fils from 1.9 Fils for the same period in the previous year. Total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the Company for the three months ended 30 June 2025 surged to BD 149K compared to BD 79K for the same period in the previous year, an increase of 89%.

The Company reported a total net profit before tax of BD 232K during the second quarter of the year 2025 compared to BD 211K for the same period in the previous year, with an increase of 10%. The shareholders' fund achieved a profit before tax of BD 201K during the second



Mr. Ebrahim Al Rayes, Chairman of the Board of Directors

quarter of the year 2025, compared to a profit of BD 162K for the same period of the previous year, an increase of 24%. This increase is mainly attributed to the increase in the income from investments during the period. The Takaful Funds achieved a surplus before tax of BD 31K during the second quarter of 2025, compared to a surplus of BD 49k for the same period of the previous year, a decrease of 37%. This decline in the performance of the Takaful funds is mainly due to an increase in the claims reserve during the period compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

Recognized takaful contributions were BD 7.306 million for



Mr. Essam Al Ansari, the Company's Chief Executive Officer

the three months period ending on 30 June 2025, compared to BD 6.425 million for the same period of the previous year, an increase of 14%. Recognized Takaful Costs were BD 6.185 million during the three months period ending on 30 June 2025 compared to BD 5.195 million in the same period of the previous year, with an increase of 19%.

The financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2025

The net profit attributable to the shareholders after tax was BD 600K for the six months ending on June 30, 2025, compared with a net profit of BD 555K for the same period in the previous year, an increase of

8%. Comparatively, earnings per share increased to 7.07 Fils from 6.52 Fils for the same period in the previous year. The comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the Company for the six-month period ending on 30 June 2025, was BD 592K, compared to a profit of BD 424K for the same period of the previous year, an increase of 40%.

The Company reported a total net profit before tax of BD 870K during the six months ending on 30 June 2025 compared to BD 757K for the same period of the previous year, with an increase of 15%. The shareholders' fund achieved a profit before tax of BD 681K during the six months ending on 30 June 2025, compared to a profit of BD 555K for the same period of the previous year, an increase of 23%. The Takaful Funds achieved a surplus before tax of BD 189K during the six months ending on 30 June 2025, compared to a surplus of BD 202K for the same period of the previous year, a decrease of 6%.

Recognized Takaful contributions were BD 14.146 million for the six months ending on 30 June 2025, compared to BD 12.314 million for the same period of the previous year, an increase of 15%. Recognized Takaful Costs were BD 11.912

million during the six months period ending on 30 June 2025, compared to BD 9.905 million in the same period of the previous year, with an increase of 20%.

The company's shareholders equity amounted to BD 12.190 million as of 30 June 2025, compared to BD 12.680 million as of 31 December 2024, a decrease of 4%.

The company's total assets increased by 8% to BD 47.516 million as of 30 June 2025, compared to BD 43.833 million as of 31 December 2024.

Statement of the Chairman of the Board of Directors

Mr. Ebrahim Al Rayes, Chairman of the Board of Directors, remarked on the company's financial results, highlighting the good performance across both Takaful operations and investment activities. He attributed this performance to the company's ongoing efforts to streamline operations, enhance the quality of its insurance offerings, and apply rigorous risk controls. He further noted that the investment portfolio delivered strong support to overall results, driven by a carefully balanced strategy that prioritizes diversification, financial discipline, and sustainable growth, while steering clear of excessive risk.

He concluded by expressing appreciation to shareholders and clients for their confidence, and to the company's dedicated team, whose commitment continues to drive success.

Statement of Chief Executive Officer

For his part, Mr. Essam Al Ansari, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, expressed his satisfaction with the Company's performance for the period, reaffirming that this reflects the strength of its business model and customer-focused strategy. He emphasized that the Company continues to strive to provide innovative and effective insurance solutions that meet the evolving needs of its customers. Mr. Al Ansari also highlighted the Company's commitment to its Takaful principles, noting the successful organization of several ESG initiatives, along with partnerships with local charities. In line with the Takaful concept, Mr. Al Ansari referenced the recently announced surplus distribution, marking a significant milestone as the first Takaful company in Bahrain to implement this initiative—reinforcing its role as a pioneer in delivering value to policyholders and promoting the mutual benefits at the heart of the Takaful system.

Italian Brainrot: the AI memes only kids know

AFP |Tokyo, Japan

In a Japanese shop selling pocket-money trinkets, there is a rack of toys, stickers and keyrings based on a global crew of AI-generated characters that almost every child knows about -- and very few adults.

A walking shark in oversized sneakers, an orange with muscular arms and a twirling "Ballerina Cappuccina" with a mug for a head are among the strange stars of the online phenomenon called Italian Brainrot.

"At first it's not funny at all, but it kind of grows on you," 16-year-old Yoshi Yamanaka-Nebesney from New York told AFP.

"You might use it to annoy someone and find that funny."

The name nods to the stupefying effect of scrolling through mindless social media posts, especially over-the-top images created with artificial intelligence tools.

Shouty, crude and often nonsensical Italian voiceovers feature in many of the clips made by people in various countries that began to spread this year on platforms such as TikTok, embraced by young Gen Z and Gen Alpha members.

The dozen-plus cartoonish AI creatures have fast become memes, inspiring a stream of new content such as "Brainrot Rap", viewed 116 million times on YouTube.

A YouTube Short titled "Learn to Draw 5 Crazy Italian Brainrot Animals" -- including a cactus-elephant crossover named "Lirili Larila" -- has also been watched 320 million times.

"There's a whole bunch of phrases that all these characters have," said Yamanaka-Nebesney,



A small brown soft toy of the best-known Indonesian Brainrot character "Tung Tung Sahur" (R), which resembles a long drum called a "kentongan", displayed for sale at a shop in central Tokyo

in Tokyo with his mother Chinami, who had no idea what he was talking about.

School-age Italian Brainrot fans can be found from Kenya to Spain and South Korea, while some of the most popular videos reference Indonesia's language and culture instead.

"I went on trips with my boys to Mexico" and people would "crack jokes about it" there too, Yamanaka-Nebesney said.

'Melodic language'

Internet trends move fast, and Italian Brainrot "hit its peak maybe two months ago or a month ago", said Idil Galip, a University of Amsterdam lecturer in new media and digital

culture.

Italian -- a "melodic language that has opportunities for jokes" -- has appeared in other memes before.

And "there are just so many people in Indonesia" sharing posts which have potential for global reach, Galip said.

A "multi-level marketing economy" has even emerged, with AI video-makers targeting Italian Brainrot's huge audience through online ads or merchandise sales, she added.

Nurina, a 41-year-old Indonesian NGO worker, said her seven-year-old loves the mashed-up brainrot world.

"Sometimes when I pick him

up from school, or when I'm working from home, he shouts, 'Mommy! Bombardino Crocodilo!'" -- a bomber plane character with a crocodile head.

"I know it's fun to watch," said Nurina, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

"I just need to make him understand that this is not real."

Some videos have been criticised for containing offensive messages that go over young viewers' heads, such as rambling references in Italian to "Bom-

bardino Crocodilo" bombing children in Gaza.

"The problem is that these characters are put into adult content" and "many parents are not tech-savvy" enough to spot the dangers, warned Oriza Sativa, a Jakarta-based clinical psychologist.

Tung Tung Tung Sahur

The best-known Indonesian brainrot character "Tung Tung Tung Sahur" resembles a long drum called a kentongan, which is used to wake people up for a pre-dawn meal, or sahur, during Ramadan.

Indonesia has a young, digitally active population of around 280 million, and "Tung

glass-wearing boy dancing on a rowboat during a race at a western Indonesian festival also became an internet sensation.

Noxa, the TikTok behind the original "Tung Tung Tung Sahur" clip, is now represented by a Paris-based collective of artists, lawyers and researchers called Mementum Lab.

"Noxa is a content creator based in Indonesia. He's under 20," they told AFP. "He makes fast, overstimulated, AI-assisted videos."

"He doesn't call himself a 'contemporary artist', but we think he's already acting like one," said Mementum Lab, which is focused on complex emerging issues around AI intellectual property, and says it is helping Noxa negotiate deals for his work.

Noxa, in comments provided by the collective, said the character was "inspired by the sound of the sahur drum I used to hear".

"I didn't want my character to be just another passing joke -- I wanted him to have meaning," he said.

Cultural nuances can be lost at a mass scale, however, with one 12-year-old tourist in Tokyo saying he thought "Tung Tung Tung Sahur" was a baseball bat.

And the generation gap looks set to persist.

"What's that?!" laughed a woman as she puzzled at the row of Italian Brainrot dolls.

"It's not cute at all!"



A small bag of novelty merchandise for the online phenomenon called Italian Brainrot, containing collectible cards and a small figure of Frulli Frulla (C), purchased from a shop in Tokyo

Tung Tung Sahur" is not its only viral export.

This summer, video footage -- not AI-generated -- of a sun-

Takaful International Company B.S.C.

INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 30th JUNE 2025



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TAKAFUL INTERNATIONAL CO.

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
As at 30 June 2025		
	30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	31 December 2024 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,591,830	1,886,524
Term deposits	3,699,710	4,099,880
Financial assets at fair value	29,395,174	28,713,416
Retakaful arrangement assets	1,826,271	1,959,339
Other receivables, accrued income and prepayments	7,484,379	5,028,946
Property and equipment	138,414	158,153
Intangible assets	619,472	625,601
Right of use asset	371,980	388,484
Investment in an associate	264,257	247,262
Statutory deposit	125,000	125,000
TOTAL ASSETS	47,516,487	43,832,605
LIABILITIES, PARTICIPANTS' FUNDS AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Takaful arrangement liabilities	27,335,995	24,677,747
Retakaful arrangement liabilities	801,940	799,803
Payables and accrued liabilities	5,373,714	4,183,875
Ijara liabilities	410,903	427,002
TOTAL LIABILITIES	33,922,552	30,088,427
PARTICIPANTS' FUND		
Surplus in participants' funds	1,332,640	1,172,197
Investments fair value reserve	71,097	(107,580)
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS' FUNDS	1,403,737	1,064,617
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	8,500,000	8,500,000
Treasury shares	(20,661)	(2,087)
Statutory reserve	1,191,041	1,191,041
General reserve	200,000	200,000
Retained earnings	2,434,178	2,896,315
Investments fair value reserve	(114,360)	(105,708)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	12,190,198	12,679,561
TOTAL LIABILITIES, PARTICIPANTS' FUNDS AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	47,516,487	43,832,605

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY							
For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)							
	Share capital	Treasury Shares	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Retained earnings	Investments fair value reserve	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2025 (Audited)	8,500,000	(2,087)	1,191,041	200,000	2,896,315	(105,708)	12,679,561
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	600,160	-	600,160
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(8,652)	(8,652)
Dividend for the year 2024	-	-	-	-	(1,062,297)	-	(1,062,297)
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(18,574)	-	-	-	-	(18,574)
Balance as at 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	8,500,000	(20,661)	1,191,041	200,000	2,434,178	(114,360)	12,190,198
Balance at 1 January 2024 (Audited)	8,500,000	(2,087)	1,057,598	200,000	2,332,705	(1,843)	12,086,373
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	554,578	-	554,578
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(130,944)	(130,944)
Dividend for the year 2023	-	-	-	-	(637,378)	-	(637,378)
Balance as at 30 June 2024 (Reviewed)	8,500,000	(2,087)	1,057,598	200,000	2,249,905	(132,787)	11,872,629

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTICIPANTS' FUND					
For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)					
	Surplus in participants' fund		Investments fair value reserve		
	General takaful	Family takaful	General takaful	Family takaful	Total
Balance at 1 January 2025 (Audited)	935,287	236,910	(84,215)	(23,365)	1,064,617
Other comprehensive gain	-	-	157,579	21,098	178,677
Surplus for the period	135,096	25,347	-	-	160,443
Balance as at 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)	1,070,383	262,257	73,364	(2,267)	1,403,737
Balance at 1 January 2024 (Audited)	676,063	180,801	(46,287)	(9,230)	801,347
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(137,261)	(12,844)	(150,105)
Surplus for the period	164,466	38,103	-	-	202,569
Balance as at 30 June 2024 (Reviewed)	840,529	218,904	(183,548)	(22,074)	853,811

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME						
For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)						
	Six month ended 30 June 2025			Six month ended 30 June 2024		
	Shareholders	Participants'	Total	Shareholders	Participants'	Total
Net profit and surplus for the period	600,160	160,443	760,603	554,578	202,569	757,147
A. Items that will not be reclassified to interim condensed statement of income in subsequent periods						
Net changes in fair value of investments measured at FVOCI - equity instruments	(70,482)	-	(70,482)	(38,570)	-	(38,570)
B. Items that are or may be reclassified to interim condensed statement of income in subsequent periods						
Net changes in fair value of investments measured at FVOCI - debt instruments	61,734	177,344	239,078	(100,891)	(142,477)	(243,368)
Net changes in allowance for expected credit losses of investments measured at FVOCI - debt instruments	96	1,333	1,429	8,517	(7,628)	889
Total other comprehensive (loss) / income	(8,652)	178,677	170,025	(130,944)	(150,105)	(281,049)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	591,508	339,120	930,628	423,634	52,464	476,098

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME						
For the three month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)						
	Three month ended 30 June 2025			Three month ended 30 June 2024		
	Shareholders	Participants'	Total	Shareholders	Participants'	Total
Net profit and surplus for the period	178,433	26,146	204,579	161,591	49,365	210,956
A. Items that will not be reclassified to interim condensed statement of income in subsequent periods						
Net changes in fair value of investments measured at FVOCI - equity instruments	(54,526)	-	(54,526)	(32,546)	-	(32,546)
B. Items that are or may be reclassified to interim condensed statement of income in subsequent periods						
Net changes in fair value of investments measured at FVOCI - debt instruments	23,711	88,246	111,957	(58,716)	(94,109)	(152,825)
Net changes in allowance for expected credit losses of investments measured at FVOCI - debt instruments	1,514	2,369	3,883	8,844	(13,353)	(4,509)
Total other comprehensive (loss) / income	(29,301)	90,615	61,314	(82,418)	(107,462)	(189,880)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	149,132	116,761	265,893	79,173	(58,097)	21,076

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME					
For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)					
	Shareholders' Six months ended 30 June		Participants' Six months ended 30 June		Total Six months ended 30 June
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025 2024
Recognised takaful contributions	-	-	14,145,891	12,314,125	14,145,891 12,314,125
Recognised takaful costs	-	-	(11,912,453)	(9,904,861)	(11,912,453) (9,904,861)
Retakaful net results	-	-	(2,114,302)	(2,254,636)	(2,114,302) (2,254,636)
Takaful participants' gross margin	-	-	119,136	154,628	119,136 154,628
Participants' profit income on investment	-	-	583,690	535,650	583,690 535,650
Participants' other investment loss	-	-	(1,194)	(6,386)	(1,194) (6,386)
ECL (loss) / gain on financial assets	-	-	(1,670)	6,126	(1,670) 6,126
Mudarib share expense	-	-	(145,207)	(133,848)	(145,207) (133,848)
Amortization of deferred cost (related to provision of takaful arrangements)	-	-	(223,198)	(390,898)	(223,198) (390,898)
Amortization of deferred profit (related to provision of retakaful arrangements held)	-	-	39,327	90,548	39,327 90,548
Other participants' expenses	-	-	(182,128)	(53,251)	(182,128) (53,251)
Net participant's surplus	-	-	188,756	202,569	188,756 202,569
Wakala fee income	2,619,933	2,373,911	-	-	2,619,933 2,373,911
Shareholders profit income on investment	214,072	241,877	-	-	214,072 241,877
Shareholders other investment income / (expense)	169,787	(11,818)	-	-	169,787 (11,818)
ECL loss on financial assets	(136)	(8,015)	-	-	(136) (8,015)
Mudarib share income	145,207	133,848	-	-	145,207 133,848
Share of result of an associate	16,995	16,291	-	-	16,995 16,291
Other income	24,038	4,064	-	-	24,038 4,064
Total shareholders' income	3,189,896	2,750,158	-	-	3,189,896 2,750,158
General and administrative expenses	(1,442,643)	(1,168,530)	-	-	(1,442,643) (1,168,530)
Commission expenses	(864,892)	(836,662)	-	-	(864,892) (836,662)
Other expenses	(200,884)	(190,388)	-	-	(200,884) (190,388)
Total shareholders' expense	(2,508,419)	(2,195,580)	-	-	(2,508,419) (2,195,580)
Profit before tax for the period	681,477	554,578	188,756	202,569	870,233 757,147
Tax expense	(81,317)	-	(28,313)	-	(109,630) -
Net profit after tax for the period	600,160	554,578	160,443	202,569	760,603 757,147
Earnings per share (fills)	7.07	6.52			

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME					
For the three-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)					
	Shareholders' Three months ended 30 June		Participants' Three months ended 30 June		Total Three months ended 30 June
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025 2024
Recognised takaful contributions	-	-	7,305,810	6,424,740	7,305,810 6,424,740
Recognised takaful costs	-	-	(6,185,150)	(5,195,211)	(6,185,150) (5,195,211)
Retakaful net results	-	-	(1,224,419)	(1,215,525)	(1,224,419) (1,215,525)
Takaful participants' gross margin	-	-	(103,759)	14,004	(103,759) 14,004
Participants' profit income on investment	-	-	289,308	272,957	289,308 272,957
Participants' other investment loss	-	-	(11,489)	(18,356)	(11,489) (18,356)
ECL loss on financial assets	-	-	(2,706)	156	(2,706) 156
Mudarib share expense	-	-	(68,778)	(63,690)	(68,778) (63,690)
Amortization of deferred cost (related to provision of takaful arrangements)	-	-	(37,744)	(180,538)	(37,744) (180,538)
Amortization of deferred profit (related to provision of retakaful arrangements held)	-	-	12,265	36,506	12,265 36,506
Other participants' expenses	-	-	(46,338)	(11,674)	(46,338) (11,674)
Net participant's surplus	-	-	30,759	49,365	30,759 49,365
Wakala fee income	1,317,916	1,045,260	-	-	1,317,916 1,045,260
Shareholders profit income on investment	98,078	113,386	-	-	98,078 113,386
Shareholders other investment income	204,821	42,045	-	-	204,821 42,045
ECL loss on financial assets	(1,490)	(7,443)	-	-	(1,490) (7,443)
Mudarib share income	68,778	63,690	-	-	68,778 63,690
Share of result of an associate	10,108	9,460	-	-	10,108 9,460
Other income	17,838	4,064	-	-	17,838 4,064
Total shareholders' income	1,716,049	1,270,462	-	-	1,716,049 1,270,462
General and administrative expenses	(909,968)	(647,833)	-	-	(909,968) (647,833)
Commission expenses	(509,403)	(373,163)	-	-	(509,403) (373,163)
Other expenses	(95,898)	(87,875)	-	-	(95,898) (87,875)
Total shareholders' expense	(1,515,269)	(1,108,871)	-	-	(1,515,269) (1,108,871)
Profit before tax for the period	200,780	161,591	30,759	49,365	231,539 210,956
Tax expense	(22,347)	-	(4,613)	-	(26,960) -
Net profit after tax for the period	178,433	161,591	26,146	49,365	204,579 210,956
Earnings per share (fills)	2.10	1.90			

INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)		
	Six month ended 30 June	
	2025	2024
Net cash generated from operating activities	1,334,876	1,223,814
Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activities	1,484,782	(2,277,233)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,114,352)	(674,395)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,705,306	(1,727,814)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1,886,524	3,427,273
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	3,591,830	1,699,459

These Financial Statements have been reviewed by PwC and approved by the board of directors at their meeting held on 10 August 2025

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Chief Executive Officer

News in brief

◆ **Germany assumes** that Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky will attend a summit between US President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin next Friday, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said yesterday. Putin and Trump will meet in the US state of Alaska on Friday to try to resolve the three-year conflict between Russia and Ukraine, despite pleas from Ukraine and Europe that Kyiv must be part of negotiations. "We hope and assume that the government of Ukraine, that President Zelensky will be involved in this meeting," Merz said in an interview with broadcaster ARD. Merz told ARD that Berlin was working closely with Washington to try to ensure Zelensky's attendance at the talks. "We cannot accept in any case that territorial questions are discussed or even decided between Russia and America over the heads of Europeans and Ukrainians," he said. "I assume that the American government sees it the same way."



Germany's Merz assumes Zelensky will join Trump-Putin summit

Jordan says to host Syria-US meeting on reconstruction

◆ **Jordan will** host a meeting between the United States and Syria to discuss the situation in the war-ravaged country and explore reconstruction efforts, Amman's foreign ministry said yesterday. The meeting on Tuesday, which will be attended by Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shaibani and US special envoy for Syria Thomas Barrack, "will discuss the situation in Syria and ways to support the process of rebuilding Syria on foundations that guarantee its security, stability and sovereignty", according to a statement. It will be a continuation of discussions held between the officials in Amman on July 19 about deadly clashes in the Druze-majority Syrian province of Sweida. Responding to the announcement of the meeting, Barrack expressed in a post on X "our collective determination to move toward a future in which Syria and all of its people can live in peace, security, and prosperity".

◆ **A senior Chinese** diplomat considered a contender for future foreign minister has been detained by authorities for questioning, the Wall Street Journal reported yesterday. Liu Jianchao, head of a department under the ruling Communist Party that oversees relations with foreign political parties, was "taken away" after returning to Beijing from a work trip abroad in late July, according to people familiar with the matter, the report said. The reason for his detention could not be determined, it added. China's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request by AFP to confirm the report. Liu, 61, has previously served in key diplomatic roles including ambassadorships to the Philippines and Indonesia and foreign ministry spokesperson.

Senior Chinese diplomat Liu Jianchao taken in for questioning: WS



SPOTLIGHT

Over 600 pilgrims hospitalised due to chlorine gas leak in Iraq



AFP | Karbala, Iraq

More than 600 pilgrims in Iraq were briefly hospitalised with respiratory problems after inhaling chlorine as the result of a leak at a water treatment station, authorities said yesterday.

The incident took place overnight on the route between the two Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, located in the centre and south of Iraq respectively.

This year, several million Shiite Muslim pilgrims are expected to make their way to Karbala, which houses the shrines of the revered Imam Hussein and his brother Abbas. There, they will mark the Arbacen -- the 40-day period of mourning during which Shiites commemorate the death of Hussein, grandson of the

Prophet Mohammed.

In a brief statement, Iraq's health ministry said "621 cases of asphyxia have been recorded following a chlorine gas leak in Karbala".

"All have received the necessary care and left hospital in good health," it said.

Security forces charged with protecting pilgrims meanwhile said the incident had been caused by "a chlorine leak from a water station on the Karbala-Najaf road".

Much of Iraq's infrastructure is in disrepair due to decades of conflict and corruption, with adherence to safety standards often lax.

In July, a massive fire at a shopping mall in the eastern city of Kut killed more than 60 people, many of whom suffocated in the toilets, according to authorities.

Israel's Gaza plan risks 'another calamity': UN

United Nations Security Council held a rare emergency weekend meeting

● **Netanyahu says Israel to open 'safe corridors', new aid sites in Gaza**

● **Netanyahu says 'our goal is not to occupy Gaza'**

AFP | United Nations, United States

A UN official yesterday warned the Security Council that Israel's plans to control Gaza City risked "another calamity" with far-reaching consequences as Benjamin Netanyahu insisted his goal was not to occupy the territory.

The United Nations Security Council held a rare emergency weekend meeting after Israel said its military would "take control" of Gaza City in a plan approved by Prime Minister Netanyahu's security cabinet that sparked a wave of global criticism.

"If these plans are implemented, they will likely trigger another calamity in Gaza, reverberating across the region and causing further forced displacement, killings, and destruction," UN Assistant Secretary General Miroslav Jenca told the Security Council.

Britain, a close ally of Israel which nonetheless pushed for an emergency meeting on the crisis, warned the Israeli plan risked prolonging the conflict. "It will only deepen the suf-



Netanyahu says will win war in Gaza 'with or without the support of others'
Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday hit back at the wave of criticism targeting his cabinet's decision to expand the war in Gaza, saying the country was prepared to fight without the support of others.

"We will win the war, with or without the support of others," said the prime minister.

fering of Palestinian civilians in Gaza. This is not a path to resolution. It is a path to more bloodshed," said British deputy ambassador to the UN James Kariuki.

But Netanyahu said Sunday his country was "talking in terms of a fairly short timetable because we want to bring the war to an end," as he insisted Israel did not want to occupy Gaza.

Palestinian ambassador to the UN Riyad Mansour said Friday that "this escalation by the Israeli government is going in total contradiction to the will of the international community."

Pakistani defence minister dismisses Indian claims on Operation Sindoor as implausible, ill-timed

Pakistan claims destruction of 6 Indian jets, S-400 batteries and unmanned aircraft

TDT | Manama

Khawaja Asif, the Minister of Defence of Pakistan, yesterday rejected assertions made by the Indian Air Force Chief regarding alleged destruction of Pakistani aircraft during Operation Sindoor as implausible and ill-timed.

"It is also ironic how senior Indian military officers are being used as the faces of monumental failure caused by strategic short-sightedness of Indian politicians," he stressed.

The minister also questioned the legitimacy of the claims. He said: "For three months, no such claims were voiced--while Pakistan, in the immediate aftermath, presented detailed technical briefings to the international media, and independent observers recorded widespread acknowledgment of the loss of multiple Indian aircraft, including Rafales, by sources ranging from world leaders, senior Indian politicians to foreign intelligence assessments."



If the truth is in question, let both sides open their aircraft inventories to independent verification--though we suspect this would lay bare the reality India seeks to obscure

KHAWAJA ASIF, THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF PAKISTAN

Asif further claimed that "not a single Pakistani aircraft was hit or destroyed by India."

On the contrary, he said Pakistan destroyed 6 Indian jets,

S400 air defence batteries and unmanned aircraft of India while swiftly putting several Indian airbases out of action.

The minister also asserted that

the losses on the Line of Control for Indian armed forces were disproportionately heavier as well.

He called for an independent verification. "If the truth is in question, let both sides open their aircraft inventories to independent verification--though we suspect this would lay bare the reality India seeks to obscure."

"Wars are not won by falsehoods but by moral authority, national resolve and professional competence. Such comical narratives, crafted for domestic political expediency, increase the grave risks of strategic miscalculation in a nuclearised environment."

He further warned: "As demonstrated during Operation Buntanum Marsoos, every violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity will invite swift, surefire and proportionate response, and responsibility for any ensuing escalation will rest entirely with strategically blind leaders who gamble with South Asia's peace for fleeting political gains."

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

Formal peace treaty ends over seven years of fighting in Indo-China between the French and the Communist Viet Minh



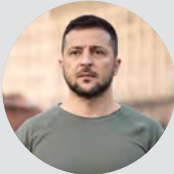
Al-Qaeda is formed at a meeting between Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Dr. Fadl in Peshawar, Pakistan

NATO takes over command of the peacekeeping force in Afghanistan in its first major operation outside Europe in its 54-year history



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TWEETS

01



I spoke with @Swedish-PM Ulf Kristersson and thanked him for the very tangible defense support. This year, Sweden has allocated \$4 billion to help our defense. I informed about the situation on the battlefield, and we discussed the diplomatic situation in great detail.

@ZelenskyyUa

02



Laid the foundation for Bengaluru Metro's Phase-3. This will boost connectivity from residential zones to commercial and industrial zones. It will also improve connectivity to the Kempegowda International Airport.

@narendramodi

03



I welcome the comprehensive "Joint Declaration" signed on Friday by @presidentaz Ilham Aliyev & Prime Minister @NikolPashinyan together with @POTUS Donald Trump as an important milestone in the normalization of relations between Armenia & Azerbaijan.

@antonioгутеррес

04



We welcome President Trump's efforts to stop the killing in Ukraine. Diplomacy combined with continued pressure on Russia is how we will achieve a just and lasting peace. One that respects Ukraine's sovereignty and the vital security interests of both Ukraine and Europe.

@vonderleyen

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Police officers arrest an 89-year-old protester at a "Lift The Ban" demonstration in support of the proscribed group Palestine Action, calling for the recently imposed ban to be lifted, in Parliament Square, central London

UK arrests 522 pro-Palestine group backers

Arrests took place at a Parliament Square protest



A protester is carried away by police officers at a "Lift The Ban" demonstration in support of the proscribed group Palestine Action, calling for the recently imposed ban to be lifted, in Parliament Square, central London

● Highest ever recorded at a single protest in the UK capital

● Average age of those arrested on Saturday was 54

● The government outlawed Palestine Action on July 5

AFP | London, United Kingdom

London's police service said yesterday that officers had arrested 522 people the previous day for breaching anti-terror laws by supporting the recently proscribed group Palestine Action. In an update to its previous arrest tally, the Met said all but one of those 522 arrests took place at a Parliament Square protest and were for displaying placards backing Palestine Action.

The other arrest for the same offence took place at nearby

Russell Square as thousands rallied at a Palestine Coalition march demonstrating against Israel's war in Gaza.

The 522 total is thought to be the highest ever recorded at a single protest in the UK capital.

The Met made 10 further arrests, including six for assaults on officers, though none were seriously injured, it added.

The force said the average age of those arrested on Saturday was 54, with six teenagers, 97 aged in their 70s and 15 octogenarians.

A roughly equal number of men and women were detained.

The government outlawed Palestine Action on July 5, days after it took responsibility for a break-in at an air force base in southern England that caused an estimated £7 million (\$9.3 million) of damage to two aircraft.

The group said its activists were responding to Britain's indirect military support for Israel amid the war in Gaza.

Britain's interior ministry has insisted that Palestine Action was also suspected of other "serious attacks" that involved "vi-

olence, significant injuries and extensive criminal damage".

In a statement following the latest mass arrests, interior minister Yvette Cooper defended the government's decision, insisting: "UK national security and public safety must always be our top priority".

"The assessments are very clear -- this is not a non-violent organisation," she added.



Palestine Action, established in July 2020, is known for its direct-action protests targeting arms manufacturers in the UK—most notably Elbit Systems and Thales—to disrupt what it describes as British complicity in Israeli warfare.

LEGAL VIEWPOINT

Activity in Virtual Assets

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In many jurisdictions, there are certain laws to regulate virtual assets, same as non-virtual. Based on such laws, there are certain terms related to virtual assets language, such as "virtual assets", "virtual token", "virtual assets platform", "distributed ledger technology", "virtual asset provider", "virtual asset portfolio", etc. Also, there are certain legal provisions governing, the regulation of virtual assets transactions and activities.

Moreover, to more understand this newly relative issue, there are certain important provisions in the law governing the conduct of the activity; They provide, any person shall be prohibited from engaging in the activity of virtual assets, unless authorized by the competent authority. Such authorization shall be issued in compliance with legislations and all requirements and procedures shall be approved by the relevant body. Any person wishing to conduct this activity must be based in the jurisdiction and if a Person wishes to conduct the activity within the jurisdiction, he\ she must obtain prior approvals before starting their licensing process from the licensing authority.

Virtual assets activity shall be conducted within the limits, rules and controls specified in the authorization mentioned in the license. Certain virtual assets activities are subject to the control of the authority according to the law which include, among others, operation and management of virtual asset platform operations, exchange between virtual assets and domestic or foreign currencies and between one or more forms of virtual assets, transfer of virtual assets, custody and management of virtual assets or control over them, virtual asset portfolio services, virtual token offering and trading services.

The Authority may undertake, classification and identification of all activities and establish the rules and controls for their practice, or add any virtual asset-related activities practices or services to the activities, on the other hand, it shall make a list of Virtual Asset-related Activities, business practices, services and products that are not to be traded or conducted.

The relevant authorization may be waived only with the prior consent of the authority. However, any assignment in contravention shall be null and void. Moreover, the authority may, for reasons related to public interest or regulation of dealing and trading in virtual assets, take some actions and measures to suspend authorization, restrict, re-operate the execution of any controls or internal policies issued by the virtual asset service providers, or suspend the activity of any of the virtual asset service providers, in exceptional circumstances or in case a threat to the proper and regular functioning occurs, or suspend or cease dealing with any virtual assets, whether traded in the virtual asset platform or any operation related to their offering and issue, in accordance with the laws.

By this, hopefully, all important issues in such special laws are clear. However, potential investors shall be more careful while indulging into such new investment venture as it is not-risk-free, but, full of many unavoidable risks.

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Riding high on red gold

An Afghan man sits atop a vehicle loaded with ripe tomatoes along a dusty road in Mazar-i-Sharif, a vibrant reminder of the region's agricultural lifeline. The scene captures the bustle of harvest season, when farmers from surrounding villages bring their produce to markets, braving bumpy roads and long journeys to keep the region's kitchens supplied.

techbuzz

Apple teases future tech **direction**

Smart glasses, AI gadgets and foldables on the horizon

- **iPhone remains central to Apple's ecosystem**
- **Growing interest in smart eyewear**
- **Exploring foldable devices**

TDT | agencies

Apple's famously stealthy approach to product development may be shifting gears, with CEO Tim Cook offering rare glimpses of its next wave of innovations. In recent



ings calls and interviews, Cook reaffirmed that the iPhone remains central to Apple's ecosystem—even in a future featuring AI-powered devices. "It's difficult to see a world where iPhone's not living in it," he stated, emphasizing that emerging devices are intended to comple-

ment the iPhone, not replace it. One area of growing interest is smart eyewear. Though Cook initially dismissed glasses as impractical in 2015, he has since updated that view. He cites the Vision Pro—released in 2024—as only the "early innings" of Apple's progress in augmented reality and hinted at ongoing work to shrink and refine wearable designs.

Apple is

also reportedly exploring foldable devices—a move into a segment already occupied by competitors like Google and Samsung. In his signature "not first, but best" spirit, Cook's comments suggest that Apple is taking its time to ensure any foldable technology meets its established standards for polish and functionality.

These developments form part of a broader strategy where AI, AR wearables, and novel form factors appear set to shape Apple's long-term roadmap.

Yet despite the hints, Apple maintains its trademark reserve—preferring to prioritize refinement over rushing into new categories



Google delays some Pixel 10 accessories and foldable handset amid supply chain hurdles

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As anticipation builds for Google's "Made by Google" launch on August 20, 2025, not all eagerly awaited products may hit shelves right away.

According to leaks from German outlet WinFuture, the Pixel 10 Pro Fold, Pixel Watch 4, and Pixel Buds 2a are expected to debut at the event—but won't be available for purchase until October 9, due to reported supply chain issues.

This creates an ironic contrast: Google's teaser for the Pixel 10 series cheekily mocked



Apple for delays in rolling out AI-powered Siri enhancements. Now, Google's own hardware is facing similar setbacks. If accurate, the new devices would launch well over a month after the core Pixel 10 line becomes available—likely around August 28.

Despite the delay, interest remains high. A recent marketing

mishap revealed all four Pixel 10 models—including the Fold and Pro variants—in a sneak preview, showing off new shades like Moonstone and Jade. Detailed render leaks have also offered clear views of the Pixel 10 and Pixel 10 Pro designs—featuring flat screens, prominent bezels, and a range of color options such as Obsidian, Frost,

Moonstone, and Jade.

Meanwhile, excitement is also building over new AI features across the Pixel line. A standout reveal is the AI-powered Camera Coach, which aims to give users real-time tips on angles, lighting, and composition—an assistive tool that could appeal even to AI skeptics.

In summary, while Google's Pixel 10 phones are on track for a timely debut, several companion products may require patience. Consumers eyeing the watch, earbuds, and foldable model may need to wait until October before they're ready to buy.



LG launches PuriCare AeroHit air purifier in UAE



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LG Electronics has introduced the PuriCare™ AeroHit in the UAE, offering a sleek, high-performance air purification solution designed for modern homes. Equipped with the Aero Series H Filter, the unit features a multi-layer 360-degree filtration system that removes dust, odors, allergens, viruses, and airborne pollutants — addressing challenges such as desert dust and high humidity. Its PM 1.0 sensor detects ultrafine particles as small as 0.01 micrometres, enabling real-time monitoring

and automatic performance adjustment for optimal indoor air quality.

The AeroHit's slim, space-saving design and muted matte finish blend with both contemporary and traditional interiors, while the integrated LED display provides intuitive controls and live air-quality updates. Suitable for apartments and villas alike, the device delivers fresher, safer air for UAE households. The LG PuriCare AeroHit is now available through LG retail partners, outlets, and online stores across the country.

OPPO rolls out AI-powered Reno14 series with Google Gemini integration

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OPPO has unveiled its Reno14 series in the UAE, introducing advanced AI capabilities in partnership with Google Gemini. The lineup includes the Reno14 F 5G, Reno14 5G, and Reno14 Pro 5G, each blending sleek design with cutting-edge photography and productivity features. The devices feature AI-powered imaging tools such as AI Livephoto 2.0, AI Editor, and AI Perfect Shot, alongside durable IP69-rated builds.

The Reno14 F 5G stands out for its Iridescent Mermaid Design and upgraded 50MP Sony main camera, while the Reno14 5G adds a 3.5x telephoto lens and 80W SUPER-



VOOC charging. The flagship Reno14 Pro 5G boasts triple 50MP cameras, 4K HDR video at all focal lengths, and 50W wireless charging.

All models run ColorOS 15 with deep Google Gemini integration for AI-assisted tasks. Available for pre-order from July 31, pricing starts at AED 1,499 with bundled OPPO audio accessories and trade-in bonuses until August 17.

Microsoft to unveil first Xbox-branded handheld at Gamescom



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Microsoft is set to unveil its inaugural Xbox-branded handheld console—co-developed with Asus—at Gamescom on August 20, 2025, according to a leak. This marks the company's bold entry into portable gaming hardware

Reports indicate the device's official release is slated for October 16, 2025, with pricing

and preorder details to be disclosed later in August. Attendees at Gamescom can expect a hands-on experience with the upcoming Asus ROG Xbox Ally and Ally X at Microsoft's booth. The leak was attributed to insider "billbil-kun," lending credibility to the timeline.

Previously, both Asus and Xbox had hinted at a fall 2025 launch window, aligning with this latest information



An interesting fact about Google Pixel phones is that the original Pixel, launched in 2016, was the first-ever smartphone to feature unlimited full-resolution photo and video storage on Google Photos — a perk that many users still fondly remember, especially now that storage limits exist on newer models.

celebs

Sharon Stone claims she had a heated ‘argument’ with Michael Douglas before Basic Instinct

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Sharon Stone had an “argument” with Michael Douglas before they starred in Basic Instinct together. The pair featured as the leads in the 1992 erotic thriller but she recalled that they had previously got into a row at the Cannes Film Festival which meant they didn’t do a screen test together. In an interview with Business Insider, Sharon said: “(He) did not want to put his bare a** out on the

screen with an unknown - and I understood that. “He wouldn’t even test with me, but that was also for a different reason: We had an argument prior to that.” The 67-year-old actress continued: “A bunch of us were all sitting, and he was talking about someone and their kids. I really, really knew this person he was talking about. “So I said something and he responded to me, saying, ‘What do you know?’ It was in regard to a father-child relationship.

“Clearly, it triggered him. So he screams this at me across a whole group of people. And I’m not the person who goes, ‘Oh, excuse me, superstar.’ I pushed back my chair and said to him, ‘Let’s step outside.’ That’s how we first met. “I explained to him what I knew about this family he was speaking about, and that I was best friends with the children and the parent. And then we parted, I wouldn’t say as best friends, but amicably. “So, fast forward to casting Basic Instinct, I don’t think he wanted

me to be his co-star.” However, Michael’s representative Allen Burry claims that the Wall Street star, 80, is “very surprised” by Sharon’s claims as “he doesn’t remember any argument in that timeframe” between the pair. Burry told People: “He actually only remembers seeing and meeting Sharon for the first time when he saw (director) Paul Verhoeven’s screen test of her for Basic Instinct and (Michael) said, ‘Absolutely, she’s the one.’” He added that Douglas “definite-

ly spent time” with Stone at Cannes but that was when they were promoting Basic Instinct. Burry said: “And by the time they’d done the movie, they were friends.” Sharon added that the previously fraught dynamic between the duo “worked great” once they got on set as she was “not rattled” by his fiery temper. The Casino star said: “That was interesting for the charac-

Sharon Stone



Selena Gomez recalls ‘sweet’ origins of Taylor Swift friendship

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Selena Gomez believes the “best thing” to come out of her relationship with Nick Jonas was her friendship with Taylor Swift. The Only Murders in the Building hitmaker began dating the Jonas Brothers star when she was 15 years old, around the same time the Blank Space singer was 18 and romancing Nick’s sibling and bandmate Joe Jonas, and the two stars grew even closer when their respective relationships came to an end. Speaking on the Therapuss with Jake Shane podcast, Selena, now 33, said: “Taylor and I dated the Jonas Brothers. I dated Nick and she dated Joe. “And everything was, it was cute, we were young. We all know and love each other now and it’s so cute. “We don’t know what we were doing — She and I like



Selena Gomez and Taylor Swift

to say the best thing we got out of those relationships was each other because it was really sweet.” Selena noted the pair went on to become “best friends” as they “bonded over the break-

up, as girls do.” She added: “And then we just stuck around for all the ups and downs that came after and here we are now 16 years later.” The Emilia Perez star - who is engaged to Benny Blanco -

recalled how Taylor played her 2008 singer Love Story to her before it was released to the public and she was blown away by the track. She said: “I believe Love Story was the first song she had ever played me and it wasn’t released yet. “Yeah, I was in a hotel room and I remember it vividly, it was just one of those songs I instantly heard and thought this is one of the most beautiful songs ever... “It was so sweet. She was like, ‘Okay I just want to play you this song but just like you know, I don’t know it’s going to be the first single, I think, I think.’ And just hearing her say those little thoughts and just listening to it. Yeah, she is a chameleon, she’s incredible.”



Isla Fisher

Isla Fisher embracing her “new identity” after divorce

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Isla Fisher went through a “tough couple of years” but she’s now embracing her “new identity as somebody outside of a partnership. The 49-year-old actress is single again following the breakdown of her marriage to Sacha Baron Cohen and she’s admitted her life has totally changed and she’s trying to adapt by staying as “as buoyant as possible”. She told Harper’s Bazaar magazine: “I’ve had a tough couple of

years, but I’m making it through. I’m really excited for the next chapter. “I’m refocusing on my career, because previously I was very much focused on my kids, which I still am, obviously, because [they’re] my true love. But I’m enjoying tackling work again.” She added: “That’s been one of the benefits of a challenging situation: the luxury of asking myself, What would I like to do professionally and privately? ... “I’m trying to remind myself of

my new identity as somebody outside of a partnership and to stay as buoyant as possible. Any time there’s change, it’s hard to adapt. But hopefully I’m doing an okay job.” The former couple - who have three children together - announced their split in April 2025 and last month they revealed their divorce had been finalised, allowing them both to move forward.

Ana de Armas ‘blends in among locals’ in Woodstock

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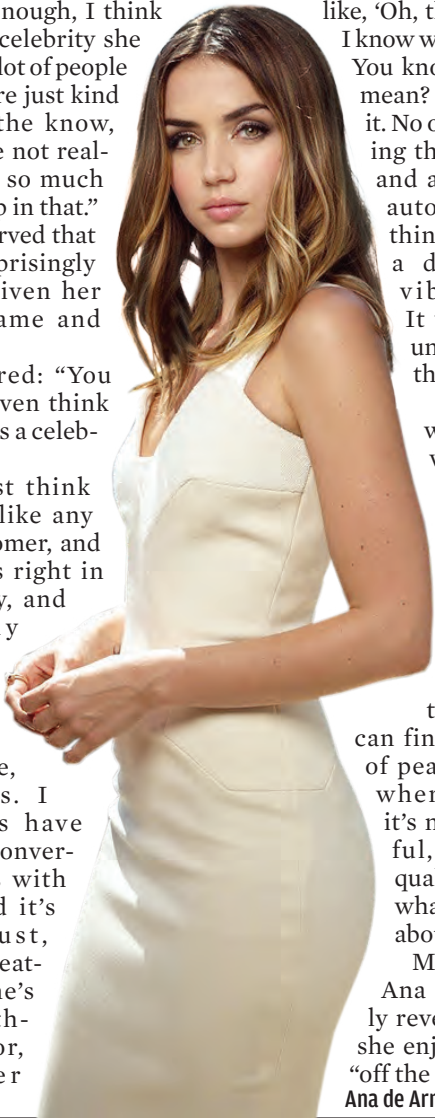
Ana de Armas “blends right in beautifully” in the town of Woodstock.

The 37-year-old actress lives in the small town in Vermont, away from the bright lights of Hollywood, and Zoe Zilian, the owner of Au Comptoir in Woodstock, has revealed that Ana blends in with the locals. Zoe told Us Weekly: “I think it’s a great town here for her to be in.

“Funny enough, I think as big of a celebrity she is, there’s a lot of people here that are just kind of out of the know, and they’re not really, I guess, so much wrapped up in that.” Zoe observed that Ana is surprisingly low-key, given her level of fame and success.

She shared: “You wouldn’t even think that she was a celebrity.

“You just think she’s just like any other customer, and she blends right in beautifully, and a lovely human being. She’s been so nice, always. I always have great conversations with her and it’s very just, [she’s] treated like she’s just another visitor, another



guest in the town. It’s kind of like how we like to treat all of our customers anyway, just with great hospitality and just like everyone equally.”

Ana was recently spotted in the town with Tom Cruise, her rumored boyfriend. But according to Zoe, the locals were happy to give the movie stars the space they wanted.

She said: “I haven’t personally spotted them walking around together, but even if so, you’d just kind of be like, ‘Oh, that’s cool.

I know who that is.’ You know what I mean? But that’s it. No one’s chasing them down and asking for autographs. I think it’s just a different vibe here. It would be uncool to do that.

“I think we’re all welcoming. I think everyone’s welcoming and happy that they can find a sense of peace somewhere where it’s not stressful, more of quality of life, what we’re all about here.”

Meanwhile, Ana previously revealed that she enjoys being “off the grid”. Ana de Armas

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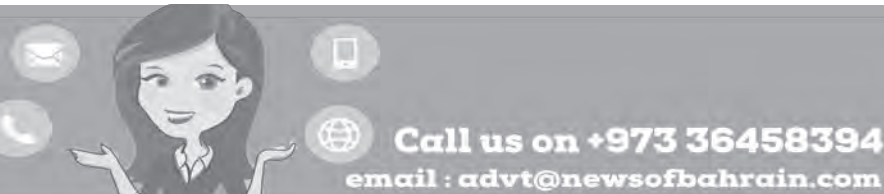
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Liverpool humbled by Crystal Palace in Community Shield

Crystal Palace beat new-look Liverpool on penalties after 2-2 draw at Wembley

● Palace win 3–2 on penalties

● Mateta, Sarr cancel out Liverpool goals

● Salah, Mac Allister, Elliott miss from spot

● Henderson stars with key shootout saves

AFP | London

Crystal Palace twice came from behind to stun a new-look Liverpool and win the Community Shield for the first time on penalties after a 2-2 draw at Wembley yesterday.

New signings Hugo Ekitike and Jeremie Frimpong scored for the Premier League champions, but Palace responded through Jean-Philippe Mateta and Ismaila Sarr before winning an error-strewn shootout 3-2.

Mohamed Salah blazed over from the spot, while Alexis Mac Allister and Harvey Elliott were denied by an inspired Dean Henderson as Palace built on winning their first ever major trophy by beating Manchester City in May's FA Cup final.

The traditional curtain-raiser to the English football season was given extra significance after a summer marked by tragedy for Liverpool.

Forward Diogo Jota was killed in a car accident alongside his brother Andre Silva.

Reds legend Ian Rush and



Crystal Palace's English midfielder #19 Will Hughes (2L) vies with Liverpool's Dutch defender #30 Jeremie Frimpong (2R)

Palace chairman Steve Parish laid wreaths on the side of the pitch before kick-off, while the Liverpool end was awash with banners and flags paying tribute to the Portuguese international.

A minute's silence, however, had to be cut short due to disturbances in the crowd.

Jota's death has dampened the excitement over Liverpool's transfer spending spree to build on a squad that romped to a record-equalling 20th league title last season.

All four of their new signings at a cost of £260 million (\$350 million) -- Ekitike, Florian Wirtz, Frimpong and Milos Kerkez -- started.

Ekitike's role this season

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The emotional match saw Liverpool fans chant Diogo Jota's name in the 20th minute - his retired squad number - just as Frimpong scored their second goal

could depend on whether Liverpool are successful in their pursuit of Newcastle striker Al-

exander Isak.

But the Frenchman -- signed from Eintracht Frankfurt last month for an initial £69 million -- did his case to be Slot's preferred number nine no harm at all.

Wirtz also bagged his first assist for the Reds when Ekitike spun onto the German's pass and fired into the far corner just four minutes.

Palace were making their first ever appearance in the fixture but the Eagles again showed their ability to match one of the Premier League's giants over 90 minutes.

Mateta missed a glorious chance to level when he failed to beat Alisson Becker when one-on-one.

Son Heung-min makes instant impact in LAFC debut

● Debut as 61st-minute sub

● Won 77th-minute penalty (VAR-confirmed)

AFP | Los Angeles

South Korea star Son Heung-min made his Major League Soccer debut for Los Angeles FC Saturday, providing a burst of energy as a second-half substitute in a 2-2 draw with the Fire in Chicago.

Son drew a penalty in the 77th minute that new teammate Denis Bouanga converted to clinch the draw in the 81st minute -- VAR confirming the spot kick after the referee initially let play continue.

“Obviously it was definitely contact and it was definitely a



Son Heung-Min #7 of Los Angeles FC and Carlos Teran #4 of the Chicago Fire FC compete for the ball

penalty, I have no doubt about it,” said Son, who was sent sprawling in the area by Carlos Teran after getting loose on a breakaway.

“And, yeah, we tied the game, but I think we should have won

this game (so) a little bit disappointed.”

In addition to drawing the penalty, Son had three shots on goal -- all saved with relative ease by Fire keeper Chris Brady.

Son signed with LAFC on

Wednesday for a reported MLS record \$26 million transfer fee after a decade with Tottenham in the Premier League -- where he became a household name.

The South Korea captain had announced just the previous Saturday in his homeland that he would be leaving Spurs.

He departed as Tottenham's fifth-highest goalscorer of all time with 173 goals in 454 appearances.

Son's first chance to play in front of home fans in Los Angeles will come against Western Conference leaders San Diego on August 31.

But plenty of his jerseys, South Korean flags and signs welcoming him to MLS were dotted around the Fire's Seat-Geek Stadium and cheers greeted his entry in place of David Martinez in the 61st minute with the teams level at 1-1.



Inigo Martinez

Inigo Martinez leaves Barcelona for Saudi club Al-Nassr

AFP | London

Barcelona announced on Saturday that centre-back Inigo Martinez will leave the La Liga champions, as Spanish media reported he would join Saudi side Al-Nassr.

The 34-year-old made 71

appearances in all competitions for Barca after joining from Athletic Bilbao in 2023, helping them win the Spanish title last season.

Martinez previously spent seven seasons with Real Sociedad after coming through their academy, before a six-year spell at Bilbao.

He won 21 caps for Spain between 2013 and 2023.

Al Nassr finished third in the Saudi Pro League last term, with Cristiano Ronaldo finishing as top-scorer with 25 goals.

Martinez's departure will free up space on cash-strapped Barca's wage bill.

Defending champs Sinner, Sabalenka make winning starts in Cincinnati

World No. 1s breeze through opening matches in dominant fashion

- Sinner crushes Galan 6-1, 6-1 in 59 minutes (fastest career win)
- Sabalenka defeats Vondrousova 7-5, 6-1
- Swiatek eases past Potapova 6-1, 6-4
- Fritz, Rune advance; Musetti & Ruud upset
- Madison Keys saves 2 match points in comeback win

AFP | Cincinnati

Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka got their title defenses off to smooth starts as they powered into the third round of the ATP-WTA Cincinnati Open on Saturday.

The men's and women's top seeds, each ranked number one in the world, were both competing for the first time since Wimbledon -- where Sinner lifted the title and as Sabalenka bowed out in the women's semi-finals.

Sinner crushed Colombian Daniel Elahi Galan 6-1, 6-1 in steamy afternoon weather while Sabalenka beat 2023 Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova 7-5, 6-1 under the lights of the night session.

Sabalenka needed 54 minutes and a service break in the final game to clinch the opening set with a stinging winner.

The second set was more of a grind than the score suggested as she saved five break points for a 4-1 lead and recovered from 0-30



Jannik Sinner of Italy serves to Daniel Elahi Galan of Colombia during the Cincinnati Open

down in the final game before securing the win.

"It's always a tough match against her," Sabalenka said of the Czech opponent she has faced nine times.

"She pushed me to the limit. If you lose focus even a little bit it can cost you a set. I had to fight for every point against her," added Sabalenka, who next faces Britain's Emma Raducanu, a 6-3, 6-2 winner over Olga Danilovic.

Meanwhile Sinner outclassed Colombia's Galan with 17 winners and just four unforced errors.

Sinner won the opening five games in 15 minutes as he allowed his 144th-ranked opponent, who came through qualifying, little breathing room.

The victory in 59 minutes was

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Sinner's 59-minute victory was the quickest of his ATP career—one minute faster than his previous record—while Sabalenka had to fend off five break points in a tense second set

the fastest of Sinner's ATP career, beating his previous quickest by one minute.

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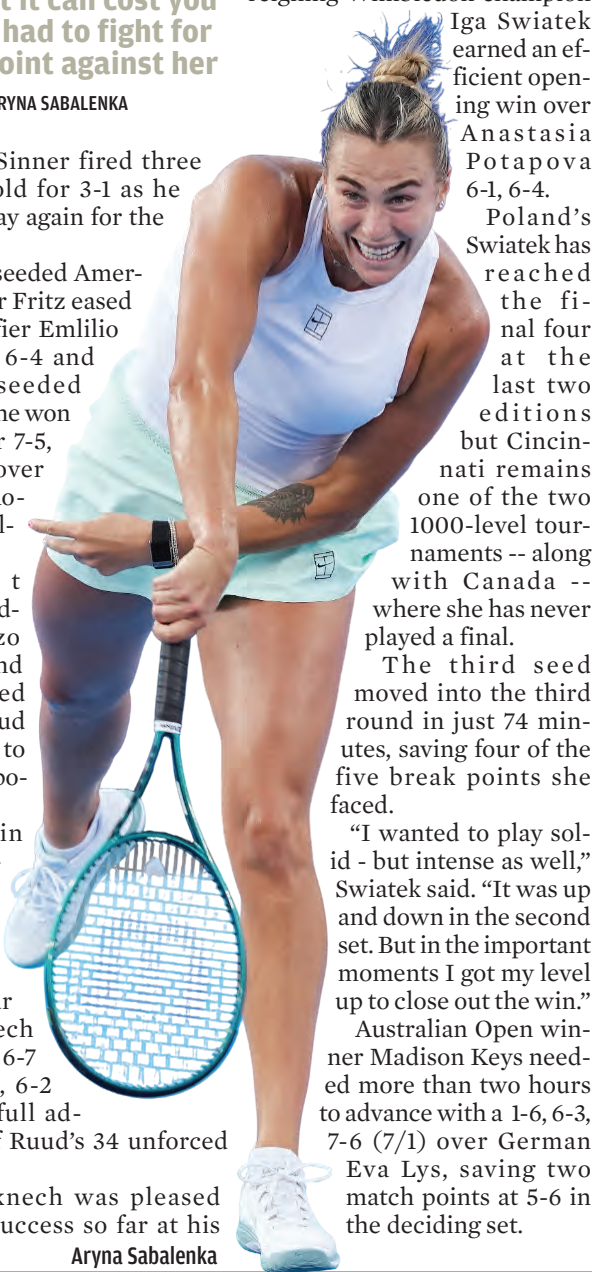
reprieve. Sinner fired three aces to hold for 3-1 as he roared away again for the victory.

Fourth-seeded American Taylor Fritz eased past qualifier Emlilio Nava 6-4, 6-4 and seventh-seeded Holger Rune won his opener 7-5, 7-6 (7/5) over Russian Roman Safiulin.

But eighth-seeded Lorenzo Musetti and 11th-seeded Casper Ruud bowed out to French opponents.

Benjamin Bonzi defeated Lorenzo Musetti 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) while Artur Rinderknech beat Ruud 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-2 -- taking full advantage of Ruud's 34 unforced errors.

Rinderknech was pleased with his success so far at his



Aryna Sabalenka

Cincinnati debut. "I stayed aggressive throughout the match," he said. "You cannot let Casper start to dictate."

Swiatek advances

In other women's action, reigning Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek earned an efficient opening win over Anastasia Potapova 6-1, 6-4.

Poland's Swiatek has reached the final four at the last two editions but Cincinnati remains one of the two 1000-level tournaments -- along with Canada -- where she has never played a final.

The third seed moved into the third round in just 74 minutes, saving four of the five break points she faced.

"I wanted to play solid - but intense as well," Swiatek said. "It was up and down in the second set. But in the important moments I got my level up to close out the win."

Australian Open winner Madison Keys needed more than two hours to advance with a 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/1) over German Eva Lys, saving two match points at 5-6 in the deciding set.

Bahrain youth turn to President's Cup

- Handball U18s open classification round against USA in Cairo
- TDT | Manama

Bahrain's national youth handball team begin their President's Cup campaign today against the United States, with throw-off set for 5:15 PM at Cairo Stadium. The match is the opening step in the classification stage, where teams compete for the highest possible final ranking after missing out on the main round.

Group G Recap

The young Reds reached this phase after finishing third in Group G of the preliminary round, collecting one win and two defeats. They opened with a close 32-30 loss to Japan, followed by a 36-28 defeat to hosts Egypt. In their final group fixture, Bahrain bounced back with a morale-boosting 36-33 win over South Korea.



How the President's Cup Works

This secondary competition features the teams who placed third and fourth in their preliminary groups. They have been split into four groups for a single round-robin stage, with final placings determined at the end. Bahrain have landed in Group D alongside the USA and Tunisia, meaning every point here will be critical in climbing the overall standings.

Eyes on Strong Finish

Head coach Raed Al Marzooq's side know that momentum is key in these condensed tournaments. A strong performance against the USA could set the tone for the rest of the President's Cup and fuel hopes of securing the best possible ranking.

Bahrain will then face Tunisia tomorrow in the next fixture at 5:15 PM (Bahrain time)

Dropped Australian Test star Labuschagne plots Ashes return

AFP | Sydney

Dropped Australian Test star Marnus Labuschagne says he is determined to bounce back and prove the doubters wrong, putting his hand up to open in the Ashes series against England.

The long-time number three was axed from Australia's Test tour of the West Indies in June and July after a sustained lean spell.

In his first comments since, he told The Australian newspaper yesterday that it may have been a blessing in disguise.

"It was tough because you never want to be dropped," the 31-year-old said.

"But almost as soon as their (selectors) words came out my mind shifted straight away to, 'Okay, how am I playing the Ashes ... how do I make that happen?'"

"This has given me an opportunity to reflect and not having the pressure of the media saying, 'Marnus has got to go'.



Marnus Labuschagne in action

"There is a tipping point but it's something I thrive on, proving the doubters wrong and being able to find a way.

"Missing those West Indies Tests gave me the chance to sit back and think, 'This is where I want to be and this is how I'm going to get there.'"

The 58-Test veteran was moved from his regular spot at three to open in the World Test Championship final loss to South Africa in June, where he scored 17 and 22 before being dropped.

But with his replacement, the teenager Sam Konstas, struggling at the top of the order, Labuschagne said he was ready to give it another crack.

Bahrain burn bright in Cairo



Hassan Abdulqader rises for an emphatic dunk

Furious third-quarter surge powers U16s past Qatar, opening Arab Championship in style

- Bahrain open championship with a win
- Algeria clash next for in-form Bahrain
- Qatar fade after strong opening half
- Abdulqader swings momentum under the basket

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's U16 national basketball team overcame a sluggish start but made a sharp recovery to thrash Qatar

90-58 in their opening game of the 22nd Arab Youth Championship at Cairo International Stadium. The young Reds trailed 18-15 after the first period and 37-32 at halftime, undone early by lapses in defensive focus and hurried shot selection.

Halftime Turnaround
Coach Rassem Al Marzooqi's halftime adjustments paid instant dividends. The reintroduction of Hassan Abdulqader proved pivotal as youngster's successive baskets in the paint flipped the score and injected new energy.

A 30-8 blitz in the third quarter, built on tight perimeter defense and rapid counter-attacks,

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Bahrain scored 58 of their 90 points in the second half – nearly double Qatar's entire game total

swung the game decisively Bahrain's way. By the end of the period, they were cruising at 62-45.

Closing With Authority
Qatar, who had controlled much of the first half, wilted

under Bahrain's relentless pressure in the fourth. Steals turned into layups, the lead ballooned to 23, and the final minutes became a show for Bahrain's offensive depth. A 28-13 closing quarter sealed a 32-point win and sent a clear message to the rest of the field.

What's Next
With two points secured, and buoyed by last month's Gulf Championship title, Bahrain now prepare to face Algeria today at 3:00 PM in their second group game. Qatar, who take one point from the defeat, will look to regroup after watching a strong start dissolve under Bahrain's second-half dominance.

Power-packed David slams 83 as Australia beat South Africa in 1st T20

AFP | Darwin

Tim David crunched eight sixes in a blistering 83 from 52 balls to help Australia beat South Africa by 17 runs in their opening Twenty20 clash in Darwin yesterday.

After being sent in, the hosts were all out for 178 on the final delivery of their 20 overs in the first game of international cricket in Australia's tropical north for 17 years.

Cameron Green (35 off 13) was the only other batsman to get going, with left-arm quick Kwena Maphaka bagging 4-20 as South Africa bowled out Australia for the first time in a T20.

But David's phenomenal innings proved enough, with the Proteas restricted to 161-9 in reply. That was despite a battling 71 from Ryan Rickelton, who fell to a spectacular Glenn Maxwell catch on the boundary.

Josh Hazlewood took 3-27 and Ben Dwarshuis 3-26.

"Great way to start the series," skipper Mitchell Marsh said after Australia's ninth T20 victory



Tim David plays a shot

Scorecard

Australia 178 (David 83, Maphaka 4-20) beat South Africa 161 for 9 (Rickelton 71, Dwarshuis 3-26, Hazlewood 3-27) by 17 runs

in a row. "Certainly we want guys like David to come out and bat the

way he did, he was the difference."

Backing up from a recent 5-0 series sweep against the West Indies, Australia signalled their intent early with Marsh slamming a six off the first ball.

But he lost opening partner Travis Head (two) and Josh Inglis (golden duck) in the

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South African left-arm quick Kwena Maphaka, at just 19 years and 124 days old, became the youngest bowler from a full ICC member nation to bag a four-wicket haul in a T20

space of three deliveries and then skied Kagiso Rabada on 13, with Maphaka taking a tricky catch before Green and David let loose.

They put on a quickfire 40 for the fourth wicket before Green was undone by a slower ball from Lungi Ngidi.

Australia were in trouble on 75-6 when Mitch Owen was out for two and dangerous Maxwell went for one.

Nunez leaves Liverpool to join Saudi's Al-Hilal

AFP | London

Liverpool sold striker Darwin Nunez to Saudi side Al-Hilal, both clubs confirmed on Saturday, in a move that could allow the Premier League champions to make a fresh bid for Newcastle's Alexander Isak.

Nunez joined the Reds for an initial 75 million euros (\$87 million, £65 million) from Benfica three years ago but has failed to live up to that price tag.

The Uruguayan scored 40 goals in 143 appearances but slipped down the pecking order at Anfield under both Jurgen Klopp and Arne Slot.

According to reports in the British media, Al-Hilal will pay an initial 53 million euros for the 26-year-old.

"Al-Hilal Club Company is pleased to announce the signing of Uruguayan striker Darwin Nunez from Liverpool FC on a three-year contract," Al-Hilal said in a statement.

Nunez was likely to play even less this season after Liverpool signed Hugo Ekitike and Florian Wirtz as part of a 300 million euro spending spree that also includes full-backs Milos Kerkez and Jeremie Frimpong.

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Nunez's sale brings Liverpool's summer transfer income close to €200M, with Alexander-Arnold and Diaz among other high-profile departures

However, the club could still break the British transfer record by signing Isak.

Liverpool reportedly had a first bid of £110 million rejected, with Newcastle demanding a fee of up to £150 million for the Swedish striker.

The sale of Nunez would take Liverpool's income for transfer sales this window to nearly 200 million euros after the departures of Luis Diaz,

Jarell Quansah, Caoimhin Kelleher, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Tyler Morton. Nunez is the latest big name to join Al-Hilal, who shocked Manchester City to reach the quarter-finals of the recent Club World Cup.

Coached by former Inter Milan boss Simone Inzaghi, the Saudi club's squad includes Portuguese internationals Ruben Neves and Joao Cancelo, Senegal captain Kalidou Koulibaly and former Fulham striker Aleksandar Mitrovic.

Darwin Nunez

Teen darts sensation Littler wins first World Series crown of year

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Teenage phenomenon Luke "the Nuke" Littler clinched his first World Series of Darts title of the year, overpowering Mike De Decker in a star-studded Australian Masters.

England's Littler, who became the youngest darts world champion aged just 17 in January, swept past the Belgian 8-4 in Wollongong, south of Sydney, on Saturday night.

He also took care of Damon Heta and Stephen Bunting en route in the year's sixth World Series event.

"It feels great," said the world number two after avenging his defeat to Gerwyn Price in last



Luke Littler in action

year's Australian final.

"Obviously it hadn't gone to plan on the World Series circuit

this year, but there's plenty of opportunities to win and I've finally picked up that trophy.

"I cannot wait for Auckland now," he added of the penultimate World Series tournament next weekend in New Zealand.

Littler became a national phenomenon in England with his shock run to the World Darts Championship final in 2024 before being defeated by top-ranked Luke Humphries.

It inspired a boom for the sport, with Littler coming above British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and King Charles in Google's most searched for people of 2024 in the UK.

His victory over Michael van Gerwen to lift the world championship title this year only added to the teen star's aura.

