

**Al Pacino Set to Join 'The Hunt' at Amazon**

Actor Al Pacino is close to closing a deal to star in the upcoming drama series "The Hunt". If the deal is sealed, it would mark Pacino's first regular television role in his long and storied career. Amazon declined to comment, reports variety.com **P13**

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**America starts Syria withdrawal**  
Washington, DC

The US military said Friday that it has begun withdrawing troops from Syria, initiating a drawdown that has blindsided allies and sparked a scramble for control of the areas that American troops will leave. US forces have "begun the process of our deliberate withdrawal from Syria," read a statement from the US-led coalition. "Out of concern for operational security, we will not discuss specific timelines, locations or troop movements." Defence Department officials said that initial withdrawals would be limited to equipment, and that no troops had yet departed.



His Majesty receives Pompeo

**Partners in peace process**

US Secretary of State Pompeo on a visit to the Kingdom

**US shutdown bites**  
New York

Hundreds of thousands of public sector workers have missed their first payday of the year as the partial shutdown of the US government bites deeper. Many workers, such as prison guards and airport staff, have been working without any guarantee of pay since the shutdown began on 22 December.



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**Manama**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed Bahrain's deep pride in its close relations and strong partnership with the United States of America, which extends over 120 years of co-ordination and co-operation to achieve shared interests at all levels. HM the King made the statement as

he received yesterday in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo who is on a visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Majesty welcomed the visit of the US Secretary of State to the Kingdom of Bahrain and stressed the importance of exchanging such visits to develop co-operation at all levels, especially in the political, economic and defence areas.

His Majesty expressed the Kingdom's keenness to consolidate its relations with the US in order to serve the common aspirations and interests of the two friendly peoples, noting the active role of the US community and its contribution to the Kingdom's comprehensive progress. He stressed that the US community

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**HIS MAJESTY**

is always hailed and appreciated by the people of Bahrain.

The talks covered developments in the region in addition to the most important regional and international issues.

HM King Hamad praised the historic US global role and its contribution to the consolidation of security, stability and international peace and its keenness to cooperate with Bahrain and friends in the region in order to build on accomplishments and achieve further progress

and prosperity.

Pompeo expressed his appreciation to His Majesty the King for his gracious hospitality and congratulated him on the successful parliamentary and municipal elections held recently in the Kingdom.

The senior US official stressed that Bahrain is steadily moving forward on the right path to maintain its stability and the continuity of development and progress. He also praised the strong ties between the two friendly countries, which continue to grow in all fields in the light of joint dedicated efforts.

HM the King hosted a lunch banquet in honour of the Secretary of State and his accompanying delegation.

Pompeo and the US delegation were welcomed at the airport by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

**IN A FIRST**

**Oscars to go 'host-less' after Kevin Hart controversy**

● Oscar nominations will be released on Jan 22, a month ahead of one of the biggest nights in the film industry.

**Dubai**

For the first time since 1989, the much-anticipated Oscars will have no host this year, after Kevin Hart pulled out of the gig three days after being announced the American actor-comedian would be emcee at the awards night.

After weeks of speculation from critics and fans, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will go ahead with the ceremony on February 24 without a



Kevin Hart starred in blockbuster sequel of the adventure film "Jumanji."

replacement for Hart, insiders told entertainment magazine Variety.

Hart dropped out as awards host after the Academy asked him to apologise for his past homophobic remarks that resurfaced online.

The "Jumanji" star, who was seen to help boost the Oscars' viewership by hosting the event, refused to apologise, saying "there's no more conversation about it ... I'm over that, I'm over the moment," in an interview with American TV network ABC.

According to reports, producers of the awards show will delegate the role of emcee to a selected group of celebrity A-listers who will introduce various segments.

Cast members of the Marvel superhero movie "Avengers" are among the celebrities the producers are eyeing for, according to US-based entertainment website The Hollywood Reporter.

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