

**Bangladesh-Sri Lanka washout sets record**

Sri Lanka's World Cup match against Bangladesh was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to rain in Bristol yesterday. **P16**

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**Minister inaugurates innovation festival**  
Manama

Under the patronage of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, "the Bahrain Festival for Innovation and Creativity, from Manama to Matera" organised by the Bahrain International Federation of Business and Professional Women was held yesterday at the Federation's premises.

In his inaugural speech, the Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed his pleasure to attend this important festival, which reflects the constant care accorded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to Bahraini youth and women to boost their status.

**Saudi forces intercept two Houthi drones**  
Jeddah

Saudi Arabia's air defence forces shot down two weaponised drones launched by Houthis from Yemen towards the city of Khamis Mushayt, a spokesman for the Arab Coalition supporting Yemen's legitimate government said early Tuesday.

In a statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), Colonel Turki Al Maliki said the attack was part of the continuing attempt by "Houthi terrorists" to target civilian installations in Saudi Arabia.

The statement gave no further details. Houthi-run Masirah TV reported earlier on Monday that the Iran-aligned Houthi movement had carried out attacks on an airbase near Khamis Mushayt.

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COL TURKI AL MALIKI

Meanwhile, in Yemen, coalition fighters intensified overnight air strikes on Houthi positions in the districts of Abes and Haradh in the northwestern province of Hajjah.

According to the Yemeni Ministry of Defence website, September Net, the air raids targeted the Houthi concentrations west of Haradh city and destroyed the vehicles of the militia.

**New tourism hope**



As part of launching the largest underwater theme park in the world, a decommissioned Boeing 747 has been lowered into the sea off Bahrain coast. The aircraft will be joined by other massive structures to act as artificial reefs, according to Tourism Ministry officials. The decommissioned aircraft was reportedly purchased from the UAE for \$100,000.

**Accused Russian reporter freed**  
Moscow

A Russian journalist has been freed after drug-dealing charges against him were dropped following a public outcry.

Russian newspapers had rallied round freelancer Ivan Golunov in a rare public show of support.

Mr Golunov cried as he was freed from a police station on Tuesday and vowed to continue his investigative journalism.



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# A world cup of tragedy

At least 1,400 Nepali workers died while constructing football stadiums in Qatar, reveals documentary

Doha

The Nepali government said there have been "many deaths" in Qatar, following a TV documentary claim that 1,400 workers have died while helping to build football stadiums for the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

German broadcaster WDR's investigative show, "Trapped in Qatar," exposed the plight of workers who endured squalid

living conditions and perilous building sites.

A spokesman for the Labour Ministry said he was unaware of the documentary but confirmed many Nepalis had died in the Gulf state.

"It is a fact that many Nepali workers have lost their lives in Qatar over the years," Narayan Ragmi was quoted by Arab News.

"I don't have any information

**1,300** migrant workers departed Nepal on a daily basis for Gulf-based jobs, and that a substantial number went to Qatar, say sources.

regarding the documentary right now, I am not in a situation to tell you how many people lost their lives in Qatar.

"But that many people lost their lives in Qatar, that is true. Since the time we started sending our labourers to Qatar some people have lost their lives.

"I am not sure whether it is 1,400 or 200 or 300. I must verify this number with the authorities directly concerned with

the issue."

Ragmi said there was a memorandum of understanding with Doha, as well as a bilateral agreement, when it came to Nepali labourers. Workers were briefed before leaving Nepal and went through a pre-departure orientation program, he added.

Accidents and poor living conditions were claiming around 110 lives every year, according to Nepali government figures.

**Cleaning the sea**



Recognising the importance of sustainable environment, the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunication together with APM Terminals Bahrain and Supreme Council of Environment has embarked on a mission to clean up the sea bed nearby Khalifa Bin Salman Port. The initiative has succeeded in the removal of 70 kg of waste with the assistance of 10 voluntary divers. The initiative is being carried out in various phases with the first phase concluding to coincide with the World Environment Day. The initial phase covered an area of approximately 20 miles north of the Kingdom. It was observed that the designated area contained a considerable amount of waste including plastic and debris.

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