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Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Bill Gates calls for COVID-19 meds to go to people who need them, not 'highest bidder'

Reuters
 Billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates called for COVID-19 drugs and an eventual vaccine to be made available to countries and people that need them most, not to the "highest bidder," saying relying on market forces would prolong the deadly pandemic.

"If we just let drugs and vaccines go to the highest bidder, instead of to the people and the places where they are most needed, we'll have a longer, more unjust, deadlier pandemic," Gates, a founder of Microsoft, said in a video released yesterday during a virtual COVID-19 conference organised by the International AIDS Society.

With hundreds of vaccine projects under way and governments in Europe and the United States investing billions of dollars in research, trials and manufacturing, there is concern that richer nations could scoop up promising medicines against the new coronavirus, leaving developing countries empty-handed.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL CASES

32,470

ACTIVE CASES

4,538

DEATHS

104

DISCHARGED

27,828

NEW CASES

431

CRITICAL

53

210 fils (includes VAT)



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Tawasul, emerging tech drive Bahrain to the top

Bahrain maintains 2nd place among Arab countries in 2020 United Nations E-Government Survey

- Bahrain moved to the very high EGDI Group in 2020
- Survey highlights the role of the pandemic in renewing and anchoring digital government
- UN hails Bahrain's blockchain developments

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Riding on the success of Tawasul and usage of emerging technologies to provide advanced government services, Bahrain maintained its supremacy amongst the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations after the United Arab Emirates on the United Nations E-Government Survey which tracks the e-government development status of all United Nations Member States.

The report, which places Bahrain in the very high United Nations E-Government De-



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UN E-GOVERNMENT SURVEY

velopment Index (EGDI) group and second among GCC nations, speaks highly about the Kingdom's national suggestion and complaint system, Tawasul launched in 2014.

UN report says the service enables people to submit suggestions and complaints to any government entity in the Kingdom of Bahrain from anywhere at any time, with it solving more than 95 per cent cases received.

By ranking Bahrain highly on the index, the report also points out that Bahrain Digital Government Strategy 2022 is aligned with the Economic Vision 2030, which focuses on sustainable development, and with the Government Action Plan 2019-2022.

The report views that higher-income countries such as

Bahrain mobilised the potential of emerging technologies to provide advanced government services and ensure a high level of user satisfaction.

The UN report also highlights Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 for its provisions for digital development and initiatives related to digital government transformation.

It also points out that Bahrain implemented Legislative Decree No. 54/2018 for the Issuance of Letters and Electronic Transactions, which provides a legal framework for the use of new technologies such as blockchain for government services.

The report also highlights the role of the pandemic in renewing and anchoring digital government both in its

conventional delivery of digital services as well as new innovative efforts in managing the crisis.

The E-Government survey 2020, now in its 10th edition, ranks Bahrain 38th globally on the E-government Index, a 12 point jump from the 2018 rank of 26. The ranking involves a composite index that consists of sub-indexes, which are smart services, human capital, and the telecommunication infrastructure and information technology sectors, in addition to the E-participation index that falls within the smart services.

On the E-Participation Index, Bahrain is ranked 51 out of the 193 countries.

In the E-Government Development Index, Bahrain's score is 0.8213, against the score of World leader Denmark 0.9758. The regional average is 0.6373.

In the E-Participation Index, Bahrain's score is 0.7738. Estonia is the world leader in this segment with a score of 1.0000.

The index and its accompanying report, launched Friday by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), also highly ranked Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Oman.

Launching the report, LIU Zhenmin Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs United Nations urged world leaders to "remain steadfast in their missions in the digital transformation of their countries, constantly innovating even during difficult times."

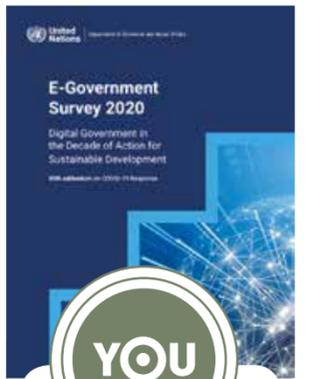
He said the 2020 Survey findings are encouraging, showing significant uptakes in digital services in different geographic

regions, countries and cities. The survey, prepared over two years, is the only global report that assesses the e-government development status of all United Nations Member States. In addition to the English edition, the Survey will also be made available in Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish, thanks to the collaboration with external partners.

E-government development in the member countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)

Country	Rating class	EGDI Rank	Sub-Region	OSI value	HCI value	TII value	EGDI (2020)	EGDI (2018)
United Arab Emirates	V3	21	Western Asia	0.9000	0.7320	0.9344	0.8555	0.8295
Bahrain	V2	38	Western Asia	0.7882	0.8439	0.8319	0.8213	0.8116
Saudi Arabia*	V2	43	Western Asia	0.6882	0.8648	0.8442	0.7991	0.7119
Kuwait*	V1	46	Western Asia	0.8412	0.7470	0.7858	0.7913	0.7388
Oman*	V1	50	Western Asia	0.8529	0.7751	0.6967	0.7749	0.6846
Qatar	HV	66	Western Asia	0.6588	0.6698	0.8233	0.7173	0.7132

* Countries that moved from the high to the very high EGDI group in 2020.



YOU KNOW WHAT

The National Suggestion & Complaint system "Tawasul" is one of the essential eChannels that enable citizens and residents to submit their suggestions and complaints to any government entity in Bahrain easily at any time and from anywhere.



Stimulus continues for private sector

Labour Ministry announces criteria for 50 per cent payment of Bahraini private-sector workers' salary

● The measures, which runs for three months, starts this month

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Salary payments of Bahrainis working in the private sector companies hard-hit by the coronavirus outbreak will continue as planned, confirmed Labour minister while announcing the required criteria.

The extension of stimulus measures, which runs for three more months, starting July, covers companies "wholly or partially disrupted by the pandemic", said Jameel Humaidan.

The latest move, as approved by the Cabinet, will support 50 per cent of salaries for insured citizens employed in the private sector beginning this month.

The government had said it was spending BD 215 million (\$570 million) on paying salaries to all 100,000 of its citizens employed in the private sector from April to June to help soften the



Jameel Humaidan

economic blow from the coronavirus outbreak. Authorities also extended the three-month assistance to Bahraini citizens

by paying electricity and water bills.

Most adversely affected companies will be picked by the reviewing the list of employers who benefited from the first package as part of the BD4.3 billion stimulus, the minister said.

"This will then be referred to the SIO to transfer the payments," Humaidan said thanking His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the unified government response to COVID-19 and preventing liquidity strains.

A dynamic list of adversely affected companies which includes travel, aviation, hospitality real estate and local newspapers among 20 others have been prepared. Detailed list in the box.

Eligibility criteria

Payments, Humaidan said, will be credited to eligible Bahrainis' accounts during the fourth week of every month by Social Insurance Organisation using the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

The programme will cover companies whose activities are "wholly or partially disrupted by the pandemic, impacting its ability to meet the wages of its employees, retained its Bahraini employees during the year 2020, and expressed commitment to paying the remaining portion of the salaries in full and without deduction, and on the date set for salary payments," the minister said.

To be eligible, Bahrainis workers should have "insured by end June 2020 or employed and insured through the National Employment Programme by the end of the month that precedes the date of disbursement".

Bahrain minister of finance and national economy Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa earlier said that the "additional package of measures will further reduce pressure on house-

THE SECTORS COVERED BY THE STIMULUS
Travel and aviation,
Hospitality and restaurants,
personal services (salons and gyms, games and entertainment halls),
Industrial, health, transportation,
Rehabilitation and training (including kindergartens),
Retail (other than food),
Administrative services (public relations, media, and event organization),
Real estate and contracting,
Engineering and technical offices,
Local newspapers and magazines,
Other affected sectors excluding those in financial, telecommunications, science, technical and professional activities, as well as universities and schools.

BD215
million stimulus package announced for April to June period covered the salaries of 100,000 citizens

holders and families across the Kingdom."

Minister Humaidan paid special tribute to the Cabinet, chaired by HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the continued support of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

YOU DON'T MISS IT

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Deadly restaurant blaze kills a woman, injures two in Sanabis



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A deadly blaze broke out at a restaurant in Sanabis claimed the life of a 44-year-old woman and injured two others.

The fire erupted as workers were carrying out maintenance works at one of the ceremony halls adjacent to the restaurant, eyewitnesses at the scene told Tribune.

Welding works were ongoing at the time of the accident to renovate the facilities of the hall.

The woman, reportedly, an African national, died of asphyxia -suffocation to inhalation of smoke- as she tried to take cover from the fire on the first floor.

Police who reached the scene immediately rescued many others who were trapped in the restaurant.

Eyewitnesses confirmed to



In pictures, firefighters at the scene of the blaze

Tribune that none of them suffered any injuries.

Ministry of Interior tweeted that nine fire vehicles, as well as 40 police officers, were sent

to the scene to put out the fire.

The tweet confirmed that nine people were saved, including two with injuries. All others rescued from the scene are safe.

Zero deaths, 615 recoveries

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Bahrain yesterday reported zero coronavirus (COVID-19) deaths, the third such instance in four months without a fatality, with the number of deaths remaining at 104.

There are currently 53 COVID-19 patients in the Kingdom, who are in a critical condition, the ministry tweeted late night yesterday.

The number of patients currently receiving treatment at various facilities in the Kingdom is 83.

The ministry also said it conducted 7,639 COVID-19 tests yesterday, raising the total number of tests conducted to 656,659 since the Kingdom detected its first case in February.

Health authorities also detected 431 new cases yesterday, of which 228 are expatriate workers, 201 are contacts of active cases, and two others are travel related.

Besides, the ministry recorded 615 recoveries from COVID-19 yesterday, bringing the total recoveries to date to 27,828.

The total number of coronavirus cases in the Kingdom is 32,470, as of yesterday.

All over the globe, the number of virus cases has touched 12,807,189 at the time of writing this story. The number of deaths has reached over 566,457. There are also 7,461, 093 recoveries.

Globally new cases recorded almost touched 200,000 yesterday as new deaths also rose to more than 4,500.

GCC roundup

In Saudi Arabia, the health ministry there reported 30 deaths from COVID-19 yesterday, which is also the lowest daily rate in the Kingdom for a week.

The ministry also confirmed 2,994 new confirmed cases, with 10pc of all new cases recorded in Riyadh. Recoveries increased to 165,396 after 2,370



more patients were cured of the infection. A total of 2,181 people have succumbed to the virus in the Kingdom so far.

Two deaths in UAE

The UAE reported 473 new coronavirus cases yesterday after carrying out 47,000 additional tests. The country now has 54,050 infections to date, state news agency WAM reported.

Health minister there announced two death taking the total death toll to 330. The number of recoveries has risen to 43,969 after 399 patients were declared free of the virus.

1,083 new cases in Oman

The Oman health ministry yesterday reported 1,083 new cases of coronavirus, 1,030 recoveries and four new deaths. Out of the new cases, 784 were

nationals while 297 were expatriates.

With this, the total number of cases in the sultanate has touched 54,697, while total recoveries now stand at 35,225. Total deaths increased to 248.

Three deaths in Kuwait

Kuwait yesterday reported 478 new COVID-19 cases and three more deaths, raising the tally of infections to 54,058 and the death toll to 386, the health ministry said in a statement.

Currently, 9,711 patients are receiving treatment, including 150 in ICU, the statement added.

The ministry also announced the recovery of 747 more patients, raising the total recoveries in the country to 43,961.

Kuwait started on June 30 the second phase of restoring normal life, which will last three weeks.

Labour ministry customer satisfaction rate hits 90pc

● The satisfaction rate is for the six-month period from January to end June 2020

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Ministry of Labour and Social Development announced recording a 90 per cent satisfaction rate for its services provided through the National Suggestion & Complaint system "Tawasul".

The satisfaction rate is for the six-month period from January to end June 2020 during which the authority handled 2,361 citizens, residents and institution, compared to 631 customers in the same period a year ago.

Of the 2,361 cases received, 1033 were complaints, 1250 were inquiries and 64 were proposals.

Most of the inquiries, 671 of



Sabah Salem Al Dosari

them, were regarding unemployment insurance. Closely following was social assistance with 429 registrations. Job enquiries reached 373, while those seeking Labour consultation reached 190.

Other enquirers were directed to the rest of the ministry's departments and services.

The ministry, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development, Sabah Salem

2,361

inquiries, observations, complaints, or proposals were recorded on Tawasul from January to June

Al-Dosari, said has assigned a team of 43 officers to expedite processing of complaints received through Tawasul as directed by the Minister of Labour and Social Development.

"They followup and monitor the system round the clock along with various departments affiliated to the ministry to ensure quick response to all communications received including that through social media platforms."

"Tawasul" is one of the essential eChannels that ena-

Tawasul Statistics	
Statistics for the month of January 2020	
Total number of cases	Percentage of closed cases within the given time period
3,335	90.3%
Statistics for "Tawasul" for the year 2019	
Total number of cases	Percentage of closed cases within the given time period
306,115	91%
Statistics for "Tawasul" for the year 2018	
Total number of cases	Percentage of closed cases within the given time period
4276	90%
Statistics for "Tawasul" for the year 2017	
Total number of cases	Percentage of closed cases within the given time period
14991	94%

ble citizens and residents to submit their suggestions and complaints to any government entity in the Kingdom of Bahrain easily at any time and from anywhere.

Every government entity in Tawasul has assigned a dedicated team to handle the suggestions and complaints according to a pre-set performance indicator and timeframe based on the

case category.

As of now, there are nearly 40 government agencies registered with the system for people and organisations to approach.

The Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) has transformed more than 300 government services to online eServices provided to the customers through multiple delivery channels.

Alternative penalty: Ministry authorises remote monitoring of convicts



Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa

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Bahrain will employ "electronic systems and applications" to monitor the rehabilitation and training programmes of convicts benefiting from alternative punishment, remotely.

Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa announced this yesterday.

The ministry authorises "live high-quality audio-visual broadcasting" of the rehabilitation and training programmes for monitoring purposes.

Before installing, the electronic system or application must be approved by the Interior Ministry (MoI)'s Directorate of Verdicts Implementation.

The systems or apps will be used to monitor a convicts' participation in the programmes, compliance and notify the beneficiaries of the dates of on-line lectures.

It will also generate periodic reports on the convicts' commitment to the programmes for MoI's Directorate of Verdicts Implementation to review.

Police arrest three over indecency



Representative picture (Courtesy of AlAyam)

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Police arrested three people, including two women, on charges of indecency, incitement and acting against morals.

Director-General of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science confirmed the arrest.

The suspects, all Asians by nationality, were arrested following a tip-off received.

Police acting on the information opened an investigation, which led to identifying and arresting the suspects.

Legal proceedings are taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

Man killed in three-vehicle crash

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One person was killed in a crash involving three vehicles near the Hafira area towards Al-Durrah, Ministry of Interior tweeted.



Picture courtesy of AlAyam

The deceased aged 41 years, was one of the drivers of the vehicles involved in the accident, said the ministry.

No further details were revealed regarding others involved in the crash.

It is also not clear what caused the accident.

An investigation is ongoing.

Necessary procedures are taken, said the ministry.

Selling Shabu: Three lands in police custody

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Three men, between 33 and 43 years of age, were arrested by anti-narcotic wing for selling Shabu.

The Director-General of the General Department of Investigations and Criminal Evidence said the suspects were arrested following a tip-off received by the police.

Acting on the tip-off, officers soon formed a team to confirm the information.

The ensuing investigation led to locating and identifying the suspects.

The suspects were arrested red-handed.

Police seized drugs and an undisclosed amount of money from the suspects.



Picture courtesy of AlAyam

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Legal proceedings are taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

ICRF kick starts "Thirst-Quenchers"

Distributes bottled water, fruits to workers



The first event of the series was held yesterday at Charilaos Apostolides (Bahrain) WLL (CHAPO) worksite in Budaiya

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The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) yesterday kick-started its "Thirst-Quenchers" programme aimed at raising awareness on the procedures that must be followed to make summer safe for workers.

The activity, now in its fifth year, educates workers on the importance of drinking enough water to stay hydrated and how to remain healthy amid high summer temperatures.

The weekly event, ICRF said, would distribute bottled water and fruits to workers for the

next 8 to 10 weeks at various worksites. The first event of the series was held yesterday at Charilaos Apostolides (Bahrain) WLL (CHAPO) worksite in Budaiya with the participation of 200 workers.

ICRF volunteers also distributed face masks and anti-bac-

terial soaps, along with flyers explaining measures to remain safe during COVID-19.

ICRF Thirst Quenchers convener Sudheer Thirunilath, ICRF Volunteers Suresh Kumar, Muralikrishnan, Sunil Kumar, and Nisha Rangarajan took part in yesterday's event.

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Taking the pulse of healthcare sector



CAPT. MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

What a wonderful contrast our compassionate leaders have set as a standard for the world. While healthcare frontliners in the rest of the world fought lack of PPEs, non-payment of salaries and overwork, in Bahrain, our Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has issued a thoughtful stay on collection of fines or financial dues for non-renewal of licences as of February 2020.

This comes over and above stimulus packages designed to cushion healthcare heroes from the financial pain inflicted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Even in the so-called advanced and developed nations, hospitals and healthcare personnel have been scrambling for testing kits against the pandemic and PPE for frontliners. Bahrain, by contrast, was among the first countries of the GCC, to purchase testing kits in large numbers even before the crisis hit full-blown proportions and there is a strict pandemic protocol to protect frontliners.

Spurred by the example of our leaders, the private sector too has time and again shown special respect for healthcare frontliners. At the Lulu Hypermarket, for example, there are priority checkout counters for healthcare personnel. Even in small cold stores, the neighbourhood nurse or doctor is treated with awe these days as they battle to keep us all safe.

At the turn of the 20th century, around the 1930s, Bahrain's healthcare system was manned by a handful of Western and Indian doctors and nurses who braved disease and death to bring the blessing of modern healthcare to the people of Bahrain and neighbouring countries, travelling across to Basra and to the Eastern Province on dhows to meet patients. With time, many inspired Bahrainis joined the medical profession and today many nationals hold responsible posts as doctors, surgeons, nursing teams and paramedics. We have pioneering doctors and even a Bahraini Florence Nightingale – Dr Naima Al Qaseer – the highest-ranking nursing expert who is in charge of WHO in Egypt. The Kingdom is giving priority to skilled Bahraini medical personnel and seeking to push Bahrainisation of the sector to over 80% just like the banking and finance sector.

Bahrain has now instituted a timely award under the patronage of and in the name of our PM for doctors and medical personnel who contribute significantly to the Kingdom's healthcare improvement. We thank our leaders for so wisely taking the pulse of the times and boosting our vital healthcare sector.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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Turning marble into heritage

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Here artists are busy!

They are chiselling away chunks of solid matter from the huge blocks of marble before them, transforming them slowly into compositions depicting Bahrain's heritage, culture, and closely knit societal fabric.

The venue is Bahrain International Airport Marble Sculpture symposium.

Watching the proceeding carefully among others are Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Chairman, Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed.

He was at the three-week project to review the progress of the work which will transform BIA into a world-class boutique airport and a key driver of national economic growth.

Organised by BAC and Hind Gallery, the event is taking place in a fully equipped facility with 10 leading Bahraini sculptors near the airport as part of Airport Modernisation Programme (AMP).

The minister said: "This symposium is an opportunity to showcase the talent of Bahraini artists who, through their participation



Minister Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed during his visit to the Bahrain International Airport Marble Sculpture symposium.

in local and international exhibitions, have displayed their work at several world-famous venues."

"Every element of the new facility has been carefully selected to reflect Bahrain's culture and heritage and envisioned to become a popular attraction for tourists."

The sculptors participating in the three-week project expressed pride in the initiative.

The new terminal will house two galleries which will regularly display Bahraini antiques and art.

Souq Al Qaisarya will feature a broad selection of local products, food and beverage outlets, Bahraini jewellery, an art gallery, and a theatre, enabling passengers to experience the Kingdom without having to set foot outside the airport.

Police registers 10,866 cases for not wearing face masks



In pictures, officials during a campaign held to ensure the proper following of coronavirus precautionary measures

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Bahraini authorities have registered 10,866 cases against those failing to wear face masks in public settings since the implementation of COVID-19 preventive measures began.

Of the total cases, 2,989 were recorded in Muharraq Governorate, 2,643 in Northern Governorate, 2,096 in Capital Governorate and 1,808 in Southern Governorate

Police Directorate. Besides, the Operations Department headed by General Security recorded 1246 violations, and General Administration of Ports Security recorded 84 violations related to non-usage of face masks.

Brigadier General Dr Sheikh Hamad bin Muhammad Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief of Public Security for Operations and Training Affairs, said the Interior Ministry is pressing on with awareness campaigns in various governo-

rates to educate public on the need to follow COVID-19 protocols including wearing masks and maintaining social distancing in public places and shops.

He also warned strict measures against any such violations in this regard. In addition to wearing face masks, other health guidelines, including continuous hand washing and social distancing, are equally important.

"It is important to wear face masks properly to curb the spread

of the virus, as most of the people are currently wearing it under their nose."

Police personnel are currently educating the public on the correct way of wearing a mask in various languages to help spread the information among foreign workers and communities.

The Assistant Chief hailed the active participation of women police personnel in enhancing awareness among female citizens and residents.



Ministry of Interior on 26 March 2020 announced a ban on gatherings of more than five individuals on roads, yards, beaches, parks and other public places.

Starting on April 9, as per Government of Bahrain's official efforts to combat the spread of Covid-19, everyone must wear a facemask in all public venues.

The Government of Bahrain has stated that anyone subjected to quarantine must comply or face up to three months in jail and a fine of up to 10,000 BHD

In focus: Busaiteen Walkway



In pictures above are Busaiteen Walkway, one of the preferred destination of people here in Bahrain and an ideal location for a weekend family getaway. The walkway is also a favourite location for photographers, thanks to the charming view of the sea it provides. The walkway, which was opened in conjunction with Bahrain Sports Day, has 80 fitness devices and uses clean and renewable energy. With over a parking space for 400 cars, the location is also easy to approach. According to Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Essam Khalaf, the project is one of the prominent development in Bahrain that forms part of Vision 2030. The 1.829 million dinars project which enjoys a length of 2 kilometres includes a public square, green spaces, restaurants in over more than 43 thousand square metres. The walkway is also the first of its kind in Bahrain that works on renewable energy.

Trump to create path to citizenship for 'Dreamers'

● Hours after Trump spoke, the White House put out a statement that seemed to walk back his remarks

● It began in 2012 under then-president Barack Obama

AFP | Miami

President Donald Trump said Friday he would soon issue an executive order on immigration that includes a path to citizenship for people brought to America illegally as children.

But the White House quickly seemed to walk back the idea, saying hours later this was just a possibility in talks with Congress on immigration reform.

"I'm going to do a big executive order. I have the power to do it as president and I'm going to make DACA a part of it," Trump said in an interview with Telemundo Noticias.



President Donald Trump waves from Air Force One in Miami

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TRUMP SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH TELEMUNDO NOTICIAS

DACA stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

It began in 2012 under then-president Barack Obama and has allowed some 700,000 people brought without papers to the United States as children

to live, work and study without danger of being deported. Most of them are Latin American.

In 2017, Trump tried to cancel the program but the Supreme Court ruled last week that the administration had acted with

weak legal justification and it let DACA stand for now.

The ruling suggested there are legal administrative methods Trump could use to cancel DACA, putting the onus back on the administration if it wants to

pursue the issue.

Trump said in the interview that in the wake of the court ruling, he would issue an order addressing migration issues that include DACA.

"We're going to have a road to citizenship," he said.

Trump is facing an uphill battle to reelection in November and has made cutting immigration -- both legal and illegal -- a cornerstone of a platform aimed at his white, working-class base.

Hours after Trump spoke, the White House put out a statement that seemed to walk back his remarks on creating a path to citizenship for DACA beneficiaries.

"As the President announced today, he is working on an executive order to establish a merit-based immigration system to further protect US workers," White House spokesman Judd Deere said.

"Furthermore, the President has long said he is willing to work with Congress on a negotiated legislative solution to DACA, one that could include citizenship, along with strong border security and permanent merit-based reforms," he added.



The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, known as the DREAM Act, is a United States legislative proposal to grant temporary conditional residency, with the right to work, to qualifying immigrants who entered the United States as minors—and, if they later satisfy further qualifications, they would attain permanent residency.

"Unfortunately, Democrats have continually refused these offers as they are opposed to anything other than totally open borders," Deere added.

Billionaire Musk's net worth zooms past Warren Buffett's - Bloomberg News



Elon Musk

Reuters

Elon Musk's net worth soared past Warren Buffett on Friday as the chief executive officer of Tesla Inc became the seventh richest person in the world, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Musk's fortune rose by \$6.07 billion on Friday, Bloomberg News said, following a 10.8% jump in the electric carmaker's stock.

Buffett's net worth dropped earlier this week when he donated \$2.9 billion in Berkshire Hathaway stock to charity, the report added.

Tesla's shares have surged 500% over the past year as the company increased sales of its Model 3 sedan.

The blistering rally also puts Musk in reach of a payday potentially worth \$1.8 billion, his second jackpot from the electric car maker in about two months.

The stock is up about 38% since the close on July 1, a day before the company reported its quarterly delivery numbers.

Tesla's solid delivery numbers heightened expectations of a profitable second quarter, which would mark the first time in its history that it would report four consecutive quarters of profit.

Dubai announces coronavirus economic support worth over \$400m

Reuters | Dubai

Dubai has announced a new package worth 1.5 billion dirhams (\$408 million) to help the economy cope with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, the crown prince of the emirate, Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al-Maktoum, said on Twitter yesterday.

The package is the third announced by Dubai, the second-largest and second-wealthiest member of the United Arab Emirates federation. The three packages are worth a total of 6.3 billion dirhams, Sheikh Hamdan said.

The latest intervention includes cancelling certain fines imposed by the government and the customs department, tax reimbursements to hotels and restaurants, financial guarantee refunds to the construction sector and exonerating private schools from licensing renewal fees.



A general view of Business Bay area, after a curfew was imposed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The Dubai support measures come on top of initiatives implemented at the federal level, especially by the UAE central bank, to ease financial and liquidity requirements on lenders and businesses.

Abu Dhabi, the UAE capital and the largest and wealthiest member of the seven-member federation, has also introduced its own stimulus packages.

India in talks with EU for trade deal, open to pact with UK

Reuters | New Delhi

India has started trade talks with the European Union (EU) and is open to dialogue with the United Kingdom for a free trade agreement, the trade minister said on Saturday, as Asia's third largest economy looks for new markets for its products.

Piyush Goyal said that India is open to engage with the UK for a preferential trade agreement with the ultimate goal of a free trade agreement.

He is also in dialogue with the European Union's trade commissioner for a deal that could start with a preferential trade agreement. He added that the ultimate goal here too would be



Piyush Goyal attends a session at the 50th World Economic Forum (WEF)

to have a free trade agreement.

"We're talking to the EU and I am in dialogue with the EU trade commissioner. I am look-

ing for an early harvest deal. Open to discussions on a variety of subjects. It's up to the UK and EU whoever picks up the gauntlet first," Goyal said.

Negotiations for a comprehensive free trade agreement between the EU and India were suspended in 2013 after six years of talks.

India pulled out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership last year due to fears over China's access to its markets and is looking for new ways to boost its exports.

The country has also been raising trade barriers to block cheap imports from China and replace them with locally made goods for domestic consumption and exports.

US unveils tariffs on France over tech tax but delays collection

Washington

The United States on Friday unveiled heavy import duties on France in retaliation for the country's tax on American tech giants, but will hold off on collecting the fees to allow time for the dispute to be resolved.

The office of US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer found France's digital services tax was discriminatory and "unfairly targets US digital technology companies," and will impose 25 percent punitive duties on \$1.3 billion in French products.

However, it will suspend the tariffs until January 6, 2021 while discussions continue over the disagreement.

France approved the tax last summer on tech firms like



US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said Washington 'won't tolerate' taxes in France or elsewhere that target US firms

Facebook, Amazon, Apple and Google, which were accused of moving their profits offshore to evade taxes.

But in January, Paris suspended collection of the tax through the end of the year.

Indian economy's medium-term outlook remains uncertain: RBI Governor

Reuters | New Delhi

The medium-term outlook for the Indian economy remains uncertain with supply chains and demand yet to be restored fully while the trajectory of the coronavirus spread and the length of its impact remain unknown, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said yesterday.

According to most estimates, the Indian economy will register a record contraction of over 4.5 per cent in the current fiscal year that started on April 1 due to the pandemic.

Starting late March, the country was placed under one of the strictest lockdowns in the world for over two months. Since early June, the government has started easing restrictions to help some revival in the economy even though the number of infections in the



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das

country continues to rise. "The Indian economy has started showing signs of getting back to normalcy in response to the staggered easing of restrictions," Das said in an address to an online forum.

"It is, however, still uncertain when supply chains will be restored fully. How long will it take for demand conditions to normalise and what kind of durable effects will the pandemic leave behind on our potential growth?" he said.

Erdogan rebuffs criticism over Hagia Sophia conversion

Turkish President says first Muslim prayers in Hagia Sophia will be on July 24

AFP | Istanbul

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday rejected worldwide condemnation over Turkey's decision to convert the Byzantine-era monument Hagia Sophia back into a mosque, saying it represented his country's will to use its "sovereign rights".

Erdogan, who is accused by critics of chipping away at the Muslim-majority country's secular pillars, announced Friday that Muslim prayers would begin on July 24 at the UNESCO World Heritage site.

In the past, he has repeatedly called for the stunning building to be renamed as a mosque.

"Those who do not take a step against Islamophobia in their own countries ... attack Turkey's will to use its sovereign rights," Erdogan said during a ceremony he attended via video-conference.

A magnet for tourists worldwide, the Hagia Sophia was first constructed as a cathedral in the Christian Byzantine Empire but was converted into a mosque after the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453.

Erdogan's announcement came after the cancellation by a top court of a 1934 cabinet decision under modern Turkey's secularising founder Mustafa Kemal Ataturk to preserve the church-turned-mosque as a museum.

"We made this decision not looking at what others say but looking what our right is and what our nation wants, just like



A general view of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul

what we have done in Syria, in Libya and elsewhere," the Turkish leader said yesterday.

'A blow to global Christianity'

Erdogan went ahead with the plan despite an open appeal from the NATO ally the United States as well as Russia, with which Ankara has forged close relations in recent years.

Greece swiftly condemned the move as a provocation, France deplored it while the United States also expressed disappointment.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko, said: "We regret" the decision, speaking to Interfax news agency yesterday.

"The cathedral is on Turkey's territory, but it is without question everybody's heritage," he said.

"We would like to hope that



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(Turkey) will fully honour all of the commitments having to do with the World Heritage status of the cathedral, in terms of its

management, protection, and access."

The influential bishop Hilarion, who heads the Russian Orthodox Church's department for external church relations, expressed sorrow, speaking to state TV Rossiya24 aired late Friday.

"We had hoped till the end that Turkish leadership would overturn the decision and it brings great sorrow and great pain that the decision was taken.

"It is a blow to global Christianity... For us (Hagia Sophia) remains a cathedral dedicated to the Saviour."

But Ozgur Unluharsicikli, Ankara director of the German Marshall Fund, told AFP the move would win hearts and minds as most Turks "would favour such a decision for religious or nationalist sentiments.

News in brief

◆ **Bosnian Muslims marked the 25th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre yesterday, the worst atrocity on European soil since World War II, with the memorial ceremony sharply reduced as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.** Many mourners braved the tighter restrictions put in place to stem the spread of COVID-19 to attend the commemorations which culminated in a ceremony laying to rest the remains of nine victims identified over the past year.



◆ **A US court halted Friday what would have been the first federal execution in 17 years, yielding to a request from victims' relatives worried about traveling during the pandemic to watch the inmate die.** Daniel Lee, a 47-year-old white supremacist, was convicted in 1999 of killing a gun dealer, his wife and her eight-year-old daughter in Arkansas.

US judge delays federal execution, citing pandemic

◆ **California will release up to 8,000 inmates early from state prisons to slow the spread of COVID-19 inside facilities, state authorities said.** Several California prisons have suffered large coronavirus outbreaks and the state corrections department said inmates could be eligible for release by the end of August. The release marks the biggest move yet by California to "decompress" prison populations and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission by creating more space for social distancing and quarantines.

◆ **A French bus driver who was badly beaten by passengers after asking them to wear face masks in line with coronavirus rules** has died, his family said, sparking tributes from political leaders who condemned his "cowardly" attackers. Philippe Monguillot, 59, was left brain dead by the attack in the southwestern town of Bayonne last weekend and died in hospital on Friday, his daughter Marie said, after his family decided to switch off his life-support system.

French bus driver dies after attack over mask-wearing rules

◆ **At least 10,000 protesters marched through the eastern Russian city of Khabarovsk yesterday in support of a popular local governor arrested this week for allegedly ordering several murders.** A court in Moscow on Friday ruled to hold 50-year-old Sergei Furgal for two months pending trial for the murders of several businessmen 15 years ago. He vehemently denied any involvement.

Giant protests in Russia after popular governor's arrest



Floods, landslides kill 40 in Nepal, many missing

Reuters | Kathmandu

Heavy rains triggered flash floods and landslides that killed at least 40 people and displaced thousands in western Nepal, officials said yesterday.

Twenty people were killed and at least 13 others were missing in Myagdi district, 200 km (125 miles) northwest of the capital Kathmandu, where several houses were destroyed on Friday, district administrator Gyan Nath Dhakal said.

"Rescuers are looking for those who are still missing in Myagdi," Dhakal said, adding that 50 people had been plucked to safety using helicopters. "Eleven people who were injured in the landslides have been moved to nearby hospitals," he said.

In neighbouring Kaski district, seven people were killed, said a second government official in the tourist town of Pokhara.

Another seven were killed in Jajarkot district in the far west.

"We are searching for eight people who are still missing," said Kishore Shrestha, a senior police official, said.

Egypt grounds kites for 'safety', 'national security'



Egyptian youths fly kites in the Saft el-Laban district of the Egyptian capital Cairo's twin city of Giza

AFP | Cairo

Egyptian police have seized kites from people flying them after a ban by a northern governorate for "safety" reasons and a lawmaker's warning they posed a "national security threat".

Police seized 369 kites in Cairo on Friday, Al-Ahram reported, while Akhbar Al-Youm, another state newspaper, said police confiscated 99 kites and fined five people in the northern region of Alexandria.

The ban was brought in "to ensure the safety of citizens after a number of accidents" involving kites, Alexandria's governorate said this week on its Facebook page.

Fines imposed for kite-flying in the Mediterranean city can reach up to

1,000 pounds (about \$60).

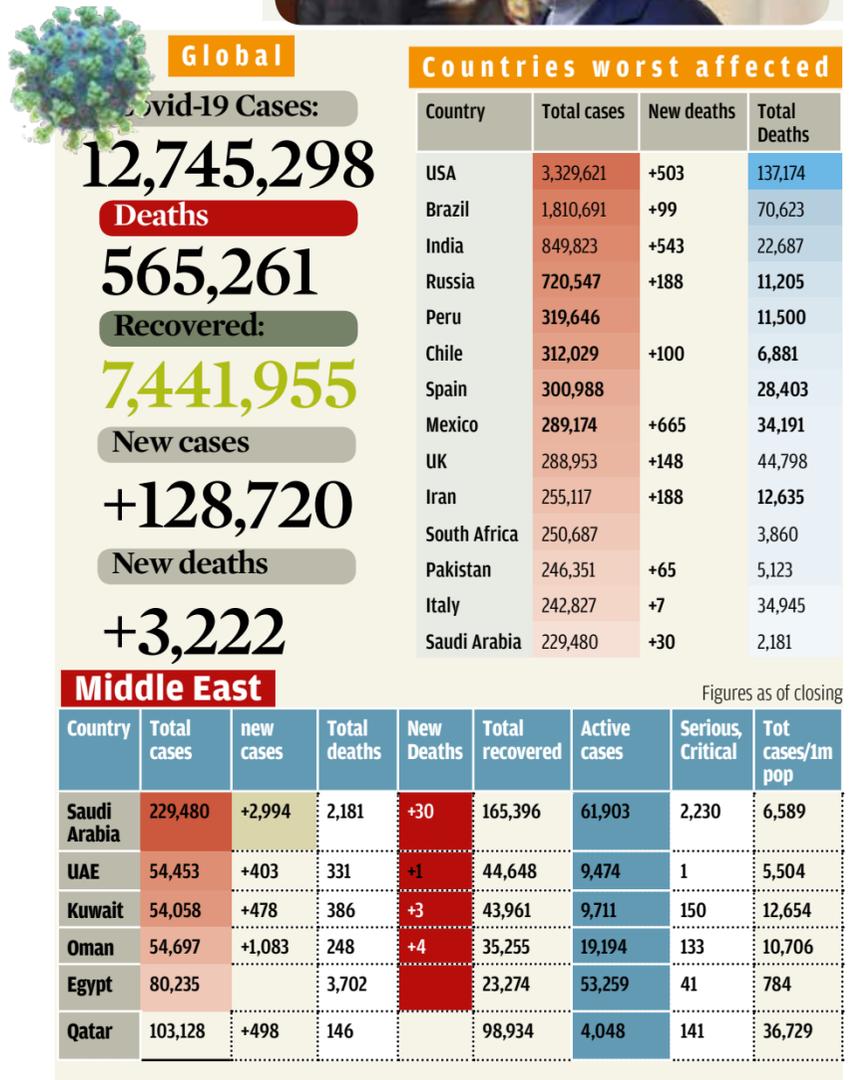
Egypt's skies have been filled with thousands of colourful paper kites flown by youths from rooftops and on corniches, as the hobby took off during night-time curfews to limit the spread of coronavirus.

But they have also raised complaints, including from an MP.

Khaled Abu Taleb, a member of parliament's Defence and National Security Committee, said last month he wanted the prime minister briefed on the dangers of flying kites because they posed "a national security threat".

The kites might be equipped with surveillance cameras, he said.

Abu Taleb was roundly ridiculed on social media in Egypt, where operating a drone is only authorised with a special permit.



CELEBS

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Charlize Theron not focused on dating

Fox | Los Angeles

Charlize Theron is emotionally unavailable right now.

Even though she's single, the Oscar winner has no interest in pursuing a relationship of any kind and opened up about what situation she'd like to have in the unlikely event she does find someone to settle down

Charlize Theron

with.

"I really do believe that women really... make s--t happen for ourselves," the 44-year-old told E! News on Friday. "And I think this idea of relationships, sometimes we approach ... or society approach[s] them in the sense of like, 'Obviously, that is something that you need and want.' And that's really not been the case for me."

The star recently fended off rumours that she nearly tied the knot with fellow actor and director Sean Penn during their dating spell when she told "The Howard Stern Show" that tales

suggesting they almost wed were "such bull---" given the fact they dated for "barely a year."

Theron told listeners on Stern's show that she doesn't need a man because the "great loves of [her] life" are her two children, son Jackson, 8, and daughter August, 8 – and thus, she's "never been lonely."

Theron pressed the sentiment in her conversation with E! News: "I don't feel like I'm missing out on something in my life, it's just not something that I'm looking out for right now."

However, despite her leisurely approach to dating, Theron told the outlet to not rule out the idea of her having a partner in the future.

"I think that time will come," she said, declaring in the process that if she stumbles upon the "love of my life," said gentleman would be relegated to living in a "house down the street."

Theron pointed to Gwyneth Paltrow and Brad Falchuk's progressive approach to their previous living arrangement that has seen its share of supporters and detractors.

Amitabh Bachchan, son Abhishek test COVID-19 positive

FIANS | Mumbai

Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan and his son Abhishek Bachchan on Saturday tested positive for coronavirus and have been shifted to a hospital.

In a Twitter post, Abhishek Bachchan said both have mild symptoms and their family and staff are being tested.

Earlier in the evening, Amitabh Bachchan also tweeted that he has tested positive and asked everyone who had come in contact with him in the last 10 days to get tested as well. Both of them have been ad-



Amitabh Bachchan and son Abhishek

mitted to Nanavati Hospital in Mumbai, news agency PTI reported.

People across the country have tweeted their wishes for their quick recovery.

Amitabh Bachchan was roped in by the government in March to help spread awareness about the pandemic.

Eminem collaborates with Kid Cudi for 'The Adventures of Moon Man and Slim Shady'

ANI | Los Angeles

Rapper Eminem has collaborated with 'Erase Me' singer Kid Cudi for the new single 'The Adventures of Moon Man and Slim Shady', which points to police brutality, coronavirus pandemic and more.

The official lyrical video of the new song was dropped on Friday, in the YouTube handle of Kid Cudi.

This is the first time that the rappers have come together for new music. The song slams police brutality, which has been a relevant topic in the US since the death of George Floyd.

The song also takes a dig at those not wearing masks during the time of coronavirus pandemic.

"Half of us walking around like a zombie apocalypse... Other half are just pissed off and... Don't wanna wear a mask and they're just scoffing... And that's how you end up catching the shit off 'em... I just used the same basket as you shopping... Now I'm in a f--in' casket from you coughing," the lyrics read.

The official lyrical video has garnered more than seven lakh views since its release to date.



Eminem

Katy Perry says she and Taylor Swift 'fight like cousins' after rumours they're distantly related

Fox | Los Angeles

Katy Perry and Taylor Swift squashed their beef last year, and now it's rumored the two singers might actually be related.

During an interview on "Capital Breakfast With Roman Kemp," Sian Welby asked the "Firework" pop star about the theory circulating online that she and Swift are ninth cousins.

"Well, we fight like cousins," Perry said.

Roman Kemp said that "someone has literally written, like, a full thing".

Perry responded, "Wow, I'm going to have to ask her if this is

true or if we should, like, get blood tests together or something."

The pair famously stopped feuding after Perry appeared in Swift's music video for her song "You Need to Calm Down."

"It was important to make that appearance in the music video because people want

people to look up to," Perry told Australia's Stellar magazine in February. "We wanted it to be an example of unity. Forgiveness is important. It's so powerful."

Both women used the opportunity to set an example for their young female fans.

"It was actually just a misunderstanding but we have such big groups of people that like to follow us, and so they kind of started turning against each other a little bit too," Perry told Ellen DeGeneres last year during an appearance on her talk show.



Katy Perry

Jada Pinkett Smith admits to 'relationship' with August Alsina while separated from Will Smith

Fox | Los Angeles

As promised, Jada Pinkett Smith took herself to the Red Table.

The actress, 48, addressed the rumors she and August Alsina, 27, had an affair while the "Girls Trip" star was still married to actor Will Smith.

Jada admitted that about four and a half years ago, she and Will separated with the intention to divorce, and while separated she had a "relationship" with Alsina.

"I started a friendship with August and we

actually became really, really good friends," Jada explained in the episode -- which was released on Facebook Watch on Friday -- adding that she wanted to help the musician with his "mental state" and found resources to help pull him through a troubling time.

Jada said while that was happening she and Will were going through a rough time and "broke up."

"We separated for a time," she said so the two could figure out what makes them happy. In both their minds, "we were over," she said.

"I got into a different kind of entanglement with August," Jada revealed. "It was a relationship, absolutely. I was in a lot of pain. I was very broken. In the process of that relationship, I definitely realized you can't find happiness outside of yourself."

She also wanted to make it clear that Alsina is "not a homewrecker" but she and Will "were going through a process of healing in a much different manner" as a couple.



Jada Pinkett Smith

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Yesterday's solution

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KHK Boxing, WBC meet to further enhance the sport in region

TDI | Manama

KHK Boxing, led by HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the legendary boxing organization WBC have made history earlier this year. They introduced the first-ever Arab World Boxing Championship, which will serve to further enhance the reputation of boxing in the region, and now talks have begun to further collaboration between the two sports giants.

Mauricio Sulaiman, WBC president, and Luciano "Chano" Planas, WBC Ambassador in Spain, met with KHK CEO Mohammed Shahid, as the parties discussed ways of developing the sport of boxing in the region and beyond.

The World Boxing Council has extensive knowledge of going to new markets and properly setting boxing as a successful entertainment tool and a respectable sport.

On the other hand, KHK is known to have taken mixed martial arts to the next level

in the region and beyond, and possesses the highest level of know-how regarding the development of a sport. From grassroots development, with the KHK MMA gym, to the professionals, with BRAVE Combat Federation, KHK has been able to revolutionize the industry at all levels.

Sulaiman made it a point to thank HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his continued interest in the growth of boxing in the region and beyond and is hopeful that the partnership will bring much success for the sport in the Middle East.

The World Boxing Council is one of the premier boxing organizations worldwide and has recognized as world champions legendary figures such as Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard, Floyd Mayweather Jr, Roy Jones Jr, Julio Cezar Chavez, as well as starfighters from today, like Canelo Álvarez, Manny Pacquiao, Tyson Fury, and Vasyl Lomachenko.

Sibley, Burns help England cut into Windies lead by lunch

Reuters | London

Gritty knocks from openers Dom Sibley and Rory Burns helped England reduce West Indies' lead to 35 as the hosts reached 79 for one at lunch on the fourth day of the first test at Southampton's Ageas Bowl.

Resuming their second innings on 15-0, Sibley and Burns saw off a testing opening burst from West Indies pacers Shannon Gabriel and Kemar Roach before settling into their stride.

Burns, the more aggressive of the two openers, brought up England's 50 in the 20th over with a crisp cut through backward point off the bowling of West Indies skipper Jason Holder.

However, he had departed for 42 shortly before lunch,



England's Dom Sibley in action

slicing a short-pitched delivery from Roston Chase straight to John Campbell at backward point and bringing an end to England's longest opening partnership since the start of 2017.

Joe Denly (one not out) survived a testing spell from Alzarri Joseph and, alongside Sibley (31 not out), saw England through to lunch.

Rain king Hami storms to Styrian GP pole

● Lewis Hamilton lived up to his 'rain master' reputation to put his Mercedes on pole position for the first Styrian Grand Prix

AFP | Spielberg

Defending six-time world champion Lewis Hamilton delivered one of his greatest qualifying performances in treacherous rain-swept conditions yesterday when he stormed to pole position for the Styrian Grand Prix.

The Mercedes driver, who struggled in practice on Friday, bounced back to his best with a fastest lap in one minute and 19.273 seconds, outpacing nearest rival Max Verstappen of Red Bull by a stunning 1.2 seconds.

His performance confirmed his enduring class on a day when heavy rainstorms had delayed the session by 45 minutes and forced the cancellation of third practice.

It was his third pole success at the Red Bull Ring circuit, the 89th of his career and confirmed his reputation as a great driver in the wettest conditions.

"What a tricky day," said Hamilton.

"It was so difficult for all of us with this weather and some of the time you can't see where you are going, but I loved it - though I did have a big aquaplane and had my heart in my mouth."

Ferrari-bound Carlos Sainz was third for McLaren ahead of Valtteri Bottas, winner of last Sunday's season-opening Austrian Grand Prix at the same circuit, in the second Mercedes, Esteban Ocon of Renault and Lando Norris in the second McLaren.



Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton steers his car during the qualifying

Norris, however, will drop three places on the grid after taking a penalty on Friday for ignoring yellow flags in opening practice.

That will elevate Alex Albon, who was seventh in the second Red Bull, Pierre Gasly of Alpha Tauri and Daniel Ricciardo, ninth in the second Renault, but leave Sebastian Vettel 10th in the leading Ferrari on another difficult day for the Italian team.

'I can't see a thing'

His team-mate Charles Leclerc qualified 11th.

After a 45-minute delay, Q1 began with Vettel first out for Ferrari.

Both the four-time champion and Bottas were promptly told that the rain would intensify, making it vital to record a "banker" lap, in case the conditions deteriorated seriously.

"I can't see a thing," said Verstappen as Vettel clocked a time soon trimmed by his rivals, including George Russell of Williams, the best lap time descending rapidly as plumes of spray lifted water off the asphalt.

Having been trapped 19th, Hamilton jumped to the top



The pole was a record-extending 89th of Hamilton's F1 career

to be replaced by Leclerc and then Bottas and Verstappen in succession as others, including Ocon and Grosjean, slithered off and recovered.

After his travails in Friday's practice, Hamilton was sensational.

"Just leave me to it," he told his engineer on team radio as he pulled clear before Antonio Giovinazzi crashed at Turn 10, recovered and then parked his Alfa Romeo.

His exit brought red flags out with seconds remaining, a move that meant early elimination for both the Italian and his team-mate Kimi Raikkonen along with Sergio Perez of Racing Point, Williams rookie Nicholas Latifi and Romain Grosjean

of Haas.

Perez had been fastest in opening free practice on Friday morning.

All this meant Russell delivered Williams' first Q2 appearance since the 2018 Brazilian Grand Prix, a welcome tonic for the struggling former champions.

Vettel was first out for Q2, but without the pace to worry the front-runners as Verstappen duelled with Hamilton and both Ferraris struggled, Leclerc failing to make the top-ten cut.

The Monegasque qualified 11th one place ahead of the remarkable Russell, claiming his career-best starting spot, ahead of Lance Stroll's Racing Point, Daniil Kvyat of Alpha Tauri and Kevin Magnussen of Haas.

Verstappen led the way in the final shootout.

"There's a lot more water down," warned Hamilton as the Dutchman clocked 1:21.800 to set the pace, his extreme wet tyres visibly shedding water.

Hamilton then took control with a surge of rapid laps before the Dutchman responded but spun off in a final flurry of late high-speed action.

Liverpool's record bid hit by Burnley draw, Norwich relegated

AFP | London

Liverpool's bid to set a new Premier League points record was rocked by a 1-1 draw against Burnley, while Norwich were relegated as Michail Antonio's four-goal blitz fired West Ham to a thumping win yesterday.

Jurgen Klopp's side are chasing the record total of 100 points set by Manchester City in 2018, but the champions have no margin for error after being held at Anfield for the first time this season.

They have 93 points and need to win their remaining three matches against Arsenal, Chelsea and Newcastle to break City's record.

They would tie the 100-point mark if they win two and draw one of those matches.

"For moments it was Liverpool against (Nick) Pope. We did everything right and he made saves but we should have scored



Virgil van Dijk fails to block Jay Rodriguez's goalbound

more, that's on us," Klopp said.

"We didn't close the game and they took their moment. We were angry with the referee but we have to criticise ourselves first for not finishing the game.

"The team do it right 99 percent of the time but I will never stop criticising them."

Liverpool took the lead when Andrew Robertson met

Fabinho's lofted pass with a powerful header in the 34th minute.

But they were made to pay for missed chances as Burnley equalised in the 69th minute.

Liverpool were unhinged by a long free-kick into their area as James Tarkowski's header found Jay Rodriguez, who drilled a superb low strike past Alisson

"We wanted to beat the odds again but when the dust settles the outcome is more or less what was expected. It doesn't take anything away from the fact that we are disappointed"

DANIEL FARKE

NORWICH CITY MANAGER

Becker.

Johann Berg Gudmundsson almost won it for Burnley when he hit the bar in the final minutes.

It was the first time Liverpool had failed to win a home league game since January 2019.

Norwich relegated

At Carrow Road, a seventh successive league defeat condemned Norwich to relegation

as Antonio's ruthless display boosted West Ham's own survival bid after a 4-0 victory.

Daniel Farke's side are 13 points from safety with only three games left, meaning they are certain to make an immediate return to the Championship after last season's promotion campaign.

The Canaries have set an unwanted record with a fifth Premier League relegation after going down on four previous occasions in 1995, 2005, 2014 and 2016.

"We wanted to beat the odds again but when the dust settles the outcome is more or less what was expected. It doesn't take anything away from the fact that we are disappointed," Farke said.

"From the first day after promotion our chances to survive were perhaps 5 percent so in 19 out of 20 cases you will go down. If you have luck and no injuries then you have a chance.

Mourinho confident he can bring silverware to Spurs

Reuters | London

Tottenham Hotspur manager Jose Mourinho is confident that he can deliver trophies at the Premier League club if he is given time like Juergen Klopp at champions Liverpool.

Mourinho, who took over from the sacked Mauricio Pochettino in November, is used to battling for silverware at his previous clubs but his ninth-placed Tottenham are struggling to qualify for Europe this season.

But the Portuguese pointed to Klopp, who joined Liverpool in 2015 and guided them to the Champions League, UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup last year before ending their 30-year wait for an English league crown this season.