

England edge spirited Kosovo

England's march towards the Euro 2020 finals continued but not quite in the manner they might have expected as they beat a brave and enterprising Kosovo side 5-3 in an extraordinary Group A qualifier at St. Mary's Stadium on Tuesday. **P15**

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New chief executive for EDB

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The Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) – the investment promotion agency tasked with attracting investment into the Kingdom – yesterday announced the joining of its board member, Khalid Humaidan as Chief Executive, effective immediately.

Prior to joining the EDB, Mr Humaidan, a Bahraini national, was the Head of Global Markets MEA at BNP Paribas.

He has over 20 years of experience working in capital markets and currently serves on the board of Mumtalakat, and until his appointment as CE, sat on the EDB's Board from 2014.



Mr Humaidan

Saudi seeks 'deterrent measures' against Iran

London

Saudi Arabia yesterday called on the international community to take deterrent measures against Iran's violations of the nuclear agreement.

Prince Abdullah bin Khalid bin Sultan, the Kingdom's ambassador to Austria and permanent representative to the United Nations and international organisations in Vienna, said Iran's breaches confirm the agreement's shortcomings.

Speaking during an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting in Vienna, he stressed the need for a comprehensive international agreement on Iran's nuclear program to prevent Tehran from "acquiring nuclear weapons by any means."

He said the agreement would also reduce the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and ensure international peace and security.

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PRINCE ABDULLAH

Prince Abdullah said the agreement should include a specific, rigorous and permanent inspection mechanism for all sites, including military positions, with a mechanism to re-impose sanctions quickly and effectively in the event that Iran violates the agreement.

His comments come after the IAEA urged Iran to be more cooperative over its request for information on its nuclear activities. The meeting is also overshadowed by European efforts to salvage the current agreement between Iran and international powers after the US withdrew last year.

BDF bravery lauded

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, yesterday paid a visit to the General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF). Upon arrival, HM the King was welcomed by the BDF Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Defence Affairs, Lieutenant-General Abdulla Al Nuaimi, and Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi. HM King Hamad was accompanied by Royal Guard Commander, Major-General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Royal Court Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. HM the King held a meeting with senior officers who extended to him sincere congratulations on the new Hijri year. HM the King congratulated them on the same occasion, praising BDF brave servicemen, and commending the tremendous efforts they are exerting to protect the nation, as well as its civilisational march, unity and hard-won accomplishments. HM King Hamad expressed thanks to the Commander-in-Chief for the valuable efforts he is exerting to enhance the BDF's march.



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● Saudi Arabia called for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation in light of the issue.

● The Jordan Valley accounts for around one-third of the West Bank, which Israel occupied in the 1967 six-day war.

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The European Union called out Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Ne-

Netanyahu's plan to annex Jordan Valley widely opposed



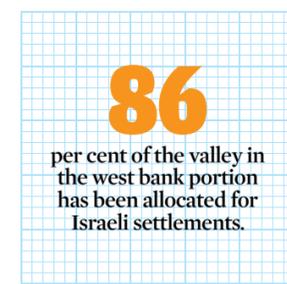
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tanyahu on his plan to annex the Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank yesterday, saying it undermined the prospects of peace.

The EU condemnation follows comments from Arab leaders criticising Netanyahu's

remarks, with Saudi Arabia leading the call, describing it as "a very dangerous escalation."

The Kingdom and Bahrain particularly released statements criticising the plan, as well as other international organisations such as the Gulf



Co-operation Council and the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC).

The controversial Netanyahu reaffirmed his pledge to impose Israeli sovereignty on West Bank settlements during a visit to an Israeli settlement

last Sunday, saying there "will be no more displacements" and all the communities will be "part of the state of Israel."

The OIC said it will hold an emergency foreign ministers' meeting on Sunday to discuss an "Israeli escalation" following Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pre-election pledge to annex part of the West Bank.

"At the request of Saudi Arabia, the organisation will hold an emergency meeting on Sunday at the level of foreign ministers in Jeddah... to discuss the serious Israeli escalation," the 57-member pan-Islamic body said on Twitter on Wednesday.

RECORD SHOCK

New high-voltage electric eels revealed

● The electric eel, in fact a kind of fish rather than an eel, inspired the design of the first electric battery.

Tokyo

Call it a shock discovery: DNA research has revealed two entirely new species of electric eel in the Amazon basin, including one capable of delivering a record-breaking jolt.

The findings are evidence, researchers



A picture released by researchers shows an electric eel.

say, of the incredible diversity in the Amazon rainforest – much of it still unknown

to science – and illustrate why it is so important to protect a habitat at risk from deforestation, logging and fires.

"In spite of all human impact on the Amazon rainforest in the last 50 years, we can still discover giant fishes like the two new species of electric eels," said lead researcher C David de Santana, a zoologist working with the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

The research "indicates that an enormous amount of species are waiting to be discovered in the Amazon rainforest, many of which may harbour cures for diseases or inspire technological innovations," he told AFP.

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