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Bahrain to wave goodbye to longest and hottest summer

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Bahrain is set to bid farewell to its longest and hottest summer in recent years, which lasted 93 days, 15 hours, and 37 minutes.

Astronomically, autumn will begin on Monday, September 22, 2024, at 9:19 PM, and will last for 89 days, 20 hours, and 43 minutes, astronomer Ali Al-Hajri confirmed.

Al-Hajri explained that the approaching autumnal equinox, caused by the tilt of the Earth's axis, will gradually lower the sun's altitude at noon — from 71°53' at the start of September to 60°48' by the end.

This shift will bring slightly cooler temperatures, with daytime highs dropping from 38°C to 35°C and nighttime lows falling from 30°C to 27°C, while humidity remains high.

Cooler nights typically begin to be felt in late October, with daytime temperatures declining more noticeably by the end of November.

Humidity rises

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The Kingdom of Bahrain witnessed a noticeable increase in surface humidity levels yesterday evening, according to the Meteorological Department.

Officials stated that humidity was to reach up to 90% late last night, while daytime temperatures today are expected to peak at 42°C, with an apparent temperature rising to 47°C. Slight relief is expected by evening.

Khalid Yassin, Director of the Meteorology Department at the Ministry of Transport and Communications, explained that humidity levels had recently dropped due to the activity of northwesterly winds but are expected to rise again by the end of the week as wind directions shift to the northeast or southeast.

He added that September continues to bring relatively high daytime temperatures, while evenings and early mornings tend to be more moderate.

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UN Security Council condemns strikes on Qatar, without naming Israel

AFP | United Nations

The UN Security Council yesterday condemned strikes on Qatar earlier this week and called for "de-escalation," without naming Israel which carried out the attack.

The Security Council "underscored the importance of de-escalation and expressed their solidarity with Qatar," said the statement, which required the agreement of all 15 council members, including Israel's ally the United States.

The council also "underlined their support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Qatar."

Target

On Tuesday, Israel launched an unprecedented strike on Qatar's capital Doha targeting Hamas leaders, but the group said its top officials survived, while five of its members were left dead and a Qatari security force member was also killed.

The Security Council statement called Doha "the territory of a key mediator" for peace talks between Israel and Hamas, alongside Egypt and the United States.

"Council members underscored that releasing the hostages, including those killed by



This frame grab taken from an AFPTV footage shows smoke billowing after explosions in Doha on Tuesday (AFP)

The Security Council underlined their support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Qatar.

Hamas, and ending the war and suffering in Gaza must remain our top priority," the statement continued.

Since the unprecedented at-

tack by Hamas on October 7, 2023, and Israel's subsequent retaliation, the Security Council has been largely paralyzed into inaction on the issue due

to repeated vetoes by the United States and other member states.

But US President Donald Trump, despite his support of Israel, said he was "not thrilled" with the attack on Tuesday in Doha, which targeted a residential complex hosting Hamas officials in the core of the city.

The Council was due to meet on the Israeli strike later in the day.

Secure travel success

Bahrain ranked third-safest Arab tourist destination



Mohammed Darwish
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Bahrain has been ranked the third-safest Arab destination for tourists, scoring 6.00 out of 7 on the World Economic Forum's Tourism Safety Index.

The score places the kingdom behind the United Arab Emir-

ates on 6.12 and Qatar on 6.07.

The index rates safety from 1 'least safe' to 7 'most safe'.

Bahrain's standing is tied to work on tourism, including updated laws and modern infrastructure, as well as the country's reputation for security, openness and a clear historic and cultural identity.

Hosting major sporting fix-

tures and concerts has also helped draw visitors.

Across the region, Saudi Arabia placed fourth on 5.85, followed by Egypt on 5.20, Oman on 5.02 and Jordan on 5.00.

Morocco took eighth with 4.85, Tunisia ninth with 4.30, Kuwait tenth with 4.20, Algeria eleventh with 4.10 and Lebanon twelfth with 4.05.

Allies bolster Poland air defence after drone raid blamed on Russia

AFP | Warsaw

France and Germany moved to bolster defence of Polish airspace yesterday as the UN Security Council called an emergency meeting to discuss Warsaw's accusation that Moscow launched a drone raid on its territory.

Poland branded the incident, which prompted Polish and NATO forces to shoot down several drones overnight Tuesday to Wednesday, a deliberate "unprecedented" attack on the country, NATO and the European Union.

Moscow denied targeting the country and said there was no evidence the drones were Russian.

But Polish President Karol Nawrocki warned yesterday during a visit to an airbase in western Poland that the incident was "an attempt to test the mechanism of action within NATO and our readiness to respond".

Germany said it would "ex-

tend and expand" its participation in NATO's Air Policing programme, to provide more cover to Polish airspace.

Its defence ministry said it would double the number of Eurofighter jets deployed to four and extend their mission by three months to the end of the year.

And French President Emmanuel Macron announced in a post on X that France would "deploy three Rafale fighter jets to contribute to the protection of Polish airspace and of NATO's Eastern Flank together with our Allies."

The Czech Republic, the Netherlands and Sweden each summoned their Russian ambassadors to protest the drone incident.

The UN Security Council's South Korean presidency announced Thursday it would hold an emergency meeting to discuss Warsaw's claim of a "violation of Polish airspace by Russia".

US hopes to resolve India tariff dispute within weeks

AFP | Washington

The United States expects to resolve a bitter tariff row with India within weeks, an envoy of President Donald Trump said yesterday, as he voiced hope for keeping New Delhi in US good graces.

India has seen outrage and a spike in anti-US sentiment after Trump imposed tariffs of up to 50 percent on some of its exports over purchases of oil from Russia, under Western sanctions for its invasion of Ukraine.

Sergio Gor, nominated by Trump to be ambassador to India, said he expected progress when India's trade minister visits Washington next week.

"I do think it will get resolved over the next few weeks," Gor told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in his confirmation hearing.

Gor has risen quickly in the Trump White House after spearheading the quick vetting for loyalty of 4,000 appointees to run the US government.

Despite his lack of formal foreign policy experience, Gor, a 38-year-old former fund-raiser for Trump, appeared prepared for his questions, deftly not replying to a senator's question on India's volatile relationship with Pakistan.

ASRY Eyes Energy Leadership

- **Solar project grid-ready**
 - **Bahrain targets leadership**
 - **Diversification to 2030**
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ASRY's CEO has confirmed that the company's solar project is not only designed to power its shipyard but is also built in a way that can feed into Bahrain's national grid, depending on the Electricity and Water Authority's strategy. He said this grid-ready design is part of a wider transformation plan that will see Bahrain emerge as a regional leader in

renewable maritime energy. Dr Ahmed Al-Abri told The Daily Tribune that the first phase of the project would be completed within a year, with the second phase taking an additional year. "Phase one is going to take a maximum one year, and phase two another year. It doesn't mean phase one has to complete before phase two. They might open it earlier," the CEO of Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (ASRY) said.

Grid ambitions
"Our aim is to be 100% green, because that's very important in the shipping world," Dr Al-Abri said. He explained that the project was designed to supply ASRY's full internal electricity needs but has also been engineered so that it "will actually feed into the national grid" if required. The final decision, he



Dr Ahmed Al-Abri, CEO of ASRY

noted, rests with EWA. **Regional leadership**
"Bahrain is on track to be the regional leader," Dr Al-Abri stressed, citing the government's

working to integrate renewable energy into their shipping sectors. **Vision 2030 transformation**
ASRY's shift to clean energy is closely linked with a broader diversification strategy for the years ahead. "What's happening with us during the five coming years will be transformation," Dr Al-Abri said. He outlined expansions beyond ship repair and shipbuilding into logistics, port services, and industrial support for onshore projects. Clean energy, he added, is "one step in a long path leading us to 2030, where ASRY as we know it today will be far more diversified but within the maritime sector." The project will eventually generate more than 71 million kilowatt-hours annually after phase two, allowing ASRY to strive toward its target of becoming fully powered by renew-

The Port of Rotterdam, often cited as a global model for green shipping, has pledged to become fully carbon neutral by 2030.

able energy. For ASRY, the solar venture marks a turning point, the beginning of a broader transformation aimed at strengthening Bahrain's role as a leader in maritime-focused green energy across the Gulf.

Aster Bets on Prevention, Tech Follow-up

Aster's family medicine hub in Sanad promises affordable access and whole-family chronic care.

- **Prevention at the core**
 - **App reminders for adherence**
 - **Affordable family medicine**
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Aster inaugurated its new Family & Chronic Disease Clinic in Sanad, positioning it as a turning point in Bahrain's health landscape. Senior leaders pledged to move care beyond 'sick care' into prevention, with a focus on early detection, affordable access, and long-term support for patients battling chronic illnesses.

Closing the loop
Dr. Sherbaz Bichu, Chief Executive Officer, Aster Hospitals & Clinics, UAE & Oman, underscored the challenge of patients abandoning treatment midway. He said: "Most of the patients are defaulters. They come, they go, and then they don't come back again. So we're going to close the loop by putting in technology and the right doctors to make sure that the patient does



Aster leaders and distinguished guests pose for a photo before the cake-cutting ceremony

not default." He added that digital tools like the myAster app would support patients in managing chronic conditions. "We have an app which is already working in many of our hospitals. It's a chronic disease management app which will give reminders to patients for their medications, ask them to upload their daily activities, their food habits, their sleep. It's going to be a game changer in making sure people don't default."

From sick care to prevention
The CEO stressed a broader shift in healthcare priorities.



Dr. Sherbaz Bichu, Chief Executive Officer, Aster Hospitals & Clinics, UAE & Oman



Family Medicine Specialists Dr. Yusuf Al Tahoo, left, and Dr. Affan Abdullah, right, during the inaugural ceremony (Pictures by Ashen Tharaka)



Manish Jain, Deputy CEO, Aster & Access Clinics, UAE & Bahrain
"Right now the entire world is having not health care, but sick care. Preventive health is everything, because if you can diagnose your disease much before it comes in, then you are actually taking care of your health. That's why I believe preventive health is the future."

He added that Aster's ethos is built on inclusivity and accessibility. "Affordable access to health care to all is the DNA of Aster. Profit is only a by-product. The focus has to be on the patient and patient care." **New beginnings**
Manish Jain, Deputy CEO, Aster & Access Clinics, UAE & Bahrain, reinforced the long-term vision. "The Sanad clinic is one among the many programmes, and there are many more programmes we have in mind. This is only the beginning." **Whole-family scope**
Family Medicine Specialist Dr. Yusuf Al Tahoo explained how the clinic is designed to deliver comprehensive care. "We are the personification of primary



Family Medicine Specialist Dr. Yusuf Al Tahoo speaking at the event

Studies show that increasing access to family-medicine services can reduce hospital admissions for chronic diseases by up to 40% - a model Bahrain is now actively embracing.

prevention. Family medicine can see males and females, elderly and pediatrics, so we can provide continuity of care across the entire family." He added, "We will walk step by step with families to help them manage diabetes, hypertension, thyroid disorders and other chronic conditions, so that these illnesses can be controlled and their complications prevented." **Regional growth vision**
Executives also pointed to Aster's wider GCC expansion. The CEO said, "We have a large hospital in Riyadh which is doing very well, and another one in Dammam which is coming up. These will complement what we are doing here in Bahrain." The launch of the clinic highlights Aster's strategy to embed prevention, technology, and family-centered care into Bahrain's health system, shifting the focus from treating sickness to protecting health.



Distinguished guests during the inauguration ceremony

Appeals court to rule on brutal murder case

● Sep 29: Verdict date

Rehab Mohammad
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The High Criminal Appeals Court will deliver its verdict on September 29 in the case of an Asian man sentenced to life imprisonment and permanent deportation for the brutal killing of his roommate with a brick while the victim was praying.

Case records indicate that the defendant had planned the crime in advance, preparing the brick and waiting for the opportunity to strike at their shared accommodation.

He launched the attack during the victim's prayers, delivering repeated and forceful blows to his head.

According to the forensic report, the victim sustained multiple skull fractures, brain hemorrhage, and complete cardiorespiratory failure, with the injuries consistent with deliberate and powerful strikes to fatal areas.

Testimony

Witnesses testified that they



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rushed to the room after hearing cries for help, finding the defendant holding the bloodied brick over the victim's body.

One managed to wrest the weapon from him.

The men's employer, a restaurant owner, also confirmed he received a call about the assault and found the victim lying motionless and bleeding heavily upon arrival.

The forensic expert concluded that the nature and severity of the wounds indicated a premeditated and intentional attack aimed at causing death.

Unpaid services

Court orders Bahraini firm to pay BD46,000 in freight dispute

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A Bahraini firm has been ordered to pay BD46,031.320 to a shipping company for unpaid freight charges, with interest and legal costs awarded.

The High Civil Commercial Court found the company had failed to settle six invoices for air cargo services between Bahrain and the United States.

These shipments took place between 2021 and 2024. Although a portion was paid, the remainder remained unsettled.

Outstanding sum

The court ruled the company must pay the outstanding sum, along with 4 per cent annual interest until full repayment, and BD200 in legal fees.

The shipping company, represented by lawyer Mohammed Madwar, said it had carried out the shipments under six airway bills.

Invoices were issued, and goods were delivered, but payment did not follow.

When the debt remained unpaid, the claimant filed a case.

Claim

In addition to the main claim, the claimant sought to hold two company partners personally



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liable.

It argued both men, authorised to act on the firm's behalf, had taken on financial obligations far beyond the company's BD5,000 capital, knowing it could not cover them when due.

On this basis, the claimant asked the court to apply Article 18 bis of the Commercial Companies Law and make them jointly liable with the company, along with 10 per cent annual interest for the delay.

Liability

The court dismissed this. It said liability of partners in a limited liability company is not presumed. It must be proven.

The law requires clear evi-



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dence of a breach or misuse that directly results in the debt. None

was shown in this instance.

It added that the law sets out a list of specific conditions where a partner may be held personally responsible through their private assets, such as fraud, concealment of losses or unauthorised decisions.

Evidence

These must be supported by evidence. As no such conduct was demonstrated, the request for joint liability was rejected.

The unpaid debt was established, but the attempt to hold the two men personally liable was not.

The company must now settle its dues. The remainder of the claim was thrown out.

Bahrain-US strategic partnership



His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, highlighted the longstanding ties and distinguished strategic partnership between Bahrain and the US. He emphasised the importance of maintaining the strong interest and mutual commitment to further advance these relations, broadening cooperation and collaboration across multiple domains to achieve shared objectives. Shaikh Salman was speaking as he met with H.E. Steven C. Bondy, the outgoing Ambassador of the US to the Kingdom of Bahrain, to mark the end of his assignment. The Finance Minister commended the efforts made by Ambassador Bondy in enhancing bilateral relations between the two countries, especially in the financial and economic domains. He wished him continued success in his future tasks.

Safety awareness campaign



As part of its efforts to enhance community partnership in maritime safety, the Coast Guard has organised an awareness campaign in cooperation with Bapco Energies at the Muharraq Fishermen's Harbour. The Coast Guard affirmed that the initiative comes within its ongoing awareness programmes aimed at promoting compliance with maritime laws and regulations and strengthening cooperation with the private sector to help protect lives and property and preserve the marine environment. The campaign also highlighted the ongoing 3D survey project being implemented in the northern waters, where participants were briefed on the related safety requirements and guidelines. Emphasis was placed on adhering to maritime safety instructions, avoiding activities in the designated survey area, and complying with safe speed limits to ensure the safety of all seagoers.

New academic programs and cooperation deals approved



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma chairs the Higher Education Council Board of Trustees regular meeting
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The Council further endorsed the application of study plans from parent universities for hosted programs at private higher education institutions, including the mandatory requirement of practical training.

Chaired by Education Minister, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council held its regular meeting, attended by board members and invited guests, during which several organisational decisions were issued.

The meeting reviewed the progress of implementing resolutions from the previous session, discussed requests submitted by higher education institutions, and issued approvals based on reports presented by the Council's Secretariat.

In the area of academic programs, the Board approved the Royal University for Women's request to launch a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, while the Gulf University received approval to introduce a Bachelor's program in Business Intelligence and Analytics as well as a Master's program in Law.

Bahrain University College

was granted approval to establish a Master of Science in Information Technology with a Cybersecurity track, and the British University was authorized to host an International Foundation Year program to replace its existing foundation certificate.

The Board also endorsed a wide range of cooperation and partnership agreements. Applied Science University was permitted to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Institut Supérieur de Commerce in France, in addition to an

agreement with the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Gulf University was given approval to establish partnerships with Westcliff University in California, Ajman University in the UAE, the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli in Italy, the Canadian International College in Egypt, Jakarta Global University in Indonesia, and MGIMO University in Russia.

Meanwhile, the Royal University for Women obtained approval to collaborate with the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom to host a Master's program in International Business Law. Vatel Bahrain, a hospitality college, was authorised to sign a memorandum with the Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hospitality.

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) was approved to enter agreements with Ankara University in Turkey, AMBOSS in Germany, Iowa State University in the United States, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan.

Baity platform crosses 14,000 property listings

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Listings on the Baity housing app have passed 14,000, a new Eskan Bank report shows, with villas drawing most searches.

Covering May to August, the report puts the average land price at about BD102,000, the average house price at around BD130,000, and the average apartment price at BD65,000.

Baity has roughly 38,000 users and total views have crossed one million. More than 60 local real estate firms now list their stock on the app.

Prices per square foot vary by governorate. Muharraq averaged BD30 per ft² across 1,570 plots.

The Capital and the Northern each averaged BD29 per ft² across 1,300 and 4,380 plots, while the Southern stood at BD 24 per ft² across 1,016 plots.

Search behaviour leans towards villas at 60 per cent, followed by plots at 37 per cent and apartments at 3 per cent. Askar was the most searched area, followed by Diyar Al Muharraq, Hamala, Al Lawzi, Riffa, Juffair, Hidd, Arad, Sadad and Buri.

Baity was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning with Eskan Bank and several funding banks.

It lets users browse thousands of listings, take virtual tours through Baity 360.

Comfort and safety

Capital Municipality starts full maintenance at Manama Central Market amid public apology

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The Capital Municipality has begun a full maintenance programme at Manama Central Market after a sewage overflow, and apologised to shoppers and traders for any disruption.

Works cover air-conditioning, the sewage network, and the electricity and water systems, with technical teams on site until the project is finished.

Engineer Mohammed Al-Sahli, Director-General of the Capital Municipality, said the overflow stemmed from a deep blockage that needed specialised equipment to clear.

He added that eight restaurants inside the market were told not to pour oil into drains.

The maintenance spans all halls of the market, including the fish, fruit and vegetable, and



Maintenance works are ongoing at the fruit and vegetable section



“The Capital Municipality, working with the Ministry of Works, is overhauling the market’s sewage system in full to prevent a repeat of such incidents and to improve conditions for traders and shoppers.”

- ENG. MOHAMMED AL-SAHLI, CAPITAL MUNICIPALITY DIRECTOR-GENERAL

meat sections.

Recent faults in cooling units were dealt with: nine of the 33 units in the produce hall failed, as did two in the fish market, and these have been replaced or repaired to keep services running.

Al-Sahli said upgrades at the market will continue as budgets

allow, ahead of a move to a new site in Buri.

He also said the Capital Municipality, working with the Ministry of Works, is overhauling the market’s sewage system in full to prevent a repeat of such incidents and to improve conditions for traders and shoppers.

Majlis key platform for direct communication with residents

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Capital Governor Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa affirmed that the Governorate’s weekly majlis serves as a key platform for direct communication with residents, enabling follow-up on their proposals and needs that contribute to improving services and enhancing quality of life across the capital.

He noted that these efforts align with the Governorate’s mandate to oversee the implementation of the state’s public policy and monitor development plan projects.

This came as the Governor welcomed guests at the weekly majlis, including dignitaries, business leaders, members of the legislative authority, and citizens of the capital.

During the gathering, he listened to remarks and issues raised by attendees.

SIF Bahrain Renames Sastra Pratibha Contest to VVM–SPC

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The Science International Forum (SIF) Bahrain has announced a major strategic change to its premier science talent program.

The Sastra Pratibha Contest (SPC), a well-established initiative aimed at nurturing young scientific minds, will now be officially known as the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan – Sastra Pratibha Contest (VVM–SPC).

This rebranding marks a new chapter for the program, which is organized in collaboration with prominent Indian government bodies, including the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM).

The VVM–SPC 2025 will continue its mission of fostering scientific curiosity, innovation, and critical thinking among students across Bahrain.

The VVM–SPC 2025 contest



Dr. Vinod Manikkara, Chairman of the Forum, speaks at a press conference

is open to students in Grades 6 to 11, offering them a platform for significant recognition and international exposure.

The program is divided into two main categories as Junior (For students in Grades 6-8), Senior (For students in Grades 9-11).

The top two students from each grade will be honored with the prestigious Sastra Pratibha title at the annual Science Awards Gala, a distinguished event attended by leading dignitaries.

All winners and participants

will also receive trophies, medals, and certificates to celebrate their talent and dedication.

A unique feature of the VVM–SPC is the set of exclusive opportunities available to Indian citizens participating in the contest are Direct qualification for the VVM National Camp in India, Potential internship opportunities at premier research and educational institutions, including the IITs and other national research centers, and the chance to take part in educational tours to leading scientific organizations such

as the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), various CSIR labs, and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The competition is structured in a multi-stage format to assess participants’ knowledge and skills comprehensively.

The elementary & Intermediate levels will be conducted as online examinations.

The Elementary Level exam is scheduled for November 8, 2025, with the Intermediate Level taking place in the last week of No-

vember 2025.

Final stage

The Advance Level which is the final stage, an in-person “Science Camp,” will be held in December 2025. Registration for the contest is open to students through their respective schools with a one-time participation fee of BHD 2/-. For further details, students and parents are advised to contact their School SPC Coordinator.

SIF Bahrain encourages all students, parents, and schools across the Kingdom and the GCC to participate in this transformative educational journey, which aims to inspire and shape the next generation of scientists and innovators.

The Science International Forum Bahrain held a press conference with students, parents, teachers, and organizers of VVM–SPC 2025, highlighting its ongoing initiatives to promote science education among young learners.

Dr. Vinod Manikkara, Chair-

man of the Forum, emphasized the importance of nurturing interest in fundamental sciences.

“We realized that many students were neglecting basic sciences in favor of applied or career-oriented subjects,” he said. “Our goal is to inspire a new generation of scientists and guide them toward research and innovation.”

Science initiatives

This year, the Forum has partnered with India’s national science initiatives, integrating the VVM program with SPC events.

Organizers expect more than 2.5 million students to participate online, marking a major milestone in outreach and scale.

In addition to talent tests and educational tours, the Forum organizes national science competitions authorized by India’s Department of Science and Technology.

Selected students from Bahrain receive full sponsorship to participate in these competitions in India.

NMS Children Visit Indian Navy Ship Docked in Bahrain

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A group of enthusiastic students from New Millennium School, Bahrain had the unique opportunity to visit the Indian Navy ships docked at the Port in Bahrain as part of an educational and cultural outreach program.

The visit, organized in collaboration with the Indian Embassy in Bahrain and the Indian Navy, aimed to foster awareness among school children about maritime security, naval operations, and the Indian Navy’s role in international cooperation.

The students were warmly welcomed by naval officers on board the ships, INS MORMUGAO AND INS TARKASH, frontline warships equipped with advanced navigation, communica-



The students with naval officers on board the ships

tion, and defense systems.

The officers gave a guided tour of key areas of the ships, including the bridge, operations room, and living quarters, explaining the ships’ capabilities and daily life at sea.

The children also had the

chance to interact with the sailors and officers, ask questions, and learn about careers in the Navy. A short presentation on the Indian Navy’s role in ensuring maritime safety and its humanitarian missions across the globe was also part of the visit.

Speaking about the experience, the students said, “The visit to Indian Navy Ships was an incredible learning experience. It gave us a unique perspective on how the Indian Navy functions and the dedication it takes to serve the nation at sea. It was



truly inspiring.”

The visit concluded with a group photo and a vote of thanks from students on behalf of the school, acknowledging the Indian Navy’s efforts in hosting the educational tour and providing a rich, informative experience.

School Chairman Dr Ravi Pil-

lai, Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai and Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma expressed their deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to the Indian Embassy in Bahrain and the Indian Navy for initiating such a unique and illuminating experience for the students.



Bassam Al Tattan

NBB Appoints Bassam Al Tattan as Head of Private Banking

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced the appointment of Bassam Al Tattan as Head of Private Banking. Bassam brings with him over 17 years of experience in the financial services sector across the GCC. Prior to joining NBB,

Bassam held various senior roles within Ahli United Bank's Private Banking Group, where he was responsible for managing High Net Worth and Ultra High Net Worth clients, government officials, and institutional entities across Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar. He began his career at BNP

Paribas, where he supported corporate and institutional clients across the Middle East and South Africa within the Global Coverage Solutions team. He later joined The Family Office as a Relationship Manager, developing bespoke asset allocation strategies and managing client portfolios across the re-

gion. Bassam holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management from the University of Leeds and has attained multiple professional certifications, including Fixed Income & Equities (Wellington Management, USA), Banking & Finance (New York Institute of Finance), and

the FAP Level 3 from the Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance (BIBF). His appointment supports NBB's strategic direction in expanding its private banking capabilities and delivering bespoke wealth management solutions to its growing client base.

Supported by Tamkeen: Employment and Career Development for 136 Bahraini employees at the Bahrain Development Bank

Manama

In line with ongoing efforts to support national talent in the financial services sector, the Bahrain Development Bank has successfully advanced the professional growth of 136 Bahraini employees through multiple programs offered by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

Tamkeen's support for national talent at the Bahrain Development Bank aligns

with Tamkeen's 2025 strategic priorities, which focus on enhancing the position and competitiveness of Bahrainis in the private sector, equipping Bahrainis with suitable skills for career development in the private sector, and prioritizing enterprise growth, digitization and sustainability. The support aims to enhance the Financial and Insurance Services sector which is one of the largest contributing sectors



to Bahrain's GDP accounting for 17.4% according to the first quarter of this year. The sector employs over 100,000 Bahrainis across a wide range of various roles and specialties according to Q1 data from the Em-

ployability Skills Portal for this year. Tamkeen continues its efforts to support local enterprises that are committed to developing and enhancing the skills of their national workforce and

advancing their professional growth across sectors, aligning with Tamkeen's goals to make Bahrainis the first choice of employment. Through its various programs and offerings, Tamkeen supports enterprises across all sectors and reinforces the private sector's pivotal role in driving Bahrain's economic growth. These efforts include initiatives focused on employment and career progression to position

Bahrainis as the first choice of employment in the labor market. Established in 1992, the Bahrain Development Bank is a specialized development bank focused on financing and supporting the growth of small and medium enterprises in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The bank also prioritizes fostering an entrepreneurial culture across diverse sectors and economic activities.

Jetour Bahrain & Capital Governorate Launch Initiative to Support Children with Disabilities

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In a moving initiative that combined joy with purpose, Jetour Bahrain, in collaboration with the Capital Governorate, hosted a special fun day for children of the Bahrain Association of Parents and Friends of the Disabled. The event was filled with laughter, games, and unforgettable moments, reinforcing Jetour Bahrain's commitment to inclusion and equal opportunities for all children. Beyond entertainment, the initiative carried a tangible educational



impact as each child received a school bag filled with essential

stationery supplies to prepare them for the new academic year

with confidence. "This initiative goes beyond

entertainment. By equipping these children with school

essentials, we wanted to ease their educational journey and provide them with the tools to succeed," said Saad Alzowayed, Assistant General Manager of Jetour Bahrain. "At Jetour Bahrain, we believe every child deserves joy, inclusion, and equal opportunity." This initiative reflects Jetour Bahrain's ongoing commitment to building meaningful connections within the community and highlights the strength of its partnership with the Capital Governorate in creating opportunities that truly make a difference.

Kareena Kapoor Khan Launches 2 Flagship Showrooms of Malabar Gold & Diamonds in UK at Birmingham & Southall

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Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the world's 5th largest jewellery retailer with over 400 showrooms across 13 countries, has proudly expanded its UK footprint with the launch of their 2 new flagship showrooms at Birmingham & Southall. Acclaimed Bollywood actress & brand ambassador of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Kareena Kapoor Khan inau-

gurated the showrooms, marking a significant milestone in the brand's growing influence in the international jewellery sector. Mr. M.P. Ahammad, Chairman of Malabar Group; Mr. Abdul Salam K.P, Vice Chairman of Malabar Group; Mr. Shamlal Ahamed, MD - International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Mr. A K Faisal, Group Executive Director; other directors and senior management

team members from Malabar Gold & Diamonds, community leaders, valued customers, and well-wishers were present for the occasion. Commenting on the launch, Mr. M.P. Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group, said: "UK is an integral link in our global growth journey in the west, and we are delighted to celebrate this new milestone with the launch of our flagship showrooms in Birmingham and

Southall. With the current retail presence of 4 showrooms & more in the pipeline, these openings not only strengthen our presence in the UK but also reinforce our mission of being among the most preferred jewellery retailer in the global market. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our customers, shareholders, and team members for sharing in our vision & placing their trust in us."



BisB Partners with Kaaf Humanitarian to Advance Community Support Initiatives

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has signed a cooperation agreement with Kaaf Humanitarian, a subsidiary of Al Eslah Society, to execute and support a series of community-focused and humanitarian projects across Bahrain. This collaboration stems from the shared commitment of the two institutions to serving various segments of society, particularly vulnerable families,



Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB (R) and Abdulatif Ahmed Al Shaikh, Chairman of the Board of Al Eslah Society

BisB will support a number of humanitarian initiatives and community projects of Kaaf, while also offering access to tailored financing solutions and employee volunteer participation through its Jood volunteering team. The partnership will further support the implementation of initiatives that improve the quality of life for low-income families and empower productive households to achieve greater financial independence. It also outlines a joint approach to awareness and media campaigns that highlight the outcomes of their shared efforts, promoting a culture of com-

munity service and collective responsibility. Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, stated, "This initiative reflects our fundamental belief in the role of Islamic banking as a catalyst for positive societal impact. We are proud to join hands with Kaaf Humanitarian and contribute our resources, share our expertise, and help advance social welfare within our communities." Dr. Abdulatif Ahmed Al Shaikh, Chairman of the Board of Al Eslah Society, added, "Our work has always centred around institutional humanitarian efforts that can transform lives

and uplift society. Partnering with a values-driven financial institution such as BisB enables us to scale our impact and explore innovative mechanisms for sustainable charitable work." BisB's agreement with Kaaf Humanitarian underscores the Bank's broader vision to expand cooperation with non-profit organisations and reaffirms its proactive role in progressing Bahrain's sustainable development agenda. It also highlights the importance of concerted efforts between the financial services and civil society sectors in building a more resilient social ecosystem for all.

News in brief

Starmer sacks Mandelson as UK ambassador to US over Epstein links

UK leader Keir Starmer sacked his ambassador in Washington Peter Mandelson yesterday following fresh revelations about the diplomat's friendship with the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Dubbed the "Prince of Darkness" during his years as a media spin doctor, Mandelson was twice forced to resign from Tony Blair's Labour government in the late 1990s and early 2000s over allegations of misconduct. In a statement, the foreign ministry said the prime minister had asked Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper to withdraw Mandelson as ambassador "in light" of newly revealed emails he wrote to Epstein.

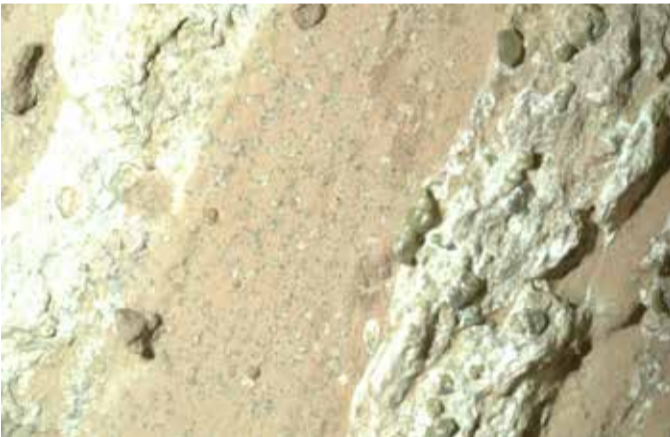
Children under 15 in France should be banned entirely from using social media, and those aged between 15 and 18 should face a nighttime "digital curfew", a French parliamentary committee urged yesterday. The recommendations were put forward in a report by the committee's lawmakers after months of testimony from families, social media executives and from influencers. President Emmanuel Macron's office has already indicated it wants to see a ban for children and young adolescents, after Australia last year started drafting its own landmark law with a prohibition for those under 16.

NASA blocks Chinese citizens from working on space programs

NASA has begun barring Chinese nationals with valid visas from joining its programs, underscoring the intensifying space race between the rival powers. The policy shift was first reported by Bloomberg News and confirmed by the US government agency. "NASA has taken internal action pertaining to Chinese nationals, including restricting physical and cybersecurity access to our facilities, materials, and network to ensure the security of our work," NASA press secretary Bethany Stevens said.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Speckled Martian rocks 'clearest sign' yet of ancient life



An image taken by NASA's Perseverance rover that shows "leopard spots" on a reddish rock nicknamed "Cheyava Falls" in Mars' Jerezo Crater

Colorful, speckled rocks found on the surface of Mars have offered among the most encouraging evidence yet of ancient life on our neighboring planet, scientists at NASA announced Wednesday.

The Perseverance Mars rover collected the "Sapphire Canyon" rock samples in July 2024 from what's thought to be an ancient lakebed, and its poppyseed and leopard-esque spots pointed to potential chemical reactions that piqued the interest of researchers.

If the features resulted from microbial activity that created minerals in the way they do on Earth -- well, that might point to life on Mars.

It's far too soon for scientists to say that definitively, but the findings, which were detailed in research published in the journal Nature, are alluring.

"We put it out to our scientific friends to pressure test it, to analyze it, and go, did we get this right? Do we think this is signs of ancient life on Mars?"

NASA's Acting Administrator Sean Duffy said at a news conference.

"They said, 'Listen, we can't find another explanation.' So this very well could be the clearest sign of life that we've ever found on Mars."

"It's kind of the equivalent of seeing like leftover fossils, leftovers from a meal, and maybe that meal has been excreted by a microbe," Nicky Fox, administrator of NASA's Science Mission Directorate, told journalists.

When those kinds of mineral and textured features form in sediment on Earth, it's frequently the product of reactions from mud and organic matter, explained the study's lead author Joel Hurowitz -- a potential "biosignature," or sign of life.

Specifically, Perserverance's instruments identified the minerals vivianite and greigite. On Earth, vivianite is often found in sediments, peat bogs, and around decaying organic matter. Some forms of microbial life on Earth can produce greigite.

Hamas says US 'accomplice' in attack as funerals held

Hamas accuses the US of complicity as Qatar reevaluates its mediating role

- Qatar buries six attack victims
- Emir attends funeral ceremony
- Gulf states condemn strike as aggression

AFP | Doha

Hamas accused the United States yesterday of complicity in Israel's deadly attack on its negotiators in Qatar, lambasting Israel for seeking to kill off Gaza truce talks as Doha buried the dead.

Tuesday's unprecedented Israeli strikes on a Gulf state sent shockwaves through a region long shielded from conflicts and halted already floundering Gaza talks.

"This crime was... an assassination of the entire negotiation process and a deliberate targeting of the role of our mediating brothers in Qatar and Egypt," Hamas official Fawzi Barhoum said in a televised statement.

In Doha, tight security surrounded the mosque where prayers were held as the Gulf state's ruler joined mourners.

One coffin bearing a Qatari flag and five others bearing Palestinian flags were brought into the mosque, live footage from Qatar television showed.

Facing the coffins, Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, prayed alongside dozens of mourners, some wearing traditional white robes, others wearing military uniform.

The interior ministry said the dead would be buried in the Me-



Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani attends the funeral of people killed in an Israeli strike

saimeer Cemetery after the funeral at Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdul Wahhab Mosque.

Authorities beefed up security, with checkpoints on access roads to the mosque.

Barhoum accused Washington of being "a full accomplice" in the Israeli attack.

The White House said Trump did not agree with Israel's decision to take military action.

He said he was not notified in advance and when he heard, he asked his envoy Steve Witkoff to warn Qatar immediately -- but the attack had already started.

Reassessing everything

Israel said it targeted Hamas leaders but the group said its top officials survived.

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The attack killed top negotiator Khalil al-Hayya's son, office director, and bodyguards -- while Qatar's prime minister warned the strike ended hopes for Israeli hostages' release and forced Doha to reassess its mediator role

Hamas said five of its members were killed -- top negotiator Khalil al-Hayya's son Hamam, his office director Jihad Labad and bodyguards Ahmad Mam-louk, Abdallah Abdelwahd and Mumen Hassoun.

Qatari Lance Corporal Badr Saad Mohammed al-Humaidi al-Dosari was also killed.

Barhoum said Hayya's wife, his slain son's wife and his grandchildren were wounded in the attack on the compound where he lived.

In an interview with CNN on Wednesday, Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said he could not confirm Hayya's fate.

The Hamas chief negotiator was not seen at the funeral, in the footage.

President seeks end to crisis engulfing Nepal

AFP | Kathmandu

Nepal's president said yesterday he was seeking an end to the crisis that has engulfed the Himalayan nation since deadly protests this week ousted the prime minister and left parliament in flames.

The army has imposed a curfew in the Himalayan nation of 30 million people, with soldiers patrolling the largely quiet streets for a second day after the worst violence in two decades.

President Ramchandra Paudel appealed to "all parties to be confident that a solution to the problem is being sought, as soon as possible".

Army chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel has launched talks with key figures and "representatives of Gen Z", a military spokesperson said, referring to the loose umbrella title of the youth protest movement.

Demonstrations began on Monday in Kathmandu against the government's short-lived ban on social media and over corrup-



Army personnel stand near charred remains as they patrol along a street outside the torched President House in Kathmandu

tion, with at least 19 people killed in the crackdown.

A day later, protests escalated into an outpouring of rage nationwide, with government offices, a Hilton Hotel and other buildings set on fire.

In the chaos, more than 13,500 prisoners broke out of jails coun-

I am consulting and making every effort to find a way out of the current difficult situation in the country, within the constitutional framework

PRESIDENT RAMCHANDRA PAUDEL

Gen Z protesters, told reporters yesterday.

"My humble request to everyone, including political parties: please don't send the same old leaders," he said, saying the protesters were not seeking power themselves.

"We don't need positions in government," he said. "We need real reform."

Protests fed into longstanding economic woes in Nepal, where more than a fifth of people aged 15-24 are unemployed, according to the World Bank, with GDP per capita just \$1,447.



Manhunt on for Kirk’s killer

Authorities search for the gunman who shot and killed conservative leader Charlie Kirk

- US youth leader Charlie Kirk shot during university speech
- High-powered rifle recovered at scene
- Trump first announced Kirk’s death
- President blames left, vows retaliation

AFP | Washington

The gunman who shot dead US right-wing youth leader Charlie Kirk in a targeted killing remained at large yesterday but authorities said they have video images of the suspect and have recovered a “high-powered” rifle.

Kirk, a 31-year-old superstar on the Republican right who was credited with helping Donald Trump return to the presidency last year, was shot while addressing a large crowd at Utah Valley University on Wednesday.

The killing -- described by the FBI as a “targeted event” -- shocked a nation already reeling from political tensions half a year into Trump’s second term.

Authorities acknowledged the gunman remained at large after having escaped into woodland.

“We’re doing everything we can to find him, and we’re not sure how far he has gone yet, but we will do our best,” FBI Special Agent Robert Bohls told a media briefing.

Authorities said they had secured quality images of the killer, who was of university age.

“We do have good video footage of this individual. We are not



People attend a vigil for youth activist and influencer Charlie Kirk, who was shot at a public event at Utah Valley University, in Orem City Center Park, Orem, Utah

going to release that at this time,” said Beau Mason, commissioner of the Utah Department of Public Safety.

Bohls said the presumed murder weapon had also been found.

“It is a high powered bolt action rifle. That rifle was recovered in a wooded area where the shooter had fled,” the FBI agent said.

Two people initially detained for questioning were released after officials determined they had no connection to the shooting.

‘Dark moment’

Reflecting the intensely political nature of the incident, it was Trump, rather than law enforcement authorities, who first announced to Americans that Kirk had died from his wound.

Trump then addressed the nation in a video address on social media in which he cited a “dark

The murder weapon—a high-powered bolt-action rifle—was recovered in the woods where the shooter fled, as FBI officials study unreleased but “good” video footage to help track down the suspect

moment for America.”

Despite no public information about the shooter’s identity or motive, the president went on

to suggest that the left wing was responsible -- and to pledge a wide-reaching response.

“For years, those on the radical left have compared wonderful Americans like Charlie to Nazis and the world’s worst mass murderers and criminals,” he said.

“This kind of rhetoric is directly responsible for the terrorism that we’re seeing.”

“My administration will find each and every one of those who contributed to this atrocity,” Trump said.

Shot in neck

Kirk was shot in the neck while speaking to the crowd and collapsed in his chair.

Students at the university described the ensuing panic -- and their broader fears as political divisions deepen across the country.

“It makes me feel like I should

For years those on the radical left have compared wonderful Americans like Charlie to Nazis and the world’s worst mass murderers and criminals. This kind of rhetoric is directly responsible for the terrorism that we’re seeing in our country today. My administration will find each and every one of those who contributed to this atrocity, and to other political violence, including the organizations that fund it and support it

DONALD TRUMP

be very careful about expressing my political ideas,” said Samuel Kimball, a software engineering student, told AFP.

Utah Governor Spencer Cox, a Republican, called the killing a “political assassination.”

Kirk, who supporters have hailed as a “martyr” for conservative ideals, had an outsized influence in US politics.

He co-founded Turning Point USA in 2012 to drive conservative viewpoints among young people, his natural showmanship making him a go-to spokesman on television networks.

Kirk used his enormous audiences on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube to build support for anti-immigration policies, outspoken Christianity and gun ownership, and to spread carefully edited clips of his interactions during debates at his many college events.

Toll in Mexico City gas truck blast rises to six



Mexican firefighters extinguish the flames of a gas truck in Mexico City

AFP | Mexico City

The death toll from a gas truck explosion in Mexico City rose to six after two people among dozens wounded succumbed to their injuries in hospital, authorities said yesterday.

The truck overturned and blew up in the densely populated Iztapalapa district, leaving several people with second- and third-degree burns.

The blast caused widespread

damage and disruption.

Civil protection official Myriam Urzua said yesterday that 10 people of an initial 90 hospitalized had been discharged, while 23 remained in a critical condition.

Some had burn injuries over more than 70 percent of their bodies, she told Enfoque Noticias radio.

President Claudia Sheinbaum told reporters yesterday such “tragic” accidents must not be allowed to happen again.

North Korea’s Kim Ju Ae ‘likely successor’: Seoul

AFP | Seoul

South Korea’s spy agency said yesterday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s daughter, Ju Ae, who recently accompanied him on a high-profile visit to Beijing, is understood to be his recognised successor.

The teenager drew global attention earlier this month when she made her first official overseas trip with her father, as he met with China’s Xi Jinping and Russia’s Vladimir Putin.

Analysts have long seen her as Kim’s likely successor, although some have suggested Ju Ae has an older brother who is being secretly groomed as the next leader.

South Korea’s spy agency “assesses that she (Ju Ae) secured sufficient ‘revolutionary narrative’ needed to strengthen her position as a likely successor,” following her China trip, lawmaker Lee Seong-kweun told reporters after being briefed by the agency.

“The agency perceives Kim Ju Ae as the recognised heir and sees her participation in the



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (R) and his daughter Kim Ju Ae (L) watching a performance celebrating the completion of the Wonsan Kalma coastal tourist area in Kangwon Province, North Korea

China visit as part of completing that succession narrative.”

Seoul’s spy agency said Ju Ae’s status was evident in state media photos and a special documentary showing her accompanying Kim Jong Un in China.

North Korea’s state media released a photo of her inside the country’s bulletproof train

alongside her father and other officials as they returned from Beijing.

Seoul’s spy agency said it understood that Kim and his daughter “stayed at the North Korean embassy” while in China, where items and even waste were “transported by special aircraft”.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

My thoughts this evening are with the loved ones of Charlie Kirk. It is heartbreaking that a young family has been robbed of a father and a husband. We must all be free to debate openly and freely without fear - there can be no justification for political violence.

@Keir_Starmer

02

DONALD TRUMP

I am appalled by the murder of Charlie Kirk. There is no justification for political violence and every act of it threatens democracy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and loved ones.

@MarkJCarney

03

We’ll never forget the lives we lost on September 11, 2001. Let’s continue to honor their memories, and the courage of our first responders who put themselves in harm’s way.

@BarackObama

04

Shocked at the absolutely horrific assassination of Charlie Kirk in Utah today. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and young children - who were the bedrock of his life. May they find strength and may he rest in peace.

@EP_President

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stances)

celebs

George Clooney: I have been the recipient of a lot of luck

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

George Clooney thinks he's been the "recipient of a lot of luck" in his life.

The 64-year-old actor believes he's received a lot of good luck - but George also thinks that he's created the "opportunity for luck".

The Hollywood star told AARP: "I think the only life lesson is to bet on yourself. And when there's opportunities, you gotta go."

"In my life, I have been the recipient of a lot of luck. But I also believe you create opportunity for luck. You create enough opportunity and, every once in a while, you'll hit one."

George strives to live a "really full life", instead of worrying about potential problems.

He said: "There's no rhyme or reason for who gets to age and who doesn't. So you should live as if you're not going to get to. And then, if you wake up one day and you're old, you've lived a really full life."

George previously admitted that he "failed a lot" before finding fame and success.

The actor also confessed that good fortune had played a significant role in his career.

He told IndieWire: "I was 34 before [fame] hit. And I'd failed a lot. And having failed a lot I understood how lucky success was. Because it's not just about your brilliance. Luck has a

huge hand in it.

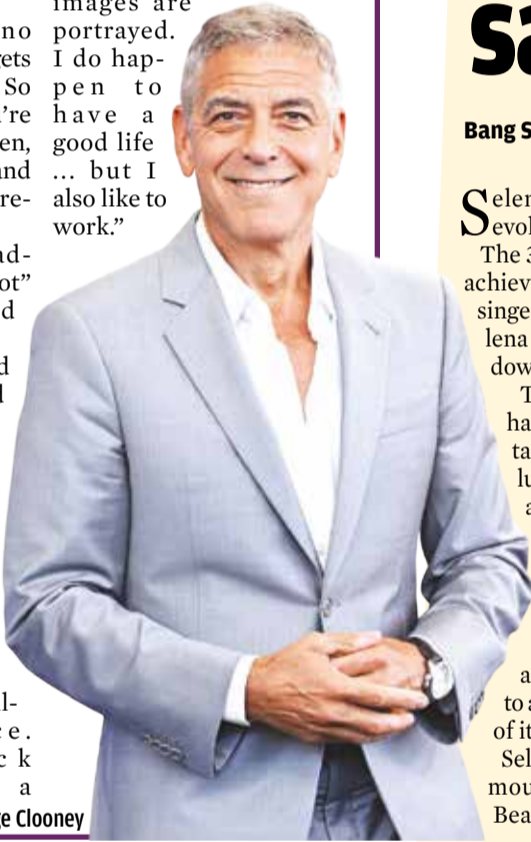
"I think the reason why a lot of young people are such screw ups, is oftentimes they didn't have the luxury I had of forming important relationships and opinions and life experiences before having success."

George also confessed that he doesn't enjoy being famous.

He explained: "Fame can be very dangerous, because you can start to enjoy that part of it. And that's not the good part of what I do for a living. The good part is the making of films. The unpleasant part is the fame part, if you're not careful."

"If you actually lived the life that people hand to you, it'd be fantastic. Of course, no one actually is what those images are portrayed."

I do happen to have a good life ... but I also like to work."



George Clooney



Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Cardi B has been cleared of assault and battery charges.

The WAP hitmaker - whose real name is Belcalis Almanzar - was found not liable in the civil lawsuit brought against her by security guard Emani Ellis, who took action in 2020 over an alleged incident two years prior.

After the verdict was read

Cardi B

out in court on Tuesday (02.09.25), Cardi thanked her lawyers, fans, the jurors and "everybody at home supporting me".

And during a press conference after the verdict was read out, she warned: "This time around I'm going to be nice. The next person to try and do a frivolous lawsuit against me I'm going to countersuit and I'm going to make you pay because this is not OK."

The 32-year-old rapper

again stressed her innocence. She said: "I did not touch that woman."

Emani had alleged Cardi - who has Kulture, seven, Wave, three, and 11-month-old Blossom with estranged husband Offset - had spit on her face, used racial slurs and cut her face with her fingernail in her lawsuit.

She also alleged the rapper, who was four months pregnant at the time, had "used her celebrity status" to get her fired from her job

and sued over claims of assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence and false imprisonment following the incident.

While she sought \$24 million in damages, the security guard insisted the case was "never about the money."

She told reporters in the wake of the verdict: "What she did to me was real, never about the money, but more importantly, it's about the accountability."

I want to keep evolving, says Selena Gomez

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Selena Gomez wants to "keep evolving".

The 33-year-old star has already achieved significant success as a singer and as an actress, but Selena has no intention of slowing down in the coming years.

The brunette beauty - who has been open about her mental health struggles - told Allure: "I want to keep evolving and getting better in every area of my life. And I want to experience everything, so it's important for me to keep myself in check."

"I'm so stoked that when an emotion pops up, I'm able to acknowledge it and be a part of it, then let it go."

Selena has also enjoyed enormous success with her Rare Beauty make-up brand,

with the company reported to be worth more than \$1 billion.

However, Selena is always open to new ideas and business ventures.

She said: "I am going to be in this moment. And who knows, in a couple years I could be done, and that's fine. I just need to make sure that while I'm here, I do the best I can."

Selena previously admitted that she feels "so proud" of what she's managed to create with Rare Beauty.

The actress founded the cosmetics company in 2020, with the ambition of promoting inclusivity and addressing mental health initiatives and education, and Selena is thrilled with what she's managed to achieve in such a short space of time.

She told People: "This is probably the most important thing I do with my time."

Selena also feels proud that she's been able to help

other people to "feel less alone".

She said: "We've built a community with Rare and I'm so proud of that. We hopefully have helped people feel less alone and that's all our goal has ever been."

Selena has been open about her own mental health struggles in recent years, and she shared some words of advice for people who are going through difficult times.



Selena Gomez

Lana Del Rey knew 'immediately' that she was in love with alligator tour guide husband Jeremy Dufrene

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Lana Del Rey knew "immediately" that she had fallen in love with her husband Jeremy Dufrene after meeting him on one of his alligator tours.

The 40-year-old singer tied the knot with the tour guide last September and recalled how she instantly realised that Jeremy was the one when the pair first encountered each other on a Louisiana swamp boat tour

Lana Del Rey

back in 2019.

In an interview with W magazine, Lana said: "When we met, I realised pretty immediately that I loved him, but that it might get difficult because of what I was bringing to the table."

"Jeremy said, 'I work with alligators - I have tough skin.' And he is a man of his word. All the things that made me upset - and there were so many! - he would just listen and say, 'You be you - and I'll just love you more.'"

The Summertime Sadness hitmaker confessed that the pair's

first year of marriage has been challenging at points because of the attention placed on them, although Lana has been grateful for her husband's relaxed approach.

She explained: "If I was him, I would have been nervous - my emotions were more overwhelming than usual, and my usual emotions can be quite overwhelming! But Jeremy was fine. He said, 'If you want, worry about yourself, but don't worry about me!'"

Lana also discussed how Jer-

emy's quiet nature and their frequent "parking-lot time" helped to inspire her unreleased song Stars Fell on Alabama.

She said: "Jeremy is the most impactful person in my life. He's quiet in public, but around me he talks all the time. It's strange: Jeremy and I have what we call 'parking-lot time'. We spend so much time in parking lots, just reading or talking in the car."

The Video Games singer added: "Sometimes, in life, you think you're the only one in the world who loves a particular thing,

like sitting in an empty Macy's or Home Depot parking lot. You might be really weird to some people, but then you find another soul who feels the same way."

Del Rey even revealed that she is more comfortable with alligators as a result of her marriage to Dufrene.

The star said: "I was nervous at first, but Louisiana has nicer alligators than Florida. Jeremy swims with the alligators! I swim in the bayou also, and the alligators are there, but I don't swim alone."

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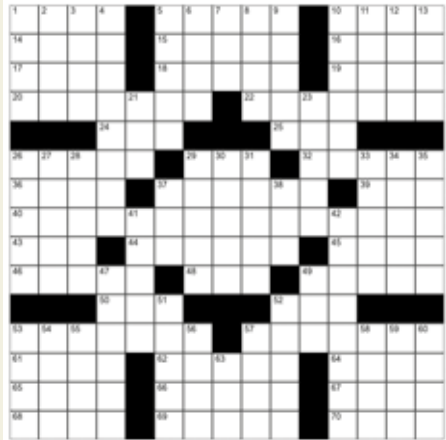
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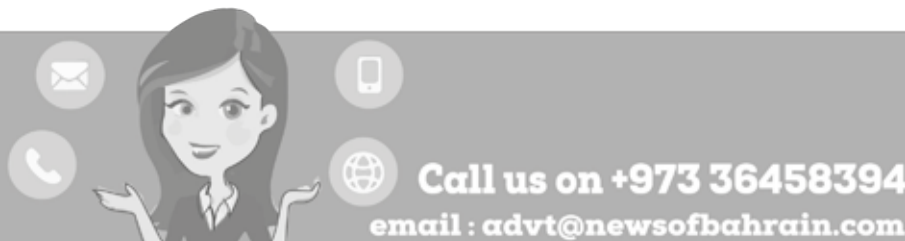
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Bahrain Championship returns in January on DP World Tour

Kingdom’s flagship event set for January as part of DP World Tour’s International Swing

● **Bahrain Championship returns January 29–Feb 1**

● **Royal Golf Club to host event**

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The Bahrain Championship will be back on the DP World Tour calendar early next year, with the Royal Golf Club set to host the kingdom’s flagship event from January 29 to February 1.

The tournament is part of the Tour’s newly released 2026 global schedule, which was unveiled on Wednesday. Next season will feature at least 42 events across 25 countries, with players competing for a record prize fund of \$157.5 million, excluding the Majors.

Bahrain’s stop is included in the International Swing, along-



HRH Prince Salman presents Canter with Bahrain Championship 2025 trophy

side tournaments in the UAE, be the third edition of the Championship, after South Africa’s Dylan Frittelli won the inaugural event in 2024 and England’s



The DP World Tour’s Global Swings phase includes five swings, followed by the Back 9 series and the DP World Tour Play-offs, providing a compelling season-long narrative on the Race to Dubai

Laurie Canter lifted the trophy earlier this year.

The International Swing is one of five within the DP World Tour’s Global Swings phase, which also includes the Opening, Asian, European and Closing Swings. They are followed by the Back 9 series and the DP World Tour Play-offs.

The Opening Swing will

launch the 2026 campaign in Australia, South Africa and Mauritius, while the Asian Swing will feature tournaments in China, India and Türkiye. Europe then takes centre stage with events in Spain, Belgium, Austria, the Netherlands, Italy and Germany, before the Closing Swing heads to Scotland, England, the Dominican Republic and Denmark.

The Back 9 will run through England, Switzerland, Ireland, France, Scotland, Spain, India and South Korea, leading into the season-ending Play-offs in Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

“Our 2026 schedule once again showcases our global talent in global destinations as we celebrate the diversity of the courses and cultures we visit,” said DP World Tour chief executive Guy Kinnings. “The Global Swings, the Back 9 and the Play-offs provide a compelling season-long narrative on the Race to Dubai. We are grateful to our partners and look forward to another world-class year.”

Sitra Start Premier League with Statement Win

● **Sitra defeat Bahrain SC convincingly**

● **Malkiya and Hidd share spoils**

● **Muharraq and Al Khaldiya in focus**

Hussain Almaskati
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The 2025-26 Nasser Bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League officially kicked off this week, with two matches on the opening night setting the tone for an exciting season. The league will be played in a double round-robin format, with the first 11 weeks running until January 8 next year, followed by 11 more match weeks yet to be scheduled.

On opening night, Sitra faced Bahrain SC at the National Stadium in Riffa, while Malkiya hosted Hidd at Shaikh Ali Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium in Arad. Both fixtures kicked off at 7pm, marking the start of three consecutive days of top-flight action.

Sitra Thrash Bahrain SC

Sitra were comfortable 4-1 winners against Bahrain SC in Riffa, but the game started off shaky for Isa AlSadoon’s men. Bahrain SC’s Patrick Maranhão put the visitors ahead in the 12th minute, only for Sitra’s Othman AlHaj to equalize nine minutes later with a toe-poke past goal-



Al Haj (R) joins Al Haj (L) in celebration after Sitra's 2nd goal of the night

keeper Ahmed Abdulrasool.

Abdulwasi AlMatari converted a penalty to give Sitra the lead, then AlHaj scored his second through a towering header from a corner. The fourth goal came via Karl Namngand, who finished low into the corner from a well-placed cross, sealing the win.

Sitra’s starting XI featured Abbas Ahmed (GK), Carlos, Juda, Abdulwasi, Ali Nasser, Othman AlHaj, Rodrigo, Imran Elias, Emmanuel, Maicon, and Othman Asso.

In Arad, Malkiya and Hidd played out a 2-2 draw. Mohamed Al Falah opened the scoring on his club debut for Malkiya, calmly placing the ball into the

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The league has kicked off with new signings shining

far corner after a switch of play. Hidd responded late in the first half as Isa Hasan converted a penalty in nine minutes of stoppage time.

Bekaye Wade gave Hidd the lead in the 60th minute, but

Malkiya’s Samuel Sarfo, also on his debut after joining from Saudi club Najran SC, scored a rebound in the 69th minute to level the contest.

Upcoming Fixtures

The league continues today with two matches kicking off at 5pm. At the National Stadium, Al Khaldiya take on A’ali, while defending champions Muharraq begin their title defence against long-time rivals Al Ahli at Shaikh Ali Bin Mohammed Stadium.

Week one wraps up tomorrow with Al Shabab facing Budaiya at Shaikh Ali Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium, and Al Najma meeting Riffa at Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town.

Pakistan must ‘focus on job’ in highly charged India clash: coach



Pakistan's players celebrate during a match (file photo)

AFP | Dubai

Coach Mike Hesson has told his Pakistan team to “focus on the job” in Sunday’s highly charged Asia Cup clash with arch-rivals India.

The match in Dubai is the first time that the neighbours will have met in cricket since a brief border conflict in May and emotions will be running high.

The New Zealander Hesson said yesterday: “I guess, from my perspective, just like any time you enter a match, whether it be a final of a world event or whatever, it’s about keeping everybody focused on the job at hand and that’ll be no different on the weekend.”

The eight-nation Twenty20 tournament began on Tuesday with Afghanistan beating Hong Kong by 94 runs. India crushed hosts the United Arab Emirates by nine wickets on Wednesday.

Pakistan begin their campaign against Oman on Friday, but all the talk is already of world champions India two days later.

“We know that India are obviously hugely confident and rightfully so in terms of how well they’ve played,” Hesson said of the Asia Cup holders, who skittled UAE for just 57 in 13.1 overs.

India cruised to victory in just 4.3 overs.

Since winning the World Cup last year they have won 18 of their 21 T20Is.

Hesson is excited to be part of a blockbuster, which will be watched by a packed stadium in Dubai and hundreds of millions of television viewers.

“Look, I’ve certainly watched many games from afar, so certainly being on the other side of the fence, I guess, being right and amongst such a highly charged event is going to be exciting,” he added.

Pakistan enter the Asia Cup with a tri-series win in the UAE also involving Afghanistan and UAE, and confidence is growing.

“We’re very much focused on improving as a team, sort of day by day, and not getting too far ahead of ourselves,” said Hesson.

Bahrain's Al Hala slip to second defeat

Al Sharjah survive furious rally to beat Bahrain's ladies

- Bahrain's Diop ignites late Hala fightback
- UAE's Akl delivers match winning performance
- Al Hala face hosts next

Hussain Almaskati
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Bahrain's Al Hala endured another tough night at the 26th Arab Women's Clubs Championship in Medina, slipping to another agonizing defeat (87-88) against UAE's Al Sharjah yesterday. The result came a day after the Bahraini ladies' opening 74-76 loss to Algeria's Association du Groupement Sportif Coder.

Sharjah Take Control

Al Hala led 21-20 after the first quarter, but Sharjah seized control in the middle periods. The UAE's ladies outscored Al Hala in the second quarter to lead 43-34 at half, then extended that cushion in the third to a daunting 69-51. Sharjah's ball movement and timely shoot-



Tip-off in Medina, Saudi Arabia

ing built a buffer that looked decisive heading into the final frame.

Late Hala Charge

The fourth quarter became an all-out offensive onslaught. Al

Hala's Yacine Diop spearheaded a 36-point revival — re-peatedly scoring inside, knocking



Close calls have defined Al Hala's tournament start

down free throws and sparking the comeback with key contributions from Bayan Salman. Al Hala trimmed the gap to a single point in the closing minutes, but Al Sharjah held on as Rebecca Akl supplied the decisive late buckets. Diop finished with 32 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists; UAE's Akl answered with a match-winning 39 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

By the Numbers

The statistics reflected how finely balanced the contest was. Al Sharjah edged the battle on the boards, 47 to Hala's 44, but the Bahrainis moved the ball better with 24 assists compared to A; Sharjah's 17. Turnovers were nearly even, with 10 for Al Hala and nine for Al Sharjah. Defensively, Al Sharjah registered more steals (six to three), while

Al Hala protected the paint with six blocks to Al Sharjah's three. Foul trouble also played its part, as Al Hala were whistled 23 times against Sharjah's 16.

Momentum swung back and forth throughout: each team enjoyed nine lead changes, and while Sharjah's biggest advantage reached 18 points, Al Hala never led by more than five. Sharjah spent nearly half an hour ahead on the clock, but Hala's late 12-0 run nearly flipped the result before time ran out.

Next up

Al Hala now turn to Saudi hosts Al Ula tonight at 7pm (Bahrain time). They then face Al Fatat (Sunday, 5pm) and Fuhais SC (Monday, 5pm) before a two-day break and a final preliminary fixture against Al Qurain next Thursday (3pm). The top two teams after the first stage will contest gold on the final day, while third and fourth place meet for bronze.

Hala's roster features Senegalese star Yacine Diop, American professional Alexa Hart, Bayan Salman, Aya Kamali, and a supporting group including Amina Saleem, Seema Hasan, Maryam Ebrahim, Jameela Ebrahim, Aysa Alhadi, Shirin Madwar and Ghadeer Alarayedh.

Christian Eriksen signs with Bundesliga club Wolfsburg

AFP | London

Denmark international Christian Eriksen has joined German Bundesliga club Wolfsburg on a free transfer until 2027, the club announced late on Wednesday. Eriksen, 33, had been a free agent since his contract with Manchester United expired in the summer.

"I'm really looking forward to this new adventure. I'm convinced that together we can make a difference in Wolfsburg," Eriksen said in a statement.

Wolfsburg is Eriksen's third club since he suffered a cardiac arrest during Denmark's game against Finland at the Euros in 2021.

Although he made a comeback after being fitted with an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD), he was forced to leave his then-club Inter Milan as Italian regulations prevent athletes from competing with ICDs.

After a highly-successful six-month spell at Brentford, Eriksen joined United in 2022.

Although he was initially a success, he gradually fell out of favour, first under Erik ten Hag and then even

Christian Eriksen



"I'm really looking forward to this new adventure. I'm convinced that together we can make a difference in Wolfsburg"
CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN

more so under Ruben Amorim, and left the club at the end of last season.

Eriksen, who also played for Tottenham and Ajax earlier in his career, has 144 Denmark caps, scoring 46 goals.

Eriksen becomes the sixth Danish member of Wolfsburg's squad alongside Joakim Maehle, Jesper Lindstrom, Andreas Skov Olsen, Jonas Wind and Adam Daghim.

Ganna takes Vuelta stage 19 time trial victory, two protestors arrested

AFP | Valladolid

Filippo Ganna won stage 18 of the Vuelta a Espana yesterday, an individual time trial shortened for security reasons, while two protestors were arrested.

Race organisers said Wednesday the route was being cut down by 15 kilometres to 12.2km, after pro-Palestine protests hit several stages of cycling's third-biggest grand tour.

Police numbers were ramped up in Valladolid and two protestors were detained for trying to jump over barriers, government delegation sources said.

There was a strong pro-Palestinian presence with hundreds of protestors waving flags along the route and whistling riders from Israel-Premier Tech, but racing was not affected.

During stages 11 and 16 strong protests led to the finish line being moved during the stage to protect riders.

General classification leader



Pro-Palestinians protestors demonstrate as Team Ineos' Italian rider Filippo Ganna competes during the 18th stage

Jonas Vingegaard retained the red jersey but lost 10 seconds

to second-place Joao Almeida, The Dane now leads overall by

40 seconds.

Ineos Grenadiers rider Ganna posted an early benchmark of 13 minutes on the dot, which few threatened until Jay Vine hit the road.

The Australian finished one second behind his Italian counterpart, with Almeida taking third on the podium.

Vingegaard came in ninth and looked exhausted at the finish.

Antonio Tiberi, usually a strong time-trialist, did not push himself to stay fresh for the days ahead to help Bahrain Victorious team-mate Torstein Traen finish in the top ten of the general classification.

Stage 19 on Friday is a flat 162km-ride from Rueda to Gujuelo, before the potentially decisive last mountain stage on Saturday.

Sunday's final stage, which ends in Madrid, is another potential security risk, with policing reinforced in the Spanish capital in preparation.

Rested Pogacar warms up for world championships in Canada

AFP | Paris

Tadej Pogacar says a 47-day break since his latest Tour de France triumph has left him rested and ready to launch his build up to the world championships with two races in Canada. The 26-year-old Slovenian

crushed his rivals to collect a fourth Tour de France title, but opted out of the Vuelta a Espana to recover and will return to action in Friday's Quebec Grand Prix before tackling the Montreal Grand Prix on Sunday.

"It's my first race back after the Tour, so I will have to see

how my legs are turning," he told reporters in Quebec on Wednesday, noting that late-season fatigue was nothing new.

"It's like every year," he said. "It's always difficult to be in good shape at the end of the season, but I have some motivation left for the six races I have left.



Tadej Pogacar reacts after a race