

Speaker Al Musallam voted IPU president



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Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam was voted in as the President of the 146th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The IPU Governing Council, which serves as the administrative and policy-making arm, made the announcement yesterday.

Al Musallam expressed gratitude to the attendees for their confidence and expressed his anticipation for the 146th IPU Assembly to serve as a landmark event for collective action by the IPU.

Saudi unveils new airline

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi Arabia announced yesterday the creation of a new national airline, part of a plan to turn Riyadh into a global aviation hub rivalling regional leaders like Dubai and Doha.

Riyadh Air "aims to launch flights to more than 100 destinations around the world by 2030," the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

Tony Douglas, former head of Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways, has been appointed CEO, SPA said.

BIGS concludes

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The Bahrain International Garden Show (BIGS) 2023 came to an end yesterday after opening on Thursday at the Exhibition World Bahrain. The theme of this year's show was "Water: Regenerating Life".

According to the Secretary General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, the exhibition drew in almost 45,000 visitors. Approximately 176 exhibitors from Bahrain and various other countries around the world participated in this year's edition of the event.

Bahrain launches e-Passport



Bahrain's Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) yesterday announced a major overhaul of its passport system, with the introduction of e-passports featuring advanced security measures. (Full story on page 3). In picture above are ministers during the launch of the new ePassport

"Turning point" in facilitating travel

Up to 500 IS fighters still active in Iraq: military

Baghdad, Iraq

The Islamic State group still has up to 500 active fighters in Iraq, a senior military official estimated yesterday in the country where jihadist cells continue to launch sporadic attacks.

But Iraqi General Qais al-Mohamadawi, part of the anti-jihadist coalition, stressed that IS -- now based in remote desert and mountain hideouts -- has "lost its ability to attract new recruits".

The United Nations estimated in a report published last month that IS still has "5,000 to 7,000 members and supporters" across Iraq and neighbouring Syria, "roughly half of whom are fighters".

"According to information from intelligence agencies, the total number of IS members does not exceed 400 to 500 fighters, in three or four provinces," General Mohamadawi, deputy commander of the Iraqi operations unit working with the international anti-jihadist coalition told a press conference.

'Al Munter' poised to lift Bahrain's space dreams

First fully indigenous satellite is now 35% complete

● HH Shaikh Nasser launches Mission logo

● All Bahrain team handles development

● Mission aims to photograph Bahrain and its water area

● The project is being implemented by NSSA

● The launch vehicle, as well as the country responsible for launching, remain unknown

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Bahrain is making a bold move into the space sector with the development of its first fully indigenously built artificial Earth satellite, Al Munther, which means "Harbinger" in Arabic.

This groundbreaking project is being handled entirely by a team of Bahraini experts who are designing, developing, assembling and testing the satellite.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the National Security



Representative picture

Advisor, Royal Guard Commander and the Secretary General of the Supreme Defence Council have confirmed that the mission is now 35% complete.

The National Space Science Agency (NSSA), established in 2014, is implementing the project.

Expected to be a game changer for the country in the space sector, Al Munther aims at capturing

images of Bahrain and its regional waters and collecting data for several sectors.

The data collected will be analyzed using a range of Bahraini innovations that will be part of the satellite's load.

The mission follows the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The project is part of the country's vision for utilising space technology to serve sustainable development efforts.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who announced the name of the satellite and unveiled its official logo, praised the continuous efforts of the National Space Science Agency (NSSA) team in projects, engagement, and scientific research, which are expected to improve Bahrain's position in the global space sector.

This ambitious project is part of Bahrain's plans to utilize space technology to serve sustainable development efforts, and comes after the successful launch of its first satellite, Light 1, which boosted scientific research in the areas of space, artificial intelligence, and cyber security.

The launch vehicle, as well as the country responsible for launching and controlling the flight, remain unknown.

Launched in December 2021, Light-1 is a 3U CubeSat whose operation is led by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Space Agency and assisted by the Bahrain National Space Science Agency (NSSA). It monitors terrestrial gamma-ray flashes (TGFs), which are emitted during lightning storms, to provide insight into how TGFs affect aircraft, their passengers, and humans on the ground.



Shura speaker backs Qatari proposal to criminalise hate speech at IPU assembly

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The Speaker of the Shura Council, Sayyid Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, lent his support yesterday to a Qatari proposal to add an “emergency clause” criminalising hate speech at the 146th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Al Saleh, who led the delegation of the Parliamentary Division of Bahrain, explained that the proposed clause would criminalise contempt for religions, hatred, and intolerance.

He also expressed hope for its approval during the IPU meeting, stating that it was urgently needed given the current circumstances around the globe.

Additionally, Al Saleh highlighted a call made by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the international community to strengthen legislative and technical cooperation for an international agreement to criminalise religious, sectarian, and racist hate speech in all its forms.

He also mentioned the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, established as a bright station in Bahrain’s history, is a pioneering step in promoting values of humanity.

Al Saleh also reminded IPU participants that investing in human beings and building their minds to be productive and influential was essential for the formation of comprehensive and interdependent societies capable of contributing to sustainable development.

He further stressed the need



Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, the Speaker of the Shura Council, held a meeting with his Qatari counterpart, Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Ghanim, on the sidelines of the 146th General Assembly of IPU. During the meeting, Al-Saleh commended the strong historical ties between Bahrain and Qatar and emphasised Bahrain’s commitment to enhancing the unity and cooperation among the countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

for parliamentarians to intensify their efforts to achieve peace, co-existence, and tolerance among all countries worldwide to overcome the difficult circumstances faced today.

Al Bazar hails empowerment of women in Bahrain

On another occasion yesterday, Deputy Chair of the foreign affairs committee in the Egyptian parliament Sahar Al Bazar praised Bahrain’s commitment to empowering women to reach political leadership positions, which she said, makes the international community applaud Bahrain.

“There is a lot of progress and empowerment of women in Bahrain, and this is something that we all see and praise. As Arabs we’re very proud and happy to see this is happening,” she said.

Al Bazar expressed concerns over the obstacles that women might face in the parliamentary field.

“Women might face obstacles in the elections because some men would prefer voting for other men due to the mistrust in the capabilities of women.”

Laws are the same for men and women in Belgium: D’Hose

Belgian Senate President Stephanie D’Hose said that in her country, laws are the same for men and women.

“We have reached equality at the law level, but on the moral level, we still have so much work to do because I’m the youngest president of the parliaments ever, and I often happen to see that people do not trust me,” D’Hose said.

She stressed the importance



General Debate on “Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance”

of talking about equal rights for women in international forums to persuade young men that women have the same status in society.

“When I attend a conference, and my collaborator, who is an older man, accompanies me, they think he is the president. So, the one thing we can do in Belgium is to give examples, good examples of our power as women.”

Meanwhile, High-level Speakers from various countries gathered for the second day of the 146th IPU Assembly for a General Debate on “Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance.” The debate was moderated by IPU Assembly President Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam.

During the debate, the Speaker emphasized the importance of international cooperation in bringing positive change and working towards solutions for

the economic and social damage caused by the pandemic, climate change, and immigration.

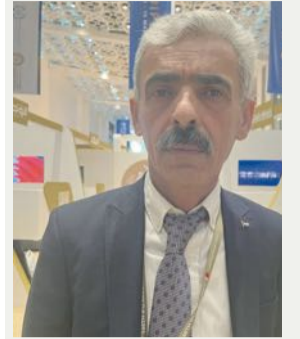
Arab Parliament Speaker Adel Al Asoomi expressed full support for Bahrain by regularly participating in international forums held in the Kingdom.

South Korean National Assembly Member Park Yong-jin praised Bahrain’s culture of mutual respect and compromise religiously and politically, stating that its model of coexistence would lead to further development and could serve as a model for other countries.

In his speech, Yong-jin emphasized the need to combat extremism and promote principles of consideration, kindness, and tolerance.

The IPU Assembly will continue until March 15, and it was announced that the 147th IPU Assembly will be held in Angola in October.

Shine light on Palestinian struggle: Al-Zarir



Fahmi Al-Zarir

Ashen Tharaka & Tofoof AlMansoor
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Fahmi Al-Zarir, a member of the Palestinian National Council, has expressed his hopes that the Inter-Parliamentary Union will address the ongoing struggles faced by the Palestinian people during the 146th General Assembly of IPU. Al-Zarir emphasized the importance of highlighting the Palestine conflict, especially at this IPU event hosted in Bahrain, given the Kingdom’s strong ties with Palestine.

During an interview with The Daily Tribune, Al-Zarir expressed concerns regarding the ongoing struggles faced by the Palestinian people for the past 100 years. He highlighted the need to raise awareness and apply pressure during global events to address the worsening instability in Palestine and the deteriorating quality of life for its citizens.

Al-Zarir specifically mentioned the endless bombings that Palestine has faced, resulting in the loss of 86 Palestinian lives in just three months.

First Deputy Speaker highlights importance of Open Dialogue, Human Rights progress

Tofoof AlMansoor, Julia Cassano
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Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed

Abdulnabi Salman Ahmed, the First Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives, urged international speakers to share their recommendations and suggestions on issues in their respective countries. He emphasised the importance of open dialogue, which is evident through the IPU assembly and meetings, even though there is more work to be done in terms of human rights.

In this regard, the First Deputy Speaker also highlighted the tremendous strides the Kingdom has taken to improve human rights through legislation.

He added that Bahrain is committed to advancing the quality of life for all, particu-

larly by improving women’s rights. The MP, however, acknowledged that no country or government is perfect, although countries worldwide are working to improve human rights.

Salman Ahmed also emphasised the importance of co-existence in any society and stated that the government is actively working to establish a solid foundation to encourage peaceful coexistence through modified legislation.

Participants hail Bahrain’s coexistence model

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Bahrain’s role in promoting coexistence in the region has been emphasised by President of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament Senator Silvia del Rosario Giacoppo.

Speaking at the IPU, the Senator highlighted that Bahrain has made it possible for people of all faiths to live together in peace. Similarly, Serbia National Assembly Member

of Parliament Milan Radin expressed his admiration for Bahrain’s development and noted that it is a good example to be followed by other countries, including Serbia.

“If you ask me about Bahrain, we have seen Bahrain is developing. We have seen all the things Bahrain strives to achieve,” he said.

“We think that it is a good cause for other countries, including Serbia, to follow.”

Speaker highlights India’s vibrant democracy and need for UNSC reforms at IPU146

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Indian Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has described India as a “robust participatory democracy” with a vibrant multi-party system during his address at the 146th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Birla emphasised the unhindered rights of Members of Parliament (MPs) to express their views in Parliament, adding that India’s long-standing view is that all global issues should be resolved peacefully through dialogue.

Birla highlighted India’s parliamentary debates on contemporary global challenges such as climate change, gender equality, sustainable development, and the Covid-19 pandemic. He stressed the importance of global institutions promoting peace, harmony, and justice for a just world order.

Calling for reforms in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to reflect the realities of a rapidly changing world, Birla said that reforms cannot be delayed any further. He stressed the need for the subject to be included in future global agendas to contribute towards addressing challenges such as sustainable development, poverty, gender equality, and terrorism.

On the sidelines, Birla held talks with his counterparts from various nations, including Egypt, South Africa, and



Nosiviwe Nolutshando Maphisa-Nqakula, Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa



Birla with Hanafy El Gebaly, Speaker, House of Representatives of Egypt



Birla with the Speaker of Consultative Council of Bahrain Ali Bin Saleh Bin Al Saleh



Om Birla during the inaugural session of IPU146

More than 100 Secretary Generals participate in meetings: Bounajma



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At the 146th Assembly, over 100 general secretaries from around the world came together and approved the agenda for the next session of the Association of Secretaries General of National Parliaments.

Rashid Mohammed Bounajma, Secretary General of the House of Representatives and Secretary of the Parliamentary Division of Bahrain, emphasized that joint international action requires international partnership and unified efforts.

The upcoming session will focus on enhancing coordination in the media field and approving a draft program for the association’s work. Bounajma commended the General Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for its positive and effective role.

Interior Minister rolls out 'ePassport' with advanced security; transition to cost BD12

Ministry of Interior launches Bahrain's first electronic passport, calls it a "turning point" in facilitating travel

● e-passport a turning point in facilitating travel procedures for citizens: Interior Minister

● Valid for 10 years for citizens aged 21 and above

● Passport replacement to cost BD15

● e-passport will come into effect on 20th March

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The Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) has announced a major overhaul of its passport system, with the introduction of e-passports featuring advanced security measures.

The move is part of Bahrain's Economic Recovery and Digital Transformation Plan, and aims to make passports more secure, convenient, and resistant to forgery.

Launch of the ePassport was done by General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior in the presence of Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Finance and National Economy Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunication Mohammed Thamer Al Kaabi, Chief of Public Security Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan, Governors, Interior Ministry Undersecretary, and officials.

The move is as per the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to provide modern and integrated services to citizens and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The ePassport features a sim card that contains personal and biometric information of the passport holder, making it more secure and difficult to forge.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary for NPRA, Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa said the visa pages are designed to



Ministers and top officials during the launch ceremony of Bahrain's new e-Passport



There are four types of documents: the ordinary passport (B), the diplomatic passport (D), the special passport (S) and the travel document (T). The ordinary, diplomatic, special have 66 pages whereas the travel document have 34 pages and all books are valid up to 10 years.

hopes to provide citizens with a seamless and secure passport application process, while also enhancing the country's border security measures.

12 months' effort

During his presentation, Colin Howell, a senior security designer, stated that the concept they had designed had been in development for the past 12 months, and stressed that it had been a collaborative effort with the authorities.

"For 30 years, I have been working in this industry. I spent a decade developing banknotes and coins for global circulation and have been involved in passport design for 20 years. Together with my team, we have created 30 passports for use in various countries."

He stressed that the original design called for a six-page passport, but ended up creating a twelve-page passport.

He also highlighted the importance of including sections on financial hub, tourism, innovation, industry, faith, nature, history, education, governance, transport, sport, and Bab al Bahrain. "The e-passport portrays the complete culture of Bahrain on these pages, showcasing not only its diversity but also its richness in these different areas."

The Interior Minister also toured an exhibition organised by NPRA on the sideline of the ceremony displaying some historical documents and images about the project's progress.



The cover of the passport is embossed with a gold block design of the Kingdom of Bahrain emblem centered on the front. The text 'KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN' and the type of passport, for example ordinary book reads 'PASSPORT' in both Arabic and English.

The data page displays the holder's image in three positions using three different technologies. Embedded within the polycarbonate page is the chip and the antenna.



The Ministry of Interior issues new e-Passports for regular, special and travel document, while the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issues diplomatic passport

showcase the country's rich history, heritage and legacy, bridging the gap between the past and present.

Additionally, the passport includes the hashtag #Team_Bahrain, making it the world's first global passport to feature a tag.

The ePassport also boasts advanced security features, such as a safe design visible under ultraviolet light, Mirage feature visible under reflected light, MLI properties visible when tilted, and transparent windows.

Mirage is a security feature that secures windows in polycarbonate data pages. When viewing in daylight the holders image is visible, when viewed against a light source the watermark of the flower of eternity is visible.

Get it for BD12

Citizens who wish to shift from their physical passport to the new e-passport will be charged BD12, with a validity of 10 years for those aged 21 and

above, and five years for those below. Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Interior Ministry Under-Secretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, also confirmed that the fee for replacing an e-passport will be BD15.

However, if a passport is lost, the fee for reissuing a regular passport will be BD50 and for replacing a damaged passport is BD15.

The decision is expected to benefit citizens by providing a more streamlined and secure passport application process, while also enhancing the country's border security measures.

It was earlier reported that the new system will use BlueLine Technology to verify a person as they approach a verification point, adding another layer of se-

E-passport is an achievement that could improve the classification of the passport of the Kingdom of Bahrain globally due to its high quality, characteristics and security specifications, which adhere to accuracy and all international standards, in addition to helping to obtain visas and get visa exemption from various countries of the world.

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curity to the e-passport system. With the implementation of these new measures, the NPRA

Bahrain affirms commitment to tackling climate change during IPU meeting

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Bahrain's delegation to the 146th Assembly's Permanent Committee for Sustainable Development has affirmed Kingdom's commitment to tackling climate change through both administrative and legislative measures.

During the meeting, Bahrain's representatives, Hassan Ibrahim Hassan and Munir Ibrahim Sourour, spoke about the country's parliamentary efforts towards achieving zero neutrality by 2060.



Bahraini parliamentarians at IPU yesterday

They emphasised that the issue of climate change has been a top priority for His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, who has

been following it closely. The government has been working towards reducing emissions while also promoting clean, green, and sustainable growth as a key driver of the national



economy. They also affirmed the keenness of the legislative authority to support national initiatives and using constitutional tools to create a legislative structure that

supports international obligations related to the environment and climate.

Separately, during the Standing Committee on International Peace and Security meeting at

the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Bahrain's efforts to tackle emerging cyber attacks and crimes were highlighted by Hala Ramzi Fayed and Dr. Bassam Al-Ban Muhammad. The delegates emphasized that Bahrain has enacted several laws to safeguard electronic security and protect personal data.

They affirmed Bahrain's commitment to protect its interests in cyberspace and highlighted the development of the National Cybersecurity Strategy to address current and escalating cyber threats.

Bahrain committed to further strengthening Labour Market, says HRH CP, PM

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Bahrain's commitment to adopting policies and programmes that strengthen the labour market and productivity was highlighted by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday.

During a meeting with the Director General of the International Organisation for Migration, António Vitorino, at Riffa Palace, HRH also emphasised Bahrain resolve to boosting cooperation with the agency in line with the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



HRH CP, PM during meeting yesterday at Riffa Palace with Vitorino

In this regard, The Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the significant role played by Team Bahrain, including citizens and residents, in furthering the Kingdom's progressive

development.

HRH Prince Salman further highlighted that Bahrain's Tier 1 status in the US State Department's Trafficking in Persons report for five consecutive years is a reflection of the Kingdom's success in adopting international best practices in anti-trafficking efforts.

A number of issues of common interest were discussed during the meeting, including existing cooperation between Bahrain and the International Organization for Migration.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

Brass-A-holics to perform at Cultural Hall tomorrow



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As part of the Spring of Culture events, the Cultural Hall in Manama is all set to host a live concert featuring the American jazz band, Brass-a-holics, tomorrow night.

The event, which is being held in collaboration with the United States Embassy, will open at 8 pm. Since 2010, Brass-a-holics have been entertaining audiences worldwide with their electrifying performances. Their unique sound is a fusion of New Orleans brass band culture and the energy of Washington D.C.'s go-go music.

The concert promises to be a captivating experience for music lovers in Bahrain.

Joining the Brass-a-holics on stage is Bahraini musician Esraa Janahi, who is set to add her own special touch to the performance.

F-16 Block 70 "important qualitative addition" to RBAF: BDF Commander

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The recent addition of F-16 Block 70 aircraft to Royal Bahrain Airforce has been termed by BDF Commander-in-Chief as an "important qualitative addition" to the RBAF.

The move, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa said, transforms RBAF into a fully integrated and advanced military system in line



The handing over ceremony of F-16 Block 70 fighter jet at the Lockheed Martin Company's factory in Greenville, South Carolina

with the latest strategies. "F-16 Block 70" fighter jet is

and aerospace company, Lockheed Martin. It is seen as essential for air forces facing the challenges of the 21st century.

Shaikh Khalifa said RBAF has become a key pillar of the nation's strength, with progress, development, and integration achieved at various levels across its squadrons and systems.

The Royal Bahraini Air Force currently have the latest advanced combat aircraft, mod-

ern air transport aircraft, and advanced helicopters

The handing over ceremony on March 10 took place at the Lockheed Martin Company's factory in Greenville, South Carolina, and was attended by RBAF Commander, Air Vice-Marshal Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Defence Attache at the Bahraini Embassy in Washington, Commodore Jassim Abdulla Al-Jowdar, and a number of senior BDF officers.



The award ceremony

TRA's "Qaren" wins Gulf Customer Experience Award

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The Bahrain Telecommunications Regulatory Authority's (TRA) advanced telecom service comparator platform, "Qaren", has won the Silver Award at the Gulf Customer Experience Awards for best use of technology and innovation category.

The award recognizes Qaren's contribution to enhancing of customer experience through the innovative use of technology. The award was presented to TRA at a ceremony in UAE "Dubai".

Qaren driven by Artificial Intelligence enables consumers to make choices that best suit their needs and preferences, whether it is for mobile plans, broadband plans, roam-

ing add-ons, or even mobile devices. The service is completely free and available to all telecom users in Bahrain.

Shaikh Abdulla Bin Humood AlKhalifa, TRA Director of Consumer and Communications, expressed his delight at receiving the award, saying that Qaren is an important tool for empowering consumers to make informed decisions about their telecom services. He encouraged all telecom users to try it out and take advantage of its benefits.

The Gulf Customer Experience Awards celebrates excellence in customer experience across the Gulf region, recognizing organizations that have gone above and beyond to deliver exceptional customer service.

Dodging deal: High Court orders Consultancy to return BD50,000

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A financial consultancy firm recently found itself in hot water after being ordered by the High Civil Supreme Court to return BD50,000 to a GCC citizen for failing to honour a deal signed. The drama unfolded after the firm charged the man an eye-watering SR500k for recovering his money from a foreign country.

Despite signing a deal, the consultancy took a U-turn and

declared bankruptcy to avoid paying back the fee they had taken and avoid any legal consequences.

The lawyer representing the GCC national revealed that the man had signed the deal with the firm after being lured in by their advertisement as specialists in consulting banks, companies, management, and consultative services. However, much to the man's dismay, the company failed to materialise any of their promises.

Despite knowing that the plaintiff had taken legal action, the owners of the consultancy firm dissolved the company by declaring bankruptcy, hoping to evade any consequences.

The lawyer representing the GCC national requested an accounting expert to investigate the case and compel the owners to pay the plaintiff BD70,000 as compensation. After examining the papers of the case and hearing the witnesses, the Court ruled in favour of the plaintiff.

High Appeals Court overturns jail term of customs broker

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A Customs broker stood accused for forging invoices to pocket a whopping BD18,000 finally had his reprieve, with High Appeals Court ruling in his favour, citing lack of evidence.

The Court of First Instance had found him guilty of embezzling money from his company, but he challenged the verdict.

The man, a customs broker, was facing a one year jail term over the issue.

While hearing the appeal, the defendant's lawyer told the court that entire case was bogus as the defendant was not even responsible for preparing the invoices in question at the company, a fact that had been proven before the Civil Court.

According to the defendant's

lawyer, the Bahraini man was surprised by accusation.

But it wasn't until the expert investigator's findings were revealed that the defendant finally saw a glimmer of hope.

The papers were analysed, and it was confirmed that the defendant had not forged any document.

In the end, the court agreed with him, dropping all charges against the defendant.



The Works Ministry has announced the completion of BD194,616 worth of development works at the intersection of Street 2 with Street 10 and Road 1079 in Block 1010, located in the Southern Governorate. The project, which was awarded to Jahicon Company, involved the creation of a roundabout, pedestrian sidewalk, warning traffic signs, and ground channels to prevent asphalt cutting in the future.

Tender Notice

The Embassy of Pakistan, Manama invites company / firms for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of complete CCTV Surveillance System with all inputs. Interested parties may collect the details of services required and tender documents on any working day from 13-03-2023 to 27-03-2023 between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., from the

Embassy of Pakistan

(Villa No. 35, Road No. 1901, Block 319)
Hoora/Manama. Phone No. 17244113

'Samarpan@108' live musical concert at Crowne Plaza Hotel

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The Indian Club is organising a live musical concert 'Samarpan@108' on March 20, 2023, at Crowne Plaza Hotel. The concert will feature a night of Indian music, with singers who have been specially flown



Indian Club officials during a press conference

in from India, namely Padmakumar, Adithya, and Devanand, followed by a dinner. This event, which will commence at 7:30 pm is being organised to advance The Indian Club's development.

The club is expecting 400 guests, including dignitaries, for this event.

EDB-backed Technacy to invest \$3 million to expand operations

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Bahrain-based technology solutions provider, Technacy, has announced its expansion plans in Bahrain, backed by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB).

The company said it plans to introduce advanced tech solutions, including IPTV services, pay TV services, OTT applications, on-demand viewing, and analytics, with a focus on strategic partnerships with telecom providers, large-scale commercial and residential projects, real estate developers, and hospital-

ity brands.

Technacy also aims to streamline IPTV architecture innovation, product planning and design mechanism, delivering an

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efficient process for the client and an enhanced viewing experience for the consumer.

Musab Abdulla, Executive Director - Business Develop-

ment for ICT at the Bahrain EDB said: “We are pleased to support Technacy’s expansion, which will have a positive impact on its digital economy.”

Athul Thomas Benny, Business Development and Partnerships Manager at Technacy added, “Our American software R&D and European hardware development partnerships will take centre stage in our plans as we aim to revolutionise our clients’ TV viewing experience.”

Headquartered in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Technacy serves clients across the region, including in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Egypt



Al Baraka and Mazad officials following the deal signing

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, Mazad Bahrain join hands

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank has signed an auction services agreement with Mazad, the Kingdom’s leading auction services provider, to collaborate on regulating and managing the sale of assets preserved or pledged by the bank.

The deal was signed at the bank’s headquarters, in the presence of Hamad A. Al Oqab - Chief Executive Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, Raeda Murad - Head of Special Assets Department at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, and Talal Al Araifi

- Chief Executive Officer of Mazad Bahrain along with a number of senior officials.

Al Baraka CEO Al Oqab stated: “We are confident that by transferring ownership of these assets to new investors upon resale, new development opportunities will emerge, contributing to the Kingdom’s economic growth”.

Mazad CEO Al Araifi said they the company seeks to apply its expertise in electronic auction management which offer the highest levels of transparency and fairness.



NBB Hosts First Quarterly Townhall



The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) held its first quarterly townhall of the year on 28th February 2023. The Group Chief Executive Officer, Usman Ahmed congratulated all colleagues on the NBB Group’s strong financial performance in 2022 and in addition to engaging in an open dialogue He also touched on NBB’s strategic priorities for the future and the importance of collaboration, customer-centricity, and a commitment to excellence towards making NBB the most valued banking partner for its clients across the region.

Al Baraka Group strategic sponsor of 43rd Al Baraka Islamic Economics Symposium

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Al Baraka Group yesterday announced its sponsorship for the 43rd edition of the Al Baraka Islamic Economics Symposium as the forum’s Strategic Sponsor. The event is being held at Prince Mugrin University in Medina in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from March 15-16, 2023 under the theme “The Sustainability Authenticity in Islamic Banking”.

This year’s edition will witness widespread participation from a group of senior officials, board members and chief executives of government economic agencies, Central Banks, financial institutions, Islamic banks and financing companies from around the world. Joining them will also be well known experts in the field, academics, researchers, university professors, Master’s and Doctoral students, Islamic economics and Sharia experts, as well as social media influencers in Islamic finance and economics in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The symposium aims to highlight how the concept of sustainability is rooted in its various dimensions within the principles and provisions of Islamic law, and how to achieve UN Sustainability Develop-



Shaikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel

ment Goals (SDGs) according to the mechanisms and tools of Islamic economics.

ABG, as an annual sponsor of the symposium, will have a strong presence at the forum led by Shaikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, Chairman of ABG and the Board of Trustees of Al Baraka Islamic Economics Symposium.

Commenting on the occasion, Shaikh Abdullah, said: “This is a testament of the remarkable contributions made by ABG with the aim of strengthening the sector, overcoming obstacles facing its development, and paving the way for broader horizons of growth and sustainability in Islamic finance.”

The first Al Baraka Islamic Economics Symposium was held in 1981, and it has continued to be held annually.

LuLu Exchange honours female staff on Women’s day

TDT | Manama

LuLu Exchange Bahrain commemorated International Women’s Day on March 8th by recognizing the efforts of its female staff.

The event featured a get-together followed by a session by Neyaz Nedhal, a renowned dietician who highlighted the importance of maintaining a healthy body.

Edison Fernandez, General Manager of LuLu Exchange Bahrain, emphasized the significance of acknowledging the contributions of female staff, saying: “We understand the impact of acknowledging the contributions of our female staff. By taking a moment to say, ‘thank you’, we recognize their efforts, hard work, and dedication. We



LuLu Exchange Bahrain staff during International Women's Day Celebration

are proud of the women in our team and appreciate all they do to help make LuLu Exchange Bahrain a success.”

LuLu Exchange Bahrain is a leading exchange house in the Kingdom of Bahrain, providing a range of financial services to customers.

BisB rewards Outstanding Achievements winners with up to BHD 10,000

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) has announced the winners of its Outstanding Achievements Award, a competition launched last December to celebrate exceptional Bahrainis with cash prizes of up to BHD 10,000.

The winners of the competition were revealed to be Hameed Marhoon and Ayoob Asad, creators of “iHand”, a mobile application that connects people with disabilities to individuals who



Winners during a honouring ceremony

can help support and refine their talents. The app was awarded a cash prize of BHD 5,000. Meanwhile, Rubik’s Cube champion Hasan Naseef was awarded BHD 5,000 for his skills in solving the popular puzzle.

The winners were selected after several rounds of evaluation conducted by judges comprising of: Afnan Saleh, Chief Human Resources Officer at BisB, Naeema Taheri, Chief Compliance Officer at BisB, Faisal Al Abdulla, Acting Head of Retail Banking

at BisB, Jawad Humaidan, the Bank’s Chief Corporate & Institutional Banking Officer, and Shereen Bushehri, Managing Director of TRACCS. The preliminaries resulted in the selection of 5 contestants.

Yaser Alsharifi, CEO of BisB, expressed his pleasure at the success of the competition in identifying outstanding Bahraini talents in various fields. He said, “We are pleased that this innovative competition coincided with the Kingdom’s National Day

celebrations and has successfully highlighted outstanding Bahraini talents who have been able leaders in their respective fields.”

The initiative was announced on the Bank’s official website and social media channels, resulting in over 800 submissions in 30 days from applicants ages 5 to 66 across a wide range of categories, including sports, business concepts, education, health, filmmaking, programming, and virtual reality.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
ONE WHO DECEIVES WILL ALWAYS FIND THOSE WHO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE DECEIVED
 NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI

TODAY IN HISTORY

624
 Battle of Badr: Muhammad's Muslim forces win significant victory over Meccan army



1781
 William Herschel sees what he thinks is a "comet" but is actually the discovery of the planet Uranus

1930
 Clyde Tombaugh announces discovery of Pluto at Lowell Observatory

2003
 The journal Nature reports that 350,000-year-old footprints of an upright-walking human have been found in Italy

News in brief

Swiss president defends neutrality, Ukraine arms ban
 Swiss neutrality is more important than ever, President Alain Berset said in an interview published yesterday, defending the controversial ban on transferring Swiss-made arms to Ukraine. "Swiss weapons must not be used in wars," he told the NZZ am Sonntag weekly. The long tradition of neutrality has been hotly debated since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

While the wealthy Alpine country, which is not a member of the European Union, has followed the bloc's lead on sanctions targeting Moscow, it has so far shown less flexibility on its military neutrality.

At least eight people were killed when two suspected smuggling boats capsized off southern California, rescuers said yesterday. "We lost eight souls," the lifeguard chief for the city of San Diego, James Gartland, told a press conference. "This is one of the worst maritime smuggling tragedies that I can think of in California, certainly here in the city of San Diego," he added, in apparent reference to clandestine migration into the United States. It was unclear exactly what caused the nighttime accident in an area Gartland described as "hazardous" due to sand bars and in-shore rip currents.

A 93-year-old Greek grandmother, who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for helping refugees flooding into Europe, died yesterday, the state news agency reported. Emilia Kamysi and two other elderly women became instant celebrities in 2015 when they were pictured bottle-feeding a refugee baby whose parents had just landed on Greece's Lesbos island after a perilous sea crossing. The arrivals were among more than a million refugees and migrants, many fleeing the Syrian civil war, who reached EU shores during the influx. The three elderly women were children of ethnic Greek refugees from Turkey, and became a symbol of the solidarity of the people of Lesbos with the

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Goats, boyfriends, UFOs: New York reveals bizarre hotline calls



A person speaks on the phone near flight monitors at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas (file photo)

AFP | New York

New York's non-emergency hotline is largely intended for noise complaints, rat sightings and enquiries about much-loathed alternate side parking rules.

But the 311 number has, in its 20 years in operation, also received its fair share of obscure enquiries that operators may have struggled to answer, the city has revealed.

"Can you tell me the steps for boiling a live chicken?" one caller asked, according to a list released Thursday to mark the service's 20-year history.

Another wanted to know whether their dog could be claimed as a dependent on their taxes.

"Can you check if my boyfriend is married?" was another request, as was, "Can you transfer me to a ufo-ologist?"

One caller wanted to know who won TV talent show American Idol while another



The city said that 311 had received more than 525 million contacts by phone, text, social media posts and other means since it was launched in March 2003

informed the city that "a goat is tied to the stairwell in my building."

"A raccoon is eating lasagna on my porch," also made the "calls to remember" list.

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Pence says history will hold Trump 'accountable' for Capitol attack

Donald Trump's former deputy Mike Pence offers most forceful rebuke to date

- Mike Pence reveals he may challenge the former president for Republican nomination
- Trump 'endangered his family' on January 6: Pence

AFP | Washington

Former US vice president Mike Pence said history would hold former president Donald Trump "accountable" for his role in the 2021 attack on the US Capitol, US media reported.

The remarks are likely to widen the rift between the former running mates, who have been at loggerheads ever since Pence refused to go along with Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election results and remain in power.

"President Trump was wrong,"



Former Vice President Mike Pence gives remarks at the Calvin Coolidge Foundation's conference (file photo)

Pence said in a speech at the annual Gridiron Dinner in Washington, a white-tie gala put on by journalists that draws top politicians. "I had no right to overturn the election. And his reckless words en-

dangered my family and everyone at the Capitol that day. And I know that history will hold Donald Trump accountable," Pence was quoted as saying by multiple media.

Some of the thousands who stormed

the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, called for Pence to be hanged, forcing him to scurry to a safe location.

Trump has already declared his intention to seek a new term as president in 2024 elections, and Pence indicated he may challenge him for the Republican nomination.

The Gridiron Dinner is usually a light-hearted event with skits and musical entertainment, and Pence initially sought to poke fun.

BETTER YOU KNOW

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"I will wholeheartedly, unreservedly support the Republican nominee for president in 2024 -- if it's me," he said. Pence's sharp remarks aimed at Trump were unexpected at the gala. "Was at the dinner and can confirm @Mike_Pence definitely caught the room by surprise--lots of dropped jaws," tweeted Maryam Mujica, a former State Department official.

Latest California storm leaves at least two dead, breaks levee

AFP | Pajaro

Another powerful storm pummeled California overnight, forcing thousands to evacuate and resulting in at least two deaths, while causing a levee to give way in coastal Monterey County.

"We were hoping to avoid and prevent this situation, but the worst case scenario has arrived with the Pajaro River overtopping and levee breaching at about midnight," Luis Alejo, a Monterey County supervisor, said Saturday on Twitter.

On Friday, state emergency services director Nancy Ward announced that the storm had already claimed at least



Workers make emergency repairs to a road that was washed out

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LUIS ALEJO, A MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERVISOR

state's National Guard account showed guardsmen rescuing residents trapped in their cars by high water.

At least one road was washed away in Santa Cruz County, just north of Monterey.

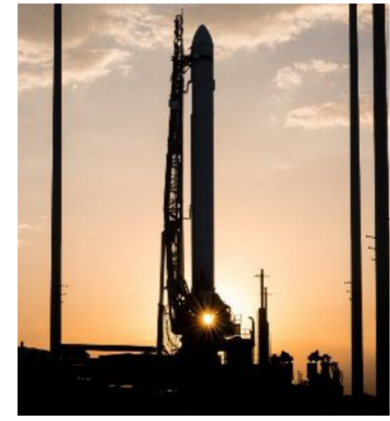
Launch of world's first 3D-printed rocket cancelled at last second

AFP | Washington

The launch of the world's first 3D-printed rocket was ultimately scrubbed after several tries, marking a new setback for the private owner of an innovative spacecraft billed as being less costly to produce and fly.

Engines had begun igniting on the unmanned Terran 1 rocket, built by California aerospace start-up Relativity Space, when an "automation" issue caused the company to abort takeoff for the second time in less than a week.

A little later, the company tried again to launch the spacecraft from



The Terran 1 rocket can be seen on the launch pad at Launch Complex 16 in Cape Canaveral, Florida

Florida's Cape Canaveral but had to abort due to pressure issues in the rocket's second stage, the company later tweeted.

"The team went HARD today and we intend to do so during our next attempt. More to come on the new launch date," Relativity said.

At one point during the three-hour launch window, which began at 1:00 pm (1800 GMT), the countdown was put on hold when a private boat violated a danger zone.

An earlier scheduled launch last Wednesday was also postponed over last-minute propellant temperature issues.

Innovation without borders: Israel and Bahrain partner for progress

NAVE SHACHAR

The Abraham Accords have led to significant developments in the economic relationship between Israel and its Gulf neighbours. While it sometimes feels that the spotlight has been put on the UAE-Israel business relationship, there is more being done on the Bahrain-Israel front than ever before. The establishment of a strong business relationship between Israel and Bahrain is essential for propelling regional collaboration and prosperity while addressing pressing, shared challenges. This cooperation likewise has tremendous economic potential for both nations.

Bahrain holds significant advantages for investment and business collaboration. It provides an access point to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) market for rolling out new ventures and products and the country's agility has translated to it being a leading force in regional development initiatives. The Kingdom offers several additional benefits to businesses, including its proximity to Saudi Arabia and it has passed supportive legislation and taxation policy in specific areas like financial services to attract investors.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is also currently investing in technology and building a strong digital economy, making it attractive for Israeli startups to seek business partnerships.

The government of Bahrain has established various institutions such as Tamkeen, the Economic Development Board, and the Bahrain Development Bank, to support and nurture the private sector, startups, and companies in growth stages. This is part of Bahrain's effort to diversify the economy, chiefly by integrating innovation and technology. These efforts are making a substantial impact. For example, Bahrain has reduced the proportion of oil and gas in its GNP from 40% to less than 20%.

Bahrain's growing investment in innovation is working to create a fertile environment for startups to grow, while its strategic location and business-friendly policies are attracting foreign investments - what is left is infusing the ties between the two countries substance in the form of deal flow.

Israeli tech ecosystem stakeholders have started to note of Bahrain's immense potential, and numerous joint initiatives are currently underway, forging deeper relationships based on knowledge-sharing and innovation. Recently, Israel and Bahrain signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate in technology, research and development, in much-needed sectors such as healthcare, renewable energy, and water management - and this partnership is already bearing fruit.

Bahrain, like other Gulf countries or Morocco, has long-term national development

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plans with precise objectives. As a result, it is possible to accurately identify technology needs and understand how Israeli innovation can support or address these. Responding to regional sustainable development goals, Israeli innovation business leaders recognize the strategic value of this relationship and are

focused on expanding their business partnership with Bahrain.

Building a sustainable and lasting business relationship between Israel and Bahrain is a priority for Start-Up Nation Central. Our team is working with Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy to design an ecosystem development strategy tailored to Bahrain's local sphere of innovation. This project will propel Bahrain towards a knowledge economy - which is currently a national-level priority - and offer human capital solutions to Israel's hi-tech sector.

Further advancing these initiatives and strengthening ties between the two countries, Start-Up Nation Central with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in the Kingdom of Bahrain (MOIC), Bahrain's Economic Development Board (EDB), the Embassy of Bahrain in Israel, and the Embassy of Israel in the Kingdom of Bahrain, will jointly hold the Connect2Innovate Conference in Manama this month. The event will bring together governments, corporations, and investors, alongside Israeli innovation ecosystem leaders, to focus on challenges across fintech, logistics and supply chain, water, energy and climate.

The potential benefits of the ongoing partnership are significant for both countries. Bahrain's advanced laboratories, business ac-

celerators, and educational opportunities have made the Kingdom an ideal place for Israeli startups to find viable partners, especially in sectors where Israeli technological innovation has a competitive advantage, such as health, climate, and agrifood. Bahrain is an ideal place for Israeli companies to set up regional research and development hubs with low operating costs and significant labor subsidies - supplying an additional solution to combat the tech employment shortage in Israel.

Bahrain's investment in innovation and its focus on developing a knowledge-based economy has created an ideal environment for startups and businesses to grow, and on the flipside, Israel's strengths in technology and innovation can further fuel Bahrain's progress towards a diversified and thriving economy.

The partnership between our two countries has the potential to bring significant benefits to both - and the continued engagement we are fostering will cement the connections needed for long-term relationships with a clear focus on innovation and technology.

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North Korea adopts war deterrence measures: State media



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un observes a fire assault drill, at an undisclosed location in North Korea
 AFP | Seoul

North Korea has decided to take "important practical" war deterrence measures, state media reported yesterday, a day before Seoul and Washington begin their largest joint military drills in five years.

The decision was made at a meeting of the ruling party's military commission presided over by leader Kim Jong Un, according to the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

"The meeting discussed and adopted the important practical steps for making more effective, powerful and offensive use of the war deterrent," KCNA said.

The report said the move was aimed at "coping with the present situation in which the war provocations of the US and South Korea are reaching the red-line," but did not elaborate on the measures.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

DR. ABDELGADIR WARSAMA

The climate crisis is a water crisis & women are bearing the brunt of it, confronting the effects of climate change every day. Embedding gender equity into climate policies is critical. Women must be at the heart of #ClimateAction & #WaterAction.

@antonio guteres

02

I conferred the title of Hero of Ukraine upon Oleksandr Matsiyevsky. A Ukrainian warrior. A man who will be known and remembered forever. For his bravery, for his confidence in Ukraine and for his "Glory to Ukraine!". Glory to the Heroes! Glory to Ukraine!

@ZelenskyyUa

03

Some House Republicans want to gut Medicare to cut taxes for big corporations and the wealthy. How is that fair to Americans who paid into the program their whole lives? My budget will strengthen Medicare and lower costs for seniors.

@POTUS

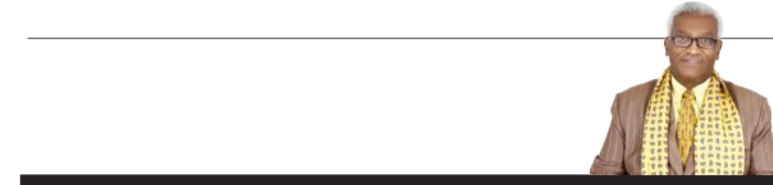
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We are very glad to launch the new Universal Health Coverage handbook, a joint project of the @IPU-parliament and @WHO, which can guide parliamentarians along the path towards #HealthForAll, including on law-making, finance, taxation and accountability. #IPU146

@DrTeros

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The legal concept of Agency Relationship



DR. ABDELGADIR WARSAMA

Many points were raised and many questions were asked by many concerned entities regarding the agency relationship (alwakala) between the agent (alwakeel) and the principal (alaseel), particularly the concept of agency in general and the duties of the appointed agent in particular. Many other issues were also raised due to the problems that relate to the agency transactions taking place every day in different fields of business/trade activities.

To begin with, in an attempt to explain the legal concept and meaning of agency relationship and the limits conferred on the agent, we say that an agency relationship is the fiduciary relationship which results from the manifestation of a consent by one person (who is the principal - alaseel) to another person (who is the agent - alwakeel) wherein the other i.e. the principal to appoint an agent who shall act on his behalf and subject to his control and consent to the acts taken by the other party i.e. the agent.

In other words, to create an agency relationship there must be a principal and an agent who mutually consent that the agent will act on behalf of the principal and be subject to his control. By this mutual agreement they are giving their consent to create a fiduciary relationship.

Based on the above, it is clear that consent, control and a fiduciary relationship are necessary to establish an agency relationship between any interested parties.

To establish consent, legally speaking, the principal must ask the agent to do something and likewise the agent must agree to do what he has been asked to do. Without or in the absence of such process of consent there will be no agency relationship.

Control of the principal is required and based on this the principals are liable for the acts of their agents because they exercise control over their agents. If principals direct their agents to commit an act, it seems fair to hold the principal liable when that act causes harm or damage to another person.

This point of control is very crucial to determine the legal status of the agency and the liability of the principal who will be of no liability unless there is agency relationship conferring a certain degree of control from him regarding the acts of his agent. In other words, an agent and principal must not only consent to an agency relationship, but the principal must also have control over the agent.

As explained above an agency relationship between the two parties is a form of a fiduciary relationship which constitutes a certain type of special relationship with high standards. The beneficiary places special confidence in the fiduciary who, in turn, is obligated to act in good faith and perform his duty in every aspect in good faith.

This high standard of duty and good faith requires that the agent works for the interest of the principal and the interest of the agency relationship and, in this respect, to put his own personal needs second in line. This is basically because the purpose of the fiduciary relationship is for one person to benefit another. Agents have, and are required to have, a fiduciary duty to their principals. They have already accepted to undertake this special duty by giving their consent to form the agency relationship with the principal.

All three elements i.e., the consent, the control and the fiduciary duty are necessary to form or create an agency relationship. However, we need to mention that in some relationships, for example, there might be a fiduciary duty but no control. A trustee of a trust must act for the benefit of the beneficiaries, but the beneficiaries have no right to control the trustee. Therefore, a trustee even though he is doing fiduciary duty but he is not an agent for the beneficiaries.

Consent, in real terms, is actually present in every contractual relationship, but this does not necessarily mean that the two parties are agent and principal in every contract. The contractual relationships cover many other issues apart from and in addition to the agency relationship. For example, if A sells his car to B, they both expect to benefit under this contract but neither of them, in this contract, has a fiduciary duty to the other and also neither controls the other, so there is no agency relationship based on the consent of A & B to form this contract.

The above highlights the concept of agency relationship and the legal requirements needed to form this type of contractual relationship. This background is very necessary to clearly understand the extent of the legal duties of the agent and the principal, based on this each party must understand his part and perform it as required by the law and the terms of the agency contract.

The agency relationship, nowadays, plays a very crucial role in promoting trade and all types of business activities at both the internal and external ends. The agency relationship connects parties from different parts of the world and opens the doors of the globe to every corner in any place. What is really good about agency relationship, it could help you a lot in extending your trade limits through exporting or importing your products or services to all parts of the world without going there. Above points shall be taken in consideration, however, we need to say that some laws governing agency, are giving more details & requirements. You need to know the law, local or foreign, to be aware of all areas.

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celebs

Selena Gomez 'lied' about bodyshaming trolls

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Selena Gomez "lied" when she said she wasn't bothered by insults from bodyshaming trolls.

The 30-year-old pop star/actress has previously insisted she wasn't affected by negative online comments about her appearance following her diagnosis with auto-immune disorder lupus in 2014 after her medication caused her weight to fluctuate - and she's now admitted the mean remarks really hurt her but she was determined not to let the haters win.

Speaking in her Apple TV+ series 'Dear ...', she explained: "I lied. I would go online and post a picture of myself and I would say: 'It doesn't matter. I'm not accepting what you're saying', all the while being in the room posting that crying my eyes out, 'cause nobody deserves to hear those things."

Selena went on to add: "People just ran with it [the insults]. It was like they couldn't wait to find a thing to bring me down. I was being shamed for gaining weight because of my lupus."

"I was posting these things, saying it doesn't bother me

because I didn't want it to bother other people who are experiencing the same thing, getting shamed for what they look like, who they are, who they love. I just think it's so unfair. I don't think that anybody deserves to feel less than."

It comes after Selena recently opened up about the effect her



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SELENA GOMEZ

medication has on her body - and shared an uplifting message with her followers.

Speaking in a TikTok video, the 'Only Murders in the Building' star told her fans: "When I'm taking it [the medication], I tend to hold a lot of water weight, and that happens very normally. When I'm off of it, I tend to kind of lose weight."

"I just wanted to say and encourage anyone out there who feels any sort of shame for exactly what they're going through and no one knows the real story."

"I just want people to know that you're beautiful, and you're wonderful."

Seth Rogen believes not having kids made him more successful

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Seth Rogen believes not having children has helped him be more successful.

The 'Fabelmans' actor married Lauren Miller in 2011 after dating for seven years and the couple opted not to start a family, something the 40-year-old star believes has allowed him to focus more of his time and energy on his career and creative pursuits.

Speaking on 'The Diary of a CEO' podcast, he said of not having kids: "That has helped me succeed as well, definitely."

Explaining how he can give his work more focus, he added: "[Because] there's a whole huge thing I'm not doing, which is raising children."

Seth admitted he and Lauren have often been told they'd be happier if they were parents, but he insisted they've never regretted their decision because they can do "whatever [they] want".



Seth Rogen

He said: "Some people want kids. Some people don't want kids."

"Honestly, you just are told, you go through life, you get married, you have kids. That's what happens. And me and my wife, neither of us were like that. Honestly, the older we get, the more happy and reaffirmed we are with our choice to not have kids."

"We are in the prime of our lives. We are smarter than we've ever been, we understand ourselves more than we ever have, we have the capacity to achieve a level of work and a level of communication and care for one another, and a lifestyle we can live with one another, that we've never been able to live before."

The 'Long Shot' actor joked he and Lauren get more "active enjoyment" from their child-free status than their friends who have kids get from their lives.

He laughed: "Me and my wife seem to get a lot more active enjoyment out of not having kids than anyone I know seems to get out of having kids."

Salma Hayek no longer feels defined by her sexuality

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Salma Hayek no longer feels defined by her sexuality.

The 'From Dusk till Dawn' star says she is appreciated for much more than just her beauty now she's hit her 50s and she feels much more respected by those around her at this stage in her life.

She told GQ Hype: "I'm at a place in my life where I don't think my sexuality is the only thing that's appreciated anymore. But if it was, I wouldn't care, because I've built enough respect around me from the people that really matter that I feel seen beyond that."

In the interview, Salma, 56, also opened up about being typecast in Hollywood - revealing she longed to play comedic roles but no one was willing to give her the chance to show her funny side.



Salma Hayek

Paul Rudd shares secret to his youthful looks

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Paul Rudd has insisted the key to his youthful looks is getting a good night's sleep.

The 53-year-old 'Ant-Man' star has opened up about how he stays looking young and has revealed logging a solid eight hours sleep a night is crucial to looking and feeling good - even more than hitting the gym.

When asked about the secret to his "eternal youth", Rudd told Men's Health magazine: "Sleep. Then diet. Then weights. Then cardio. People ask me, 'Can you send me your meal plan? How many times a week do you work out? Do you drink? Do you eat carbs? Do you have a cheat day?'"

"The most important part of training is sleep. People will set their alarm and then sleep for four hours and they'll get up so that they can train. They're doing themselves a disservice. If you can somehow get eight hours of sleep ..."



Paul Rudd

Austin Butler damaged his vocal cords singing Elvis Presley song 40 times

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Austin Butler damaged his vocal cords while filming 'Elvis' because he had to do so much singing.

The 31-year-old screen star has been nominated for a Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of Elvis Presley in Baz Luhrmann's biopic but playing The King wasn't easy and he injured himself by belting out the music legend's hits over and over - with one performance being repeated 40 times to get the right take.

Austin has also struggled to ditch the Southern accent

he adopted to play Elvis, and during an appearance on 'The Graham Norton Show', he explained: "I am getting rid of the accent, but I have probably damaged my vocal cords with all that singing. One song took 40 takes!"

Austin also opened up about working with acting veteran Tom Hanks, who played Elvis' manager Colonel Tom Parker in the film.

The actor told the host: "I had no idea what it was going to be like meeting someone you have admired for so long. You hope they would be warm to you, but you never really know."

"He is such a master of his



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craft, and I was intimidated, but the first time I met him he gave me the biggest bear hug and joked about how nervous he was. When I said I was terrified,

he said: 'And, nobody knows what Colonel Parker sounds like, but everyone knows what Elvis sounds like!'"

The Graham Norton Show' airs on BBC One on Friday February 3 at 10.40pm. It is also available on BBC iPlayer.



Austin Butler

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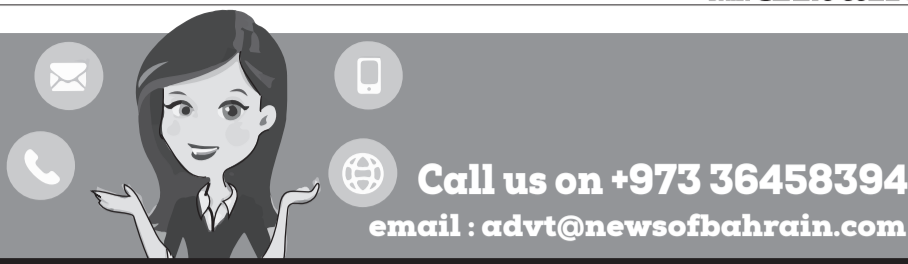
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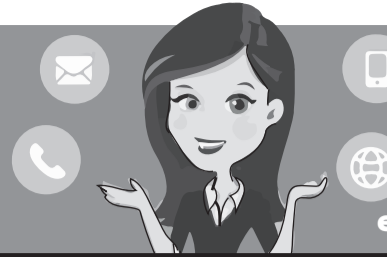
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Bangladesh stun hapless England to seal T20 series

AFP | Dhaka

Mehidy Hasan Miraz shone with ball and bat as minnows Bangladesh stunned world champions England to win the second Twenty20 international by four wickets and seal the series 2-0.

Mehidy bowled a career-best 4-12 to help the hosts bowl out England for 117 before he hit 20 off 16 balls as Bangladesh raced to 120-6 in 18.5 overs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka.

The defeat, which followed a six-wicket loss in the first T20, was a wake-up call for England's white ball unit before the 50-over World Cup on similarly tricky low-bounce Indian pitches later this year.

Najmul Hossain top-scored with 46 not out for Bangladesh, who have now won at least one series in one format



Bangladesh's Taskin Ahmed (L) celebrates with teammate Najmul Hossain Shanto after their win

against all Test-playing countries.

Sent into bat first, England were rarely in the contest after losing their way in the middle of the innings as their batsmen struggled to cope with a low and slow wicket in Mirpur.

Shakib Al Hasan, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud and Mustafizur Rahman each complemented Mehidy with a wicket apiece.

Mathews ton inspires Sri Lanka, New Zealand chase falters

AFP | Christchurch

A classy century from Angelo Mathews and the early wicket of Devon Conway kept Sri Lanka's World Championship hopes alive in the first Test against New Zealand yesterday.

"We've given ourselves a great chance to win the Test match," Mathews said after his masterful 115, made from nearly six hours in the middle in Christchurch.

His innings rescued Sri Lanka from a tight spot and led the tourists to a second innings total of 302.

That set New Zealand a target of 285, and the home side were 28 for one by stumps after 17 overs, with Conway out for five.

Tom Latham was not out 11 with Kane Williamson on seven, with New Zealand requiring 257 on the final day. The highest fourth-innings score at Hagley Oval is 256 for eight in a drawn Test.

"We had to work extremely



Angelo Mathews and Dinesh Chandimal take a run

hard to get those runs and we've got the fast bowlers to exploit the conditions," Mathews said.

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ANGELO MATHEWS

Kiwis."

Sri Lanka need another nine wickets on the final day but their chances could be dashed by rain that is forecast for the morning.

New Zealand have only pride at stake but Sri Lanka, playing their first Test in seven months, are chasing their ticket to the World Test Championship final against Australia.

They must win in Christchurch as well as the sec-

ond Test in Wellington to make the final.

Sri Lanka also need Australia to win or draw their current fourth Test against India.

There was jubilation in the Sri Lankan camp when Kasun Rajitha had Conway caught and bowled for five, and similar scenes when he thought he had Williamson lbw without scoring.

Sri Lanka reviewed the not out call but Williamson, who only made one in the first innings, was safe.

Mathews went to the middle late Saturday with Sri Lanka in trouble at 81 for three, which became 95 for four early yesterday with the dismissal of night-watchman Prabhath Jayasuriya.

But New Zealand's confidence was dented as the 35-year-old Mathews put on 105 for the fifth wicket with Dinesh Chandimal and added a further 60 with Dhananjaya de Silva before he was dismissed by Matt Henry.

Indian Club darts championship wraps up with exciting finale

TDT | Manama

The Indian Club recently held its 'Open Darts Singles/ Doubles Championship' powered by Darts Bay from March 9 to 11, in the club's premises.

The event was a huge success with approximately 100 players from different nationalities and GCC nationals participating in the tournament.

The tournament finale saw the presence of members from the Bahrain Snooker, Billiards and Darts Federation, who witnessed the thrilling matches.



Winners and the organisers pose for a photo

A total cash prize of \$4000 was awarded to the winners, runner ups, semi-finalists, and

many more, along with the trophies.

The President and the Exec-

utive Committee of the Indian Club expressed their sincere gratitude to the main sponsor

of the tournament - BMMI, the Tournament Directors D. Ramesh, Ashwin D., and Aref

Murad (Darts Bay), and the volunteers.

In the doubles category, the team of Richie Agulay and Alain Alaibi (UAE) emerged victorious, while in the singles category, Alain Alaibi (UAE) clinched the title.

Ebrahim Al Hashini had the highest finish in the tournament, making him one of the standout players of the event.

The Indian Club Open Darts Championship 2023 was a testament to the growing popularity of the sport in the region, and the organizers are looking forward to hosting more events in the future.

Manama, Muharraq to kick off qualifying bids for King Salman Cup

● **Manama to play away leg against Al Hilal Omdurman of Sudan tonight**

● **Muharraq to host Al Seeb of Oman in opening home fixture tomorrow**

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Muharraq's Bahrain international goalkeeper Sayed Mohammed Jaafar during a team training in preparation for their match with Seeb

Bahrain clubs Manama and Muharraq kick off their qualifying campaigns this week for the 2023 King Salman Clubs Cup, the region's top tournament organised by the Union of Arab Football Associations (UFAA) that is also known as the Arab Club Champions Cup.

Both Bahraini sides are amongst 24 teams in the two-leg qualifying phase.

Manama are taking on Al Hilal Omdurman of Sudan, while Muharraq are playing Al Seeb of Oman.

Manama take to the pitch for their away fixture tonight at Al Hilal Stadium in the Sudanese city of Omdurman. Their return leg at home will then be on April 10.

Muharraq, on the other hand, face off with Seeb in the first leg tomorrow. The game will be played at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa at

Muharraq Club in Arad. The return fixture will then be held in Muscat on April 4.

After the first qualification stage, the 12 winners will advance to a second phase, which will then determine the six teams that will move on to the group stage, where 10 teams have already entered directly.

These sides include champion clubs from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

The tournament carries a huge prize purse, with the champions pocketing a cool US\$6million. The runners-up get \$2.5million, while the semi-finalists each take home \$200,000 and the quarter-finalists \$150,000 each.

Arsenal regain five-point lead with Fulham stroll



Fulham's Sasa Lukic (C) vies with Arsenal's Martin Odegaard (L)

● **Casemiro sent off as Man Utd draw**

AFP | London

Arsenal powered five points clear at the top of the Premier League with a stylish 3-0 win at Fulham, while Casemiro was sent off in Manchester United's 0-0 draw against struggling Southampton yesterday.

Mikel Arteta's side had seen second placed Manchester City close the gap with victory at Crystal Palace on Saturday. The Gunners responded with the kind of composed display that has been the hallmark of their unexpected title charge.

First-half goals from Gabriel Magalhaes, Gabriel Martinelli and Martin Odegaard -- all set up by the influential Leandro Trossard -- put Arsenal on course for a fifth consecutive league win.

With 11 league games left, the north Londoners have the title in their sights.

Since being knocked out of

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pole position after a defeat against City, which came during a run of four games without a win, Arsenal have shown the mettle of potential champions with a strong response to that wobble.

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There was more good news for Arsenal in the last 14 minutes as Brazil forward Gabriel Jesus made his first appearance since injuring his knee at last year's World Cup.

Dar Kulaib in last eight of West Asian volleyball

Bahraini volleyball giants cruise past South Gas SC of Iraq in straight sets



Dar Kulaib players celebrate with one another after scoring in the match

● **Mohammed Yaqoob top scores for Dar Kulaib with 17 points, Nasser Anan contributes 14**

● **Dar Kulaib wrap up Group B campaign this afternoon against Shabab Al Hussein of Jordan at 4pm**

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Bahrain volleyball giants Dar Kulaib last night secured their berth in the quarter-finals of the first West Asia Men's Club Championship, currently being played in Amman, Jordan.

Dar Kulaib ensured their place after cruising past South Gas SC of Iraq 3-0 (25-21, 25-16, 25-19) in their third Group B fixture of the tournament's preliminary round.

It was their second win in three matches after previously defeating Shabab Nabi Ilyas from Palestine in their first assignment but then losing to Al

Rayyan of Qatar in their follow-up game.

They have one match to play in this stage of the competition. It will be tomorrow against Shabab Al Hussein of Jordan, starting at 4pm, Bahrain time.

The tie will determine their final standing in their pool heading into the round of eight.

Dar Kulaib got off to a good start yesterday against South Gas and they sealed the first set with a double block between Nasser Anan and Hassan Alaiwi.



Dar Kulaib have sealed their place in the last eight with one match to go, the result of which will determine their final raking in Group B and their opponents in the quarter-finals



Dar Kulaib's Mohammed Yaqoob scores against South Gas' double block

The Bahrainis cruised to a more dominant second-set win, which ended on an opponents' service error. Dar Kulaib then rode their momentum in the third set, going ahead early, which allowed Brazilian head coach Leandro Kakaroto to end the contest with more of their younger players alongside veteran stars Mohammed Yaqoob and Mahmoud Abdulwahed.

Yaqoob eventually supplied the spike that pegged the final score. The Bahrain international star finished as the team's leading scorer with 17 points, while Anan, who has signed from Al Ahli for this tournament, contributed 14 points in the win.

Also playing key roles for Dar Kulaib yesterday were Ali Habib, Ayman Isa, libero Hussain Sultan, and Argentinian profes-

sional Juan Barrera. Dar Kulaib are the lone Bahraini side in the competition, which is being organised and run by the West Asia Volleyball Association and is scheduled to take place until March 18.

Group A in the tournament features Kuwait SC of Kuwait, Police SC of Qatar, Almeena VC of Yemen, Oman SC of Oman and home team Al Wadhat.

Following a single round-robin, the top four teams in each group march through to the tournament's quarter-finals, which will be held in the knockout system.

Aside from the West Asia men's tournament, Dar Kulaib are also set to compete in the Golden Square semi-finals of the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

Manama face unbeaten Kuwait Club in WASL basketball

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Bahrain league champions Manama Club have travelled to Kuwait City to play Kuwait Club tonight in their penultimate game of the Gulf sub-zone in the FIBA West Asia Super League (WASL).

The WASL is a new basketball competition sanctioned by FIBA, the sport's global governing body. Manama are one of 16 teams in the inaugural edition. They are in Group B of the Gulf sub-zone alongside Al Sadd of Qatar, Al Nasr Riyadh of Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. The Bahrainis face each of the three sides in home-and-away contests.

The Bahrainis have won three of their four games so far and will be facing the undefeated Kuwaitis in a crucial clash, scheduled for a 7.30pm tip-off tonight at Shaikh Saad Alabdullah Sport Hall Complex.

The Manama delegation left for Kuwait City yesterday after completing their preparations in the Kingdom.

Manama triumphed in their



Manama's Ahmed Abdulaziz and Hassan Nowrooz during training

last WASL fixture against Nasr 105-74 in January, and will be looking to maintain their win-

ning ways. Their final assignment will be against Sadd on 21 March at home.

Standings

	P	W	L	+/-	Pts
Kuwait Club (KUW)	4	4	0	42	8
Manama (BRN)	4	3	1	36	7
Al Sadd (QAT)	4	1	3	-20	5
Al Nasr Riyadh (KSA)	4	0	4	-58	4

Group A in the Gulf sub-zone comprises Al Hilal of Saudi, Shabab Al Ahli of the UAE, Al Basheer Club of Oman and Kazma SC of Kuwait.

Following the group stage, the top team from each will then advance to the semi-finals, while the second and third will face-off in qualification to determine the semi-final match-ups.

Eventually, the top three teams from the WASL Gulf sub-zone will qualify—along with the WASL West Asia sub zone—for the WASL Final 8, where they will be joined by Champions of South Asia and Central Asia.

The WASL Final 8 will qualify for FIBA Asia Champions Cup 2023, on the road to FIBA Intercontinental Cup 2023, FIBA's highest club competition.

Abdulqader claims grand prize in Nasser bin Hamad Show Jumping Championship

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Mohammed Abdulqader has emerged victorious in the Nasser bin Hamad Show Jumping Championship, held at the Military Sports Federation in Al Raffah under the patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Honourary President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF).

The event drew a large audience, who witnessed some intense competitions.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa praised the thrilling showdowns and congratulated the winners of the event, saying the high level of performances reflects the extent of development show jumping is witness-



Winners celebrate with their trophies

ing in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Mahmood Abdulqader claimed the Championship's grand prize in a faultless performance that featured 135/145cm hurdles, posting a time of 52.39 seconds.

He was followed by Haytham Al Bastaki of the Ministry of Interior, who finished in 57.23 seconds, and Mayoof Al Rumaihi, who came third in 61.14 seconds. HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of BREEF and

the board members of the Federation crowned the top three winners.

In addition to the main competition, the Championship also featured three other contests for senior athletes. Mayoof



A participant in action

Al Rumaihi won the first and second positions in the third contest, which saw participants jumping over 105/115cm hurdles.

Al Rumaihi also emerged victorious in the fourth competi-

tion, which included 115/125cm hurdles, while veteran athlete Sami Ghazwan continued his dominance of the joker hurdle contest, winning it with a time of 53.68 seconds and 65 points.

Najma win Gulf handball group

Bahrain league champions advance to semi-finals as top team from preliminary round pool

● Al Najma win nail-biter against Al Arabi of Qatar to finish Group A with undefeated record in three games

● Bahrain's other tournament participant, Al Ahli, look to secure final-four spot with win tonight against Sharjah of UAE

TDT | Manama

Bahrain league champions Al Najma wrapped up their preliminary round campaign in the 39th Gulf Clubs Men's Handball Championship last night with a nail-biting 27-26 victory over Al Arabi of Qatar.

The Bahrainis secured their place in the semi-finals as winners of Group A in the first stage of the competition, which is currently being played at the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town.

It was Najma's third straight win and they will next face in the final four the runners-up of Group B, who will be determined tonight.

Egyptian national team star Ahmed Alahmer scored two key goals for Najma in last night's win. He made back-to-back conversions that broke a 24-all



Najma's Ahmed Al Maqabi goes for goal against Arabi last night

Standings

(*Advanced to semi-finals)

Group A						
	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Al Najma (BRN)*	3	3	0	0	14	6
Al Arabi (QAT)*	3	2	0	1	7	4
Al Salmiya (KUW)	3	1	0	2	-2	2
Al Seeb (OMA)	3	0	0	3	-19	0

Group B						
	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Kuwait SC (KUW)*	2	2	0	0	8	4
Al Ahli (BRN)	2	1	0	1	-6	2
Sharjah (UAE)	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Al Safa (KSA)	2	0	1	1	-1	1

deadlock and gave the home side a two-goal cushion heading into

the match's closing moments.

Arabi were able to get back to within one, but then Adel Mohammed restored Najma's two-goal advantage with just 30 seconds to play. Although Arabi replied once again, it was too late as Najma held on to claim the hard-earned, single-goal triumph while handing their opponents their first loss of the tournament.

Earlier in the contest, Arabi led 8-7 in the first half but then Najma strung together the next four goals. Young Qassim Qamhar then scored just before the break to help give Najma a slim 12-11 edge heading into the locker rooms.



Bahrain club Al Ahli will need to win their final Group B game tonight against Sharjah Club of the UAE to secure their place in the semi-finals. They are currently second on the table behind Kuwait SC of Kuwait and ahead of Sharjah and Al Safa of Saudi Arabia



Action from Al Salmiya's win over Al Seeb last night

After the re-start, Najma powered ahead 22-18 but Arabi fought back gradually to tie the proceedings at 24-all. That set the stage for Alahmer's crucial goals, and the final conversion for Najma by Mohammed.

Also playing key roles for the Bahrainis were goalkeeper Mohammed Abdullhussain, who was named Player of the Match, along with Mohammed Habib, Mohammed Mirza, Hassan Mirza, Ahmed Al Maqabi, and Alahmer's fellow-Egyptian national team standout Hassan Kaddah.

In yesterday's other Group A fixture, Al Salmiya of Kuwait defeated Al Seeb of Oman 27-23 to come away with their first win of the championship. Both teams had already been eliminated from semi-final contention, but will be playing for their final classification.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's other participant in the tournament, Al Ahli will be looking to secure their semi-final berths when they play Sharjah Club of the UAE tonight at 7pm at the same venue.

Coached by Ali Anzour, Ahli have split their first two games

in the tournament, first suffering a 20-27 loss to Kuwait SC but then bouncing back against Al Safa of Saudi Arabia 22-21 on Saturday night with a last-second goal by Anwar bin Abdulla.

Ahli are currently second in Group B with two points, and must win against Sharjah to ensure their advancement to the next stage. Kuwait and Safa face off in the other game at 5pm.

Following today's conclusion to the preliminaries, the semi-finals will take place with the top two clubs from each of the two groups advancing.

Kohli mega-ton gives India sniff of victory in 4th Australia Test

AFP | Ahmedabad

Virat Kohli hit his first Test century in over three years with a towering 186 yesterday to give India a sniff of what would be a stunning victory in the fourth Test against Australia.

The hosts finished their first innings on 571 to overhaul Australia's 480 and get a first-innings lead of 91 on another run-filled day four at

the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad.

Kohli was the last man out after he fell to Todd Murphy in the final session of play as India lost their ninth wicket and Shreyas Iyer did not bat due to back pain.

His wife, Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma, took to social media after the end of day's play to say the former captain was "playing through sickness" during his epic

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Test hundreds have been scored by Virat Kohli

knock.

Australia reached three for no loss at stumps with Travis Head getting the runs while alongside nightwatchman Matthew Kuhnemann.

The left-handed Kuhnemann made a surprise entry to the crease after opener Usman Khawaja, who hit 180 in Australia's innings, did not come out to bat after getting hurt on the field.



India's Virat Kohli watches the ball after playing a shot