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## Scam calls alert

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The Anti-Cyber Crimes Directorate of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security has warned of scam calls asking people for their One Time Passport (OTP).

It said that the scammers seek through these phone calls to access the passwords of online banking services.

The directorate said that banks don't ask for passwords through phone calls or text messages.

## Iran clamps down on school protests

Iran has begun arresting teenage schoolgirls and students who have taken part in anti-regime protests following the death of Mahsa Amini, according to The Times.

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Bishop Hinder commends Bahrain as 'model for peaceful co-existence' of different faiths

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Bahrain is a model for the peaceful coexistence of the many different faiths who live and work side by side, thanks to the Kingdom's religious freedom and openness to a pluralistic world.

This was according to a leading bishop in an interview with the Crux, well-known for its coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church.

"For many of the Catholics in Bahrain, who have been eagerly awaiting this visit since the King of Bahrain personally invited the Pope, this is like a dream come true," Bishop Paul Hinder, the Apostolic Administrator for the Vicariate Apostolic of Northern Arabia, said ahead of the historic visit by Pope Francis to Bahrain upon an invitation from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

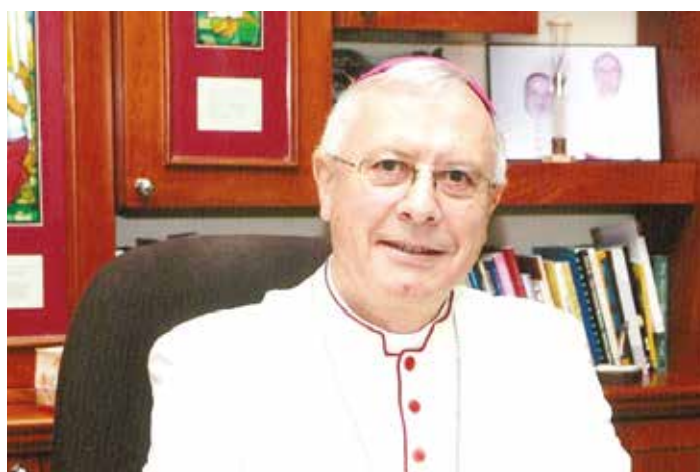
Highlighting Bahrain's unique religious composition and tolerance, Bishop Hinder noted: "The Kingdom has been very



Bahrain has over 80,000 Roman Catholics, the majority of them migrants from various countries, including the Indian Subcontinent and the Philippines.

welcoming to the expatriate Christian community and provides a climate of openness and tolerance for people of different beliefs to practise their faith.

"Bahrain is a vibrant community with a rich cultural mix – a model for peaceful co-existence of the many different faiths who live and work side by side in the island nation."



Bishop Hinder

## Schedule

The Pope will visit Bahrain on November 3-6 and will take part in the Bahrain Dialogue Forum: The East and The West for Human Coexistence".

The Forum, on November 3-4, is within Bahrain's keenness and strategic direction to build bridges of dialogue between leaders of faith and leaders of

thought, culture and media, in cooperation with Al Azhar, the Catholic Church, the Muslim Council of Elders, and international institutions concerned with dialogue, human coexistence and tolerance.

## Relations

Bishop Hinder said that relations between Bahrain and the Vatican have progressed greatly

in recent years.

"In 2014, His Majesty King Hamad presented a model of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Arabia to Pope Francis and also extended an invitation to the Pontiff to visit the Kingdom. This was followed by visits of the Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Salman in 2020 and the King's representative who again renewed the invitation in 2021," he told the Crux.



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## 'Heartbreaking' loss

# 477 whales die in New Zealand strandings

Wellington

Some 477 pilot whales have died after stranding themselves on two remote New Zealand beaches over recent days, officials say.

None of the stranded whales could be refloated and all either died naturally or were euthanised in a "heartbreaking" loss, said Daren Grover, the general manager of Project Jonah, a non-profit group which helps rescue whales.

The whales beached themselves on the Chatham Islands, which are home to about 600 people and located about 800 kilometres (500 miles) east of



Dead pilot whales line Tupuangi Beach in New Zealand's Chatham Archipelago

New Zealand's main islands.

The Department of Conser-

vation said 232 whales stranded themselves Friday at Tupuangi



Scientists don't know exactly what causes the whales to strand, although it appears their location systems can get confused by gently sloping sandy beaches.

Beach and another 245 at Waihere Bay on Monday.

The deaths come two weeks after about 200 pilot whales died in Australia after stranding themselves on a remote Tasmanian beach.

Whales stranded on Ocean Beach at Macquarie Harbor on the west coast of Australia's island state of Tasmania, Sept. 21, 2022.

"These events are tough, challenging situations," the Department of Conservation wrote in a Facebook post. "Although they are natural occurrences, they are still sad and difficult for those helping."

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# Electoral slogans fill air as hopefuls woo voters

Civic, social and economic issues become topics of electoral debate

Staff Reporter  
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From electricity and water bills to unemployment and traffic jams, all civic issues are finding a place in the electoral slogans raised by the candidates as they attempt to woo the voters since the filing of nominations.

Woman candidates have added “empowerment of women” as well to the agenda.

Manal Ibrahim, who is contesting from the eighth constituency of Southern Governorate Municipal Council, said she intends the democratic empowerment of Bahraini women by contesting in polls. “The Southern Governorate Municipal Council has maximum male members and I want to make a difference by contesting in polls.”

Among the 561 candidates contesting in 40 parliamentary and 30 municipal council seats, 107 are women, creating a mile-



Candidate Manal Ibrahim speaks to a member of the media at one of the electoral supervisory centres

stone in the empowerment of women within the democratic process.

Candidate Ibrahim Al Nafii has an electoral agenda that calls for setting up more colleges catering to Bahraini students. He wants these colleges to be affiliated to the University of Bahrain and should offer courses related to agriculture and petroleum engineering.

Candidate Ahmed Al Salloum

is ambitious in legislating laws that exclusively reserve many jobs for Bahrainis. He also seeks more projects under the public housing schemes apart from suggesting amendments to the Commercial Registration laws.

Former Parliament member Ali Yaqoub Al Muqla said he is running for the polls to work on behalf of the citizens supporting their needs. He also wants to contribute towards His Majes-

ty's welfare projects that are vital to the progress of the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, many poll hopefuls are waiting to hear on their appeals after their nominations were rejected by the electoral committee over criminal accusations, address issues, absence of name in the voters' list as well as lack of Arabic proficiency.

Among the prominent citizens whose candidatures were rejected was Hassan Rajab and Hamid Samir, who filed the nomination to represent the Second Electoral Constituency of the Capital Governorate.

Former lawmaker Ali Shamout's candidature was as well rejected. Saeed Al Sammak, who filed the nomination to represent the Sixth Electoral Constituency in the Capital Governorate, also had his candidature rejected while Isa Rabie's (Eighth Elec-



toral Constituency) nomination was subjected to rejection by the electoral authorities.

Speaking to members of the media earlier, Issa Sami Al Mannai, the Undersecretary for Justice and Islamic Affairs within the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, said potential candidates can file appeals through the national portal bahrain.bh.

“The electronic appeals service that can be found in the electoral website will be available round the clock during this specific period and the ministry has issued a set of guidelines for the process.”

According to the law, any potential candidate has the right to appeal the decision by the electoral supervisory committee before higher judicial authorities and a decision will be taken by the higher judicial authority



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— MANAL IBRAHIM, EIGHTH CONSTITUENCY OF SOUTHERN GOVERNORATE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

within seven days of filing the appeal.

The committees must issue their final decisions by October 15, which can be challenged in court no later than October 18, and the court rulings must be issued by October 25.

The final list of candidates will be announced on October 26. The Kingdom will head to the polls on November 12 with a run-off fixed on November 19.

## Incumbent candidate's Instagram account hacked

Staff Reporter  
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Hackers have taken over the Instagram account of incumbent parliamentary poll candidate Ahmed Al Salloum.

It is learnt that hacking was carried out by a group of hackers from outside the Kingdom.

The hackers were asking money from many, which was denied by the lawmaker's social media campaign team.

Mr Al Salloum has filed a complaint with the Cybercrime Department within the Interior Ministry and a probe is on.

Efforts are being made to restore the account, it is learnt.

The MP's campaign team informed that a “systematic image distortion campaign” was



A screenshot of the Instagram page that was hacked from outside the country



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being carried out by many from outside the country using fake Instagram and Facebook accounts against the lawmaker.

“We have firm belief in the cybercrime department and are hopeful that the issue will be resolved soon.”

## Bahrain-UAE defence cooperation deal

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National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and UAE Armed Forces Deputy Chief of Staff General Issa Saif bin Ablan Al Mazrouei attended a signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding between the

Bahrain Defence Force and the UAE Ministry of Defence.

The MoU is related to cooperation between the two countries in the field of training and conducting joint exercises.

Also present were Royal Guard Special Force Commander Lieutenant-Colonel HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al

Khalifa and Brigadier General Muslim Muhammad Saeed Al Rashidi, Deputy Comma

The agreement aims to lay the foundations and general principles for joint exercises related to combating terrorism and to enhance cooperation between the two sides in the field of exchanging military expertise.



### BDF progress

Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Captain His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed commended the efforts of HH Shaikh Mohammed in BDF's progress.

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# Papal visit aims to seek 'a war-free Middle East'

Pope Francis will be the first Pope to visit the Kingdom of Bahrain

● **Historic three-day apostolic journey set from November 3 to 6 this year**

● **Scheduled to visit Arabian Gulf's largest Roman Catholic Church in Awali**

● **To participate in forum to promote East and West human coexistence**

**Staff Reporter**  
**TDT | Manama**

The upcoming visit of 'Vic-ar of Christ' to the Kingdom is in line with the Vatican's and Pope Francis' aim to seek a 'war-free Middle East', Union of Catholic Asian News reported.

"The Supreme Pontiff was supposed to visit Bahrain as early as 2014 after the first meet-

ing at the Vatican between Pope Francis and King Hamad.

"But the United Arab Emirates visit came first. The Pope signed the Declaration for Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together along with Shaikh Ahmed Al Tayeb in Abu Dhabi on Feb 4, 2019. His Majesty King Hamad has endorsed the Document on Human Fraternity as a major milestone to foster religious harmony," the report said.

The report also praises the Kingdom for "being the greatest nation of tolerance in the whole region and world".

Pope Francis will travel to the Kingdom for a three-day visit in November – an occasion that is expected to attract tens of thousands of Catholics and other followers.

The pontiff, 85, will visit the Arabian Gulf's largest Roman Catholic Church in Awali.

This will be the second visit by the head of the church to the Arabian Gulf after Pope Francis's historic visit to the UAE in 2019.

"Pope Francis will make the announced apostolic journey



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to Bahrain from November 3 to 6 this year, visiting the cities of Manama and Awali on the occasion of the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence," the Vatican has said.

"A statement released by the Director of the Holy See Press Office said the Pope had accepted the invitation of the country's civil and ecclesial authorities.

"During his Apostolic Journey, the Pope will visit the cities



Pope Francis

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Pope Francis will be the first Pope to visit the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Royal Court later confirmed the news, announcing that Pope Francis will pay a historic visit upon the invitation of His Majesty.

His Holiness will participate in the "Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence," to be held under



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the patronage of His Majesty the King, the Royal Court said.

The Royal Court looks forward to welcoming His Holiness the Pope to the Kingdom of Bahrain, acknowledging his sincere efforts to promote a culture of dialogue and peaceful coexistence, a statement issued said.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa met Pope Francis during His Majesty's visit to the Vatican on May 19, 2014.

During the occasion, His Majesty also held talks with the Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and the former Secretary for Relations with States, Archbishop Dominique Mamberti.

According to a Holy See Press Office statement at the time, cordial discussions between the Bahraini King and the Pope focused on various themes of common interest, "with particular reference to the commitment towards peace and stability in the Middle East, as well as the promotion of dialogue and peaceful co-existence among all members of society."

Mention was also made of the Christian community's positive contribution to the country, and "appreciation was expressed for His Majesty's personal interest in the needs of the local Catholic community".

## Bahrain's second global forum on oil spills and environmental preservation

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Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina inaugurated the 2nd international Conference & Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas & Environment under the theme Sustainable Clean Seas.

The conference includes more than 500 participants, 60 international speakers and 30 companies representing more than 20 countries.

It aims to discuss the most important topics related to oil spills, exchanging knowledge and experiences, and reviewing best practices in oil spills and environmental preservation.

Dr Bin Daina thanked the organising committee for the efforts made in organising this global event and for choosing Bahrain to hold the conference



**Dr Bin Dain at the ribbon-cutting ceremony in its second edition.**

He stressed the Kingdom's keenness to provide support to such specialised conferences with a positive outcome on the environmental knowledge and development system, in addition to maintaining a clean environment free of pollutants.

The Minister noted the importance of the topics that the conference will address such as sustainable clean seas in terms of readiness, response and adaptation, crisis management, communications and media management, and the role and impact of leadership in managing oil spills.

He stressed the ministry's keenness to organise these conferences, which are considered among the training programs offered to creative Bahrainis capable of finding innovative, proactive and flexible solutions to face various spill types.

## Two women involved in child assault jailed

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A woman accused of physically assaulting a child in a nursery for a period of three years has been sentenced to three years behind bars, while another woman involved in filming her while committing the crime received one-year jail term.

Both of the defendants were also fined BD100 for the charge of working in the nursery without license. They will be permanently deported from the country after the execution of the penalty.

The Public Prosecution had received a report from the Budaiya Police Station that a nursery worker had physically assaulted a girl there. It was discovered that the assault was filmed by another worker in the same nursery.

The video went viral across social media platforms and was met by wide denunciation

in the Kingdom of Bahrain as many made their dismay felt on the Instagram account of the nursery.

The Public Prosecution began investigating the report and ordered the arrest of the workers for questioning. When confronted with the recorded clip they confessed to the charge and were detained.

Upon evidence that the nursery's license had expired and that its employees are not authorised to work in the field, the Public Prosecution ordered the closure of the nursery and assigned the child victim's case to the Child Protection Centre.

The accused were referred to the competent court, which issued the aforementioned ruling.

Meanwhile, the owner of the nursery was sentenced to two months for keeping the nursery open, although its license has expired, and he was fined BD1,000 for the crime.

## Left lane closure set

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Works Ministry said that the development work of Bani Utbah Street necessitates the closure of the left lane on the intersection with Osama Bin Zaid Street and its intersection with Street 3801 (Gulf Hotel) for eastbound traffic to Al Fateh Street.

## 23 face trial in BD75 million money laundering case

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The High Criminal Court has begun hearing a money laundering case worth BD75 million which involves 23 defendants who obtained a BD500 million loan from one of the Gulf countries.

They conducted money laundering operations on the amount

after defrauding the bank and evading installment payments.

Among the eight defendants are four British, a Turkish, an American, two Bahrainis, and an Asian, in addition to 15 companies which the suspects used to legalise the money.

The defendants were able to get a \$500 million bank loan

while they were in one of the Gulf countries.

They were successful in obtaining the loan after submitting papers and documents claiming their fields of business and investments. They made several transfers of money to various countries abroad and conducted suspicious commercial opera-

tions on the money to conceal the source of the funds and claim their authenticity.

According to investigations, they got the loan and transported \$75 million to Bahrain under the guise of investment, through the acquisition of real estate and land, as well as the formation of multiple fictional firms.

The two Bahrainis, who are brothers, attempted to disguise the source of the money to help the other defendants.

Meanwhile, the court decided to postpone the next session until October 18, 2022 to allow the defendants' lawyers to review the papers of the case and respond.



## BD441,000 fine for 20 convicted of trading in work permits

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) declared the issuance of judicial convictions against 20 defendants in cases related to the issuance of work permits for expatriate workers without need for them and trading in work permits.

The total fines amounted to BD441,000, while the investi-

gation is still ongoing across a range of other cases based on the Authority's commitment to implement the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to address illegal practices that would affect the competitiveness, fairness, and flexibility of the Bahrain labour market.

The LMRA confirmed that these

convictions were achieved by the efforts of the concerned parties in the Authority, in cooperation with the relevant government agencies in the Ministry of Interior and the General Directorate of Investigations and Criminal Evidence, in addition to the Public Prosecution and the judiciary.

LMRA Chief Executive Officer Nouf Abdulrahman Jamsheer stressed the importance of inter-

terdepartmental cooperation with various government agencies to address such practices, which have repercussions on the individual and society; and to reinforce strict regulations in authorising the issuance of commercial registrations in the name of quick profits, which will later reflect negatively on the business owners and ultimately on the Bahraini society.

## LMRA calls on all expatriate workers to verify legal status

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) called on all expatriate workers in the Kingdom of Bahrain to have their legal status verified to preserve their rights and avoid legal accountability.

The Authority affirmed that the Kingdom has worked to develop the legal tools and legislative structures to guarantee labour rights, especially those of expatriate workers.

It stressed the need for workers to observe all applicable laws and regulations in the Kingdom, including the LMRA and Residency Laws.

The LMRA highlighted that based on the regulatory processes adopted in the Kingdom, an expatriate worker

must obtain an official work permit from an employer in the Kingdom before arrival.

It stressed that the law prohibits an expatriate from illegally engaging in employment on a visit visa, and violators will be prosecuted through fines and deportation.

The LMRA stressed the need for expatriate workers to complete all legal procedures related to the work permit, including providing the Authority with biometric data within one month upon entering the Kingdom for the first time.

It also noted the need for expatriates with working permits to work at places indicated in the permit, or in other branches of the same employer that engage in the same activity.

# Action vow after university 'indecent image' goes viral

UoB officials will carry out thorough investigation into 'culprits'

Zahra Ayaz

TDT | Manama

The University of Bahrain (UoB) officials have pledged a thorough probe and subsequent strict action against the students after "an indecent image" apparently shot within the university premises went viral across all social media platforms.

The university said in a statement issued that, "there are legal tools that enable it to hold any students who deviate from the rules and regulations in force on the university premises."

"The university will not tolerate any abuses or behaviour that endangers the public or the rule of law in the Kingdom.

"Any department that violates university and community values and morals will be investigated and held accountable."

The UoB has strict codes pertaining to behaviour and dressing within the campus premises. "The appearance and dressing of students should be in harmony with the Bahraini society customs, traditions, religious, social and moral values.

"Yet there will be due consideration with regard to personal



The University of Bahrain campus



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freedom and diversity in their social and educational backgrounds."

"Bahrain is built on generations of Islamic traditions which are rooted firmly in its culture and tribal heritage. These traditions have been passed down from generation to generation and form the cornerstone of everyday life for Bahraini families," a university source said.

"Bahrainis are friendly people who show tolerance and an open-minded approach to visitors and the residents in their country; but Bahraini culture and values should always be respected.

"The culture and laws in Bahrain are designed to ensure that everyone is respectful of each other regardless of their faith and nationality.

"Holding hands for married couples is tolerated but any public indecency is considered an offence. Open displays of affection are generally not tolerated.

"Bahrainis and residents alike should avoid conduct and behaviour which might be perceived as breaching these norms as it may lead to the authority to take actions against such act," the source added.

## NMS Bahrain celebrates World Mental Health Day



The students take part in activities promoting sound mental health

TDT | Manama

The New Millennium School, Bahrain marked its solidarity to address the covert issue of mental health by celebrating the World Mental Health Day on 10 October.

A special assembly, organised on this occasion, inclusive of skit, quiz and speeches, emphasised the significance of mental wellbeing in this contemporary world and the necessity to spread awareness about the same.

The school Principal, Mr Arun Kumar Sharma, while addressing the students acknowledged the importance of sound mental health for achieving a sustainable future.

He further added that the bizarre conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic and its interdisciplinary implications have led to an exponential decline in mental health, which needs immediate attention.

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Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai appreciated the whole-hearted efforts of the students and their teachers in taking part in such enlightening campaigns.



## Event on Gandhian values set

Staff Reporter

TDT | Manama

An event to highlight the values and principles of renowned Indian peace activist Mahatma Gandhi will be held tomorrow at Kerala Catholic Association auditorium at 7: 30 pm.

The event will be inaugurated by Dr N Radhakrishnan, a distinguished Gandhian, well-known orator and author of more than 40 books. Dr Radhakrishnan has received many national and international awards.

A competition on patriotic songs will be held at the event, which will also see the honoring of K G Baburajan, Chairman of BKG Holdings, Pambavanan Nair, Managing Director of Amad Group, eminent physicians Dr P V Cherian and Dr Babu Ramachandran.

## Stage set for inter-school quiz competition

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Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) has teamed up with Laurels Centre for Global Education to conduct an Inter-School General Quiz on October 28 at BKS Diamond Jubilee Hall.

The event will be held under the auspices of BKS Science Forum and aims to help students test their knowledge against their peers and emerge as quiz champions.

Titled "BKS - Laurels Master Mind 2022", the event is open to all interested students from the leading schools in Bahrain. Students can register as a team of two members from the same school.

The winners will be awarded with a cash prize of \$1,000 and the audience will also get a chance to win attractive prizes.

The quizzer Terry O'Brien is an academician turned full-time writer, a freelance media consultant and public broadcaster, a quiz master, and a passionate motivational trainer. He is a man of many parts, a language expert, a versatile writer on a plethora of topics and a trainer's trainer.

O'Brien has published more than 150 books and is still churning out books that help create new talent in the world of creativity. He has over three decades of experience in teaching and training people in communication skills and language in India and abroad.

For more information about registration and sponsorship, interested parties can contact 66911311 or 39918997.



Meta’s new Quest Pro headset makes debut  
Reuters

Meta Platforms (META.O) unveiled its Quest Pro virtual and mixed reality headset on Tuesday, marking a milestone for Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg’s break into the higher-end market for extended reality computing devices.

The headset will hit shelves on Oct. 25 at a price of \$1,500.

The Quest Pro features several upgrades over Meta’s existing Quest 2 headset, which overwhelmingly dominates the consumer virtual reality market.

Most strikingly, it has outward-facing cameras that capture a sort of 3D livestream of the physical environment around a wearer, enabling mixed reality novelties like the ability to hang a virtual painting on a real-world wall or have a virtual ball bounce off a real table.

The Quest 2, by contrast, offers a more rudimentary grayscale version of this technology, called passthrough.

The Quest Pro feels lighter and slimmer than its predecessors, with thin pancake lenses and a relocated battery that sits at the back of the headset, distributing its weight more evenly while reducing overall bulk.

For fully immersive virtual reality, Meta has added tracking sensors to the Quest Pro that can replicate users’ eye movements and facial expressions, creating a sense that avatars are making eye contact.



OPEC cuts 2022, 2023 oil demand growth view as economy slows

Cuts 2022 demand growth to 2.64 million bpd from 3.1 mln bpd

Still sees demand topping pre-pandemic level in 2023

OPEC September output rises 146,000 bpd, led by Saudi

Reuters | London

OPEC yesterday cut its 2022 forecast for growth in world oil demand for a fourth time since April and also trimmed next year’s figure, citing slowing economies, the resurgence of China’s COVID-19 containment measures and high inflation.

Oil demand will increase by 2.64 million barrels per day (bpd) or 2.7% in 2022, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said in a monthly report, down 460,000 bpd from the previous forecast.

“The world economy has entered into a time of heightened uncertainty and rising challenges, amid ongoing high inflation levels, monetary tightening by major central banks, high sovereign debt levels in many regions as well as ongoing supply issues,” OPEC said in the report.

The lower demand outlook gives additional context for last week’s move by OPEC and its allies, known as OPEC+, to make their largest cut in output since 2020 to support the market. The United States criticized the decision.

Even after the downgrade, OPEC still expects demand growth to be stronger this year

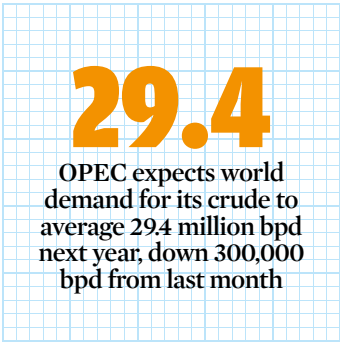
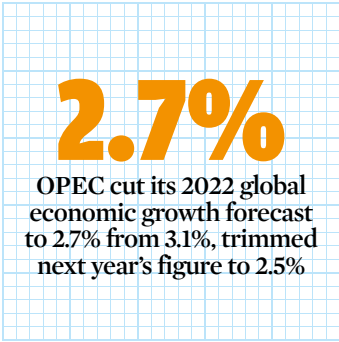


A view shows the crude oil terminal Kozmino on the shore of Nakhodka Bay near the port city of Nakhodka, Russia

and next than the International Energy Agency, which issues its latest forecasts on Thursday.

Next year, OPEC sees oil demand rising by 2.34 million bpd, 360,000 bpd less than previously forecast, to 102.02 million bpd. OPEC still expects demand in 2023 to exceed the pre-pandemic rate of 2019.

OPEC cut its 2022 global economic growth forecast to 2.7% from 3.1%, trimmed next year’s figure to 2.5%



Ukraine war. Oil prices, which have been weakening in response to fears about the economy, turned lower after the report was released, trading below \$94 a barrel.

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OPEC+ has for most of this year been ramping up oil output to unwind record cuts put in place in 2020 after the pandemic slashed demand.

The group’s decision for September 2022 called for a 100,000 bpd increase in its output target, of which about 64,000 bpd was meant to come from the 10 participating OPEC countries.

The report showed OPEC output rose by 146,000 bpd to 29.77 million bpd in September, led by Saudi Arabia and Nigeria.

Still, OPEC is pumping far less than called for by the OPEC+ agreement due to under-investment in oilfields by some members.

OPEC expects world demand for its crude to average 29.4 million bpd next year, down 300,000 bpd from last month and implying a surplus of 370,000 bpd should output continue at September’s rate and other things remain equal.

Still, the OPEC+ output cut agreed last week runs for all of 2023 and is much larger, at 2 million bpd.

Apple, Samsung to upgrade phone software for Indian 5G rollout by Dec  
Reuters | New Delhi

Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Samsung Electronics (005930.KS) are among companies who will upgrade software for their 5G-enabled phones in India by December as authorities press mobile phone manufacturers to adopt the high-speed network.

Apple said it would push software upgrades to recent models, including the iPhone 14, 13, 12 and iPhone SE, which, industry sources say, do not yet support the network.

“We are working with our carrier partners in India to bring the best 5G experience to iPhone users as soon as network validation and testing for quality and performance is completed,” Apple said in a statement yesterday.

“5G will be enabled via a software update and will start rolling out to iPhone users in December.”

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 5G services on Oct. 1 amid much fanfare, with leading telecom operator Reliance Jio saying it would make the service available in four cities, while rival Bharti Airtel (BRTL.NS) targeted eight cities. A Samsung India spokesperson said the company would roll out updates across all its 5G devices by mid-November.



Oasis Mall Juffair celebrates 4th anniversary

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Oasis Mall Juffair ‘Your favourite neighbourhood mall’ celebrated its 4th Anniversary with an event organised under the patronage of Sheikh Rashid bin Abdul Rahman Al Khalifa – Governor of Capital Governorate.

The event was also graced by Sheikha Hind bint Salman Al Khalifa – Director, Al Rashid Group, Ambassadors and dignitaries of the Thailand, Philippines and Indonesian Embassies as well as Samir Misra – Territory Head Al Rashid Group along with senior officials of Al Rashid Group.

Sheikh Rashid praised the efforts of Al Rashid Group in supporting and activating the commercial movement in the Kingdom, through continued growth and expansion of its work.

The Governor praised the efforts of Al Rashid Group in supporting the “Manama Healthy City” program, which was launched by the Capital Governorate in partnership with the World Health Organization. He stated that the mall fulfilled all the conditions to qualify for the title of a “Healthy Mall.



In pictures, the 4th anniversary celebration of Oasis Mall Juffair



Samir Misra stated, “The 4-year journey for Oasis Mall Juffair has been phenomenal. Our success is because of our tenants, the in-mall facilities we offer, the amazing location we are based in, our employees & above all the love that our customers have shown towards us. Our customers visit us for enjoying a great experience.”

To celebrate this anniversary the mall launched The Biggest Activation in town – “4th Anniversary Promotions”. The exciting offers will be from 12th



to 16th October 2022. They will cover all categories from Fashion, Furniture, Food, Entertainment, Watches, Jewellery and much more. It’s the perfect time for our customers to experience some shopping therapy.

The large array of offers on

Fashion include Flat 50% OFF at Centrepont, Flat 30% OFF at Max, Up to 75% OFF at Koton, Up to 50% Off at Red Tag, Up to 50% OFF at Olympia Sports & Flat 50% off at Giordano.

Enjoy the latest movies in Arabic & English at Cineco along

with a 50% discount on all Food & Beverages. It’s the perfect time to redecorate your home with Flat 40% OFF at Home Box. The offers do not end here, there is more that meets the eye with Up to 50% OFF at Ehsan Optics & Eyezone. Get the perfect fragrance from Kolmaz with a Buy 1 Get 1. Get the Jewellery or Watch you always wanted with amazing offers such as Upto 60% off at Hour Choice, Upto 50% off at Jawahra & Upto 60% at Ala Moda and much more.

Spend some quality time with your friends at Giorgio Café and enjoy their Buy 1 Get 1 Free offer on selected beverages. The foodies can have their favorite Italian dishes at Joey’s Pizza with a FREE Drink on purchase of any meal and if you are craving for some lip-smacking Indian food, head over to Mysore Café and get a Free Drink on purchase of any main course item.

After all this if you are tired then head over for a Spa Day to Lavish Spa and get a 10% discount on all services.

Along with “4th Anniversary Promotion” there will also be a host of fun activities. The mall has parking spaces for more than 700 cars in this part of town.



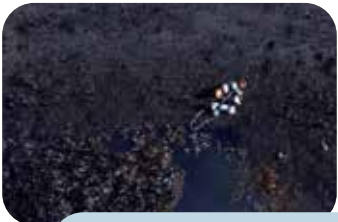
News in brief

◆ **Russia's president said** Europe was to blame for its energy crisis with policies that starved the oil and gas industry of investment and said price caps would make it worse, as EU states tried to forge a deal on ways to contain soaring energy costs. Worries about the security of energy supplies were heightened on Wednesday when a leak in Poland on the Druzhba pipeline from Russia reduced the flow of oil to Germany. Poland said the leak was probably caused by an accident but it came as European Union nations are seeking to wean themselves off a reliance on Russian energy in response to the invasion of Ukraine in February. The Nord Stream gas link to Germany is now out of action after a leak last month that both Russia and the West have blamed on sabotage, without identifying who was behind it.

◆ **Desperate to avoid military** call-up to fight in Ukraine, more than 20 Russians have sailed in yachts down the North Pacific coast to South Korea, but most were refused entry, a South Korean lawmaker said yesterday. There has been an exodus of conscription-age men from Russia since President Vladimir Putin ordered a partial mobilisation on Sept. 21, but most fled by road, rail and air to Europe and neighbouring former Soviet Union countries, like Georgia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. Arriving aboard four yachts, 23 Russians have reached South Korea since late September, but authorities have granted entry to only two, lawmaker An Ho-young said, citing coast guard data. The others "were rejected because their purposes were unclear and they did not have sufficient documents," the lawmaker said in a statement.

◆ **A major exhibition** of impressionist art opened yesterday at the Louvre Abu Dhabi, featuring works from masters such as Cezanne, Degas, Manet, Monet, Pissarro and Renoir. Billed as one of the most significant exhibitions on the 19th century art movement ever held outside France, it features more than 150 works on loan from the Musee d'Orsay in Paris. Claude Monet's "Women in the Garden" is among the masterpieces on show from the movement characterised by rapid dabs and brushstrokes that explore the transient effects of light and colour. "Impressionism: Pathways to Modernity", to run until February 5, marks five years since the opening of the art museum in the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

◆ **A cargo ship traffic** jam stretched as far as the eye could see off Istanbul, where a key deal to get Ukraine grain to market has translated into major hold-ups. Dozens of vessels were waiting Tuesday to clear the meticulous inspection process required under the Turkey and UN-backed accord aimed at easing fears of a global food crisis. Some vessels spend days at anchor for a procedure that officials said they were trying to speed up, amid growing desperation among some crews to get through. On board the Barbados-flagged black-and-white Nord Vind ship, the relief was palpable when a team of inspectors arrived.



Putin blames Europe for energy crisis as EU works on remedies

Russians fleeing Putin's call-up sail to S.Korea, most denied entry



Louvre Abu Dhabi marks five years with major Impressionism show

Ukraine grain ships stuck in Istanbul traffic jam

Putin moots gas hub in Turkey with Nord Stream supplies

Reuters | Moscow

President Vladimir Putin said yesterday that Russia could redirect supplies intended for the damaged Nord Stream pipelines to the Black Sea to create a European gas hub in Turkey, or even use the one intact part of Nord Stream 2 to supply the EU.

An investigation is under way into explosions last month that ruptured the Russian-built Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 pipelines on the bed of the Baltic Sea.

Putin said it was possible to repair the pipelines and that Russia and Europe should decide their fate.

"We could move the lost volumes from the Nord Streams along the bottom of the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea region and thus make the main routes for the supply of our fuel, our natural gas to Europe through Turkey, creating the largest gas hub for Europe in Turkey," he told an energy conference in Moscow.

"That is, of course, if our partners are interested in this. And economic feasibility, of course."

The problem is that European Union countries are trying to end their reliance on Russian oil and gas after Putin sent troops into Ukraine as part of what he calls a special military operation.

Turkish Energy Minister Fatih Donmez, speaking at the same conference in Moscow, said the idea was new to him but should be discussed.



West meets to

Ukraine as Was

Ukraine's Western allies promise more air defence weapons

Biden says Putin "rational actor who has miscalculated"

Air raid sirens blare for third day but no big wave of strikes

Oil pipeline leaks as EU discusses response to energy crisis

Reuters | Kyiv/Brussels

More than 50 Western countries met yesterday to promise more weapons for Ukraine, focusing on its need for air defences after Moscow launched its most intense missile strikes since the start of the war.

Putin to meet Erdogan, likely to look at Ukraine peace options - Kremlin

Reuters | Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan for talks in Kazakhstan today, a meeting at which the Turks are likely to raise ideas for peace in Ukraine, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters.

"Now many say that the Turks are ready to come up with other



A general view of a meeting of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group during a NATO defence headquarters in Brussels, Belgium

Opening the meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group at the headquarters of NATO in Brussels, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Russia's huge wave of missile attacks this week had laid bare the "malice and cruelty" of its war.

Ukraine had shifted the momentum in the conflict since September with "extraordinary"

gains, but would need more help to keep fighting, he said.

"These victories belong to Ukraine's brave soldiers. But the Contact Group's security assistance, training, and sustainment efforts have been vital," Austin said.

Russian attacks using more than 100 missiles have killed at least 26 people across Ukraine since Monday, when President Vladimir Putin ordered what he called retaliatory strikes against Ukraine for an explosion on a bridge.

Air raid sirens sounded across swathes of Ukraine for a third day on Wednesday and there were reports of some shelling, but no



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COVID-19: Countries worst affected

	Country	Total cases	Total deaths	
				Global tally
1	USA	98,608,431	1,088,471	
2	India	44,618,533	528,835	627,903,264
3	France	35,970,379	155,620	Deaths
4	Brazil	34,773,515	687,016	6,564,422
5	Germany	34,257,916	150,919	Recovered:
6	S. Korea	25,025,749	28,723	607,415,892
7	UK	23,735,273	190,888	New cases
8	Italy	22,944,496	177,719	
9	Japan	21,610,500	45,615	
10	Russia	21,248,603	388,509	+252,501
11	Turkey	16,919,638	101,203	New deaths
12	Spain	13,441,941	114,468	
13	Vietnam	11,489,881	43,155	
14	Australia	10,280,150	15,389	+553

Middle East						
Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	818,236	+203	9,374	+2	804,955	3,907
UAE	1,031,837	+337	2,346		1,010,843	18,648
Kuwait	660,667		2,564		657,113	990
Oman	398,424		4,260		384,669	9,495
Qatar	459,798	+676	682		455,898	3,218

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Saudi foreign minister says efforts to extend the truce in Yemen still stand

Reuters | Cairo

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said that the efforts to extend the truce in Yemen still stand, *Al Arabiya TV* reported yesterday, after an initial UN-brokered pact between a Saudi-led coalition and the Houthis movement expired early this month.

The kingdom, the coalition and the Riyadh-backed Yemeni government are "keen on extending the truce," the Saudi-owned TV quoted Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud as saying.

The United Nations is pressing for an extended and expanded truce that would build on the two-month one that expired on Oct. 2 after being rolled over twice, and which has brought the longest stretch of relative calm in the seven-year conflict.

US Special Envoy for Yemen Tim Lenderking headed back to region on Tuesday to support the UN-led negotiations



Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan

with Yemeni parties, according to the State Department.

Lenderking last week called on the Iran-aligned Houthis, de facto authorities in the north, to show more flexibility in the negotiations, specifically on the United Nations' proposed mechanism to pay public sector wages.

The Saudi-led coalition intervened in March 2015 after the Houthis ousted the internationally recognized government from the capital, Sanaa. The group says it is fighting a corrupt system and foreign aggression.

Biden vows consequences for Saudi Arabia after OPEC+ decision

Reuters | Washington

President Joe Biden pledged on Tuesday "there will be consequences" for US relations with Saudi Arabia after OPEC+ announced last week that it would cut its oil production target over U.S. objections.

His announcement came a day after Democratic Senator Bob Menendez, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the United States must immediately freeze all cooperation with Saudi Arabia, including arms sales.

Biden, in an interview with CNN's Jake Tapper, would not discuss what options he was considering.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said a policy review would be conducted but gave no timeline for action or information on who would lead the re-evaluation. The United States will be watching the situation closely "over the coming weeks and months", she said.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan said the OPEC+

decision was purely economic and was taken unanimously by its member states.

"OPEC+ members acted responsibly and took the appropriate decision," Prince Faisal told the *Al Arabiya* television channel.

OPEC+, the oil producer group comprising the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) plus allies including Russia, announced the production target after weeks of lobbying by US officials against such a move.







# pledge more arms for Washington hails gains



NATO ministers meeting at the Alliance's

## The Druzhba oil pipeline from Russia to Europe

Druzhba is one of the largest oil pipelines in the world, and was built by the Soviet Union.

\* It starts in central Russia and connects West Siberian oil fields to major refineries in Europe.

\* It has capacity to pump more than 2 million barrels per day (bpd) but has been severely under-utilised in recent months amid worsening Russia-Western ties.

\* The Druzhba pipeline splits into two legs with the bigger, northern one going to Poland and Germany.

sign of a repeat of the intensive countrywide strikes of the previous two days.

The missiles have mostly targeted civilian electricity and heating infrastructure, while some hit busy roads, parks and tourist sites, including in the centre of Kyiv.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Russia's missile attacks were a sign of weakness.

"The reality is that they're not able to make progress on the battlefield. Russia is actually losing on the battlefield," Stoltenberg said.

Since Monday's attacks, Germany has sent the first of four planned IRIS-T SLM air defence

systems, while Washington said it would speed up the delivery of a promised NASAMS air defence system.

## ENERGY CRISIS

EU energy ministers were also meeting in Prague to work out ways to cope with an energy crisis caused by the war.

Yesterday, Polish pipeline operator PERN said it had detected a leak in one pipe in the Druzhba system that carries oil from Russia to Europe, though it said the cause was probably an accident. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said the leak appeared to have been eliminated. Global attention has been fo-

cused on the security of Russian energy pipelines to Europe since the main undersea gas pipelines were damaged by suspected sabotage last month.

Western countries have not said who they blame for huge explosions that blew holes in the two Nord Stream 1 pipelines and one of two pipes that make up the new Nord Stream 2 project, but have implied they believe it was Russia.

Putin said yesterday gas could now be delivered through the remaining undamaged Nord Stream 2 pipe, but it was up to Europe to allow it. The new pipeline, completed but never opened, has been suspended by Germany since the invasion. Gazprom boss Alexei Miller said fixing the damaged pipes would take more than a year.

As his forces have lost ground on the battlefield since September, Putin has escalated the conflict, ordering the call-up of hundreds of thousands of reservists, proclaiming the annexation of occupied Ukrainian territory and repeatedly threatening to use nuclear weapons to protect Russia.

US President Joe Biden said yesterday he doubted Putin would use a nuclear weapon.

Putin is a "rational actor who has miscalculated significantly", Biden said in a CNN interview, saying he believed the Russian

## Putin to meet Qatar's emir in Kazakhstan

Reuters | Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani in Kazakhstan, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters.

"This will be the first face-to-face meeting after the outbreak of the pandemic, so it is very important," Ushakov said. "The last time we met with the Emir was in Dushanbe in 2019."

"In addition to politics and the trade and economic sphere, I would single out cooperation in the energy market, cooperation between Russia and Qatar within the framework of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum. This will also be discussed between our leaders," he said.

president wrongly expected his invading troops to be welcomed.

Asked how realistic he believed it would be for Putin to use a tactical nuclear weapon, Biden responded: "Well, I don't think he will."

NATO's Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels on Tuesday the military alliance had not noticed any change in Russia's nuclear posture.

Russian oil imports into the European Union and United Kingdom fell 35% to 1.7 million barrels per day (bpd) in August from 2.6 million bpd in January, but the EU was still the biggest market for Russian crude, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA). On Wednesday, Poland said it had detected a leak in one pipeline in the Druzhba system that carries oil from Russia to Europe, an event that will add to concerns about Europe's energy security after the Nord Stream gas pipeline leak.



How much crude oil does the EU still import from Russia?

# Chinese 'flying car' makes first public flight in Dubai

Reuters | Dubai

A "flying car" built by Chinese electronic vehicle maker Xpeng Inc (9868.HK) made its first public flight in the United Arab Emirates, as the company works towards launching the electric aircraft on international markets.

The X2 is a two-seater electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft that is lifted by eight propellers - two at each corner of the vehicle.

Monday's unmanned, 90-minute test flight in Dubai was described by its manufacturer as an "important base for the next generation of flying cars."

"We are making step-by-step (moves) to the international market," said Minguan Qiu, general manager of Xpeng Aeroht. "First we selected Dubai because Dubai is the most innovative city in the world."



Guests and reporters check out the XPeng eVTOL flying car X2 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates



## Myanmar junta sentences Suu Kyi to 6 more years for corruption

AFP | Yangon

Myanmar's junta sentenced ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday to another six years in prison for corruption, a source with knowledge of the case said, taking the Nobel laureate's total jail time to 26 years.

Suu Kyi, 77, has been detained since the generals toppled her government in a coup on February 1 of last year, ending the Southeast Asian country's brief period of democracy.

She has since been convicted on a clutch of charges, including violating the official secrets act, electoral fraud and illegally possessing walkie-talkies.

In the latest case, the Nobel laureate was "sentenced to three years imprisonment each for two corruption cases" in which she had been accused of taking bribes from a businessman, the source said.

The terms will be served concurrently, the source added. The businessman, Maung



Weik, appeared in a video televised by a military broadcaster last year claiming he had given Suu Kyi \$550,000 over several years.

Maung Weik -- who was convicted of drug trafficking in 2008 -- also said he had donated money to senior figures in Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy government for the good of his business.

Suu Kyi -- who denies all charges against her -- appeared in good health and will appeal, the source added.

She is currently on trial for five other corruption charges. Each carries a maximum 15 years in prison.



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The supply of electricity from clean energy sources must double within the next 8 years to limit global temperature increase. Accelerating the energy transition is an essential #ClimateAction step to ensure a greener, better future.

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Early in the #COVID19 pandemic, it was important for health systems to focus all of their life-saving efforts on patients presenting with acute infection. Now it's critical for governments to invest long-term in their health system & make a plan for dealing with #LongCovid.

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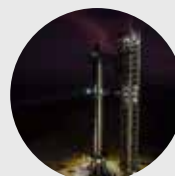
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An important Cabinet decision, which will drive India's efforts of port-led development and becoming a hub for trade. This decision will also benefit many states which do not have access to the coastline.

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Starship 24 and Boost-er 7 fully stacked on the orbital launch pad at Starbase

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# Iranians keep up protests over Mahsa Amini death despite growing death toll

- **Khamenei dismisses protests as 'scattered riots'**
- **Rights group says death toll in unrest climbs to 201**
- **Protests reported in Tehran, Isfahan and elsewhere**
- **Kurdish towns go on strike, rights group says**

Reuters | Dubai

Iranians kept up anti-government protests yesterday despite an increasingly deadly state crackdown, social media reports showed, as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei dismissed the demonstrations as “scattered riots” planned by Iran’s enemies.

Protests ignited by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini while in the custody of Iran’s



A police motorcycle burns during a protest over the death of Mahsa Amini, a woman who died after being arrested by the Islamic republic's “morality police”, in Tehran, Iran

morality police on Sept. 16 have turned into one of the boldest challenges to the clerical leadership since the 1979 revolution. A crowd of at least 100 people

blocked a road in central Tehran, shouting “by cannon, tank or firecracker, mullahs must get lost”, one video showed. Another video showed dozens of

riot police deployed in a Tehran street where a fire was burning. Tear gas was fired during a protest outside the lawyers association in Tehran, where

demonstrators who appeared to number in the dozens had chanted “women, life freedom”, videos posted on social media showed.

Reuters could not independently verify the videos.

In an apparently coordinated effort, activist groups called for protesters to gather from early afternoon, breaking the pattern of nighttime demonstrations that have prevailed since unrest began sweeping Iran nearly four weeks ago.

While observers do not believe the protests are close to toppling the government - the authorities withstood six months of protests in 2009 over a disputed election - the unrest has underlined pent-up frustrations over freedoms and rights.

The widely followed 1500tast-vir Twitter account shared what it described as a video showing morality police in Tehran arresting a woman over her hijab. A woman could be heard shouting “leave her alone!”

The Norway-based Iran Human Rights organisation said the death toll had increased to at least 201 civilians during the

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Amini's death has struck a nerve, bringing a broad sweep of Iranians onto the streets, with protesters expressing anger at the heavy handedness of morality police and saying the victim could have been anyone's mother, sister or daughter.

unrest, including 23 minors. Its previous report, on Oct. 8, put the death toll at 185 people.

The authorities have said around 20 members of the security forces have been killed. Iran has accused its enemies including the United States of fomenting the unrest.

# US firm supplied networking tech to maker of Russian missiles

- **Extreme Networks says Reuters discovery leads it to believe its products were shipped to "bad actors" in Russia**
- **Extreme Networks says it is informing US authorities of export-control violation**
- **Extreme Networks says distributor played role in "scheme"**
- **Extreme Networks**

supplied equipment used in MMZ Avangard's office IT systems

- **MMZ Avangard is maker of missile used in recent Ukraine attack**

Reuters | Washington

Since Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, American companies have been prohibited from dealing with MMZ Avangard, a state-owned firm that makes missiles for one of Russia's most sophisticated weapons, the S-400 air-defense system.



Russian servicemen work inside a command centre after a new S-400 “Triumph” surface-to-air missile system was deployed at a military base outside the town of Gvardeysk near Kaliningrad, Russia

In a measure of Western concern about the S-400, the United States ejected Turkey, a NATO member, from a joint fighter jet program in 2019 after Ankara took delivery of the Russian system.

But even as the United States was taking actions to blunt MMZ Avangard's business, a publicly traded American technology company, Extreme Networks (EXTR.O), was providing MMZ Avangard with computer networking equipment for its office IT systems, according to emails and other business records seen by Reuters, as well as interviews with people familiar with the matter.

In a statement to Reuters, Extreme said that based on information provided by the news agency it believed equipment “may have” been sold to MMZ Avangard using a surrogate buy-

er. Extreme said the equipment was sold without its knowledge. It added, without providing evidence, that an intermediary in Russia was “complicit” in supplying its products via a front company to “bad actors.” Extreme said it is reporting its findings of these potential sales to US authorities.

Ukraine has accused Russia of deploying missiles made by MMZ Avangard against ground targets since Russia launched what it terms its “special operation” on Feb. 24. Ukrainian authorities said MMZ Avangard missiles killed at least thirty civilians in a gruesome attack against a convoy on the edge of the southern city of Zaporizhzhia last month. Neither Kremlin officials nor MMZ Avangard responded to questions for this article. MMZ Avangard's parent, Almaz-Antey, also didn't comment.

Between 2017 and 2021, MMZ Avangard obtained over half a million dollars' worth of Extreme equipment for its IT systems, according to the business records reviewed by Reuters and the people familiar with the matter. The products included high-speed switches, an essential building block of corporate IT networks, and software.

The records also show that the deals went through a seemingly innocuous corporation near Moscow, and despite two Extreme officials raising concerns, the sales went forward.

That a Russian military company, identified as a threat by Washington, continued to acquire US computer hardware is a case study in how Western countries may have overestimated their ability to choke the Russian economy with export bans and trade sanctions. It also highlights how dependent Russia's military machine is on US high-tech equipment.

In April, six weeks after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, an Extreme employee filed an internal complaint, seen by Reuters, alleging that the company was selling to various military manufacturers in Russia. “Extreme equipment is used on Russian warships,” the complaint said, “in communications systems.”

Extreme said in its statement that the allegations were brought by a disgruntled employee. An investigation by the firm had found nothing to corroborate any of the claims until Reuters brought “new facts” to the com-

pany's attention this month. The company said it ceased operations in Russia in March, adding that it subsequently launched a process to dismiss the disgruntled employee for poor performance. It said it has no records of sales involving Russian warships.

Extreme, which trades on the NASDAQ exchange and is headquartered in Morrisville, North Carolina, has earned a solid reputation in the United States and is an official partner of the National Football League. The NFL declined to comment for this article.

A Reuters investigation in August found that while the United States and allies banned high-tech exports to Russia to try to cripple its defense industry, and many tech companies announced that they had halted exports to Russia, the flow of Western brand-name computer parts to Russian clients hasn't stopped.

This account of how Extreme supplied MMZ Avangard and at least two other Russian military companies is based on interviews with three people familiar with the shipments as well as a review by Reuters of documents spanning five years to 2021. The documents include sales records and email exchanges between Extreme employees, customers and distributors. The shipments are reported here for the first time.

The US Department of Commerce, which administers export restrictions, declined to comment for this story.

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celebs

Margot Robbie ‘so happy’ for Lady Gaga to take over as Harley Quinn  
Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Margot Robbie is “so happy” Lady Gaga is set to play Harley Quinn in ‘Joker: Folie à Deux’.

The 32-year-old actress - who played the character in ‘Suicide Squad’ (2016), ‘Birds of Prey’ (2020) and ‘The Suicide Squad’ (2020) - loves the idea of the iconic role being passed around “great actors”, with each getting the chance to share their own take on the comic book crea-

She told MTV: “It makes me so happy because I said from the very beginning, all I want is for Harley Quinn to be one of those characters, the way Macbeth or Batman always gets passed from great actor to great actor.

Margot Robbie



Daniel Radcliffe worried accordion would be mistaken for a bomb

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Daniel Radcliffe was terrified of being mistaken for a terrorist while filming ‘Weird: The Al Yankovic Story’.

The 33-year-old actor has the lead role in the new biopic and admitted he was always anxious while travelling because he had to carry the parody musician’s signature accordion everywhere and was worried his bulky cargo would catch the attention of security staff, who would want him to play the instrument to ensure his story checked out.

He said: “I

travelled with an accordion so much for this film and had this major fear of going through security and them suspecting it was a bomb.”

Explaining his fear staff would challenge him to play the instrument in front of the other passengers, he laughingly added: “You know, to prove it’s not an explosive.



You know, to prove it’s not an explosive. Do you know how stressful that would be? It’s a very difficult instrument to play

DANIEL RADCLIFFE

Do you know how stressful that would be? It’s a very difficult instrument to play.”

Daniel enjoyed the fact the movie didn’t hesitate to poke fun at rock biopics such as ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ and ‘Rocketman’, particularly because it meant he didn’t have to try and imitate Al’s voice.

He told Empire magazine: “I remember asking, ‘Am I going to have to sing? Because I can sing, but not in Al’s register.’ “Eric [Appel, director] was like, ‘You’ll be lip-synching the entire way through.’ We wanted to laugh at the trope of a famous actor miming along.”

Daniel Radcliffe

Jennifer Lawrence says she lost sense of control post Oscar win

ANI | Washington

Actor Jennifer Lawrence recently confessed that she “lost a sense of control” after the success of the first “Hunger Games” film in 2012 and winning Oscar for 2012’s ‘Silver Lining Playbook’.

“I think I lost a sense of control. Between ‘The Hunger Games’ coming out and winning the Oscar [for 2012’s ‘Silver Lining Playbook’], I became such a commodity that I felt like every decision was a big, big group decision. When I reflect now, I can’t think of those following years, [because there was] just a loss of control,” Jennifer said.

Jennifer opened up about it while talking to Francine Stock about her career as part of the London



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JENNIFER LAWRENCE

Film Festival’s “Screen Talk” series, Variety reported.

She went on to explain how she feels she has clawed her identity back again.

“It feels personal for me the first time in a long time,” she said.

Jennifer Lawrence

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(PG-15) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)
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OASIS JUFFAIR:12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

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(18+) (HORROR)
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CITY CENTRE: (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
SEEF (II): 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM
WADI AL SAIL:10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM
THE WOMAN KING
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/DRAMA)
VIOLA DAVIS, THUSO MBEDU, LASHANA LYNCH
OASIS JUFFAIR:2.45 + 7.45 PM
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SEEF (II):10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN
WADI AL SAIL:12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM
VIKRAM VEDHA
(PG-15) (HINDI/ACTION/CRIME/DRAMA)
HRITHIK ROSHAN, SAIF ALI KHAN, RADHIKA APTE
OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.30 AM + 4.45 + 11.00 PM
CITY CENTRE: 3.00 + 8.30 PM

SEEF (I):10.30 AM + 1.45 + 5.00 + 8.15 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL:2.00 + 7.30 PM
PONNIYIN SELVAN: PART 1
(PG-13)(ACTION/ADVENTURE/DRAMA/WAR)
VIKRAM, AISHWARYA RAI, KARTHI TAMIL
OASIS JUFFAIR:1.00 + 4.15 + 7.30 + 10.45 PM
SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.45 + 8.00 + 11.15 PM
AL HAYBA THE MOVIE
(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/CRIME/DRAMA)
TAIM HASAN, MONA WASSEF, SAID SERHAN
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SEEF (II): 2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 PM
AMSTERDAM
(PG-15) (CRIME/COMEDY)
CHRISTIAN BALE, MARGOT ROBBIE, JOHN DAVID WASHINGTON
CITY CENTRE: 1.45 + 6.45 + 11.45 PM
FADL W NAEMA
(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY/CRIME/DRAMA)
MAGED EL KEDWANY, HEND SABRY, MAHMOUD HAFEZ
CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 PM
SEEF (II):11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM
TAD, THE LOST EXPLORER AND THE EMERALD
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
TREVOR WHITE, JOSEPH BALDERRAMA, ALEX KELLY
OASIS JUFFAIR:(KIDS CINEMA):12.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

CITY CENTRE:11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 PM
SEEF (I): 10.30 AM
TICKET TO PARADISE
(PG-15) (ROMANTIC/COMEDY)
KAITLYN DEVER, JULIA ROBERTS, GEORGE CLOONEY
CITY CENTRE 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 6.15 + 11.45 PM
BULLET TRAIN
(15+) (ACTION/COMEDY/CRIME)
BRAD PITT, JOEY KING, AARON TAYLOR-JOHNSON
CITY CENTRE: 11.45 AM + 4.45 + 9.45 PM
AMMOHOM
(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/COMEDY)
MOHAMED EMAM, HUDA AL-MUFTI, MUHAMMAD SALAM
CITY CENTRE: 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM
THE BIG TRIP 2: SPECIAL DELIVERY
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
DANIEL MEDVEDEV, BERNARD JACOBSEN, STIVEN OCHSNER
OASIS JUFFAIR:(KIDS CINEMA): 10.30 AM + 2.30 PM
SEEF (I): 11.00 AM
WADI AL SAIL:11.30 AM
GODFATHER
(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/DRAMA)
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TELUGU
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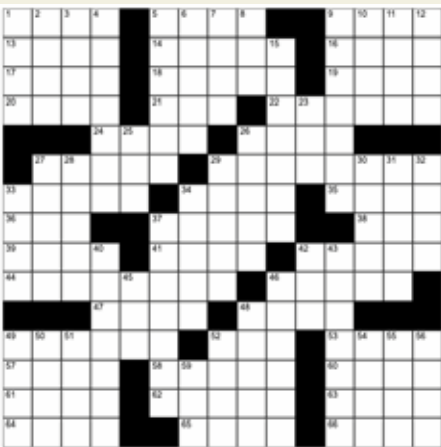
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Yesterday's solution

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How to play  
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

CROSSWORD



Across

1- Smooth-talking; 5- \_-Ball; 9- Member of a great Peruvian people; 13- San \_\_, Italy; 14- Fidgety; 16- At hand; 17- Yonder; 18- Brief; 19- Spanish muralist; 20- Eye sore; 21- Suffix with glob; 22- Petrol units; 24- Move suddenly; 26- Tropical plant; 27- Future oak; 29- Friendly; 33- Picture border; 34- Poker declaration; 35- Poet Walter \_\_ Mare; 36- Ich bin \_\_ Berliner; 37- Time; 38- Swiss river; 39- Dodge model; 41- “All The Way To \_\_”, song by REM; 42- Outdo; 44- Shining; 46- Iota precursor; 47- Muscle quality; 48- Capital of the Ukraine; 49- Vigorous; 52- Roadhouse; 53- Nose out; 57- At all; 58- Result; 60- Zilch; 61- Clinton cabinet member Federico; 62- Gaucho’s rope; 63- Orenburg’s river; 64- Hurler Hershtiser; 65- Observer; 66- Consumes;

Down

1- Fat, in France; 2- Remaining; 3- If \_\_ be so bold...; 4- Tedium; 5- Sixth planet; 6- Proposed, perhaps; 7- French 101 infinitive; 8- Lion tail; 9- As an alternative; 10- \_\_do-well; 11- Minister to; 12- Plastic or liberal, e.g.; 15- Shouting; 23- Summer Games org.; 25- Exist; 26- Acid type; 27- Prospero’s servant; 28- Slender boat; 29- Encompassed about; 30- Lulu; 31- Beast of burden; 32- Tombstone lawman; 33- \_\_ shui; 34- Peace goddess; 37- Computer adjunct; 40- Word before beauty or bridge; 42- Common article; 43- Government income; 45- Cal. pages; 46- Musical ineptitude; 48- Coach Rockne; 49- Bank takeback; 50- Above, finished; 51- Nota \_\_; 52- \_\_ old chap; 54- “David Copperfield” wife; 55- Little bitter; 56- Electric fish; 59- Maiden name precursor;

Yesterday's solution

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# Lewis sets sights on Rotax MAX title

Bahrain-based karting sensation aiming to be crowned Senior MAX champion of Sakhir Rotax MAX Challenge 2022 at Bahrain International Karting Circuit

- **Lewis Smith aims to continue winning run after taking first two rounds**
- **Talented Briton heads into weekend with 14-point championship lead**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain-based karting sensation Lewis Smith will be looking to add another feather to his cap when he competes for the Senior MAX class title this weekend in the final two rounds of the Sakhir Rotax MAX Challenge (SRMC) 2022. The back-to-back meetings are set to be held at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) tomorrow and Saturday and Lewis is set to be one of the chief protagonists. He is currently the championship leader in his competition category, and he will be hoping to secure the Senior MAX crown



Lewis in action at BIKC

with a pair of impressive performances to wrap up the SRMC campaign. Lewis won the series' first two events held last month. Despite facing some tough competition in the opening round's Qualifying and Pre-Final, Lewis was able to power to the chequered flag in the 15-lap Final to win in 13 minutes 48.724 seconds—nearly a second ahead of his closest challenger. Lewis then completed his double the following day in

round two. He claimed wins in both the Pre-Final and Final, which he finished in 13:48.800, also over 15 laps. The result earned him 68 points on the Senior MAX championship standings heading into the last two rounds. Lewis enjoys a lead of 14 points over the field. "It was amazing to get the wins in the first two events of the championship, but the job is not done and I am completely focused on the upcoming races,"

“It’s not going to be easy as I know I will have a target on my back, and the other guys are really talented; they gave a good fight in our first two meetings of the SRMC

LEWIS SMITH

said Lewis, who is a student at British School of Bahrain. "It's not going to be easy as I know I will have a target on my back, and the other guys are really talented; they gave a good fight in our first two meetings of the SRMC. "I expect nothing less from them in rounds three and four but I too will be ready to go all out and give my very best to win." Lewis has been working hard over the summer months in preparation for his title bids in both the SRMC and the Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge—the two premier national karting championships in the Kingdom.



Lewis with his kart

Lewis competed in three meetings at Karting Genk track in Belgium, where he faced some of Europe's most talented young racers. The Briton was able to gain a lot of experience in each event and stood toe-to-toe with his rivals, displaying his limitless potential to the elite of international karting.

"I learned a lot during my time in Genk over the summer and now is the best time to take those lessons and apply them on the track," Lewis said. "I am determined to build on that and continue to get better. My development is a never-ending process and I always aim to give all I have so that I can make my family and all those who support me proud." Lewis will continue to participate in karting events in Bahrain and overseas over the next several months. As one of the up-and-coming young karters who has been honing his skills in Bahrain, he is a regular in national, regional and international championships and continues to excel at all levels. Lewis is looking for support from Bahrain companies for sponsorship opportunities, which would offer exposure all across Europe and within the Kingdom of Bahrain. Those interested in backing such a rising star in the motor-sport sector can contact Lewis's parent Tony Smith on mobile +973-32200420.

## KHUH, BOC sign agreement to provide healthcare services to national teams' players



Major-General Dr Shaikh Salman bin Atteyatallah Al Khalifa and Faris Al Kooheji after the signing with other officials

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King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH) and the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) have signed an agreement to treat the players of national teams, based on BOC's keenness to provide the best healthcare for the Kingdom's international athletes. The agreement was signed by the KHUH Commander Major-General Dr Shaikh Salman bin Atteyatallah Al Khalifa and BOC Secretary-General Faris Al Kooheji. Major-General Dr Shaikh Salman praised the signing of the agreement, noting that BOC plays a major role in support-

ing the national teams' athletes. He stressed the KHUH's keenness to harness its capabilities to serve national players and provide the best treatment and surgical services to them, as they represent the kingdom in various sports events. Al Kooheji said that the agreement is in line with the directives of the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport, and General Sports Authority and BOC President, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to provide the best healthcare services for the athletes of Bahrain's national teams.

## Malan hits 82 as England beat Australia by eight runs

AFP | Canberra

Dawid Malan's 82 and disciplined bowling from England helped the visitors win the second Twenty20 international against Australia by eight runs yesterday to seal the series and give them a confidence boost heading into the

World Cup. Malan shared a crucial 92-run stand in Canberra with Moeen Ali (44) as England compiled 178-7 against a full-strength Australian attack. Despite Mitchell Marsh hitting 45 off 29 balls and Tim David 40 off 23, the hosts fell short.

## BIC to host Batelco Fitness on Track tomorrow

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Batelco Fitness on Track is back for another go-around tomorrow at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir, "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East". Global motor racing's favourite regional track will for a few hours act as a destination for fitness enthusiasts and those looking to get some exercise within a casual and safe environment. Batelco Fitness on Track offers this to participants, who will be able to get in a workout either on foot or on a bicycle in a fun and engaging activity with family members and friends. Tomorrow's event is scheduled to be held between 6am and 10am, giving runners and cyclists alike a bright and early start to the weekend. As in past editions of Batelco Fitness on



Cyclists at a past Batelco Fitness on Track (File photo)

Track, the activity has proven to be very popular with the local community, with scores of participants looking to keep active while enjoying the unique setting. Those interested in taking part are there-

fore advised to book online in advance on BIC's official website bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000. All who register must pay upon booking. The cost to take part remains the same as last season at BD2 for cyclists and BD1 for runners. Those under the age of 12 can participate for free if accompanied by a paying adult. The running and cycling will take place on separate track layouts. Runners and walkers will be utilising the 2.550-kilometre Inner Track, while cyclists will be able to ride their bikes along BIC's 3.543-kilometre Outer circuit, with a dedicated area for children's cycling. All taking part will be able to enjoy the activity within BIC's secure and controlled setting. For more information, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline.

## Bahrain handball national team set for Egypt friendlies

- **Bahrainis set to take on African giants in warm-up games tomorrow and Saturday**
- **Both teams preparing for 28th IHF Men's Handball World Championship in January**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's senior men's national handball team will be playing back-to-back international friendly matches against African giants Egypt this weekend. The games will be held at the Bahrain Handball Association arena in Um Al Has-sam with 6.30pm starts. The tune-ups are part of both teams' preparations for the 28th International Handball Federation (IHF) Men's Handball World Championship, which will be held in January next year co-hosted by Poland and Sweden. The Egyptians are scheduled to arrive in the Kingdom today. The nationals have been training under



Action from Bahrain's game with Egypt at the Tokyo Olympics held last year (File photo)

Icelandic head coach Aron Kristjansson with a 23-player squad, spearheaded by long-time captain Hussain Al Sayyad. The other players include Mohammed

Abdullhussain, Ali Mirza, Ali Eid, Ahmed Al Maqabi, Hassan Al Samaheji, Mohammed Mirza, Komail Mahfoodh, Jassim Al Salatna, Qassem Qamber, Hassan Shehab, Mohammed Habib Nasser, Abdulla Ali, Hassan Mirza, Belal Basham, Mahmood Hussain, Ahmed Jalal, Hassan Madan, Ali Bassem, Abdulla Al Zaimour, Mohammed Hameed, Hisham Ahmed and Muntadher Ibrahim. The nationals are in Group H for the tournament's first round alongside Denmark, Belgium and Tunisia; while Egypt are in Group G with Croatia, the US and Morocco. Thirty-two nations from all across the globe, representing five confederations, are taking part. They have been divided into eight groups for the tournament's preliminary stage. The Bahrainis are one of five countries from Asia. They qualified as the runners-up from the continental championship held earlier this year. The upcoming worlds will mark Bahrain's fifth appearance—and fourth straight—at the IHF's premier event. The nationals had previously also played in the 2011, 2017, 2019 and 2021 editions.



# HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman chairs REHC High Committee meeting

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) High Committee, yesterday chaired a meeting of the REHC High Committee, at Riffa Palace.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman highlighted the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in promoting the Kingdom's horseracing sector and advancing it on all levels.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman extended his gratitude to all members of the REHC for their tireless efforts in implementing wide-ranging initiatives and programmes that support the club's goals.



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa chairs the meeting yesterday

During the meeting, HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman reviewed a proposal on the REHC's new master plan, which will play a central role in cementing the Kingdom's leading position in the horse-racing sector, noting its importance in realising the club's forward-looking ambitions.

HH was also briefed on the club's unified framework for

priority projects and programmes, which aims to position the club as one of the most prominent entertainment and sports destinations in the Kingdom.

HH emphasised the importance of strategic planning and adhering to tailored and well-defined priorities, in order to strengthen the Kingdom's horse-racing sector locally, and promote it regionally and globally.

The REHC High Committee also reviewed a number of organisational plans, including the 2022-2023 calendar of activities and preparations for the upcoming season.

The REHC High Committee concluded by approving a number of items on its agenda, including proposals for development of the Club's operations, which will improve operational efficiency and productivity.

# Royal Endurance Team set for Fontainebleau race

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Preparations are in full swing at Bahrain's Royal Endurance Team to participate in the International Endurance Race of Fontainebleau, France, set to take place this weekend.

Captained by HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Royal Endurance Team aims to build on its recent successes in major European races in which HH had claimed four consecutive titles, namely those of the Royal Windsor Horse Show, the Montalcino international endurance championship in Italy, the World Endurance Champion at Samorin, Slovakia, and FEI World Endurance Championship for eight-year-old horses in Spain.

The Royal Endurance Team is set to undergo the veterinary examination on Thursday, ahead of the weekend's races, including the senior 160-km, 127-km and 120-km races, the



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa

junior 120-km race and the 100-km race.

The Royal Endurance Team are major favourites to win the Fontainebleau championship, as some of its riders had already claimed the title of this prestigious event which always witnesses fierce competition.

In this regard, Royal Endurance Team Director, Dr. Khalid

Ahmed Hassan, affirmed that HH Shaikh Nasser's captaincy of the team will reflect positively on the performance of riders.

He indicated that HH Shaikh Nasser has always been a source of inspiration for Bahraini jockeys, as they have gained experience and distinguished skills thanks to their participation in numerous races alongside HH.

# Sitra stun Khaldiya in King's Cup

Underdogs eke out penalty shootout victory against holders to advance to quarter-finals of this year's prestigious single-elimination football tournament

● **Sitra's substitute goalkeeper Godwill Chia Ndong makes important save in shootout**

● **Manama join Sitra in quarter-finals following hard-earned 2-0 win against Bahrain Club**

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Sitra stunned holders Al Khaldiya last night to make it through to the quarter-finals of this season's His Majesty the King's Cup football tournament.

Sitra needed to go the distance to book their seats in a 4-2 penalty shootout win against their heavily favoured rivals.



Sitra's Vincent Emmanuel Ani tries to keep possession against Al Khaldiya's Rafael Henrique Assis Cardoso

Manama, meanwhile, joined Sitra in the last eight after defeating Bahrain Club 2-0 to advance.

Both victors now move on to

face each other in the quarters. They are the fifth and sixth squads to qualify for this stage, following in the footsteps of league champions Riffa, Mu-

**Sitra and Manama now move on to the round of eight where they will face one another in an exciting affair**

harraq, Al Najma and Al Ahli.

The final two spots will be decided tonight when Al Hala face Tadhmon and East Riffa take on Hidd.

The quarter-finals have yet to be scheduled by the Bahrain Football Association.

In Sitra's win last night, both teams had chances to find the

net during regular time but the 90 minutes ended goalless.

That sent the match directly into penalties, and Sitra were dominant from the start.

Bahrain international striker Ismael Abdullatif kicked off the shootout with an uncharacteristic miss as his effort bounced off the left post. Sitra's Seydina Laye Dabo then took advantage, sending Khaldiya's Sayed Shubbar Alawi the wrong way.

Khaldiya's Samy Frioui's attempt was then saved by Sitra's substitute goalkeeper Godwill Chia Ndong, and then Ebrahim Ahmed Habib made it 2-0 for his team.

Penalties from Sayed Dhiya Saeed and Sayed Qassim Alawi kept Sitra in full control, and then Mahdi Humaidan reduced Khaldiya's deficit to 2-3 with his effort.

That set the stage for the win-

ner for Mishal Mohammed with one round of attempts still remaining. Mohammed made no mistake, sending the ball into the bottom-left corner of the net past Alawi.

In Manama's triumph, Mahdi Abduljabbar opened the scoring in the 64th minute with a short stab just a metre from goal. Abduljabbar was on the receiving end of a cross from the left of the box and he simply guided the ball into the net.

Manama then sealed the victory in the fifth minute of second-half stoppage time with a brilliant counter-attack that ended with Syrian Mohammed Al Hallaq scoring following a fine one-two with Ali Habib.

Tonight's concluding round of 16 matches are both scheduled to kick off at 6pm at separate venues.

# Ronaldo to reject improper conduct charge: Ten Hag

Reuters | London

Erik ten Hag said yesterday that Cristiano Ronaldo will reject an improper conduct charge from the Football Association after the Manchester United star was involved in an altercation with an Everton fan last season.

Video footage showed Ronaldo appearing to knock a young boy's mobile phone to the ground after United's 1-0 defeat at Goodison Park on April 9.

The 37-year-old was cautioned by Merseyside Police and the FA last month charged Ronaldo over the incident.

United manager Ten Hag



Erik ten Hag and Cristiano Ronaldo

has spoken to Ronaldo and said the Portugal striker will contest the FA charge.

"We talked about that and he will not accept it," Ten Hag told reporters.

The incident with the Everton fan occurred when Ronaldo was making his way towards the tunnel and the former Real Madrid and Juventus star later issued an apology for his actions.

# Mohammed triple lifts Najma against Samaheej

● **Hussain Mohammed buries game-winning three-pointer for Al Najma in 84-82 win against Samaheej in Zain Bahrain Basketball League**

TD | Manama

Hussain Mohammed buried a game-winning three-pointer with 37 seconds to go to lift Al Najma to a hard-earned 84-82 victory over Samaheej last night in their week five game of the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Trailing by one, Mohammed received a pass from veteran court general Hussain Shaker on the left baseline and fired in the corner shot to give Najma the 84-82 advantage.

That eventually proved to be the

last basket of the game, as efforts from Ahmed Fateel and Basel Adel to salvage the contest for Samaheej came up short.

It was a close game throughout, with Najma going up by 10 in the first half for the biggest lead of the contest. Samaheej were able to go ahead in the fourth and went up 82-81 with 43 seconds left on a pair of Fateel free-throws. But that set the stage for Mohammed's heroics.

Nick Ward top scored for Najma with 33 points and 11 rebounds, while Mohammed Hussain added 15, Ali Jaber 13 and Mohammed 12.

For Samaheej, Stephen Hurt had a monster effort of 21 points and 22 rebounds in the loss, while Hussain Busafwan and Sayed Ali Mahmood each chipped in with 15.

Najma claimed only their second win in four games with the result, while Samaheej suffered their fourth loss to go with one win.

League action continues next week.



Al Najma's Nick Ward looks to score from below the basket against Samaheej last night