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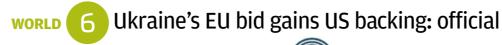
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Iran arrests Nobelprize winning activist Narges **Mohammadi:** supporters

AFP | Paris, France

Iranian security forces yesterday "violently" arrested the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi at a memorial ceremony for a lawyer who died earlier this month, her supporters said.

Mohammadi, who was granted temporary leave from prison in December 2024, was detained along with several other activists at the ceremony for lawyer Khosrow Alikordi, who was found dead in his office last week, her foundation wrote on X. Also writing on X, Mohammadi's Paris-based husband, Taghi Rahmani, said she had been arrested at the ceremony in the eastern city of Mashhad along with fellow prominent activist Sepideh Gholian.

Former Iragi president Salih appointed new **UNHCR** chief

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

Former Iraqi president Barham Salih will become the next United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a UN source told yesterday, taking over an agency tackling swingeing budget cuts.

Salih was president of Iraq from 2018 to 2022. He will take over as UN refugees chief next month from Filippo Grandi, who is leaving at the end of December after 10 years in the post.

Germany blames Russia for cyberattack

AFP | Berlin, Germany

≺ermany vesterday ac-Cused Russia of a cyberattack targeting its air traffic control and spreading disinformation ahead of February's general election, charges dismissed by Russia as "absurd" and "baseless".

A German foreign ministry spokesman said security services had proof that hacker groups run by Russia's military intelligence service GRU were responsible for the attack and influence operations.

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned to Bahrain following a private visit to Egypt. HM the King was welcomed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister





His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday attended the Al Raffah Media Festival, held at the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club (REHC), in Al Raffah. The Festival featured three races: the Al Raffah Media Cup, the Celebrate Bahrain Cup, and the NAD Holding Cup. Winners of the cups were announced, and Mrs. Sarah Ahmed Buheji, CEO of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), presented the Celebrate Bahrain Cup to Abdullah Fawzi Nass, while His Highness Shaikh Nader bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa received the NAD Holding Cup and Al Raffah Media Cup from Mr. Mohammed Haji, Deputy CEO of NAD Holding.

Rehabilitation not employment

Government amendment replaces term 'employment

New amendment would make rehabilitation and training compulsor

Draft covers civil liability for injuries or illnesses

Cabinet approved the draft on 17 November 2025

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

ehabilitation and train- aimed at reintegration. ing programmes could amendment now before Parliament.

The proposed change replaces the previous term "employ-



Representative image



Under the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Mandela Rules), rehabilitation is considered a core purpose of imprisonment. The UN emphasises that prisons should not simply detain people but must actively prepare inmates for reintegration through education, vocational training and personal development programmes.

soon become compulsory and National Security Com-sible, the programmes should for prisoners in Bahrain, un- mittee has been assigned as match an inmate's existing craft der a new government-drafted the main panel to review the or professional background. amendment, while the Legislatee will also provide input.

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whose medical conditions pre-The Foreign Affairs, Defence vent participation. Where pos-

Executive regulations would tive and Legal Affairs Commit- define the types of programmes Under the new text, all in- mum working hours, allowanc- 2025. If passed by both cham-

in coordination with relevant authorities.

The draft further addresses civil liability, stating that inmates would be protected in cases of occupational injuries or professional illnesses arising during participation in rehabilitation and training activities.

A memorandum from the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission links the amendment to remarks from the International Labour Organization's expert committee, which had raised concerns about provisions that could amount to compulsory labour when imposed alongside imprisonment. The memo notes that Bahrain, which joined the convention on the abolition of forced labour in 1998, is responding to those concerns through the proposed changes.

The Cabinet approved the draft for referral to the legislaoffered, their duration, maxi- tive authority on 17 November ments would take effect the day

Israel bans mobile phones in primary schools

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel will ban children from using mobile phones in primary schools from February, the education ministry's website said Friday, emphasising the devices' "negative effects" on students.

In implementing the ban, Israel will join a growing number of countries moving to prevent children from accessing their phones while in educational establishments.

"From February 2, a new policy will be implemented in primary schools: children will be prohibited from using mobile phones on school premises," the education ministry said in a statement.

Messi to unveil 21-metre statue of himself on India 'GOAT' tour

AFP | Kolkata, India

ionel Messi will unveil a Lionel Messi win 221-metre (70-foot) statue of himself in India today as he embarks on a threeday tour of the country that has sparked a fan frenzy.

The iron sculpture in Kolkata, which shows Messi holding aloft the World Cup, is part of a so-called GOAT Tour that will take in four Indian cities and a possible meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 38-year-old Argen-

tina and Inter Miami superstar will unveil the monument virtually rather than in person for security reasons.

