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HM King, HRH Prince Salman congratulate Pakistan on Independence Day

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to the President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi, on his country's Independence Day. HM King and HRH Prince Salman expressed most sincere congratulations, wishing him abundant health and happiness and Pakistani people more growth and prosperity.

Registration open for Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme

The application windows are now open for the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme, which is now in its 8th edition. Applications are accepted now, and the deadline ends on the 13th of September 2022, said the PM's office in a statement. The Fellowship is for young Bahraini professionals working in the public sector. Till now, almost 90 applicants have received the Fellowship. Selected individuals will spend a year working as full-time research fellows in the Prime Minister's Office, benefiting from advanced training in writing skills, research methods and policy analysis, both in-house and through the Bahrain Institute of Public Ad-



HRH the Crown and Prime Minister with Fellowship recipients (file)

ministration. Fellows will also benefit from the opportunity to interact with - and learn from - decision-makers at the highest levels of government. Following this, the fellows will return to their ministries where they will remain the points of contact for the Prime Minister's Office. "The programme reflects the far-reaching visions of His Roy-

al Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to strengthen and develop human capital," Hamad Yaqoob Al Mahmeed, the Director General of

the Prime Minister's Office, said. The previous editions, he said, contributed to furthering public sector work streams and achieving wide-ranging development goals. Eligibility criteria call for the applicants to be a government employee, fully bilingual, have a grade below Section Head, hold at least a Bachelor's University degree, well-read, up to date on current affairs, capable of critical analysis, and willing to work shifts and on weekends for a year.

The PM's Fellowship Programme was launched in 2015 to help mentor and prepare exceptional young Bahrainis from various government entities for a career in public service leadership.



To apply, log on to www.pmo.gov.bh

Rushdie attack suspect charged with attempted murder



Hadi Matar, the suspect in the stabbing of author Salman Rushdie at an event in New York state, has been charged with attempted murder and is being held without bond, prosecutors in Chautauqua County said on Saturday. Matar, a 24-year-old man from Fairview, New Jersey, was arraigned late on Friday, accused of attempted murder in the second degree and assault in the second degree, the county's district attorney, Jason Schmidt, said in a statement.

War against obesity

WHO, Bahrain join hands to accelerate obesity battle

- Bahrain first in Gulf to join WHO
- Part of a global 25 nation effort

Bahrain has become the first in the GCC states and one of the select 25 others around the globe to implement a plan by the World Health Organisation to accelerate the pace of controlling the global obesity epidemic. Obesity, according

to WHO, is one of the most blatantly visible yet one of the most neglected public health problems today. The global overweight and obesity or "globesity" are taking over many parts of the world. "Millions will suffer from an array of serious health disorders if immediate action is not taken," says WHO. The new move is also critical for Bahrain, where obesity prevalence is higher than the regional average of 10.3% for women and 7.5% for men, says Global Nutrition Report. The report also says that an estimated 39.5% of adult (aged



18 years and over) women and 28.4% of adult men are obese in Bahrain. Diabetes is estimated to affect 11.1% of adult women and 12.8% of adult men. In the meeting yesterday, Bahrain kick-started the fight in coordination with representatives of WHO. Coordination will be through the headquarters of WHO in Geneva, the regional office the Middle East and WHO office in Bahrain. Dr Maryam Al-Hajri, Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health, led Bahrain in the remote meeting. (Continued on page 2)

Tourist visa holders can perform Umrah

People visiting Saudi Arabia on tourist visas are now allowed to perform Umrah, said the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah yesterday. "Citizens from 49 countries - eligible for a tourist visa online- will benefit from the service," the ministry said. Those eligible for eVisas can also apply for a tourist visa upon reaching Saudi Arabia. The holders of US, UK and Schengen visas are also eligible to perform Umrah while visiting Saudi Arabia. The ministry also said that people who hold family visit visas could also apply to perform Umrah. They should apply through the Eatmarna app.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED
10220541

ACTIVE CASES
4437

DEATHS
1512

DISCHARGED
660424

NEW CASES
581

CRITICAL
2

Revealed after 32 years

The 'most spectacular UFO photo ever captured'

TDT | agencies

On August 4, 1990, two young men were working as chefs in a hotel in Pitlochry, a beautiful Highland Perthshire town, just outside the Cairngorms National Park in Scotland. At 9pm, after a long day in a hot kitchen, they drove about 13 miles north along the A9 to Calvine, a spot on the edge of the Cairngorms, for a walk in the hills. They hadn't gone far when they saw a huge, solid, diamond-shaped object, about 100ft long, hovering silently in the sky above them. Terrified, they hid in some bushes and looked up. Minutes later, they heard the scream of a jet aircraft going north. In 1990, RAF Leuchars in Fife had two squadrons of Tornado fighters on 24-hour



This photograph, taken by two young chefs on August 4, 1990, has been hidden from view for more than 30 years

standby to intercept Russian intruder aircraft. The jet came back and circled the 'thing' before heading off on its original course, as if the pilot had seen the object too and had come back for a closer look.

Eventually the two men stuck their camera out from where they were hiding and fired off six frames. At that point, the object shot vertically upwards and disappeared way, way up into the sky.



RAF Officer Craig Lindsay shows a 30-year-old, black and white photo of a UFO sighting - described as 'one of the best in the world' which has been unearthed after being hidden by the British Ministry of Defence.

Convinced they'd just seen a UFO, they took their photos to the Daily Record, one of Scotland's leading newspapers. But no story was ever printed: The

paper passed the pictures on to the Ministry of Defence. And then, the photographs simply vanished - along with the two young chefs. Until now. Here, for the first time, we can reveal that missing picture - a photograph one MoD insider described as the most spectacular UFO picture ever captured, and the Holy Grail in terms of hard evidence that these things really exist. It's a picture the MoD and The National Archives have tried their utmost to keep hidden. While the information would normally have been released after 30 years, the Ministry has not released the original photo and wants the names of the witnesses sealed for a further 54 years - until 2076 - because of 'privacy concerns'.

Muharraq to intensify crackdown on beggars; arrested 70 in six months

TDT | Manama

Police in the Muharraq Directorate had arrested 70 people, since the start of this year, as part of a crackdown on beggars in the area, said a top official.

Brigadier Saleh bin Rashid Al Dosari, the Director General of the Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate, said most of the arrested were foreign nationals.

"We have deported all of them after taking necessary legal measures," he said.

He said the directorate is also carrying out a series of inspection campaigns to root out the phenomenon of illegal employment in association with the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs of the Ministry of Interior.

Al Dosari was presenting a report on actions against beggary



Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al-Mannai, Muharraq Governor, with other officials during a security committee

in the directorate during a security committee meeting chaired by Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al-Mannai, Muharraq Governor. During the meeting, Bin Hindi stressed the importance of intensifying security campaigns to deter this phenomenon.

He had also directed authorities to crackdown on beggars in markets and vital places, especially at tourist spots, where they create a nuisance to those who refuse to pay alms.

Directing to take action, Al-Mannai stressed the importance of intensifying security campaigns to deter this phenomenon. The orders came in the presence of Brigadier Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Jeeran, Deputy Governor of Muharraq, Brigadier Saleh bin Rashid Al Dosari, Director General of the Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate, Brigadier Sultan Al Kaabi, Deputy Director General of the Muharraq Governorate

Police Directorate, and several Internal Ministry officials.

The Governor also ordered an increase in a security presence in East Hidd and Diyar Al Muharraq, especially near construction and maintenance works.

Brigadier General Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Jeeran highlighted the dangers caused by unlicensed motorcycles and electric bikes. "These vehicles are creating grave threats to the lives of residents and riders themselves, he said, citing their non-compliance with laws, security and safety procedures.

"Riders of such vehicles are causing traffic chaos where they go," he said.

Not just in Muharraq!

Tribune has earlier reported the issue of beggary in Manama and Gudaibiya and the inconvenience they cause to citizens and residents.

Mostly women carrying small children are seen roaming the streets in those areas, where they allegedly even enter shops asking for money from shopkeepers and customers.

However, people in the area had told Tribune that they are not seeing it as a crime but as a "social problem".

They also described the issue as a "recent phenomenon."

People have told Tribune that some of them look like coming from reasonably good families.

However, when brought to the notice of Dr Anna Mostafa, a leading psychologist in the Kingdom, the doctor pointed fingers at psychological factors as "no one would want to beg or want to be destitute."

"Perhaps there are unaware of the resources available to them by charities and shelters to support them."

The doctor has also stressed

the need for increasing campaigns on service available.

Is begging a lucrative activity?

Reports also point fingers in this direction.

Several reports say that begging has become lucrative for many in the Gulf, especially foreigners.

A recent report by gulf news says that Dubai police have arrested a female beggar from Mecca with around SR117,000 in her possession. She also had with her cash in various currencies as well as gold jewellery.

Yet another report from Kuwait says police arrested a beggar with 500,000 Kuwait dinars in his bank account from near a mosque in the capital. Another Dubai police report also says they had arrested a beggar with Dh40,000 along with other Arab and foreign currencies during Ramadan.



Believe it or not!

Eisha had over 1 Million USD

Eisha was 100 years old beggar when she died. After her death, Eisha's childhood friend Saedi revealed the details of her assets which were valued at 1 million US dollars. Her fortune includes 4 buildings that were handed over to authorities after her death.



Simon Wright - Banned from begging for being rich

This man was banned from begging anywhere in London after it emerged he was earning £50,000 a year from begging and living in a £300,000 flat. Simon Wright was handed an Asbo after the London Magistrate heard how he would sit wearing ragged clothes outside NatWest bank in Putney High Street of London with a handwritten "homeless and hungry" sign before returning to his smart housing association home in Fulham.



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MIDDLE EAST HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTERS

Coast guards, ambulance crew rescue sick man from ship following SOS call

TDT | Manama

Bahraini Coast Guards yesterday rescued a person who fell ill on a ship in the territorial waters following a distress call.

The rescue operation involved members of the National Ambulance team.

The Coast Guard Command said they received the MAYDAY call at the Navigational Watchtower of Khalifa Bin Salman port.

In response to the SOS call, "we quickly mobilised the marine patrols to the vessel."

"We also assigned a National Ambulance team to assist the patrol officers at the ship moored in the northeast direction of Bahrain."

Officers took emergency procedures to ensure the person's safety and stabilising his health



condition before transporting him ashore.

Upon reaching the shore, the

Ambulance crew rushed the man to a hospital for critical care.

Controlling the global obesity epidemic

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Expressing joy for being part of the effort, Dr Al-Hajri said the move reflects the interest in promoting the health of citizens and residents alike.

Dr Buthaina Ajlan of Bahrain's Nutrition Programme and Dr Dalal Al-Rumaihi, Consultant Endocrinologist and Diabetologist, Member of the National Committee for Noncommunicable Diseases and Member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Diabetes Association, were present.

They reviewed strategies and plans adopted by the Kingdom to reduce obesity and the role of Bahrain's Diabetes Association in bringing down obesity rates.



WHO officials discussed the mechanisms through which the plan to accelerate Obesity prevention measures to be implemented in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr Tasneem Atatreh, the representative of the World Health Organization in Bahrain, said that choosing Bahrain that promotes and supports multisectoral partnership, political commitment, and unlimited support would enhance efforts to document and publish these experiences following scientific standards.

WHO experts also commended the achievements and efforts of Bahrain to reduce the spread of non-communicable diseases and eliminate obesity.

Escape, hot pursuit, arrest

Drug mule with 60 drug capsules in stomach escapes from SMC; police recapture him after 7 hours

TDI | Manama

A drug mule arrested with 60 capsules in his stomach but escaped during medical examination and recaptured after 7 hours of pursuit is on trial before the High Criminal Court.

The man, Asian National, court files say, waltzed off from custody while undergoing medical examination at the Salmaniya Medical Complex.

Police had arrested the suspect, who had in his stomach 60 capsules stuffed with drugs, from the Bahrain International Airport.

Customs officers, who grew suspicious of his actions, paved the way for busting the smuggling attempt.

Court files say the officers spotted the man acting suspiciously during check-out procedures and immediately guided him to the red lane for detailed examination.

Customs officers, however,



Representative picture

could not find any hidden spaces in his baggage and decided to subject him to an x-ray scanning.

The medical examination revealed that the man was hiding 60 capsules in his stomach.

Officers then took the suspect to the Salmaniya Medical Complex to retrieve the tablets.

However, a window of opportunity opened up for the man during the examination, and he used that to his full benefit and ran off.

Warned by the man's absence, police went on full alert and started tracking the man.

Cops said they quickly began the pursuit, but said it took seven hours for them to spot the suspect and return him to custody.

During interrogation, police said, the man confessed to his crimes, saying that people offered him money for smuggling drugs into the Kingdom.

"They offered me BD1000 to smuggle the drugs into the Kingdom of Bahrain," he told prosecutors.

The public Prosecution charged him with escaping police custody and drug smuggling.

Bahrain customs have thwarted several attempts like this recently to smuggle drugs and narcotics into the Kingdom.

The most common methods employed are body packing --

swallowing large volumes of drugs to hide them in the gastrointestinal tract and body pushing -- placing drug packages or paraphernalia in the rectum.

In a recent incident, cops arrested a man carrying 75 capsules stuffed with drugs in his stomach and another with 100 capsules.

Both were arrested at the Bahrain International Airport and now serving their time in a Bahrain jail.

How do doctors retrieve capsules?

Experts say that if someone swallows such capsules, there is only one way for it to come out.

Reportedly, most carriers also take a drug called Loperamide for diarrhoea to avoid passing the drugs during flight.

To bring it out, doctors give laxatives that could make the bowel squeeze more strongly.

Afterwards, some poor souls have to go through whatever passed out.

Woman seizes ex-husband's house with fake sales contract: Court orders eviction

TDI | Manama

A woman and her children, who continued to occupy her ex-husband's house, have received a court order to leave,

overturning an earlier verdict in her favour.

The woman allegedly continued her stay in the house, armed with a fake purchase contract, besides securing a divorce from

the man. Court files say she had also filed a case against the ex-husband claiming that the house was sold to her citing the sale contract. In a countersuit filed, the man claimed that the

The woman allegedly continued her stay in the house, armed with the fake contract, besides securing a divorce from the man.

contract was fake and pleaded that he was not legally bound to "provide shelter to the woman and her children".

"I want to use the property the way I want, for which the

woman and her children should leave," he added. Investigators later proved the contract was fake, based on which the man secured an eviction order from the High Civil Court.

Immoral acts: Police arrest 48, including 39 women

TDI | Manama

Police yesterday announced the arrest of nine men and 39 women for engaging in immoral acts following investigations into two separate cases registered.

The Department of Combating Human Trafficking and Protection of Public Morals at the General Department of Investigation and Criminal Evi-



dence announced the arrests.

Police said they retrieved undisclosed quantities of intoxicating drinks from the suspects.

The arrest followed an investigation into a tip-off received saying a group of people are practising immoral acts in the Kingdom. Authority said they took all legal measures to hand over the case to the Public Prosecution.



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee has called for increasing the pace of work to complete installing solar energy systems in sports facilities. "The use of clean energy in sports facilities achieves multiple goals and it is in line with Bahrain's commitment to environmental goals. It also enables sports officials to better use resources to manage the facilities in a more successful and effective manner," HH Shaikh Khalid said as he received Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) President Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed. The meeting also discussed ways to enhance cooperation and coordination between the General Sports Authority and the EWA as well as ways to provide technical support for sports programs and events.



Indian Ladies Association organised a workshop for house-helpers on the 6th of August 2022 to empower them financially. ILA also presented participants with shopping vouchers sponsored by LuLu as gifts on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. On Friday, the ILA ExCom and WWSC subcommittee members joined workshop participants in tying Rakhis with more than 50 workers at the construction and cleaning camp in Salmabad.

Raksha Bandhan



On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Brahmakumaris from Bahrain Meditation Centre visited the Indian Embassy and tied Rakhi to Ambassador Piyush Srivastava. Raksha Bandhan is a popular and traditional annual ceremony in South Asia. On this day, sisters of all ages tie a Rakhi around the wrists of their brothers. They symbolically protect them, receive a gift in return, and traditionally investing the brothers with a share of the responsibility of their potential care.

Trafco Group profits surge

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Trafco Group yesterday reported a more than 55% jump in its second-quarter profit, which the company attributed to "good gross margin of the parent company and some other subsidiary companies as well as other exceptional income reported due to the acquisition of balance stakes of an associate company."

Quarterly results

Second quarter net profit jumped 55.10% to BD 339k from BD 219k in the year-ago quarter.

Earnings per share were 5 fils compared to 3 fils in the



Azzam Moutragi, Group CEO



Ebrahim Zainal, Chairman

previous year quarter.

Total comprehensive income related to Trafco Group shareholders was BD 264k

compared to BD 285k in the year-ago quarter, a decrease of 7.16%.

Ebrahim Zainal, Chairman

of Trafco Group stated that the increase in the net profit for the second quarter of 2022 was mainly due to the good gross margin of the parent company and some other subsidiary companies as well as other exceptional income reported due to the acquisition of balance stakes of an associate company. This is the first period's financials, after the full acquisition of Bahrain Livestock Co., that accounts are consolidated.

H1 results

Net profit related to Trafco Group shareholders in H1 rose 33.54% to BD 1,155k from BD 865k a year ago. Earnings per share were 16 fils compared

with 12 fils in the same period of the previous year.

Total comprehensive income related to Trafco Group shareholders was BD 1,980k compared to BD 1,632k of the same period of the previous year, with an increase of 21.33%.

Azzam Moutragi, Group CEO of Trafco Group stated that the increase in the net profit for the half year of 2022 was due to decent operational performance of parent and some of the subsidiary companies. The consolidation of financials due to the acquisition of Bahrain Livestock company had a positive impact of total group assets.

CAPTAINS CORNER

Challenging climate change



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

Against the colourful photo of flowers in the foreground, a news agency yesterday announced the dire news that England had declared some areas as drought-stricken. Hearing this about a land of a million umbrellas seems to confirm our worst fears that climate change is here and prowling in our midst like a hungry tiger with its fangs bared. To get everybody to fight climate change, we must first convince them that this affects you and me and our children, our neighbourhood – not just the polar bears in the Arctic Circle.

Shortly this month, the Indian community's Malayalees will be celebrating their harvest festival of Onam – it is a joyful occasion but one that is playing out this year against the backdrop of severe weather change in India as in the rest of the world. Did you know that the reason you got to eat fewer delicious mangoes this summer was because climate change played havoc with the 2022 mango crop?

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Infracorp achieves \$37.5 million in revenue

TDI | Manama

Infracorp announced yesterday a net profit of \$13.6 million on revenue of \$37.5 m during the six months ended 30 June 2022 with steady growth in its financials.

Currently managing a portfolio of around \$3 billion of assets, Infracorp aims to accelerate the growth of sustainable infrastructure development across MENA and South Asia regions.

Majed Al-Khan, CEO of Infracorp, commented: "We entered quarter two with a clear strategy based on diversifying our investment portfolio and increasing revenue. We are fully committed to carrying over the momentum of quarter one as a foundation for the rest of



Majed Al-Khan, CEO of Infracorp

the year. Through investing in short and medium-term market instruments and new partnerships in the infrastructure development sector, we anticipate further improvement in our

liquidity position."

He also added: "We are pleased to see a steady and continued positive performance with equally favorable projections for our first year in operation. These results clearly provide a promising outlook for us to continue using as a foundation for our vision of a sustainable global community."

Infracorp has initiated the construction of a sustainable ecosystem in part of its ongoing green vision through investments in a social infrastructure portfolio solution that comprises building materials, logistics and technologies that support climate change goals, as well as social infrastructure assets across the education and healthcare sectors.

Russia could buy yuan, rupees, Turkish lira for rainy day fund, central bank says

Reuters | MOSCOW

Russia is considering buying the currencies of "friendly" countries such as China, India and Turkey to hold in its National Wealth Fund (NWF), having lost the ability to buy dollars or euros due to sanctions, the central bank said on Friday.

The bank said it was sticking to the policy of a free-floating rouble exchange rate but highlighted that it was important to reinstate a budget rule which diverts excess oil revenues into the country's rainy day fund.

In a report on its monetary policy for 2023-2025, the central bank said various options on how to return to the fiscal

rule and replenish the NWF are now being discussed, taking into account the Western sanctions against Russia over its actions in Ukraine.

"The Russian Ministry of Finance is working on the possibility of implementing an operational mechanism for the replenishment/spending of the NWF in currencies of friendly countries (yuan, rupees, Turkish lira and others)," the central bank said.

Experts have voiced concerns about insufficient liquidity in such currencies and about the possible risks. Inflation in Turkey, for example, jumped to nearly 80% in June, a 24-year high.

Alexei Zabolotkin, the central bank first deputy governor who presented the monetary policy report on Friday, said the parameters of the new budget rule were still under consideration. He pointed out that liquidity in yuan-rouble trading has approached the levels of the euro-rouble currency pair on the Moscow Exchange.

In the first half of 2022, average daily trade turnover for the yuan rose more than 12-fold, according to the exchange.

Under the budget rule, Russia previously bought dollars and euros for the NWF, but not the other currencies. It stopped daily purchases of forex for the fund in early 2022 amid increased volatility in the rouble.

The NWF is managed by the finance ministry but is part of the central bank's international reserves, which also include yuan. These totalled around \$640 billion as of February, of which nearly half was frozen under Western sanctions.

The Russian economy will return to growth in 2024 after two years of contraction, according to the central bank.

"Economic contraction in Russia will bottom out in the first half of 2023," Zabolotkin said.

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022		
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT	30 JUN 2022	31 DEC 2021
Amounts are in Bahraini Dinars	Reviewed	Audited
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property Plant and equipment	318,988	261,812
Investment property	538,357	538,357
Non-Current portion of available for sale investments	10,409,302	9,517,230
	11,266,647	10,317,399
Current assets		
Current portion of available-for-sale-investments	490,948	691,795
Reinsurance contract receivables	892,581	897,718
Other receivables and prepayments	437,124	252,676
Statutory deposit	96,016	95,052
Mudaraba deposit	1,000,000	500,000
Cash and Bank Balances	10,363,812	11,151,143
	13,280,481	13,588,384
Total assets	24,547,128	23,905,783
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	5,000,000	5,000,000
Statutory reserve	2,500,000	2,500,000
Investment Fair value reserve	1,075,861	1,442,835
Retained earnings	5,121,872	4,789,790
	13,697,733	13,732,625
Current liabilities		
Insurance liabilities	9,650,837	8,901,860
Other liabilities and provisions	1,198,558	1,271,298
	10,849,395	10,173,158
Total equity and liabilities	24,547,128	23,905,783

These financial statements have been reviewed by BDO.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
Amounts are in Bahraini Dinars	Reviewed	Reviewed
Income		
Gross premiums written	3,765,829	1,052,482
Insurance premiums ceded	(156,282)	(87,150)
Net insurance premiums written	3,609,547	965,332
Change in unearned premiums	(136,296)	(31,253)
Other Insurance Income	363,833	39,800
Total income from insurance operations	3,837,084	973,879
Expenses from Insurance operations		
Gross claims paid	(810,875)	(1,069,697)
Claims recovered from reinsurers	23,237	27,841
Net claims paid	(787,638)	(1,041,856)
Change in provision for O/S Claims	(578,020)	1,081,941
Commissions paid	(188,098)	(61,074)
Motor compensation fund contribution	(24,111)	(3,926)
Staff costs	(740,615)	(585,599)
General and Administrative expenses	(302,164)	(242,665)
Depreciation	(12,552)	(23,150)
Total expenses from insurance operations	(2,633,198)	(876,329)
Net Income from insurance operations	1,203,886	97,550
Investment income	703,212	580,908
Other Income	2,371	48,215
Impairment Loss on available-for-sale investments	(87,387)	(4,995)
Directors' remuneration	(100,000)	(59,000)
Charity expense	(15,000)	(5,000)
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	1,707,082	657,678
Earnings per Share - Basic	341 Fils	132 Fils
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Net Profit for the Period	1,707,082	657,678
Other Comprehensive Income		
Net gain/(Loss) on revaluation of available for sale investments	(366,974)	(212,124)
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,340,108	445,554

The interim condensed financial information were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

Sameer Ebrahim Al-Wazzan
Chairman

Waleed Abdulrahman Al-Eisa
Vice Chairman

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)



Freedom at 75

A walk down the memory lane



At the stroke of midnight, over 229,000,000 Pakistanis once again returned to the joyful moments their forefathers and countless freedom fighters went through on this day 75 years ago.

It was a glorious achievement, a moment to cherish forever.

But remember that the walk towards freedom was never easy.

It was a long walk through the fire of battle, the struggle within oneself and own community and country.

But, at last, it opened doors to an all-new world of possibilities and opportunities and paved the way for a bright future.

Speaking about that moments will also bring to our senses countless faces whose contributions are priceless.

At the forefront of those faces is Muhammad Ali Jinnah, revered as Quaid-i-Azam (Great Leader) and Baba-i-Qaum (Father of the Nation) by people all over Pakistan.

He fought for Pakistan, not with guns but with pen, inspired by the principles and teachings of Islam that emphasise social justice and equality.

Jinnah viewed Islam as a civilisation, culture, social order and an ethical foundation of the society rather than a set of puritanical legal injunctions.

On the 11th of August 1947, in an address to the Constituent Assembly, Jinnah said that he visualises a Pakistan with an inclusive and impartial government offering religious freedom, rule of law, and equality for all.

He said, "We have undoubtedly achieved Pakistan by moral and intellectual force. Are we now going to besmear and tarnish this greatest achievement for which there is no parallel in the history of the world? Pakistan is now a fait accompli and it can never be undone, besides, it was the only just, honourable, and practical solution to the most complex constitutional problem of this great subcontinent. Let us now plan to build and reconstruct and regenerate our great nation..."

Today, after more than seven decades, Pakistan, as a nation and its people, stands as a testimony to Jinnah's vision.

Today, Pakistan has come a long way, establishing itself as a great nation.

When it gained independence in 1947, Pakistan was a predominantly agricultural country. Today, with an economy worth \$1.468 trillion (PPP; 2022 est), Pakistan has grown to become a major force to be reckoned with.

Major industries include cement, fertiliser, edible oil, sugar, steel, tobacco, chemicals, machinery, food processing and medical instruments, primarily surgical. Pakistan is also one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of surgical instruments.

Despite all these, the country, like other nations, had to battle hard the COVID-19 pandemic and its repercussions.

Thanks to massive vaccination and control measures, the journey to prosperity is back on its path and is gaining pace.

At this juncture, it is worth listening to the words of Jinnah once again.

"Islam expects every Muslim to do this duty, and if we realise our responsibility, time will come soon when we shall justify ourselves worthy of a glorious past."

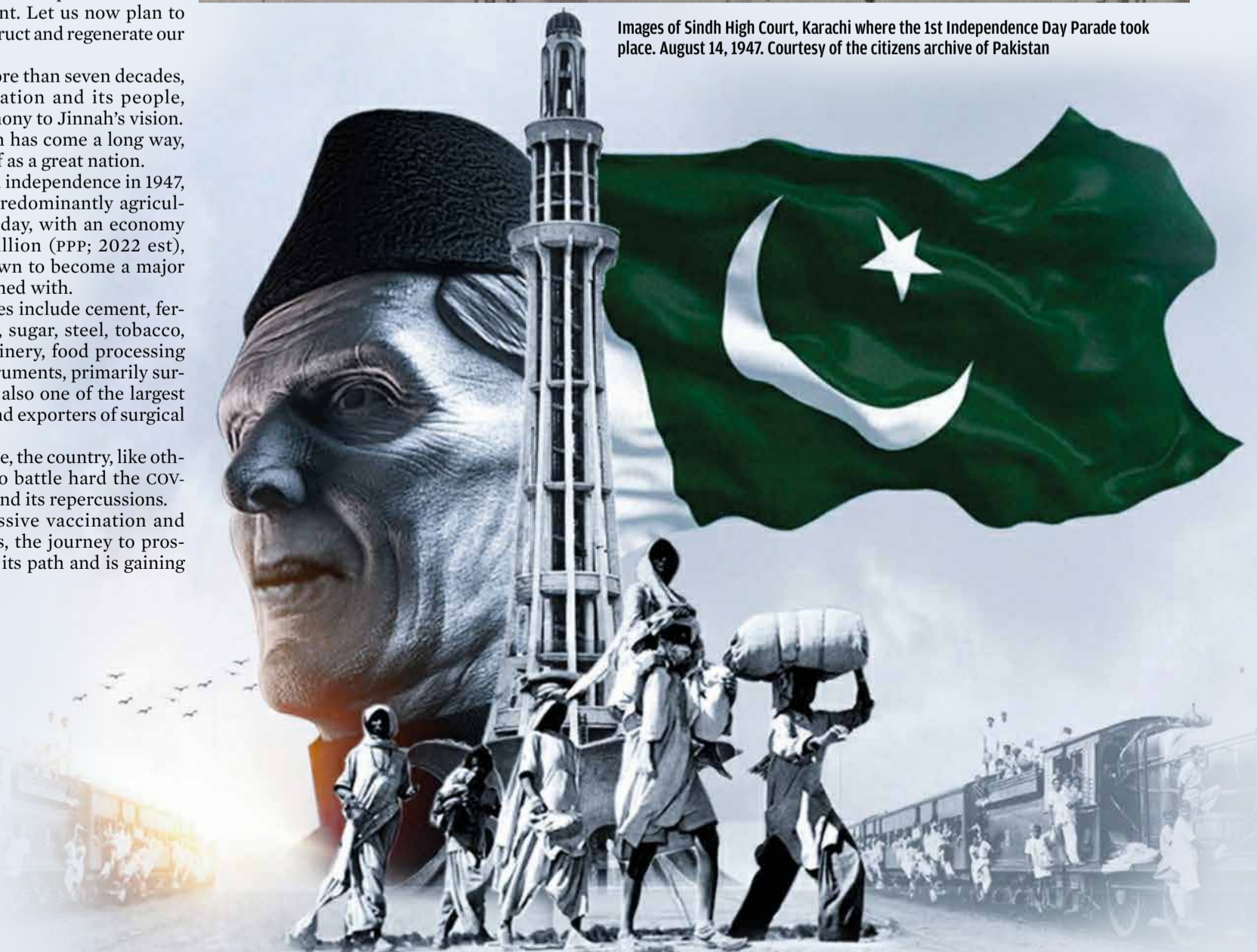
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MUHAMMAD AYUB
PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR



Images of Sindh High Court, Karachi where the 1st Independence Day Parade took place. August 14, 1947. Courtesy of the citizens archive of Pakistan





Moment of reflection and self-accountability

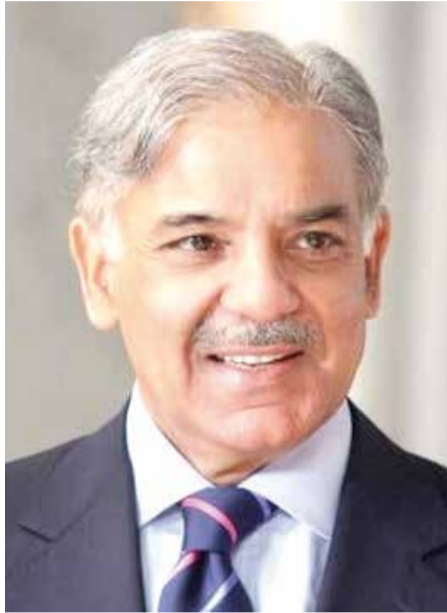
MUHAMMAD SHEHBAZ SHARIF

Prime Minister of Pakistan

The 75th Independence Day is a watershed moment in our nation's history. Today we pay rich tributes to Muslims of the sub-continent and express our collective gratitude to them for their heroic struggle, and epic sacrifices for the creation of a new state. The establishment of Pakistan is an outcome of the Quaid-i-Azam's single-minded devotion, unflinching resolve and his unwavering struggle. From the conception of an idea in 1930, Pakistan emerged on the map of the world as the largest Muslim country in a short span of 17 years. The coming of Pakistan into existence was not less than a miracle that stunned friends and foes alike, beating all predictions and assessments.

Where the 75th Independence Day is an occasion of jubilation and festivity, it is also a moment of reflection and self-accountability. We, as a nation, have achieved many milestones during the last seven and a half decades. From thwarting external aggression to putting together federal constitution to becoming the 7th nuclear power of the world to beating the scourge of terrorism, we have come a long way. The odds were definitely heavier than anyone could imagine but our national will to defeat them was stronger.

At the same time, it is also a



dermine the solidarity and integrity of the country and rob societies of their national purpose. The Quaid-i-Azam warned against such evils and gave us the motto of "unity, faith and discipline" as an antidote.

The greatest strength of our country is the people, particularly the youth. It is their energy, resolve and passion that is capable of overcoming any odd, beating any hurdle and lighting the candle of hope.

fact that we have not been able to fully realize the dream that our founding fathers dreamed; the dream of socio-economic justice, rule of and equality before the law, and the dream of an egalitarian society.

While we are an independent nation, a precious gift for which we cannot thank Allah Almighty enough, true freedom lies in being free from want, hunger, poverty and backwardness. As long as we do not have economic sovereignty, the concept of freedom will remain incomplete.

Nothing is more dangerous for a nation than the internal division; disruption and chaos, for such negative forces un-

We can push back the divisive and nihilistic forces with the power of the people and protect our freedom and identity. I have my full faith in their capabilities to chart a way forward.

While celebrating the 75th Independence Day, let us seek guidance from the ideology and thoughts of our founding fathers and put the welfare of our people at the center of our mission of national rejuvenation. Let us vow to turn Pakistan into a nation-state that is reflective of the ideals of our founding fathers.

On the historic occasion of the 75th Independence Day, I congratulate the people of Pakistan including overseas Pakistanis. Pakistan Paindabad!

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Significance of national solidarity

DR ARIF ALVI

President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

On the joyous occasion of the 75th anniversary of Pakistan's Independence, I extend my heartiest felicitations to the entire nation. This day reminds us of the innumerable sacrifices of our Founding Fathers under the courageous leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Today, we also reaffirm our resolve to uphold Pakistan's ideology and make Pakistan an ideal modern Islamic nation-state.

This year, we are also celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of our independence and various ceremonies are being organized across the country to mark this propitious occasion. The aim of these events is to educate and create awareness among our people, especially the Pakistani youth, about the significance of national solidarity, Pakistan's ideology and the Freedom Movement. I would like to commend the efforts of all stakeholders in commemorating this historic moment.

On the occasion of this Diamond Jubilee, there is a dire need to assess our successes and failures. In our 75 years of histo-



ry, we successfully overcame various challenges. We not only emerged as a nuclear power but also defeated the menace of terrorism. In the recent past, we successfully managed the COVID-19 pandemic. On this historic day, we pay homage to our military and security personnel who laid their lives for the defence and security of our motherland. We also appreciate our workers, labourers, women, business community, minorities and all institutions who have played their role in the development and progress of our country. Today's Pakistan is also facing eco-

conomic, political and social challenges, but I strongly believe that our nation will overcome these challenges with its determination, patriotism, hard work, unity, discipline, mutual harmony and solidarity.

In the end, I urge the entire nation to remain steadfast and work wholeheartedly for the development of our country. We need to unite ourselves in order to tackle the social, economic and security issues being faced by the country. Let us pledge that we will not hesitate to render any sacrifice for the dignity, greatness and glory of our beloved homeland. Insha'Allah!

Deep and historic ties between Bahrain and Pakistan

MUHAMMAD AYUB

Ambassador of Pakistan to Bahrain

14th August 1947 was a momentous occasion when the Muslims of the Sub-continent established a separate homeland, an independent and sovereign country, Pakistan. Today Pakistanis living within the country, abroad and in the Kingdom of Bahrain are celebrating the 75th Independence Day of Pakistan. I wish to extend my heartiest felicitations to all Pakistanis on the 75th Independence Day.

14th August reminds us of the epic democratic struggle of our forefathers for securing a separate homeland, where they could fashion their lives according to their religious, cultural and social values. On this auspicious occasion, we pay tribute to the Father of the nation, Muhammad Ali Jinnah and all the leaders of the Independence Movement who united Muslims of British India and struggled for the creation of an Independent Muslim State.

Pakistan and the Kingdom of Bahrain enjoy longstanding ties, rooted in our common faith, and shared cultural and social values. Bilateral relations between Pakistan and Bahrain are based on solidarity, fraternity, mutual trust and support. The ties between the two nations are deep and historic.

Frequent high-level exchanges have deepened bilateral relations. The high point of bilateral relations came when His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa visited Pakistan in 2014.



Last year the two countries celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. We celebrated the epoch-making milestone with a renewed commitment to strengthening the existing ties in all areas of mutual interest in the next 50 years and beyond.

There are a lot of mutually beneficial opportunities in trade and investment, food security, energy sector, tourism, higher education, training, and development.

In the investment sector, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor provides enormous opportunities to Bahraini investors, especially in the energy sector. Pakistan's geo-strategic location makes it a natural regional economic hub and energy corridor. Likewise, Bahrain's location makes it an ideal gateway to GCC's economy.

Pakistan is a land of great ancient civilizations, sacred religious places, the highest mountains and peaks, wild deserts, and pristine beaches. We invite our Bahraini friends to visit Pakistan and enjoy the scenic beauty, rich culture, and hospitality. We also invite the business community to benefit from the vast potential of project investments in the tourism sector in Pakistan, especially in infrastructure projects such as hotels, resorts, and parks. Likewise, I plan to promote Bahrain as a tourist destination for Pakistanis.

Over 100000 Pakistanis living in Bahrain are a great source of pride for us. They are making valuable contributions to the socio-development of the Kingdom. They consider Bahrain as their home and are known for hard work, dedication, and loyalty. They are treated with respect and well taken care of, as witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic, for which we are thankful to the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa, Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the Bahraini government.

On this day we all renew our pledge to build Pakistan on the ideals of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, following the principles of faith, unity and discipline. This is the day to reaffirm our resolve to stand firm, strong and united against all the challenges, and to continue our journey on the path to making Pakistan a more prosperous and vibrant place for our next generation.

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Asgharali launches Gravity perfume by Bovlix

Asgharali – with experience of over 10 decades in the perfumery and beauty products in Bahrain announced the launching of 'Gravity by Bovlix', the latest addition to its attractive collection.

The first ever collaboration between Asgharali and Salah Abdulmajeed aka Bovlix, the internationally famous comedian and Bahraini celebrity, is now here. Discover a bold, balanced everyday fragrance for the modern man; get that Gravity feeling all day and through the night.

Born from a desire to provide more, to be subtle, yet strong and long lasting. Asgharali experts worked closely with Bovlix to develop a fragrance that delivers on its promise.

Bold citrus balanced against intense floral notes from Rose Bulgarian and Jasmine Sambac, inwrought with the long-lasting Birch, Patchouli. A bespoke mix of bergamot, pine-

apple, green apple, and black-currant offer a unique story. While earthy undertones endure for tone and clarity from musk, oakmoss, ambergris and vanilla bourbon. Be a force of nature, with Gravity.

Asgharali has won the hearts of consumers worldwide and laid its footprint in the perfumery market and related business interests with retail outlets in the Middle East and South Asia and distributors worldwide in regions from Eastern Europe to South America.



Pakistan School - creating a new generation of visionaries

On this glorious day of Independence, Pakistan School wishes all fellow compatriots in Bahrain, a happy Independence Day. Let's refresh and remember the great sacrifices of the martyrs who laid down their lives for a free Pakistan.

We are happy to present a synopsis of Pakistan School, Bahrain on this joyous occasion.

The history of Pakistan School goes back to the 60's when the leading visionary members of the community realized the need for a schooling system for their children, leading to the establishment of a small primary school in 1968 in a rented building in Fariq Fadil area of Manama.

After a few years the school was upgraded to secondary level education following affiliation with the Federal Board, Islamabad, Pakistan.

In 1984, the new campus of the Pakistan School was constructed in Isa town, which was inaugurated by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

Two new blocks, Jinnah Block and Sir Sayyed Block were constructed in the Isa town campus, between 1994-95.

Today Pakistan school has two wings, Manama (Primary) and the main campus Isa Town. Besides Pakistanis, the school is delivering education to more than 2000 students from 20 different nationalities.

Pakistan School has laid down a well-defined and practical network of extra and co-cur-



Attiq Ur Rehman, Principal Pakistan School



Sami ur Rehman, Chairman Board of Management

ricular activities for the personality and the character building of students. These activities are conducted on inter class, inter house and inter school levels.

Pakistani students have been performing tremendously in the Bahrain level sports, academic and cultural activities.

Under the loyal, competent and dedicated leadership of the sitting Board of Management, Pakistan school has achieved many distinctive landmarks over the last five years in academic and administrative areas.

Pakistan School's Federal Board results have shown consistent and impressive improvements over the last five years and this year Board exam results of SSC declared in the first week of August 2022, are no exception. The outstanding result for the session 2022 is as follows:

- Aisha Tariq, Roll Number 1538666 secured the first position by securing 1080 out of 1100 with 98 % marks.
- Shahzadi Eman, Roll Number 1538660 secured the second position by securing 1069 out of 1100 with 97 % marks.
- M. Hamza Saleem, Roll

Number 1053257 secured the third position by securing 1055 out of 1100 with 95.91 % marks. 22 students received 'A+', and 22 'A'.

It is noteworthy that the said examination was conducted after three years by the Federal Board due to Covid-19. Schools conducted classes inconsistently due to the fluctuating and uncertain situations of Covid-19. Pakistan School maintained an uninterrupted quality of education despite all the Covid-19 challenges. The following strategies were devised:

Exam-oriented teaching strategies with a number of tests at frequent intervals.

All the Monthly Tests, Mid-Term, Send Up and Pre-Board examinations were SLO'S-based wherein SLO'S-BASED examination was profoundly explained to the students through on-the-spot guidance and many other concerted efforts. Moreover, SLO'S-BASED examination was explained to students through presentations and targeted guidance.

OMR sheet and E-Sheets were used in all the Mid-Term, Send Up and Pre-Board examinations

so that students have familiarity with these and be able to attempt the FBISE exams effectively.

Apart from Academic achievements, the school's financial status is now reliable and stable. The school system is fully automated to enhance performance in the spheres of academics, administration and student data compilation.

Solid academic planning and performance have led to an increase in admissions resulting in the establishment of additional facilities and construction of new class rooms.

Pakistan School has earned a name of its own for participation in the national, cultural and social festivals to strengthen the bond of its deep love and affiliation with Bahrain.

Students who excel in the Board exams are awarded scholarships, while the school spends thousands of Bahraini Dinars for fee concession to support the most deserving and financially backward students.

The sole aim of Pakistan school is to create a new generation inculcating in them qualities needed to be visionaries to lead their country in the future.

75th Pakistan Independence Day celebrations are being planned at school premises with great enthusiasm and unrelenting spirit of patriotism.

We earnestly pray for the safety of all the Bahraini citizens and residents and wish a very happy and prosperous future to the Kingdom of Bahrain.



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celebs

Khloe Kardashian wants to find the 'right' name for son

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Khloé Kardashian is "taking her time" choosing a name for her son.

The 'Kardashians' star and her former partner Tristan Thompson recently welcomed a baby boy into the world via surrogate, a sibling for their four-year-old daughter True, and though the Good American founder is "very excited" to have a baby boy, she has yet to settle on the "right" moniker for the tot.

A source told People maga-

Khloe Kardashi-an admitted that she opted to have a baby via surrogate after being told that there was an "80-some-thing per cent chance that [she] will mis-carry"

zine: "Khloé is on cloud nine. Getting a sibling for True has been such a journey. She is very excited to be a mom again. She really wanted a baby boy.

"Khloé hasn't shared a name yet. She is taking her

time with the name. She wants it to be just right."

It was revealed a few days ago that the former couple's surrogate had given birth, just weeks after the 38-year-old reality star's spokesperson confirmed she had another baby on the way with the basketball star.

Her representative said at the time: "We can confirm True will have a sibling who was conceived in November.

"Khloe is incredibly grateful to the extraordinary surrogate for such a beautiful blessing. We'd like to ask for kindness and privacy so that Khloe can focus on her fam-

ily."

The former 'X Factor' presenter admitted that she opted to have a baby via surrogate after being told that there was an "80-something per cent chance that [she] will miscarry".

Although they have had another baby together, Khloe is said to have "fully moved on" from her relationship with Tristan - who also has son Prince, five, with his ex Jordan Craig and son Theo, eight months, with Maralee Nichols - with "no chance" of the pair reuniting.



Khloe Kardashian

Brad Pitt praises 'old friend' Sandra Bullock

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Brad Pitt hopes to continue to work with Sandra Bullock.

Brad, 58, filmed a cameo for Sandra's 'The Lost City' and she plays Maria Beetle, the handler of trained killer Ledybug (Pitt), in his latest movie 'Bullet Train' and Brad hopes he and his "old friend" will collaborate again in the future.

Speaking to Brazilian presenter Hugo Gloss, Brad said: "Sandy is an old friend. She's a diehard person I could call for favours over the years and I have done many many times and she's always there.

"Her timing was great, she was a great person

to have in my ear in a situation like what which is actually kind of intimate. It just worked out really well and she had her film and I got to do a little bit of hers. I think we'll continue to do the same."

Brad was also full of praise for co-star Joey King, 23, who plays hired killer Prince.

He said: "She's a powerhouse. She was just 21 when we were filming. Listen, I consider us pretty sharp but she's the sharpest of us all."

Co-star Brian Tyree Henry added: "She brought so many layers to Prince. You shouldn't like her in this movie but she has so many layers. But then when you call cut she's a goofball and she brings the lightness."

Meanwhile, Joey recently revealed she never expected to land the role of Prince in 'Bullet Train'.



Brad Pitt

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Actor Anne Heche legally dead after crash

AFP | Los Angeles

Hollywood actor Anne Heche has been declared legally dead, one week after she crashed her car into a Los Angeles building, a spokeswoman said Friday.

Heche, 53, had been comatose in hospital with a severe brain injury since the fiery collision on August 5.

Having lost all brain function, she is "legally dead according to California law," though her heart is still beating as her family keeps her body on life support while exploring organ donations, spokeswoman Holly Baird told AFP.

"Today we lost a bright light, a kind and most joyful soul, a loving mother, and a loyal friend," the family said in a joint statement.

"Anne will be deeply missed but she lives on through her beautiful sons, her iconic body of work, and her passionate advocacy.

"Her bravery for always standing in her truth, spreading her message of love and acceptance, will continue to have a lasting impact."

Heche, best known for 1990s movies "Donnie Brasco" and "Six Days, Seven Nights" as well as a high-profile relationship with talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, crashed her car into a two-story house in the Mar Vista neighborhood of Los Angeles.



Anne Heche

The violent collision resulted in "structural compromise and... heavy fire" at the scene, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The ensuing blaze took 59 firefighters more than an hour to contain and fully extinguish, the department said.

Local media reported Thursday that preliminary tests of Heche's blood had come back positive for narcotics, though more were needed to ensure the drugs had not been administered in the course of her treatment.

Celebrity gossip outlet TMZ, citing unnamed police sources, said Heche had tested positive for cocaine and fentanyl, with the latter sometimes used for pain relief in clinical settings.

Heche rose to fame with her role on the soap opera "Another World," for which she won a Daytime Emmy in 1991.

She was nominated for a Tony award for her appearance in "Twentieth Century" on Broadway in 2004.

Madonna was warned her career would be over

IANIS | Los Angeles

Pop icon Madonna was warned her career would be over after she accidentally flashed her derriere at the 1984 MTV Video Music Awards.

The 63-year-old singer was one of the performers at the very first MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) in 1984 when she caused a sensation when her dress flipped up and she flashed her buttocks while singing 'Like a Virgin', and though the wardrobe malfunction was accidental, her management team were convinced the brief flashing of flesh would spark enough outrage to ensure

she'd never work again, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Speaking to Jimmy Fallon on 'The Tonight Show', she said: "I did that show and I walked down the very steep stairs of the wedding cake and I got to the bottom and I started dancing around and my white stiletto pumps fell off.

"And I was trying to do this smooth move like, dive for the shoe and look like it was choreography. And my dress flipped up and my butt was showing. Can you imagine? Those were the days when you shouldn't show your butt to have a career. Now it's the opposite.



Madonna

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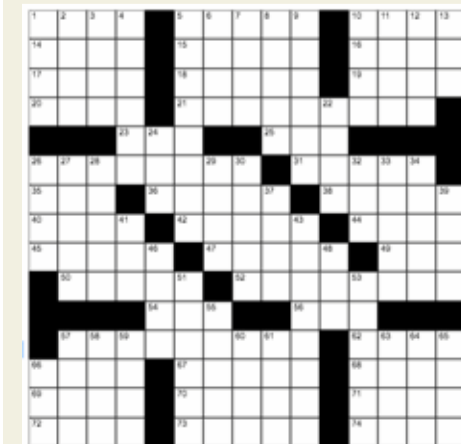
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How to play

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.

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Across

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Yesterday's solution

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Ukraine warns of fresh 'provocations'

Ukraine Mayor says Russian shelling near occupied nuclear plant

● **Russia says Ukraine behind shelling**

Reuters | Washington

Ukraine's defence intelligence agency warned of fresh Russian "provocations" yesterday at an occupied nuclear plant in southern Ukraine, while the exiled mayor of the town where the plant is located said it had come under fresh shelling.

Enerhodar mayor Dmytro Orlov, who evacuated to Kyiv-controlled territory in April, wrote on Telegram that local residents had informed him of fresh Russian shelling in the direction of the town's industrial zone and the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant yesterday. It was not clear if any shells hit the grounds of the plant.

Local Russian-installed official Vladimir Rogov wrote on Telegram that Ukrainian forces were shelling the plant.

"According to witnesses, ex-



a general view of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station

plosions can be heard again in the town," Rogov said, adding that shells had landed in the vicinity of the power station, without specifying if it had hit the plant's territory.

Ukraine and Russia have traded accusations over multiple recent incidents of shelling at Europe's largest nuclear power plant, while the G7 group of nations have called on Moscow

to withdraw its forces from the power station.

Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak accused Russia of "hitting the part of the nuclear power plant where the energy that powers the south of Ukraine is generated."

"The goal is to disconnect us from the (plant) and blame the Ukrainian army for this," Podolyak wrote on Twitter.

“ (Russia’s) goal is to disconnect us from the (plant) and blame the Ukrainian army for this

UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER MYKHAILO PODOLYAK

Earlier yesterday, Ukraine's defence intelligence agency said Russia was preparing new "provocations" at the plant, saying Russian troops had parking a Pion self-propelled howitzer outside the nearby town and put a Ukrainian flag on it. The agency shared a photo appearing to show the cannon in question.

The agency also said that Thursday's strikes on the territory of the Zaporizhzhia plant, which Ukraine says damaged water-pumping infrastructure and a fire station, had been conducted from the Russian-controlled village of Vodiane, about seven kilometres east of the plant.

News in brief

Wind, thunderstorms expected around contained French wildfire



French firefighters were keeping a wary eye on a huge blaze that appeared to be contained in the country's southwest, with thunderstorms and strong wind gusts expected in the area overnight. The 40-kilometre (25-mile) fire front in the Gironde and Landes departments around Bordeaux "did not significantly progress overnight. Firefighters are working on its periphery," police said in a statement. But officials said it was premature to say that the blaze -- which has already reignited once -- was under control.

◆ **A shooter killed at least 11 people including two children in a mass shooting in Montenegro's central city of Cetinje, officials said, in one of the deadliest violent incidents to rock the Adriatic nation.** "Eleven people were killed in Cetinje today," Andrijana Nastic, a government prosecutor helping oversee the investigation into the incident, told reporters, saying the shooter was among the dead. "Two children are among the victims," she added. A police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also confirmed the figure.

At least 11 killed in Montenegro shooting



Broad swathe of China swelters in high temperatures



◆ **Several regions of China including the major southwestern city of Chongqing baked in temperatures exceeding 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) yesterday, while the country's national observatory continued its red alert for extreme heat.** In Zhejiang, home to many factories and exporters, a meteorological official said that the eastern province has broken its previous record for high temperature days this year, with 31 days above 35C and 16 days above 38C.

◆ **Sierra Leone's president, Julius Maada Bio, said that this week's anti-government protests, which led to the deaths of six police officers and at least 21 civilians, were an attempt to overthrow the government.** On Wednesday, police officers used tear gas and in some cases guns to disperse large crowds of protesters throwing rocks and burning tyres in the capital Freetown and several towns in the opposition's northern heartland. Several residents told Reuters the protests were driven by frustration with the worsening economic situation and a perceived failure by the government to cushion the impact of rising prices.

Sierra Leone president says protests aimed to overthrow the government



FBI seized top secret documents at Trump's home; Espionage Act cited

Reuters | Washington

FBI agents in this week's search of former US President Donald Trump's Florida home removed 11 sets of classified documents including some marked as top secret, the Justice Department said on Friday, while also disclosing it had probable cause to conduct the search based on possible Espionage Act violations.

The bombshell disclosures were made in a search warrant approved by a US magistrate judge and accompanying documents released four days after agents searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Palm Beach. The Espionage Act, one of three laws cited in the warrant application, dates to 1917



An aerial view of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate

and makes it a crime to release information that could harm national security.

Trump, in a statement on his social media platform, said the records were "all declassified" and placed in "secure storage."

"They didn't need to 'seize' anything. They could have had it anytime they wanted without playing politics and breaking

into Mar-a-Lago," the Republican businessman-turned-politician said.

The search was carried out as part of a federal investigation into whether Trump illegally removed documents when he left office in January 2021 after losing the presidential election two months earlier to Democrat Joe Biden.

Although the FBI on Monday carted away material labeled as classified, the three laws cited as the basis for the warrant make it a crime to mishandle government records, regardless of whether they are classified. As such, Trump's claims that he declassified the documents would have no bearing on the potential legal violations at issue.

North Korea lifts mask mandate after Covid 'victory'



North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un greets health workers AFP | Seoul

North Korea has lifted a mask mandate and eased other virus restrictions, state media said yesterday, days after leader Kim Jong Un declared "victory" over Covid-19.

The announcement comes after Pyongyang earlier this week blamed Seoul for causing the Covid-19 outbreak in the North and threatened to "wipe out" the South Korean authorities, if necessary.

Virus restrictions were eased as "the public health crisis created in the country was completely defused and its whole territory was turned into a clean one free from the malignant virus in the shortest period," Pyongyang's official Korea Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

"The step for obligatory mask-wearing was lifted in all areas except frontline areas and borderline cities and counties, given that the whole country was turned into an epidemic-free zone," KCNA said.

Taliban violently disperse rare women's protest in Kabul

AFP | Kabul

Taliban fighters beat women protesters and fired into the air yesterday as they violently dispersed a rare rally in the Afghan capital, days ahead of the first anniversary of the hard-line Islamists' return to power.

Since seizing power on August 15 last year, the Taliban have rolled back the marginal gains made by women during the two decades of US intervention in Afghanistan.

About 40 women — chanting "Bread, work and freedom" — marched in front of the education ministry building in Kabul, before the fighters dispersed



Women running away after Taliban fighters fired gunshots into the air, during a protest by women in Kabul

them by firing their guns into the air, an AFP correspondent reported.

Some women protesters who took refuge in nearby shops were chased and beaten by Taliban fighters with their rifle

butts. Some women protesters who took refuge in nearby shops were chased and beaten by Taliban fighters with their rifle butts.

The protesters carried a banner which read "August 15 is a black day" as they demanded rights to work and political participation.

"Justice, justice. We're fed up with ignorance," chanted the protesters, many of them not wearing face veils, before they dispersed.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	94,643,632	1,062,151	594,472,637
2 India	44,239,372	526,996	
3 France	34,213,094	153,064	Deaths
4 Brazil	34,148,131	681,317	
5 Germany	31,535,343	145,698	6,452,886
6 UK	23,420,826	186,087	
7 Italy	21,480,076	173,982	Recovered:
8 S. Korea	21,236,355	25,566	
9 Russia	18,852,976	383,071	566,749,779
10 Turkey	16,295,817	99,678	
11 Japan	15,278,668	34,763	New cases
12 Spain	13,294,139	111,667	
13 Vietnam	11,364,355	43,097	+523,989
14 Australia	9,780,286	12,828	
			New deaths
			+1,028

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	811,853	+105	9,269	+3	798,698	3,886
UAE	1,003,929	+800	2,339		982,660	18,930
Kuwait	655,854		2,562		652,250	1,042
Oman	397,231		4,260		384,669	8,302
Qatar	418,622	+583	681		412,123	5,818

Figures as of closing

Bahrain weightlifter Zainab puts on inspirational show



Bahrain's Zainab Yahya competes in the women's 64kg snatch

● **Cyclists Ahmed Madan, Ahmed Naser finish 29th, 40th respectively in 130km men's road race**

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Bahraini weightlifter Zainab Yahya put in an inspirational performance yesterday at the fifth Islamic Solidarity Games, taking place in Konya, Turkey.

Zainab was classified an impressive seventh in the women's 64kg snatch final.

She received a warm applause from the crowd present at the event, in which she had a score of 72.

Tsbitha Alfiah Ramadhani of

Indonesia won the gold medal with a 98 score.

Meanwhile, Bahraini cyclists Ahmed Madan and Ahmed Naser finished 29th and 40th, respectively, in road cycling's men's road race.

Madan, who won the gold medal in the men's individual time trial, completed the 130-kilometre ride with a 42.42 score, while Naser had a 41.56 score.

Also yesterday, Bahrain Olympic Committee secretary general Faris Al Kooheji met with Kuwait Olympic Committee board member and head of the Kuwaiti delegation at the Games Sheikh Jaber Thamer Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. They discussed issues of mutual interest.

Bahrain's participation at the Games continues today.



Faris Al Kooheji with Sheikh Jaber Thamer Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah

Bahrain bow to Japan in Asian volleyball

Senior men's national team miss out on gold medal match after straight-sets semi-final defeat in 2022 AVC Cup for Men in Thailand

● **Bahrainis miss golden opportunity in first set, losing four set points in game-changing Japan rally**

● **Outside hitter Mohamed Abdulla continues fine tournament form, leading Bahrain with 12 points in loss**

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Bahrain suffered a straight-sets loss to Japan yesterday to bow out of title contention in the 2022 Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) Cup for Men, being held in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand.

The nationals should have taken the first set but allowed the Japanese to crawl back for the early match advantage. They never recovered from there, going down to their opponents 0-3 (25-27, 15-25, 20-25).

The Bahrainis must now settle for playing for the tournament's bronze medals. They will take on the other losing semi-finalists, South Korea, in the game for third place. That is scheduled for today at 11am,



Bahrain's Mohamed Abdulla looks to score against Japan's blockers during their game yesterday

Bahrain time.

The Japanese move on to face China in the gold medal contest. The Chinese advanced after beating the South Koreans 3-2 (20-25, 25-17, 32-34, 29-27, 17-15) in a hotly contested affair.

In yesterday's match, the Bahrainis were ahead midway through the first set. They took a 15-12 lead on a Mohamed Anan spike, which they maintained at 22-19 on more fine play from Anan.

The Bahrainis, who donned their alternate gold uniforms, were then on the brink of clinching the first set with a 24-20 lead, but that is when it

went downhill for the nationals as they lost four set points with Japan going on a game-changing 5-0 rally.

The nationals were able to level the proceedings at 25-apiece with a double block, but the Japanese scored the next two points as Bahrain missed a golden opportunity.

Japan stepped up their play in the next two sets, not allowing Bahrain to get back into the match.

Outside hitter Mohamed Abdulla was once again Bahrain's top scorer with 12 points, including 11 attacks.

Tomita Shoma paced the Jap-



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anese with 13 points, while Higuchi Yuki and Ono Haruki added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Bahrain are playing for the first time in the AVC Cup for Men, which is in its seventh edition.

Along with Abdulla, who has been one of their best players in the tournament, and Mohamed Anan, the rest of the team competing in Nakhon Pathom includes setters Mahmood Hasan and Mahmood Alafyah; wing spikers Naser Anan, Mahmood Ahmed and Yusuf Ali; opposite Ali Khamis; middle blockers Abbas Al Khabbaz, Husain Al-jeshi, Mohamed Aldawiri and Mohamed Abdulla; and liberos Ayman Haroona and Husain Sultan.

Man City, Arsenal maintain perfect Premier League start

AFP | London

Manchester City stormed dominantly to the top of the Premier League by cruising to a 4-0 win over Bournemouth, while Gabriel Jesus opened his Arsenal account in a 4-2 win over Leicester yesterday.

As soaring temperatures across England forced the need for water breaks at all this weekend's Premier League games, it was City who were on fire at the Etihad as promoted Bournemouth were blown away.

Erling Haaland failed to score on his home debut, but the Norwegian showed there is more to his game than goals as he used his strength before sliding in Ilkay Gundogan to open the scoring.

Kevin De Bruyne then took centre stage with a scintillating finish with the outside of his right foot to find the far corner before the Belgian turned provider for Phil Foden to make it 3-0 before half-time.

City eased off the gas after the break but added to their lead 11 minutes from time when Jefferson Lerma turned Joao Cancelo's cross into his own net.

Jesus shines

Haaland's arrival at City was



Kevin De Bruyne scores Manchester City's second

one of the factors behind Jesus' departure and the Brazilian is already looking like a bargain for the Gunners as he marked his home debut with two goals and two assists to maintain Arsenal's perfect start.

Jesus was often deployed in wider areas in recent seasons by City boss Pep Guardiola, but was brought to Arsenal to be a number nine as he aims to secure a place at the World Cup later this year with regular games as a centre-forward.

The 25-year-old showed his eye for goal with a sumptuous chip over Danny Ward to break Leicester's resistance and dou-

bled his tally by heading home a corner at the back post.

William Saliba's own goal gave Leicester a foothold against the run of play.

But the Foxes quickly threw that hope away when Ward dropped a simple cross into the box and Jesus teed up Granit Xhaka to slot home.

Another goalkeeping error at the other end gifted Leicester another goal as James Maddison's strike squirmed under Aaron Ramsdale.

Arsenal, though, again responded instantly to avoid a nervy finale as Gabriel Martinelli fired into the far corner

In City's first home match since their dramatic final-day victory over Aston Villa that clinched a fourth league title in five seasons in May, all eyes were on Haaland following his double on debut last weekend at West Ham United

before Jesus hit the post with the chance to seal his hat-trick.

Steven Gerrard won the first managerial clash between him and former England teammate Frank Lampard as Aston Villa beat Everton 2-1 to get off the mark.

Goals from Danny Ings and Emi Buendia eased the pressure on the former Liverpool captain after a run of two wins in their previous 12 games dating back to last season.

However, Villa had to survive a nervy finish as Lucas Digne's own goal gave Everton hope as Emi Martinez twice denied Anthony Gordon.

Leeds missed the chance to join City and Arsenal on six points after blowing a 2-0 lead at Southampton.

Hard work for Halep in Toronto win over Gauff, Haddad Maia advances



Simona Halep stretches to reach a shot from Coco Gauff

AFP | Toronto

Simona Halep served twice for her match against Coco Gauff without success on Friday before finally securing a 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) quarter-final victory at the WTA Toronto Masters.

The former number one, a two-time winner in Canada, made hard work of her triumph over the rising American teenager who just missed a chance at cracking the world ranking top-10 for the first time.

Halep needed a second-set tiebreaker to advance into the semi-finals in just under two

hours, lining up a meeting with seventh-seeded American Jessica Pegula.

Double Grand Slam champion Halep earned her 183rd match win at the Masters 1000 level.

In other quarter-final action, Brazil's giant-killer Beatriz Haddad Maia claimed another victim as she upset Olympic champion Belinda Bencic with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 comeback win.

The South American, who stunned world number one Iga Swiatek in the third round, won her 16th match since June, the month in which she claimed back-to-back grass titles in Nottingham and Birmingham.