

Bahrain condemns  
terrorist attack in  
northwest Pakistan  
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The Kingdom of Bahrain condemned and denounced the blatant terrorist attack that targeted a military convoy in the northwest of Pakistan, resulting in the death of a number of security personnel.

A statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Bahrain's condolences to the government and people of Pakistan, and to the families of the victims.

The Ministry reiterated Bahrain's firm rejection of all acts of violence and terrorism that seek to undermine security and stability.

Qatar summit aims  
to denounce Israel  
strike on Hamas  
officials  
AFP | Doha

Qatar said yesterday it will host a summit of Arab and Muslim leaders to denounce Israel's attack on Hamas officials in Doha and to show solidarity with the Gulf state.

Tomorrow's meeting would consider "a draft resolution on the Israeli attack on the State of Qatar" to be drafted today at a ministerial meeting, said foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari.

The summit reflected "broad Arab and Islamic solidarity with the State of Qatar in the face of Israel's cowardly aggression... and the categorical rejection of Israel's state terrorism", he said, quoted by the official QNA news agency.

Among the leaders attending will be Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will also be in Doha.

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# Gaming Showdown

Interior Ministry leads school fight on online gaming

Immersive lessons in schools

Parents armed with controls

Exhibitions expose gaming risks

Mahir Haneef  
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Bahrain is stepping up its fight against online gaming addiction with an immersive school-based awareness drive that aims to reshape how students, parents and teachers confront digital risks.

Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Interior Ministry for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs and Chairman of the Anti-Violence and Addiction Committee, announced the move during the committee's latest meeting, placing gaming platforms at the centre of a broader prevention campaign.



Shaikh Hisham chairs the Anti-Violence and Addiction Committee meeting as Interior Ministry officials and programme leaders map out immersive school plans to curb online gaming risks

## Gaming in focus

The plan, under the 'Maan' (Together) programme, will see interactive lectures, workshops and exhibitions embedded in the 2025-2026 school year. Shaikh Hisham emphasised that parental control tools, safe-use aware-

ness programmes and training for educators are essential to tackle behaviours linked to excessive gaming.

Ali Ahmed Amini, Director of the Maan programme, presented results from the past year and outlined how new curricula will address emerging threats.

Alongside traffic safety and civil defence, gaming addiction has been singled out as a pressing risk to student wellbeing.

## Hands-on learning

The Maan Security Awareness Exhibition, already known for its experiential style, will

expand to give students and visitors a practical understanding of how digital risks unfold. This hands-on approach, officials said, makes lessons on compliance and responsibility far more likely to stick.

Workshops and modern educational techniques will be used to instil positive values of belonging while countering negative behaviours that online platforms often reinforce.

## Data-driven solutions

Shaikh Hisham also called for stronger collaboration with universities to build research-based indicators that can measure the impact of these interventions. He said accurate data would support preventive planning and ensure that solutions remain sustainable as digital threats evolve.

The committee concluded with a pledge to expand the Maan programme further, aligning it with changing community needs and deepening partnerships with schools, parents and official bodies to keep Bahrain's youth safe, particularly from the growing risks of online gaming.

## Evacuation for safety

# Over 250,000 flee Gaza as conflict intensifies

AFP | Jerusalem

The Israeli military said yesterday that more than 250,000 people had fled Gaza City since it began intensifying operations there, as Palestinian officials reported many had been unable to evacuate south due to overcrowding.

The United Nations estimated in late August that about one million Palestinians lived in and around Gaza's largest urban centre, where it said a famine was unfolding after months of worsening conditions.

The world body and members of the international community have urged the military to abandon its plans to capture the city, warning the assault and ensu-



Smoke billows after an Israeli strike on a building in Gaza City's Tal al-Hawa district. (AFP)

ing displacement could worsen the already dire humanitarian situation.

Yesterday, Arabic-language

army spokesman Avichay Adraee said on X that "more than a quarter of a million residents of Gaza City have moved out of the

city for their own safety".

## Lower figure

Gaza's civil defence agency, however, reported a much lower figure, saying fewer than 70,000 had managed to leave.

Media restrictions in Gaza and difficulties in accessing many areas mean AFP is unable to independently verify details provided by the military or the civil defence.

The Israeli military dropped leaflets yesterday urging residents in western districts to evacuate, as the civil defence reported continuous air strikes.

"The Israeli army is operating with very intense force in your area and is determined to dismantle and defeat Hamas," the

leaflets read, urging people to evacuate south. "You have been warned."

## Displacement

Mohammad Abu Salmiya, head of the Al-Shifa medical complex, told AFP that displacement was continuing inside Gaza City, with residents moving from east to west, but "only a small number of people have been able to reach the south".

"Even those who manage to flee south often find no place to stay, as the Al-Mawasi area is completely full and Deir al-Balah is also overcrowded," the senior official added, saying many had returned to Gaza City after failing to secure shelter or basic services.



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# Public-private push key to food security

Bahrain imports 90pct of food, holds 38th place on Global Food Security Index

**Mohammed Darwish**  
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Ninety per cent of Bahrain's food is imported, yet the kingdom sits 38th out of 113 on the Global Food Security Index (GFSI). Bassem Al Saei, chairman of Ghitha Bahrain Holding, said Bahrain would benefit from a dedicated state body to oversee supply, quality and inspection across the food chain, akin to the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).

He was speaking at a panel on food security and water resources run by the Shura Council's General Secretariat with the Bahrain Institute for Political Development. Al Saei said Ghitha works with private firms to speed up, widen and develop efforts that shore up national food security and address obstacles. The company links the national assets building an integrated, lasting food system: Bahrain Flour Mills Company, the General Poultry Company, Delmon Poultry Company and the Bahrain Agricultural Development Company. The focus is on sub-sectors that need expansion and new investment, and on knitting those



Bassem Al Saei speaks at a panel on food security and water resources

parts together.

Bahrain Flour Mills Company is preparing a strategic expansion in the Logistics Zone under a land lease agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

The new site is planned to lift wheat storage capacity to six months, with completion expected in about four to five years.

**Local demand**

The General Poultry Company now covers roughly 44 per cent of local demand; a second expansion aims to raise this to 70 per cent.

Delmon Poultry Company meets between 18 and 20 per cent and has room to grow.

Ghitha's plan centres on widening sources of production, backing food security policies, investing in promising pros-

pects, creating jobs and adopting modern technology, building up food processing and opening new markets.

The company also aims to enter new, complementary lines, improve distribution and bring branding under one roof.

**Pillars**

Al Saei set out five pillars for food security: grains first, then animal and plant protein, followed by dairy, fruit and vegetables, and fats and oils.

He said fruit and vegetables are among the hardest areas to invest in because of strong import competition, seasonal price swings, scarce farmland and water, and changing temperatures.

He added that national efforts target viable sectors that raise

domestic food security, with the private sector a key partner in keeping shelves stocked.

**Legal protection**

He also pointed to the need for legal protection of water resources within long term development, and shared data on Bahrain's agricultural, water and livestock resources.

The session forms part of a series run by the Shura Council's General Secretariat with the Bahrain Institute for Political Development to support members' legislative and oversight work and deepen knowledge in related fields.



Al Saei with Shura Council's General Secretariat and Bahrain Institute for Political Development representatives

## Award for voluntary youth work opens fourth edition

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The Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Salman Al Khalifa Award for Voluntary Youth Work continues as a national initiative recognising outstanding youth-led volunteer projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain, promoting social responsibility and community service in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the guidance of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeha bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW).

Established by Royal Order in 2011 in honour of the late Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Salman Al Khalifa's charitable and humanitarian contributions, the award is overseen by the SCW.

It aims to instil a culture of volunteerism, encourage innovation, strengthen solidarity, and promote constructive youth participation in national development.

## Bahrain Polytechnic committed to academic excellence

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Bahrain Polytechnic reiterates its dedication to supporting students and providing them with all possible means of assistance, in order to strengthen their academic performance and ensure the highest quality of learning, while upholding the integrity of its academic regulations.

Bahrain Polytechnic underlined that its academic regulations are not designed to exclude students or deprive them of continuing their studies rather, they grant students fair and multiple opportunities to overcome academic challenges and successfully persist in their educational path.

The Polytechnic stressed that its academic regulations align with international best practices

in higher education and provide a clear and supportive pathway for students who are experiencing academic difficulty because their cumulative GPA has fallen below the minimum requirement for continuation.

**Opportunity**

It clarified that students are granted the opportunity to re-take courses and pass the necessary exams over the next two academic semesters.

This approach is designed to help them complete their academic requirements and get back on track without delay.

To ensure their success, the Polytechnic will provide comprehensive support, including allowing them access to various on-campus services and learning resources, as well as direct communication with academic



Academically struggling students will be given the opportunity to reattempt their courses during the next two semesters to enhance their chances of achieving the best outcomes in their educational journey, while also encouraging diligence and perseverance and ensuring fairness to all.

staff for personalised guidance.

Once students successfully pass the required exams, they will be able to resume their academic journey and continue with their original study plans.

The Polytechnic further emphasised that it continuously reviews the educational process and studies individual student cases in order to help them excel.

The academic measures are applied only after repeated failure, ensuring a balanced and fair system that supports students

while maintaining educational quality, thereby being fair to high achievers and motivating all students to strive for success.

**Regulations**

In accordance with its policies, Bahrain Polytechnic publishes its regulations on the official website and through the Moodle platform, while also conducting regular awareness activities to familiarize students with these rules.

In light of this, and considering the feedback the Polytechnic

has received from a number of students who faced challenges, the Polytechnic will study and review all cases in a way that ensures supporting students throughout their academic journey, and in alignment with its regulations.

In conclusion, Bahrain Polytechnic reaffirms its unwavering commitment to supporting its students throughout their academic journey and enabling them to achieve success, in recognition of their vital role in building a promising future.

## Bahrain takes part in APA economic meeting

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A delegation from Bahrain's Parliamentary Division is taking part in the meeting of the Economic and Sustainable Development Committee of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain from today until

September 16, with the participation of around 70 members representing 15 countries.

The meetings provide a platform for addressing key issues affecting the continent's future, including economic development, climate change, and social challenges.

They also enhance Asian par-



MP Ahmed Sabah Al Salloom

liamentary partnerships, support coordination, and highlight Bahrain's democratic achievements and active legislative role.

The session, chaired by MP Ahmed Sabah Al Salloom, Chairman of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee in the Council of Representatives and APA Vice President, will review

seven draft resolutions on establishing an Asian energy market, environmental issues, sustaining economic growth efforts, supporting implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, water and sanitation in Asian countries, the climate finance initiative, and electing members of the APA Bureau.



# 10-year jail term for drug offender

● Fined BD10,000, faces deportation

Rehab Mohammad  
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The High Criminal Court of Appeal has upheld a 10-year prison sentence against an Asian man convicted of trafficking marijuana.

The court also ordered him to pay a BD10,000 fine and ruled that he be deported upon completion of his sentence.

According to case records, security authorities received intelligence that the defendant was arranging and participating in drug sales.

Investigators verified the information through a confidential source, who negotiated a deal to purchase marijuana worth BD150 in Salmabad.

## Arrest

The operation, conducted under police surveillance, led to



the defendant's arrest.

Authorities found him in possession of the marked money, and a search of his residence uncovered additional quantities of marijuana.

During questioning, the defendant admitted collaborating with another individual who directed pickup locations and instructed him on handling sale proceeds in exchange for com-

mission.

## Transactions

He confessed to completing three previous transactions before being apprehended on the fourth attempt.

The Public Prosecution charged the man with selling and possessing marijuana for trafficking, as well as possessing it for personal use without

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The Public Prosecution charged the man with selling and possessing marijuana for trafficking, as well as possessing it for personal use without authorization.

authorization.

Based on the evidence, the court confirmed the conviction, prison term, fine, confiscation of the drugs, and deportation order.

## Grace Period Proposed

Plan aims to ease pressure on companies



MP Khalid Buanaq

● Ten-day grace period

● Proposal under study

● Step to support firms

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Lawmakers are considering a new measure to give employers additional time to address compliance issues before access to labour services is suspended.

The proposal, submitted by MP Khalid Buanaq and now under review by Parliament's Services Committee, suggests a ten-day grace period to allow companies to correct breaches once they receive notice. If no action is taken within that window, suspension procedures would proceed.

Where verification is required to confirm a breach, access would remain active until the inquiry is completed and both sides are heard. If the outcome shows that the issue resulted from an employer error, an additional ten days would be granted to put matters right.

Buanaq said the plan is designed as a step-by-step approach that encourages companies to take prompt action while reducing the risk of disruption.

## Supporting the economy

The MP added that the measure would help safeguard businesses that employ Bahrainis, pay fees and taxes, and contribute to the economy, while also maintaining compliance standards.

The Services Committee continues to study the proposal. Any change would require government action for implementation.

## MPs to reconvene for final session before next year's elections

Mohammed Darwish  
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The Council of Representatives will return from its summer recess on 12 October for a final session packed with bills and decree-laws, as MPs prepare for elections due next year.

Under Article 71 of the Constitution, the National Assembly, which brings together the Council of Representatives (Parliament) and the Shura Council, meets on the second Saturday of October unless His Majesty the King calls it earlier; if that day is a public holiday, the sitting moves to the next working day. That sets Sunday, 12 October, as the start.

A senior figure in Parliament said the government is likely to refer a large batch of bills.

## Measures

MPs plan to move measures still with committees, including the draft Lawyering Law, a Public Debt Management bill and a bill to raise pensioners' benefits.

Five committees have 78 legislative instruments under study.

Decree-laws issued during the recess will come first under Parliament's Rules of Proce-

dure.

## Review

The government is expected to send for review Decree-Law No. 30 of 2025 amending the Traffic Law promulgated by Law No. 23 of 2014; Decree-Law No. 31 of 2025 amending the Penal Code promulgated by Decree-Law No. 15 of 1976; Decree-Law No. 32 of 2025 amending the Code of Criminal Procedure promulgated by Decree-Law No. 46 of 2002;

Decree-Law No. 33 of 2025 approving the concession agreement for the Jubah and Pre-Tawil reservoirs in the Bahrain Field;

Decree-Law No. 34 of 2025 amending Law No. 74 of 2006 on the care, rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities; Decree-Law No. 35 of 2025 approving the unified GCC law for international road transport;

## Money laundering

Decree-Law No. 58 of 2025 amending Article One of Decree No. 50 of 2020 on the committee to combat extremism and counter terrorism financing and money laundering; Decree-Law No. 40 of 2025 amending Law No. 8 of 2021 on professional



sports;

Decree-Law No. 39 of 2025 amending Decree-Law No. 21 of 2013 on regulating the collection of funds for public purposes; Decree-Law No. 38 of 2025 amending the Commercial Companies Law promulgated by Decree-Law No. 21 of 2001;

Decree-Law No. 37 of 2025 amending Article 161 of the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law promulgated by Law No. 64 of 2006; and Decree-Law No. 36 of 2025 amending Decree-Law No. 4 of 2001 on the prohibition and combating of money laundering and terrorist financing.

Although the new session is close, the five parliamentary committees have not resumed meetings after almost four months of recess.

The break is intended to allow members to prepare for the term, review pending issues and draft laws and regulations that serve the public.

This is the last session of the sixth legislative term and it comes ahead of next year's parliamentary and municipal elections. Work on bills and oversight is expected to pick up pace to finish outstanding files before the term ends.

## Verdict set for Asian worker's prayer-time murder

Rehab Mohammad  
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The High Criminal Court of Appeal has scheduled September 29 to deliver its verdict in the case of an Asian worker convicted of murdering his roommate during prayer.

The defendant had previously been sentenced to life imprisonment, followed by permanent

deportation, and the confiscation of the murder weapon — a brick.

Investigations revealed that the worker planned the attack, repeatedly striking the victim on the head with the brick as he prayed at their shared accommodation.

Forensic reports confirmed multiple skull fractures and



brain hemorrhages caused by the blunt-force assault, which proved fatal.

## Brick

Eyewitnesses testified they saw the defendant holding the bloodied brick over the

victim's body, with one managing to wrest it from his hand.

The restaurant owner, where both men were employed, also confirmed receiving calls from workers reporting the violent incident.

A forensic doctor concluded that the victim's death resulted from multiple forceful strikes to the head and face, ruling out the possibility of a single blow.

## Court to rule on 'dead man alive' case



Rehab Mohammad  
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The First High Criminal Court is scheduled to deliver its verdict on September 30 in a highly unusual case involving a defendant dubbed the "dead man alive."

He stands trial alongside his arrested brother and fugitive wife for allegedly forging a death certificate to claim a \$500,000 life insurance payout from a Gulf-based company.

During yesterday's session, defense attorney Umair Salah delivered closing arguments on behalf of the second defendant, asserting her client's innocence.

## Civil compensation

Meanwhile, attorney Amal Lari, representing the insurance company, pressed for civil compensation.

The court also heard testimony from the defendants' brother, who denied that the individual shown in a court-presented video was his sibling, claiming that his brother had in fact died in May 2023.

Prosecutors said the first and second defendants con-

spired with an unknown accomplice to forge an official death certificate, complete with a genuine foreign ministry seal.

## Intermediary

The document was later submitted in civil court by an unwitting intermediary.

Investigations revealed that the first defendant had previously taken out a \$500,000 life insurance policy in favor of his wife, who later filed a civil claim using the forged certificate.

Suspicion prompted the insurance company to commission a private international investigation in an Asian country, which confirmed that the "deceased" man was alive and that the certificate had been fraudulently obtained.

## Insurance money

The Public Prosecution charged the defendants with forgery, use of forged documents, and attempted fraud to unlawfully claim the insurance money.

Authorities said the scheme was uncovered before the payout could be made.



# Closures for improper food waste practices

Manama Central Market shops shut for dumping oil into sewers

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The Capital Municipality has closed several outlets in Manama's Central Market after a round of checks found repeated breaches of municipal rules, including pouring used cooking oil into the sewerage network, which caused blockages and disrupted trade.

Inspectors visited a number of restaurants and popular cafes to check compliance with municipal rules and basic hygiene. Alongside the closures, warnings and notices were served on other outlets that failed to meet the rules.

#### Action

The municipality said the action followed breaches that had been raised earlier but not fixed.



Inspectors enforce strict compliance with municipal regulations and hygiene standards

The main issue was the improper disposal of used oil into drains.

It added that checks will continue across markets and areas under its remit, with legal steps to follow where shops break the rules.



Warnings and notices were also served on other outlets that failed to meet the rules.

## Summer awareness campaign successful

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The Indian Community Welfare Association – ICRF Bahrain's Thirst-Quenchers 2025 team concluded its annual summer awareness campaign.

Aligning with the Ministry of Labour's initiative to ensure a healthy and safe working environment during the sweltering three months, ICRF Bahrain distributed bottled water, juices, laban, orange, apple, banana, milk, custard etc. at the work-site of Nass Contracting Project in Raffa.

More than 450 workers participated in the 13th week event held yesterday.



ICRF Bahrain volunteers distribute drinks and foods to workers

This year the program is supported by the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour, Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and IOM.

Guests from Ministry of Interior, Nedal Abdulla Alalawai and from Ministry of Labour, Eng. Hussain Al Husaini, Head of Workers, Residence Inspection joined the distribution and spoke about the support extended to the workers by each Ministries.

The measure amends Article 161 of the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law. Under the amendment, penalties now include prison

## Criminal court sends BD86,000 school funds appeal back to expert

**Mohammed Darwish**  
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The High Criminal Appeals Court has referred back to an expert the BD86,000 school funds appeal, with the next hearing scheduled for October 1.

The case concerns three employees at an industrial secondary school found guilty at first instance of taking school funds using forged official and private documents.

The High Criminal Court jailed the first defendant for ten years, fined him BD75,204.345 and ordered him to repay the same sum to the school.

It sentenced the second defendant to three years, fined him BD10,897.550 and ordered repayment of that amount.

The third defendant received one year in jail, a BD790 fine and an order to repay that sum.

#### Pleadings

In the last hearing, the Head of the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution, in written and oral pleadings, sought the maximum penalties.

He cited witness accounts from the inquiry panel and the defendants' admissions.

He also pointed to the first defendant's confession and apology to the headteacher, the examination of his device and a financial analysis report, which together, he said, supported the charges.

An investigations officer at the Anti-Corruption Directorate stated that inquiries showed the first and third defendants were handling the school's dealings with traders and other parties.

#### Cheques

The officer said the first defendant benefited, receiving cheques in his own name and intervening in how they were issued, against procedure.

Cheques, he added, should have been made out to the commercial registrations that worked with the school, not to individuals.

A financial investigations officer said the analysis showed withdrawals and transfers between the defendants and other beneficiaries, along with purchase transactions, cash withdrawals and further transfers.

## Al Doy backs BD1mln penalties for breaches of central bank rules

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MP Hamad Al Doy welcomed Decree-Law No. 37 of 2025, saying it "came at the right time" to deal with breaches and fraud.

The measure amends Article 161 of the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law.

Under the amendment, penalties now include prison

terms and fines of up to BD1 million for breaches of Articles 40 and 41 or regulations issued under Article 42.

The decree was issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Al Doy said the rules cover banks, other financial institutions, investment firms and contractors, and would raise oversight of dealings.

## First aid and climate change awareness

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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) marked World First Aid Day under the theme "First Aid and Climate Change" with a community event held at The Avenues Mall yesterday.

The initiative reflected the Society's commitment to raising awareness of the importance of essential skills in enabling individuals to respond effectively to both health and environmental challenges.

#### Leadership

The event was organized under the leadership of Dr. Nilofer Jahromi, BRCS Member of Board and Head of the Young and Youth Committee and the Agricultural Environmental Team at the Society.

It was arranged in cooperation and coordination with the First Aid Committee and other committees within the Society.

The activities attracted significant public participation and interaction, with particu-



Bahrain Red Crescent Society officials and members

lar emphasis placed on the vital role of first aid in addressing the growing impacts of climate change and highlighting the importance of swift action during health emergencies triggered by natural disasters.

#### Interactive stations

The program included a series of interactive stations designed to teach basic first aid skills such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, proper responses to choking incidents, and treatment of minor injuries.

In addition, the activities provided essential awareness ses-

sions on the impact of climate change on public health and the necessary preparedness measures for related emergencies. This approach underscored the strong connection between the humanitarian mission of the Society and its environmental responsibility.

## ILA celebrates 25 years of Dandiya Magic

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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) Bahrain has announced the 25th anniversary edition of its flagship cultural event, the Grand ILA Dandiya Night, scheduled for Thursday, September 19, from 7pm onwards at Crowne Plaza Bahrain.

Widely regarded as one of Bahrain's most anticipated cultural gatherings, the annual Dandiya Night has grown into a vibrant celebration that transcends boundaries, drawing people from diverse backgrounds to experience the colorful traditions of India in a festive and inclusive atmosphere.

#### Jubilee edition

This year's silver jubilee edition promises to be the most spectacular yet, featuring live Dandiya and Garba performances, traditional décor and festive ambience, dance and costume contests with prizes,

authentic Indian snacks and refreshments, raffle draws, photo booths, cultural exhibits, and interactive experiences.

The event is supported by several sponsors, including Lulu Hypermarket, Almoayed Group, STC Bahrain, and other valued partners whose contributions have helped make the celebration possible.

#### Milestone

ILA Bahrain President Smitha Jensen said the milestone reflects the enduring appeal of the festival.

"Celebrating 25 years of Dandiya in Bahrain is a testament to the power of tradition, unity, and joy. We're honored to host an event that brings people together across cultures to dance, connect, and celebrate," she said.

Tickets are now on sale online via Platinumlist, with select partner restaurants across Bahrain also offering tickets at their outlets.



# Trump ties Russia sanctions to NATO

US president conditions sanctions on NATO halting Russian oil purchases and collective action

- Sanctions only if all allies comply
- Suggests 50–100% tariffs on China
- Claims tariffs would break Moscow-Beijing ties

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump said yesterday he was ready to sanction Moscow, but on the condition that all NATO allies agree to completely halt purchases of Russian oil and implement their own sanctions. He also suggested members of the transatlantic alliance consider slapping tariffs of 50 percent to 100 percent on China as a way to help end Russia’s war in Ukraine. “I am ready to do major Sanctions on Russia when all NATO Nations have agreed, and started, to do the same thing, and when



US President Donald Trump attends a press conference during the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit

all NATO Nations STOP BUYING OIL FROM RUSSIA,” Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform, which he described as a letter to all NATO nations and the world. Trump has repeatedly threat-

ened Russia with additional sanctions -- including last week-end after the Kremlin unleashed its biggest-ever aerial barrage against Ukraine -- as a way to hit at revenue Moscow needs for its grinding war.

But so far he has failed to follow through, frustrating Kyiv. The president, who met his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin last month at a summit in Alaska, branded NATO na-

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Trump called NATO nations’ continued purchase of Russian oil “shocking,” arguing it weakens their leverage over Moscow despite the ongoing war in Ukraine

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DONALD TRUMP

“I believe that (NATO sanctions on Russia), plus NATO, as a group, placing 50% to 100% TARIFFS ON CHINA, to be fully withdrawn after the WAR with Russia and Ukraine is ended, will also be of great help in ENDING this deadly, but RIDICULOUS, WAR,” Trump said. “China has a strong control, and even grip, over Russia, and these powerful Tariffs will break that grip.” If the 32-member alliance “does as I say, the WAR will end quickly,” Trump said. “If not, you are just wasting my time.”

## Iraq signs \$1bn investment deals with World Bank’s IFC

AFP | Baghdad

Iraq signed yesterday investment deals worth \$1 billion in its energy, agriculture and finance sectors with the World Bank’s private sector arm, as the country seeks to build on its economic recovery following years of unrest. At a ceremony marking two decades of the International Finance Corporation’s presence in Iraq, Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani announced the new contracts with his country’s private and public sectors. In as statement, the IFC announced “\$1 billion in new investments and engagements in energy, infrastructure, agribusiness, and finance”. “Attracting foreign capital has contributed to supporting Iraq’s economic stability,” Sudani said. Sudani’s media office said the deals include a \$500 million contract to invest in associated gas -- the excess of natural gas released during oil

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Attracting foreign capital has contributed to supporting Iraq’s economic stability

SHIA AL-SUDANI

drilling -- and development of gas facilities in the southern province of Basra. Oil-rich Iraq has been trying to move past decades of war and unrest, but it still suffers from poor infrastructure, failing public services, mismanagement and endemic corruption. It has only recently regained a semblance of stability and authorities hope to attract investments across sectors. According to the International Monetary Fund, the country’s “non-oil economic growth has been slow, constrained by low productivity, limited investment and an inefficient use of human capital”.

## Ecuador’s Noboa announces surprise diesel subsidy cut

AFP | Quito

Ecuadoran President Daniel Noboa announced on Friday the surprise elimination of a diesel subsidy, a politically risky move in a country where similar steps have sparked violent protests. Under a decree signed by Noboa, the price of diesel for the automotive sector will rise from \$1.80 to \$2.80 per gallon (3.8 liters) through early December, allowing the government to redirect \$1.1 billion to social assistance and agricultural support programs.



Daniel Noboa

Starting December 12, a new price formula will be introduced. Authorities have emphasized that the change should not impact the price of public transportation.

## Fitch downgrades France’s credit rating in new debt blow

AFP | Paris

French politicians sounded the alarm after the Fitch agency downgraded the country’s credit rating, with the outgoing interior minister yesterday blaming the move on “decades of fiscal mismanagement”. The US ratings agency, one of the top global institutions gauging the financial solidity of sovereign borrowers, downgraded France late Friday on its ability to pay back debts, from “AA-” to “A+”. It also said France’s debt mountain would keep rising until 2027 unless urgent action was taken. The downgrade comes just days after Francois Bayrou resigned as prime minister after losing a parliamentary confidence vote over disagreements on how to put the country’s strained public finances in order. Outgoing Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau said yesterday France needs to “get back on track”, or the situation will be



Prime Minister Sebastian Lecornu’s first week on the job ended with a credit rating downgrade for France

dence vote over disagreements on how to put the country’s strained public finances in order. Outgoing Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau said yesterday France needs to “get back on track”, or the situation will be

more painful in future. “The downgrade of France’s credit rating is a punishment not only for the chronic instability sought by the architects of chaos, but also for decades of fiscal mismanagement and social-statist policies,” Retailleau

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France’s 10-year government bond yield reached 3.47% - nearly matching Italy’s, which is one of the eurozone’s poorest performers

said on X. Following the announcement late Friday evening, Bayrou said on X that France was “a country whose ‘elites’ lead it to reject the truth (and) is condemned to pay the price”.

## China unveils plan to ‘stabilise’ auto sector growth

AFP | Beijing

China unveiled a plan yesterday to “stabilise” growth in its auto sector in the face of a price war between competitors and export woes, state media reported. Announced jointly by eight government departments, the plan for 2025 and 2026 “stresses cost surveys and price monitoring”, as well as encouraging innovation and domestic demand, according to state news agency Xinhua. The plan foresees a slowdown in total vehicle sales to around 32.3 million this year, amounting to 3 percent growth. That compares to 4.5 percent growth registered in 2024, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. Beijing has invested massively in recent years to support the development of China’s electric



workers on the assembly line at the Sino-French joint venture Dongfeng Peugeot-Citroën Automobile (DPCA) plant in Wuhan

vehicle industry. The plan published yesterday foresees 20 percent growth year-on-year in new energy vehicles, with 15.5 million units

in 2025. However, a price war has left many startups bust as firms flood the domestic market with low-cost cars and trade-

in schemes. During a meeting in July, Chinese officials called for an end to “irrational competition” and a focus instead on more healthy development.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The Tale of Two Vessels:  
From the Sea's Depths to  
the Shores of Innovation



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

The sea has always been Bahrain's first teacher. For centuries, it shaped our economy, tested our courage, and connected us to the world. Today, it continues to teach us — not through pearls or trade routes, but through knowledge, data, and the pursuit of innovation.

Just a few days ago, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, deputized His Excellency General Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, to inaugurate the advanced research vessel Al-Massaha 2050.

This vessel is no ordinary ship. It is a symbol of a new era — a floating research laboratory equipped with cutting-edge technology that will map the seabed with precision, monitor our marine environment, and provide the data needed to guide national decision-making. Every chart it produces and every sample it collects will help keep our maritime routes safe, develop our ports, protect our waters, and safeguard the resources that future generations will rely upon.

At the very same time, another story unfolded that captured my imagination. During the Global Water, Energy, and Climate Change Congress, a group of Bahrain Polytechnic students presented their own maritime innovation: a solar-powered, remotely operated boat equipped with sensors to monitor water and air quality, capable of transmitting real-time data from far-flung corners of the sea.

Two vessels — one a national project of impressive scale, the other a student prototype — yet both serving the same purpose: turning the sea into a source of insight and progress. Together, they tell a powerful story about Bahrain's path forward.

These student innovators have shown us a glimpse of what is possible when ambition meets opportunity. With proper support, their project could grow into an industry of its own — designing and producing eco-friendly smart boats, generating jobs, and positioning Bahrain as a hub for marine innovation in the region.

But here lies the challenge. If we do not invest in these ideas now, others will. And years from now, we may find ourselves importing the very products that could have been designed and built here by Bahraini hands.

Allow me, on behalf of all of you, to thank the faculty and leadership of Bahrain Polytechnic for guiding and inspiring these bright young minds. And let me share my own dream: that one day soon, this small solar-powered boat will grow into a fleet, built proudly in Bahrain, carrying with it not just sensors and technology, but the spirit of a nation that refuses to be left behind.

On that day, we will look at these vessels — large and small — and see not just machines, but milestones. And etched on their sides will be the words that capture our ambition and our identity: "Made in Bahrain."

(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 Counter-terrorism)

News in brief

Washington's special envoy Adam Boehler made a rare visit yesterday to Kabul, where he said the United States would move forward with a prisoner exchange, according to the Taliban government. "Adam Boehler, referring to the issue of detained citizens between Afghanistan and the United States, said that both countries will exchange prisoners," deputy prime minister Abdul Ghani Baradar's office said after their meeting. Washington did not immediately comment on Boehler's visit and no date has been set for a swap..

Taliban govt says US envoy agrees to prisoner swap



North Korea to boost nuclear arsenal, conventional military: state media

will unveil a policy to advance both its nuclear arsenal and conventional military power at an upcoming key ruling party meeting, state media said yesterday. Since a failed summit with the United States in 2019, North Korea has repeatedly said it will never give up its nuclear weapons and declared itself an "irreversible" nuclear state. While visiting weapons research facilities this week, Kim said Pyongyang "would put forward the policy of simultaneously pushing forward the building of nuclear forces and conventional armed forces", according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said Pyongyang

Nepal returns to calm as new PM visits wounded protesters

Interim leader begins work with hospital visits as Nepal eases curfew after unrest

Karki becomes first woman to lead Nepal

Tasked with restoring order

Elections set for March 2026

Army scale back Kathmandu street presence

AFP | Kathmandu

Nepal's newly appointed interim prime minister began work yesterday by visiting young protesters wounded in the deadly anti-corruption rallies that ousted her predecessor.

Sushila Karki, the 73-year-old former chief justice, was tasked a day earlier with restoring order and addressing protesters' demands for a corruption-free future ahead of elections in six months.

She has not spoken publicly since being appointed late on Friday, but started her work to restore government by meeting some of the scores wounded in hospital.

Protests began on Monday and quickly escalated, with parliament and key government buildings set ablaze, as they fed into long-standing economic woes in Nepal.

At least 51 people were killed in the worst unrest since the end of a decade-long civil war and the abolition of the monarchy



Newly-elected Prime Minister of Nepal's interim government Sushila Karki (C) inspects the damages of a torched police station in Kathmandu

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The appointment of Prime Minister Karki has been described as a "turning point" for Nepal by international human rights groups

families visiting temples.

Soldiers scaled back their presence on the streets, where they had been deployed in large numbers since the protests.

"We don't know what will happen in the future now, but we are satisfied today," said Durga Magar, a 23-year-old Kathmandu shopworker.

A fifth of people in Nepal aged 15-24 are unemployed, according to the World Bank, with GDP per capita standing at just \$1,447.

'Turning point'

The appointment of Karki, known for her independence, came after intense negotiations by army chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel and President Ram Chandra Paudel, including with

representatives of "Gen Z", the loose umbrella title of the youth protest movement.

Thousands of young activists had used the Discord app to debate the next steps, and to name Karki as their choice of next leader.

Parliament was dissolved and elections set for March 5, 2026, shortly after she was appointed.

International rights groups issued a joint statement calling for the new administration to end the "impunity of the past".

Nepal is "at a turning point, where the hard work of securing human rights for all could be built upon or sent into reverse," Amnesty International's Isabelle Lassee said as part of the statement.

Kirk's widow vows to continue his work

AFP | St. George

The widow of prominent right-wing activist Charlie Kirk pledged Friday to carry on her husband's work, after US authorities announced his alleged assassin had finally been captured.

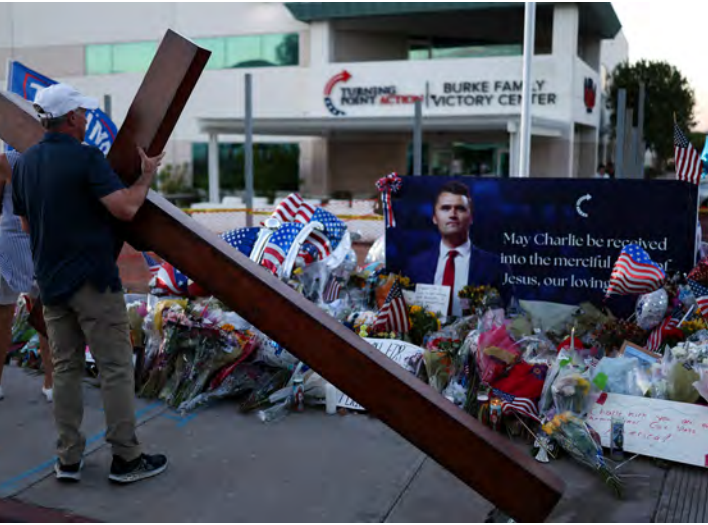
Investigators had appeared to be making slow progress in the hunt for whoever gunned down Donald Trump's close ally, until they released security camera images of a young man.

"We got him," Utah Governor Spencer Cox told a news conference Friday, identifying the suspect as Tyler Robinson, 22, who had reportedly been confronted by his father over the pictures and then turned in.

The 31-year-old Kirk was hit by a single bullet while addressing a large crowd at Utah Valley University in the town of Orem on Wednesday.

Kirk was an electrifying presence on the US right, with a huge young following that helped Trump win the election last November.

A heartbroken Erika Kirk on



A man carries a large cross near a makeshift memorial for Turning Point USA Founder Charlie Kirk outside of the Turning Point USA headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona

Friday mourned the loss of "the perfect father... the perfect husband."

"The evil-doers responsible for my husband's assassination have no idea what they have done," she said in a live video address.

"The movement my husband built will not die. It won't. I refuse to let that happen," she said.

Kirk's murder has consumed America for 48 hours, capturing

almost all cable news coverage, while Trump has ordered flags to fly at half-mast.

Kirk's hardline views on race, gender, gun ownership and other hot-button issues made him an intensely divisive figure, although even opponents praised his willingness to debate.

'Definitely unexpected'

Details about Robinson began

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ERIKA KIRK

to trickle out Friday, a picture emerging of a young man from a Republican family in St. George, a staunchly conservative city some four hours south of Orem.

"Who would have known that this little skinny guy getting in and out of his car would be able to commit such a heinous act?" Heather McKnight, a former neighbor who had recently moved out, told AFP.

Photographs showed the young man -- who was in the third year of an electrician apprenticeship -- posing with guns and dressed for Halloween in a costume in which he appears to be riding Trump's shoulders.



1752

Britain and the British Empire, including the American colonies, adopt the Gregorian Calendar after skipping 11 days between September 3 and September 13

1939

World's first practical helicopter, the VS-300, designed by Igor Sikorsky, takes a short tethered flight in Stratford, Connecticut



1949

India's Constituent Assembly adopts Hindi as an official language, celebrated today as Hindi Day

1960

Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela form the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

# Pakistani Taliban ambush kills 12 soldiers in restive northwest

Pakistani Taliban claim deadly ambush as Islamabad blames Afghan nationals for attack

● Convoy attacked in South Waziristan

● TTP claims responsibility

● Weapons seized from convoy

AFP | Peshawar

At least 12 soldiers were killed in an ambush in northwest Pakistan yesterday, government and security officials said, in an attack claimed by the Pakistani Taliban.

Militancy has surged in the border regions with Afghanistan since the return to power of the Afghan Taliban in Kabul in 2021, although yesterday's attack was one of the deadliest in months in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Islamabad accuses neighbouring Afghanistan of failing to expel militants using Afghan territory to launch attacks on Pakistan, an accusation that authorities in Kabul deny.

The Pakistan military said after the ambush early yesterday that intelligence reports "have unequivocally confirmed physical involvement of Afghan Nationals in these heinous acts".

"Pakistan expects the Interim Afghan Government to uphold its responsibilities and deny use of its soil for terrorist activities against Pakistan," it said in a statement.

The Pakistani Taliban, the



A security personnel stands guard beside the wreckage of a vehicle after a blast in Bajaur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province

Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP), claimed responsibility for the attack in a message on social media.

The group is separate to but closely linked with the Afghan Taliban.

A local government official said a military convoy was passing through a town in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's South Waziristan district at around 4:00 am when "armed men opened fire from both sides with heavy weapons".

Twelve security personnel were killed and four wounded, the official said.

A security officer stationed in the area confirmed the death toll

and said the attackers had seized the convoy's weapons.

## Pakistan deports Afghans

Pakistan's government launched a crackdown in 2023 to evict Afghans who had fled violence at home over more than four decades.

Citing an uptick in violent attacks and insurgent campaigns, it painted the Afghan population in Pakistan as "terrorists and criminals".

More than 2.1 million Afghans have returned from Pakistan and Iran so far this year, according to the United Nations refugee

agency.

"It is very important that illegal Afghan citizens be repatriated soon," Pakistani media quoted Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif as saying yesterday.

Sharif and Pakistan's army chief, General Asim Munir, travelled to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to attend the funerals of the 12 soldiers.

The TTP once controlled swathes of territory in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, until they were pushed back by a military operation that began in 2014.

Residents of various districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have

**Pakistan has deported over 2.1 million Afghans this year alone, citing security concerns and accusing them of involvement in terrorist activities**

reported for several weeks that graffiti bearing the TTP's name has appeared on buildings.

They say they fear a return to the TTP's reign over the region during the peak of the US "War on Terror" that spilled across from Afghanistan.

A senior local government official recently told AFP that the number of TTP fighters and attacks had increased.

Nearly 460 people, mostly members of the security forces, have been killed this year in attacks carried out by armed groups fighting the state, both in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the southern province of Balochistan, according to an AFP tally.

Last year was Pakistan's deadliest in nearly a decade, with more than 1,600 killed, nearly half of them soldiers and police officers, according to the Islamabad-based Center for Research and Security Studies.

## Myanmar air strike kills at least 19 high school students: Armed group



Debris is seen after an alleged army air strike hit two private schools in Thayet Thapin village in Kyauktaw township in Rakhine state, Myanmar

AFP | Bangkok

Myanmar ethnic minority armed group said yesterday that a junta air strike killed at least 19 students, including children, in western Rakhine state.

The Arakan Army (AA) is engaged in a fierce fight with Myanmar's ruling military for control of Rakhine, where it has seized swaths of territory in the past year.

The Rakhine conflict is one element of the bloody chaos that has engulfed Myanmar since the military ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's civilian government

in a 2021 coup, sparking a widespread armed uprising.

The AA posted a statement on Telegram yesterday saying the attack on two private high schools in Kyauktaw township happened just after midnight Friday, killing 19 students between the ages of 15 and 21 and wounding 22 more.

"We feel as sad as the victims' families for the death of the innocent students," the statement said.

It blamed the junta for the strike, but AFP's calls to the junta spokesman for comment about the incident have not been answered.

## 110,000 turn out for far-right rally in London

AFP | London

More than 100,000 people massed yesterday in central London for a march and rally organised by far-right activist Tommy Robinson, as anti-racism campaigners held a smaller counter-protest.

Huge crowds, many draped in English and British flags, gathered through the morning just south of Westminster for what Robinson, a veteran of UK far-right organising, has branded the country's "biggest free speech festival".

His latest "Unite the Kingdom" event saw attendees march over Westminster Bridge before rallying near Downing Street for speeches by far-right figures from across Europe and North America.

"The silent majority will be silent no longer," Robinson told the crowd. "Today is the spark of a cultural revolution."

UK police said an estimated 110,000 people attended, noting it used a combination of CCTV and police helicopter footage for its estimate.

Around 5,000 people attended a Stand Up to Racism march a mile or so to the north, as police deployed about 1,000 police



Supporters of British far-right activist Tommy Robinson, whose real name is Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, wave Union flags and St George's cross and Welsh flags as they walk through central London

to keep the rival groups apart.

The duelling demonstrations come amid growing anti-immigration sentiment, as Brexit supporter Nigel Farage's hard-right Reform UK leads in polls and protesters target hotels used to house asylum seekers.

Robinson, 42, who has a string of criminal convictions and a big online following after years spearheading a fervent

anti-Muslim and anti-migrant agenda, increasingly fuses those themes with claims that Britain is now hostile to free speech.

"Everyday in the papers you read things and you're being left stunned -- arresting people because they dared to talk about immigration or gender issues," Philip Dodge, a retired baker from Sheffield, central England, said.

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Peace doesn't happen by accident. It's forged through courage, compromise & action. Ringing the Peace Bell at @UN HQ is a tradition to commemorate #PeaceDay And a reminder, that even in a fractured world, we can come together to let peace ring.

@antonioguterres

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We campaigned on a promise to get new ports, mines, highways — major, nation-building projects — built faster. We're delivering on that promise.

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UNICEF is deeply concerned by reports of an overnight attack in Labodrie, Haiti, that reportedly killed more than 40 people, including at least one child. Violence continues to shatter children's lives in #Haiti. This cycle of brutality must end.

@unicefchief

04



One year ago, the Draghi Report called on Europe to shift gears in the global race for competitiveness. We heard that call. Loud and clear. And we responded, fast and forcefully. This Tuesday, with Mario Draghi, let's take stock of how far we've come together.

@vonderleyen

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# CELEBS

## celebs

### George Clooney worries about his kids using social media

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

George Clooney is deeply worried about his children being exposed to social media. The Hollywood actor is father to eight-year-old twins - Alexander and Ella - with his wife Amal Clooney and he's admitted he doesn't use platforms like Instagram and Facebook but he's concerned about what will happened to his kids when they eventually get their own accounts.

In an interview with fellow actor Julia Roberts for 72 Magazine, the former E.R. star explained: "I don't know how to do it [use social media]."

"I'm not on any of them, but only because I find that my life is so much simpler without doing it. But I worry about kids. I worry about my kids, obviously ...

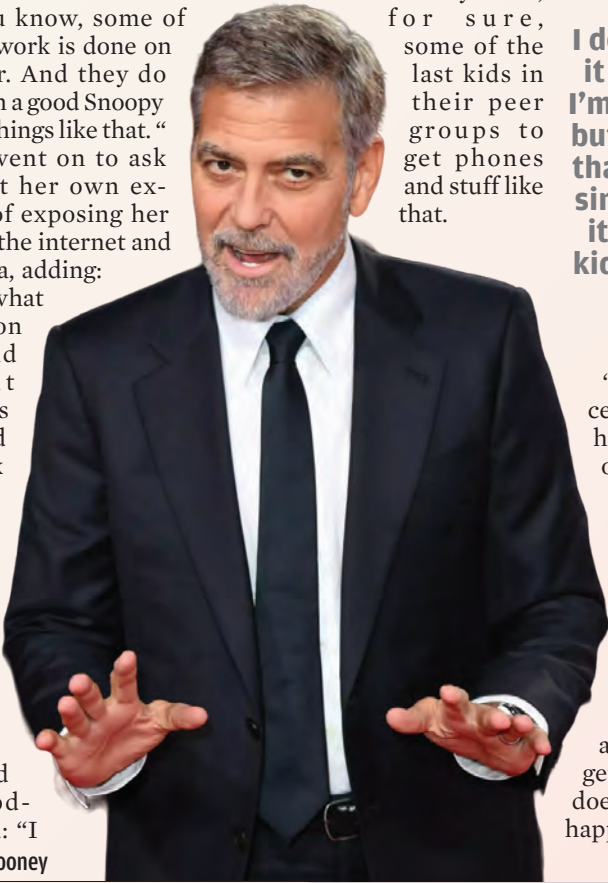
"The risks are so much bigger and the consequences follow you for so much longer. I'm worried about my kids; we keep them off the internet as

much as we can.

"But, you know, some of their homework is done on a computer. And they do like to watch a good Snoopy movie and things like that."

George went on to ask Julia about her own experiences of exposing her children to the internet and social media, adding: "I wonder what your version of it is. Did you limit their access to it or did you just talk it through?"

Julia - who is mom to twins Hazel and Phinnaeus, 20, and son Henry, 18, with her husband Danny Moder - replied: "I



George Clooney

think they were, for sure, some of the last kids in their peer groups to get phones and stuff like that.

**"I don't know how to do it [use social media]. I'm not on any of them, but only because I find that my life is so much simpler without doing it. But I worry about kids. I worry about my kids, obviously ...**

GEORGE CLOONEY

"When they were younger, certainly, Danny and I would have been considered some of the stricter parents.

"Not like we're laying down the law, but these are the rules and they don't change. Here's the boundary of your life and it does not shift.

"You know, you don't ask me and get an answer and then go ask dad and get a different answer. That doesn't happen. It will never happen ..."

### Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson felt 'pigeonholed'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson has admitted some of his movies were "not so good". The former wrestler has won praise for his performance as MMA fighter Mark Kerr in The Smashing Machine - which premiered at the Venice Film Festival this week - and admitted he enjoyed the chance to show off his dramatic range after feeling "pigeonholed" with multiple roles in big-budget action and comedy films.

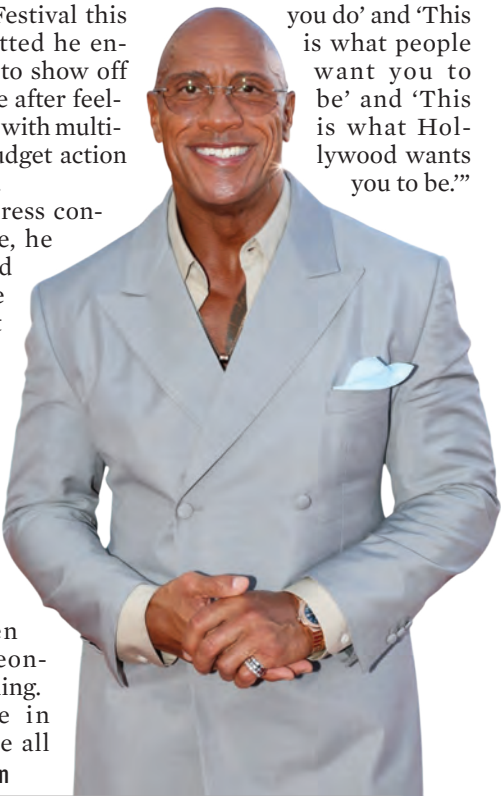
Speaking at a press conference in Venice, he said: "I just had this burning desire and this voice that was saying, 'Well, again, what if?'"

"But what if there is more and what if I can? And a lot of times it's harder for us to, or at least for me, to know what you're capable of when you've been pigeonholed into something.

"When you're in Hollywood, as we all

know, it had become about box office and you chase the box office.

"And the box office in our business that we know is very loud and it can be very resonating, and it could push you into a category and into a corner. And 'This is your lane' and 'This is what you do' and 'This is what people want you to be' and 'This is what Hollywood wants you to be.'"



Dwayne Johnson

### Sabrina Carpenter's ex-partners felt 'flattered' by songs

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Sabrina Carpenter is "pretty transparent" in her approach to relationships. The 26-year-old singer thinks her former romantic partners actually feel "pretty flattered" whenever she writes and releases a song about them.

The blonde beauty - whose new album is called Man's Best Friend - told CBS Mornings: "I feel pretty transparent going into any of my relationships, that I write songs and I think they're just as down for it. I think it's also, most of the time, they've been pretty flattered when I ... when they get a song written



Sabrina Carpenter

about them, good or bad."

Despite this, Sabrina refuses to confirm who inspired certain songs.

The singer - who has previously dated the likes of Shawn Mendes and Barry Keoghan - said: "It's more fun for people to picture in their head than the person I picture in my head, I think."

Sabrina also admits that her music isn't for everyone.

The Manchild hitmaker reflected: "You don't have to like what I do. I think there's this weird misconception that every artist has to check every box for everyone to like everything about them."

Sabrina Carpenter

### Liam Hemsworth and Gabrielle Brooks engaged

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Liam Hemsworth has got engaged.

The Hunger Games actor found love with Gabriella Brooks in 2019, months after splitting from first wife Miley Cyrus, and the couple are now planning to take their relationship to the next level as they are getting married.

The 29-year-old model showed off her huge engagement ring as she shared a photo to Instagram of her cuddling into Liam.

The post, which was captioned with a simple white heart emoji, featured another photo of Gabriella's hand on a white sheet, allowing fans a close-up view of her diamond sparkler.

It was claimed just a year ago that the couple weren't particularly interested in getting married, particularly because 35-year-old Liam's marriage to Miley lasted less than a year.

A source told Us Week-



Liam Hemsworth and Gabrielle Brooks

ly magazine: "They have no plans on getting married anytime soon - and perhaps, not at all.

"Liam didn't have a good experience the first time around. And it's not something he thinks of in a positive light."

Meanwhile, Gabriella previously described her relationship with Liam as "sacred" and

it is important to them both to keep things as private as possible.

Speaking to Australia's Daily Telegraph's Stellar magazine, she shared: "My personal relationship is very, very important and very sacred to me.

"I completely understand [the interest in her relationship]. But at the end of the day,

I guess I just like having that for me.

"My personal relationship is very, very important and very sacred to me," she added, also expressing her love for Hemsworth's family.

"But he's great. They [the Hemsworths] are great.

"They are the most beautiful people and I'm very lucky to know them."

Miley, 32, and Liam famously fell in love on the set of the 2010 movie The Last Song and the Wrecking Ball singer previously recalled the "undeniable" chemistry she had with her future husband.

She said in a series of TikTok videos: "In 2008, I needed to do another feature film for Disney, and I didn't want it to be a part of 'Hannah Montana'.

"Once we had written the screenplay, it was time to audition all the guys who would play Will, my boyfriend in the movie. We had gotten it down from thousands to the final three, and Liam was a part of that final three.

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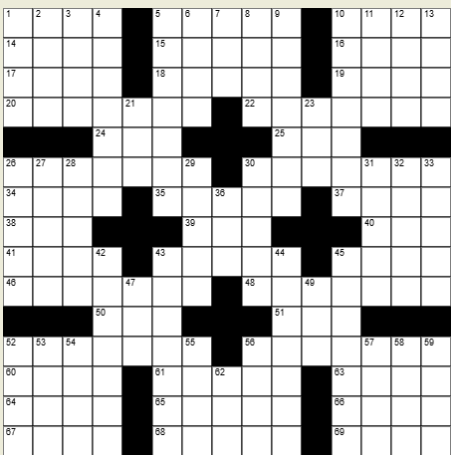
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#### How to play

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#### Across

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#### Down

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#### Yesterday's solution

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# Bahrain's top stars in Tokyo to write history

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's athletes have touched down in Tokyo ahead of the 2025 World Athletics Championships, which gets underway today in the Japanese capital.

The kingdom's hopes will be spread across track and road, with the spotlight falling immediately on the women's marathon in the early hours of this morning. At 1:30am Bahrain time, Eunice Chumba, Shitaye Eshete, and Tigest Gashaw launch their medal bids on the streets of the Japanese capital.

## Marathon of Champions

The Bahraini trio arrive in strong form. Chumba, the national record-holder, boasts a career best of 2:20:02, while Eshete has gone as quick as 2:20:32. Gashaw, the former under-18 world champion, carries a best mark of 2:24:39.

They will have to overcome a formidable rival in Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa, the 2024 Olympic silver-medallist and owner of the world's fastest time this year at 2:15:50. Morocco's Fatima Ezzahra Gardadi, the 2023 bronze-medallist, also lines up.



Bahrain's marathon team and coach (L) ahead of today's event

## Naser Back on the Track

Later today, Bahrain's superstar sprinter Salwa Eid Naser returns to world championship action after missing the last edition through injury. The 2019

world champion and reigning Olympic silver-medallist kicks off her 400m campaign in the heats at 1:25pm.

Naser heads to Tokyo fresh from winning the Wanda Diamond League Trophy in Zurich

last month, underlining her status as one of the event favourites. The 400m semi-finals are on Tuesday, with the final set for Thursday.

**Champions Ready to Defend**

## Bahrain Competition Schedule – World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025

### Women's Marathon

Athletes: Eunice Chumba, Shitaye Eshete, Tigest Gashaw

Final: Sun, 14 Sep, 1:30am

### Women's 400m

Athlete: Salwa Eid Naser

Heats: Sun, 14 Sep, 1:25pm

Semi-final: Tue, 16 Sep, 3:05pm

Final: Thu, 18 Sep, 4:24pm

### Women's 400m Hurdles

Athlete: Kemi Adekoya

Heats: Mon, 15 Sep, 5:20am

Semi-final: Wed, 17 Sep, 3:00pm

Final: Fri, 19 Sep, 3:27pm

### Women's 3,000m Steeplechase

Athlete: Winfred Yavi

Heats: Mon, 15 Sep, 3:15am

Final: Wed, 17 Sep, 3:57pm

### Women's 800m

Athlete: Nelly Jepkosgei

Heats: Thu, 18 Sep, 1:55pm

Semi-final: Fri, 19 Sep, 2:45pm

Final: Sun, 21 Sep, 1:35pm

### Men's 5,000m

Athlete: Birhanu Balew

Heats: Fri, 19 Sep, 2:05pm

Final: Sun, 21 Sep, 12:50pm

Tomorrow, attention turns to two more medal hopefuls: Winfred Yavi, the reigning world and Olympic champion in the women's 3,000m steeplechase, and Kemi Adekoya, the 2016 world indoor gold-medallist in the 400m hurdles.

They will be joined later in the week by Nelly Jepkosgei in the 800m and Birhanu Balew, Bahrain's lone male competitor,

in the 5,000m. Jepkosgei's campaign begins on Thursday, while Balew runs his heats on Friday.

Bahrain already hold a proud record at the world championships, with 14 medals across past editions – eight gold, three silver, and three bronze. With this year's roster stacked with proven winners, Tokyo offers another chance to add to that tally.

# Vingegaard touching Vuelta glory with stage 20 triumph as protests continue

AFP | Guadarrama

Jonas Vingegaard virtually sealed Vuelta a Espana victory yesterday as he powered to a solo stage 20 triumph, extending his general classification lead on Joao Almeida to over a minute.

British rider Tom Pidcock retained third place for what will be his first Grand Tour podium place in third overall.

The two-time Tour de France winner Vingegaard dropped Almeida on the gruelling climb up the Bola del Mundo mountain, ahead of Sunday's ceremonial final stage arriving in Madrid.

Danish Visma-Lease a Bike rider Vingegaard last won a Grand Tour in 2023, with this set to be his third.

This year's race has been heavily affected by pro-Palestinian protest against the presence of the Israel-Premier Tech team and stage 20 was no different.

The stage had a minor route modification because of a large protest near Cercedilla and cyclists were forced to divert around a group of protestors sitting in the road around 20 kilometres from the finish.



Overall leader team Visma-Lease a bike's Danish rider Jonas Vingegaard is pictured after winning the 20th stage

After the break passed a roundabout near the town of Beceril de la Sierra a group of protestors formed a blockage, with the chase group including Vingegaard and Almeida forced to swerve around them. Team cars following riders were delayed by the protesting group.

The chase group caught the break before Vingegaard virtually crowned himself champion on the Bola del Mundo.

Despite the steep inclines pushing riders to the limit Vingegaard dug deep to cross the finish alone and open up a 1 minute 16 second lead on the

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Vingegaard's solo win came despite protests forcing riders and team cars to swerve around road blockages, underlining the tense backdrop of this year's Vuelta

Portuguese UAE Team Emirates cyclist.

Riders on Sunday will cover 103.6km between Alalpardo and Madrid instead of the 111.6km planned.

The section removed would have crossed the plush Madrid neighbourhood of Aravaca 9km from the centre, organisers told media, without specifying a reason.

Madrid have ramped up security measures for the final stage of the race, with the first deputy mayor saying policing numbers would be "almost doubled".

## Arsenal spoil Ange return, Woltemade earns Newcastle win



Arsenal's defender #36 Martin Zubimendi (R) scores the team's third goal

AFP | London

A Martin Zubimendi double took Arsenal top of the Premier League as Ange Postecoglou's first game in charge of Nottingham Forest ended in a 3-0 defeat, while Nick Woltemade's debut goal earned Newcastle's first win of the season against Wolves yesterday.

Postecoglou made a swift return to north London after being sacked by Tottenham in June but did not enjoy a dream debut in the Forest dugout against a ruthless Arsenal.

Mikel Arteta's men had two weeks over the international break to mull over losing 1-0 to title rivals Liverpool due to Dominik Szoboszlai's stunning free-kick. But the Gunners made it three wins from four games thanks to an unlikely goalscoring hero.

Zubimendi scored just 10 times in 236 games for Real Sociedad and commanded a £60 million (\$81 million) fee in the transfer window due to his defensive abilities and distribution from the base of the midfield.

However, the Spanish international smashed home a blistering volley from outside the box to break Forest's resistance on 32 minutes.

"Unbelievable from Zubi-

mendi," said Arteta.

"Two very difficult goals in terms of execution. He's come into the club and you feel a real presence, a real authority with everything he does on the pitch."

It took less than 60 seconds into the second half for Viktor Gyokeres to double Arsenal's lead from Eberechi Eze's cross before Zubimendi headed in his second of the game.

A comfortable victory achieved without William Saliba and Bukayo Saka and, for much of the match, Martin Odegaard or Declan Rice underlined the depth of quality in Arsenal's squad as they aim to go one better after three consecutive second-placed finishes.

Woltemade did his best to make Newcastle fans forget the departed Alexander Isak with an immediate impact in a 1-0 win for the home side at St. James' Park.

The giant German international powered home a header from Jacob Murphy's cross for the only goal on 29 minutes.

Eddie Howe's men badly missed a focal point up front before the international break as Isak sat out the opening weeks of the season before his British transfer record £125 million move to Liverpool on deadline day.

## Bahrain's Para-Taekwondo Team Joins Jordan Camp

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Bahrain's Paralympic Committee is taking part in the Jordan International Taekwondo Camp, held in Amman from September 12 to 27 with players and coaches from several countries.

Coach Fajr Al-Binali and athlete Ibrahim Radwan travelled to join the closed

training camp, part of Bahrain's intensive preparation programme for upcoming para-taekwondo competitions.

Officials said the participation aims to boost players' technical and physical readiness, while giving them exposure to different international styles ahead of future regional and global events.





# Bezzecchi claims San Marino sprint thriller

● Victory after Marc Marquez dramatic crash

AFP | Misano Adriatico

Marco Bezzecchi won the San Marino MotoGP sprint race yesterday after Marc Marquez crashed out just as he looked like further extending his massive championship lead.

Aprilia rider Bezzecchi completed a perfect day on his home Marco Simoncelli circuit in Misano Adriatico by winning from pole position and bringing joy to the Italian crowd, before celebrating with motorcycling icon Valentino Rossi and Formula One star Lando Norris.

He took to the podium with a wooden leg given to him by a fan, a reference to cult Italian comedy film 'Three Men and a Leg' which Bezzecchi also referenced on his helmet.

But the 26-year-old claimed maximum 12 points for the win thanks to Marc Marquez sliding off the track on lap six, only moments after the six-time MotoGP champion had taken the race lead.

The Spaniard had already charged past Fabio Quartararo and his brother Alex Marquez from fourth on the grid in the opening moments of the race, and once he was ahead it looked like a matter of time before he claimed his 15th win from 16 of this season's sprint races.

"It was a fantastic Saturday, very happy to grab the sprint win, I don't really remember my last one, so very happy, very happy," said Bezzecchi, whose last sprint win came at Assen in 2023.

"The race was not perfect be-



Aprilia Racing team's Italian MotoGP rider Marco Bezzecchi (CL) is congratulated by BK8 Gresini Racing MotoGP team's Spanish MotoGP rider Alex Marquez (CR) after winning the San Marino Moto GP Sprint Race

cause we had some issues during the race, but even having these problems I was able to have a good pace and I knew that Marco was on the limit, so very happy, very happy, I gave my all."

However, regardless of what happens in Sunday's GP Marc Marquez will have a chance to win the title at the Japan MotoGP in a fortnight and move level on seven championship triumphs with his great rival Rossi.

## Alex Marquez cuts gap

His crash most benefitted Alex Marquez who finished second and cut his sibling's lead at the top of the standings to 174 points.

He also moved 77 ahead of Marc Marquez's struggling teammate Francesco Bagnaia



who finished over 16 seconds off the pace in 13th and is looking over his shoulder in third place in the championship as Bezzecchi now trails him by 28 points.

"I lost the victory on the start, I was not aggressive enough. And at that point I lost a little bit the way, but later on, you know, I was there behind Marco," said Alex Marquez.

"They were slightly faster than me, I should say, to be fair. But I was keeping the lap time quite constant, quite good, so happy for that."

"And yeah, tomorrow we'll try a little bit harder, a little bit better."

Marc Marquez's crash brought cheers from a chunk of the crowd even though he rides for Ducati as many Italian motorcycling fans have refused to forgive him for, as they see it, from actively working to stop Rossi from winning what would have been his eighth MotoGP title in 2015.

## Guirassy extends streak as Dortmund cruise past 10-man Heidenheim



Dortmund's Guinean forward #09 Serhou Guirassy (L) scores a goal

AFP | Berlin

Serhou Guirassy scored for the eighth straight league match and Maximilian Beier added another as Borussia Dortmund won 2-0 at 10-man Heidenheim yesterday.

Heidenheim's Budu Zivzivadze received a red card 21 minutes in when he hit Dortmund's Felix Nmecha with a studs-up challenge just below the knee.

An acrobatic save from Heidenheim goalie Diant Ramaj, on loan from Dortmund, denied Guirassy from the ensuing free-kick.

The Guinean did not take long to get on the scoreboard however, heading in a pinpoint Julian Ryerson cross with 33 minutes played.

In the sixth minute of first-half stoppage time, Karim Adeyemi danced through the Heidenheim defence before squaring to Beier who tapped Dortmund two in front.

Guirassy, 29, has only failed to score in two of his past 15 matches for Dortmund in all competitions, racking up 18 goals in the process.

Champions League finalists in 2024, Dortmund kick off



their European season away at Juventus on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, Freiburg scored three goals inside the final 10 minutes to beat Stuttgart 3-1 at home.

Left to carry the mantle up front after Nick Woltemade's big-money move to Newcastle, Ermedin Demirovic put Stuttgart in front with a classy backheel after 20 minutes, holding up two Freiburg defenders and placing a no-look flick into the corner.

Stuttgart looked set to hold on for victory until Freiburg's Igor Matanovic kick-started a late flurry, scoring with nine minutes remaining.

## India players must move past emotions against Pakistan, says Ten Doeschate

AFP | Dubai

India take on Pakistan today in the first meeting of the two nations following cross-border attacks, with India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate saying the players need to put their emotions to one side.

Asked if public sentiment in India weighs on the minds of the players, Ten Doeschate yesterday said: "Yes, I think it will. It's a very sensitive issue and I've got no doubt the players share the compassion and feeling of the vast majority of the Indian public."

"The Asia Cup was in a limbo for a long period of time and we were just waiting. We didn't think we were going to be coming at one stage," said Ten Doeschate, a former Dutch all-rounder.

New Delhi only cleared the match in a recently announced sports policy, saying the Indian



India's players celebrate during the match against UAE

national team can play Pakistan in multi-national events but not in bilateral competitions.

"Obviously you know what the Indian government's stance is on it, and now the team and particularly the players, you have to put those sentiments

and the emotions behind, that's something we addressed in the team meeting," he added.

The clash could be the first of three as both India and Pakistan are favourites to qualify for the Super Four stage and possibly for the September 28 final.

## Mbappe shines as 10-man Real Madrid defeat Real Sociedad

AFP | Madrid

Kylian Mbappe was at his brilliant best as Real Madrid showed grit to claim a 2-1 win at Real Sociedad in La Liga yesterday, despite playing for an hour with 10 men after Dean Huijsen's red card.

Mbappe and Arda Guler's first-half goals were enough for Los Blancos to maintain their 100 percent record, with Mikel Oyarzabal pulling one back for the hosts from the penalty spot.

Xabi Alonso's side top the table on 12 points from four games, with second-placed Athletic Bilbao facing Alaves later on, while champions Barcelona host Valencia on Sunday.

Madrid lined up with Dani Carvajal at right-back, leaving Trent Alexander-Arnold on the bench, while Fede Valverde was rested and Dani Ceballos came in.



Real Madrid's French forward #10 Kylian Mbappe kicks the ball

Guler had a goal disallowed for offside early on as Los Blancos started strongly, with Real

Sociedad still looking for their first win under new coach Sergio Francisco.