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**EU plans big building renovation project to save energy**

AP | Brussels

The European Union is announcing a major building renovation project this week seeking to cut down energy costs and polluting emissions while providing a big boost to the construction industry.

EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said Monday that the 27-nation bloc "must speed up" the pace of renovations if it is to meet climate change targets and said most efforts will go to schools, hospitals and social housing.

The bloc is littered with buildings that fail to contain heat in winter and cannot keep people cool in summer, creating massive energy bills that sap local budgets but also pollute cities and the atmosphere.

"Our buildings are responsible for 40 percent of our energy consumption," said von der Leyen. And even though many buildings are being renovated, "it would take more than a century to bring emissions from our buildings to zero."

**Partners in nation building**

Bahrain keen to consolidate progress and human rights

TDI | Manama

National institutions and civil society organisations play a crucial role in progress and promotion of human rights.

Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani was yesterday addressing the opening session of the fourth workshop related to the National Human Rights Plan via video conference.

The Ministry is holding the workshop under the theme "Role of the National Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations in Consolidating and Promoting Human Rights".

The event is being held under the patronage of the Foreign Affairs and Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan.

Present were Stefano Pettinato, resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and UN Resident Coordinator, Shura Council members, MPs, experts, academic, press and media figures, head of Bahrain's diplomatic missions and other officials, in addition to

institutions registered with the Ministry of Labour and Social Development.

A total of 173 participants took part in the workshop, during which 23 papers were discussed, highlighting Bahrain's National Human Rights Plan.

Dr Al Zayani stressed the need for co-operation between national establishments and social institutions particularly Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs), adding that it will be the cornerstone of Bahrain's development and progress.

He underlined the importance of the plan which aims to highlight landmark national development strides and the protection of human rights in the prosperous era of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He paid tribute to HM the King, hailing his wisdom and farsighted vision aimed to promote the principles of human rights and achieve Bahrainis' aspirations of justice, transparency and accountability.

He reiterated the Foreign Ministry's keenness to achieve HM the King's directives to consolidate partnership between the state and

**"The plan aims to highlight landmark national development strides and the protection of human rights".**

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER



Foreign Affairs Minister Al Zayani during the online workshop

NGOs, to achieve the true spirit of belonging and citizenship and ensure security, stability and welfare for Bahrainis.

Social Development Minister Humaidan praised efforts to complete the National Human Rights Plan in order to reflect the effective reality of human rights in Bahrain as well as the development and progress.

He stressed the importance of the workshop which highlights the role of national institutions and NGOs in consolidating and supporting human rights, describing NGOs as partners in building the nation and assuming responsibilities.

Citing update figures, he said that the number of NGOs had

jumped from 105 before 2002 to 640 this year, including charity, social human rights, women, youth, professional and expatriate institutions.

He said that 11 human rights institutions exercise their activities in Bahrain, hailing their vital role in protecting rights through an array of programmes for all social categories, including labourers, especially during this time of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Cabinet Affairs Ministry Undersecretary Good Word Society Honorary Chairman His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa stressed the crucial role played by national institutions and civil society organisations in promoting human rights organisations.

**640**

The number of NGOs in Bahrain this year, up from 105 before 2002

He hailed HM the King's directives, paying tribute to His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister for their care.

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

**TOTAL CASES**  
76,272

**ACTIVE CASES**  
3,823

**DEATHS**  
285

**DISCHARGED**  
72,164

**NEW CASES**  
324

**CRITICAL**  
52

210 fils (includes VAT)



**France launches flu vaccine campaign amid COVID crisis**

AP | Paris

France launched a flu vaccine campaign yesterday in an effort to avoid facing another epidemic peak as the coronavirus is spreading rapidly in the country, said a report.

French health authorities have issued official recommendations to prevent potential

shortages of flu vaccine, which they fear might happen amid increased demand because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Medical staff are advised to initially reserve it for priority patients, including people over 65, pregnant women and those suffering from respiratory illness and some other diseases.

**Global economy 'recovering faster than expected'**

DUBAI

The world's economy is recovering faster than expected from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday.

The IMF now expects global gross domestic product to fall by 4.4 per cent this year — better than the forecast of a 5.2 per cent contraction the Fund made

in June — and sees a 5.2 per cent recovery for 2021.

Gita Gopinath, the IMF's economic counselor and director of research, said; "We are projecting a somewhat less severe though still deep recession in 2020, relative to our June forecast. The revision is driven by second quarter GDP out-turns in large advanced economies, which were not as negative as we had projected."

The better outlook was also due to China's return to growth, which was stronger than expected, and signs of a more rapid recovery in the third quarter, she said.

China is the only major economy forecast to grow this year, with GDP adding 1.9 per cent before a significant 8.2 per cent jump in 2021. The US will see a 4.3 per cent fall this year, and a 3.1 per cent recovery in 2021.

Pre-historic figure

**Dinosaur skeleton sold for \$3.5m in Paris auction**

AP | Manama

The skeleton of an Allosaurus was sold for more than 3 million euros (\$3.5 million) in Paris yesterday, according to a tweet by Drouot auction house.

The sale price of 3.07 million euros, was significantly higher than the original estimate of 1 to 1.2 million euros.

The auctioneer did not provide any



Restored Allosaurus skeleton

information about the buyer. The Allosaurus is seen as a smaller predecessor of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

The skeleton, measuring 10 metres in length and 3.5 metres high, is more than 150 million years old, according to the auction house.

It was found in Wyoming, US, in 2016.

There is only one comparable Allosaurus skeleton in the world in terms of

size. It is 9.7 metres long, and is located in the Museum of Natural History in New York.

The skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex was sold for a record price of \$31.8 million at an auction earlier this month.

Many archaeologists criticise the practice of auctioning skeletons, saying the specimens are lost to science.



# More efficient services vow

Finance Minister hails Service Excellence Award from 'Tawasul'

TDT | Manama

The Ministry of Finance and National Economy will continue its efforts to deliver high-quality government services and promote effective communication with the citizens. This was assured by Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa while holding a meeting with those in charge of the "Tawasul" system.

He expressed pride in the Finance Ministry winning the 2020 Service Excellence Award within the National Suggestion and Complaint system, 'Tawasul', and attributed the achievement to the Ministry affiliates' solidarity and work as one team.

The minister stressed the importance of continuing the deliv-



Finance Minister during a virtual meeting with those in charge of the "Tawasul" system

ery of government services at the highest levels of efficiency, and promoting excellence in effective communication with the citizens.

He said the Ministry is keen to consolidate them for the benefit of the citizens, and to meet the goals of comprehensive devel-

opment under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The minister highlighted the interest of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and supported by His

Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, in ensuring the continuity of efforts to develop the performance of government entities and improve the quality of the services

they deliver. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa noted that the efforts of the Ministry focus on achieving more professionalism in communicating with the citizens in order to meet their expectations.

He commended the efforts exerted by the "Tawasul" work team for the sake of attaining such a

landmark achievement which, he said, is a source of pride for all the Finance Ministry's affiliates, stressing their keenness to continue working within Team Bahrain. He expressed hope that the prestigious award will be a catalyst for achieving more accomplishments and initiatives that meet common aspirations and goals.

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FINANCE MINISTER



The Finance Ministry won the 2020 Service Excellence Award within the National Suggestion and Complaint system, 'Tawasul'.

## Five Bahrainis die from COVID; 324 new cases

TDT | Manama

Five more Bahrainis succumbed to the coronavirus (COVID-19) yesterday, bringing the virus-related death toll in the Kingdom to 285.

The deceased included three women, aged 61, 66 and 80, and two men, 78 and 82.

There were 477 new recoveries, raising the number of survivors to 72,164.

Following 10,399 tests, there

were 324 new active cases. The fresh infections included 92 expatriate workers and 229 from contacts of active cases, while three were travel-related.

The total confirmed cases in Bahrain stands at 76,272.

## Boost for Bahrain-Saudi oil and gas co-operation

TDT | Manama

Oil Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa has lauded the Saudi Cabinet's decision to raise the level of the chairmanship of the Bahraini-Saudi Coordination Council to the level of the Crown Princes of the two countries.

He noted that the moves reflects the depth of bilateral relations, based on mutual understanding, love and shared belief in their common destiny.

The minister pointed out that the decision is the fruitful outcome of the solid relations and mutual love between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.



The decision will further bolster the existing co-operation between the two kingdoms across various fields, especially oil and gas.

He asserted that the move will enable the Coordination Council to achieve its gains aimed at further developing bilateral relations, in light of the dedication and far-sighted visions of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, and the Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud.

He indicated that the decision will further bolster the existing co-operation between the two kingdoms across various fields, especially oil and gas, in light of their leaderships' strong interest in such a vital sector.

The Oil Minister affirmed that the deep-rooted Bahraini-Saudi relations have been, and will remain unique, wishing the Coordination Council every success in achieving two kingdoms' aspirations for more progress and prosperity.

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## EWA wins Distinction Award for third straight time

TDT | Manama

The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) has won for the third time running the Distinction Award in Communicating with Subscribers (Tawasul) for 2020.

The award was part of an online celebration held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak affirmed the authority's resolve to continue optimising its services for citizens and residents and using the best technologies to reduce time of



Minister Al Mubarak with EWA CEO Shaikh Al Khalifa

the service.

He said that the National Suggestion and Complaint System (Tawasul) is one of the outstanding models of joint work between the national institutions to provide a better communication environment with subscribers.

EWA chief executive Shaikh

Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa affirmed the distinction in communicating with subscribers and receiving the award for the third consecutive time reflects the authority's fundamentals which consider the subscriber as an indispensable partner in the electricity and water services development process.

## Campaign to ensure safety at gas refilling shops

TDT | Manama

The Capital Governorate has launched a campaign to ensure that security and safety requirements at gas refilling shops are being followed strictly.

The campaign aims to avoid any accidents by preventing

risks through monitoring, awareness and guidance.

An inspection committee made up of representatives from the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, National Oil and Gas Authority and the General Administration of Civil Defense visited a number of stores in the

governorate.

Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa affirmed that the Capital Governorate is keen to strengthen co-operation with various security departments and relevant government agencies to maintain monitoring of gas refilling shops.



## 'Bahrain TV and Radio' platform launched

● A 'quantum leap' in information sector

● Aimed at developing media message

TDT | Manama

A modern platform that represents a quantum leap in the information and communication sector.

This was how Information Affairs Ministry Undersecretary Dr Abdulrahman Mohammed Bahar described yesterday's launch of the electronic platform, "Bahrain TV and Radio", for the broadcasting of radio and television channels.

The project is aimed at developing the media message in form, content and impact.

While inaugurating the platform's application, Dr Bahar said that such a modern platform for the television and radio media content is expected to reach all the users of smart de-



Ministry officials during the launch

velopment, noting that it represents a quantum leap in the achievements of the information and communication sector.

Dr Bahar lauded the efforts of Team Bahrain at the Information Affairs Ministry, and praised the constant follow-up of Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi.

He asserted that the launch of such an advanced application reflects the continuity of the development and modernisation process.

Dr Bahar also praised the tireless efforts made by Bahrainis despite the exceptional circumstances the country and

the world are going through as a result of the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Undersecretary stated that an integrated team from the General Directorate of Technical Affairs and the General Directorate of Radio and Television is in charge of the platform, working around the clock to update its content and ensure non-stop broadcasting.

The platform provides live broadcasting of all Bahrain TV channels and radio stations, in addition to archival radio and television content materials which the application users may refer to at any time.

## Strategic partnership

RERA, iGA launch new Real Estate Licensing System and e-Services

TDT | Manama

The Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), in co-operation with the Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA), have launched a new Real Estate Licensing System and associated eServices, which are available through the National Portal, bahrain.bh.

The launch was conducted virtually through a meeting, which brought together RERA CEO Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, iGA CEO Mohammad Ali Al Qaed, iGA Deputy Chief Executive for Electronic Transformation Dr Zakareya Ahmed Al Khajah, and other senior officials from both sides.

In the first phase, RERA licensing system includes a set of electronic services for brokers and sales agents, license applications, fee payments, application status inquiries, license renewals, and access to updated RERA lists and documents required for issuing or updating licenses.

Speaking at the launch of the new service, the RERA CEO said: "This new licensing system represents the combined and concerted efforts of iGA and RERA. I wish to thank the iGA team for their commitment and support in bringing the licensing system to fruition.

"It is another example of government's organisations working effectively together to deliver more efficient services to the Bahrain business community.

"This is a further enhancement of services delivered electronically by RERA, thus removing the need for personal attendance at RERA's offices, particularly relevant at this time through the challenges."

He thanked the members of RERA Board of Directors, chaired by Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, president of the Survey and Land Registration Bureau, for their support which is aligned with the Government objectives and guidelines.

Shaikh Mohammed added: "We in RERA are very keen to ensure the range of services



RERA and iGA officials during the launch of new eServices



The real estate sector is a pillar of economic development

provided are delivered in the most efficient and effective way possible, by maximising the use of electronic channels. We are always interested in getting the feedback from RERA service users which can then be factored into future service enhancement."

The eServices covered by this first phase will be added to the broader list of services iGA provides to citizens and residents through the National Portal bahrain.bh.

iGA established an integrated system between the two parties to ensure these services meet the highest levels of quality and security.

The backend system was developed in accordance with the latest Amazon Web Services (AWS) standards, optimising cloud computing technologies, and integrating and linking it to national systems and services, such as the eKey.

The RERA system is also integrated with the population registry system, Sijilat, the National Payment Aggregator (NPA), and all data related to real estate, making it user-friendly to the public and RERA.

On this occasion, iGA CEO emphasised the importance of the real estate sector as a pillar of economic development, adding that laws and e-services need to be continuously improved to



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RERA CEO SHAIKH MOHAMMED

attract foreign investment.

He thanked RERA for its commitment to national digital transformation plans, praising the support of its team in bringing traditional services to the digital world.

He expressed his pride in the technical expertise of the employees who worked on the project, which resulted in the highest levels of quality, accuracy and efficiency.

Al Qaed added that iGA will continue its co-operation with RERA to provide even more eServices for citizens and residents, saving time and effort for both service providers and beneficiaries.

The upcoming phases of the RERA licensing system will be launched and will include services for the other licensee categories, including developers, property managers and owners' association managers.

## Ali Humaidan hails Al Dosari appointment



Labour Minister receives Shura Council member

TDT | Manama

Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan received yesterday Shura Council member Sabah Salim Al Dosari.

Ali Humaidan congratulated Al Dosari on the royal trust in appointing him as member of the Shura Council and on being

sworn in and starting work in the council, wishing him every success.

Both sides discussed co-operation between the executive and legislative branches to achieve citizens' aspirations.

They also shed light on the royal address in the inauguration of the third session of the Shura Council and on being

ra and Representatives Councils, stressing the importance of concretising it to achieve development.

They also emphasised the need to boost co-operation to upgrade labour legislation and cope with developments in the labour market as well as promote social security for Bahraini families.

## Bahrain-based bank accused of illegal Iran transactions

TDT | Manama

A Bahrain-based bank has made illegal transactions with Iranian institutions worth \$300 million, investigations revealed. Thousands of other suspicious transactions are still being investigated as part of this huge money laundering case.

In a statement issued by the Public Prosecution yesterday, it confirmed that it had referred several new developments in the case, commonly known as the "Future Bank Money Laundering" case, to the criminal court.

This follows several similar announcements made throughout the past few months, accusing the bank of facilitating suspicious transactions that are worth millions of dollars for Iranian rogue institutions, such as the National Bank of Iran (Bank Melli Iran) and the Exports Development Bank of Iran.

The prosecution's statement quoted Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecu-

tion Deputy Chief General Attorney Nayef Yousif Mahmood, who confirmed that the prosecution is continuing its investigations in the "major plot to launder billions of dollars through Future Bank, which was established in the Kingdom of Bahrain and controlled by two Iranian banks".

Mahmood said: "The Public Prosecution referred to the High Criminal Court a number of new incidents in which various charges were brought against the defendants, who are officials of the Future Bank, in addition to the Central Bank of Iran and four other Iranian banks, for committing multiple crimes under the Law on Prohibition and Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism, as well as other violations of banking laws and regulations implemented in the Kingdom of Bahrain."

The General Attorney added: "The total of the funds subject to laundering in those incidents referred to the court is around \$330 million. Investigations are still continuing."

## 418 medical frontliners exempted from paying fines

TDT | Manama

Four hundred eighteen medical professionals who are unable to renew their licences since February this year are exempted from paying fines.

National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) Chief Executive Dr Meriam Adhbi Al Jalahma said that this is in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to support medical personnel who are working in the front lines in fight against the coronavirus.

The exemptions have cost more than BD24,000 for 418 medical professionals working in the public sector so far.

She lauded the great appreciation of HM the King, HRH the Premier and HRH the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister of the health sector, most notably those in the front lines, for their pioneering role in maintaining the health and safety of the community.

## Book on Bahrain-Saudi historical relations

TDT | Manama

Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB) head Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, board chairman of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), received yesterday researcher Abdulkarim Ismail who presented him with a copy of his recently-published book entitled "Al Khalifa and Al Saud-Exchanged Visits".

Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah praised the efforts made in compiling the book which documents historical relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the bonds of brother-



SLRB head receives researcher Ismail

hood and common destiny between both countries which derive strength from the leaders' relations throughout history.

He described the book as an added value to the Bahraini library and a reference to researchers, wishing researcher Ismail constant success.

## Eight travellers held for attempting to traffic 16 gold bars

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain International Airport Police Directorate has arrested eight Asian trav-

ellers from age group 32-42 for attempting to traffic 16 gold bars worth around BD43,000.

While the directorate personnel were carrying their security

inspection duties for departing travellers, the suspects were held for hiding the gold bars in their luggage. Legal proceedings were taken.



# Imparting scientific knowledge

DANAT trains Saudi Customs employees on gemstone classifications

TDT | Manama

Saudi Customs employees have received scientific training on the evaluation and classification of precious gemstones from the Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT).

Established in July 2017, DANAT's mission is to become the world's preferred institute for gemstones and natural pearl third party verification services.

It has built a diverse team of gemmologists and pearl experts from Bahrain and the world who are supported by the latest scientific instrumentation and research in order to protect both traders and consumers.

In collaboration with the Saudi Authority for Accredited Valuers (TAQEEM), the two-day remote workshop was conducted by DANAT's qualified employees, who possess long-standing academic and practical experience in the field of pearls, jewellery, and gemstones, and have mastered the required training skills for delivering information to trainees remotely.

The Saudi employees were trained on how to properly examine gemstones imported and exported by traders or carried by departing or returning travellers according to the highest international standards.

The first workshop was presented by DANAT Chief Executive Officer Noora Jamsheer during which she explained to the employees of the Saudi Customs the most recent and effective scientific methods used in customs control of jewellery transported through border crossings in addition to the difference between rough and polished stones.

The workshop also reviewed the classifications of gemstones such as diamonds, pearls, emeralds, rubies, sapphires, and others, aside from the scientific mechanism for determining the value of gemstones and their customs identification codes.

The two-day seminar included several key topics, such as the definition of gemstones, the geological conditions of their formation and how to extract and process them.

The team also described the different types, specifications, and composition of each gemstone.

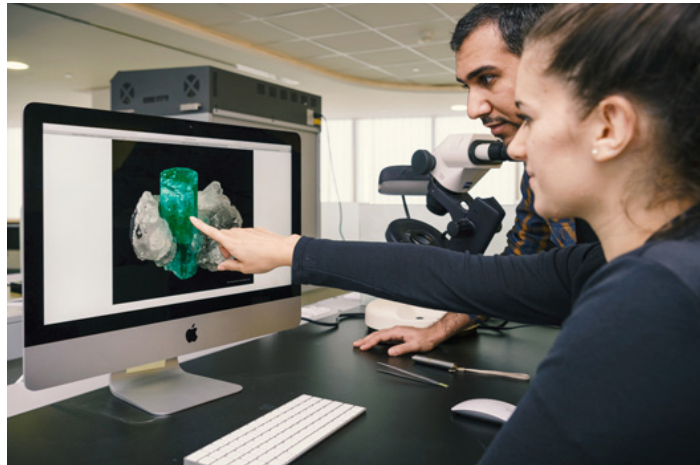
Participants were trained to distinguish between original and synthetic gemstones, how to read official certificates that document the type, size, and specifications of the gemstone, and the mechanism for conducting scientific tests, in addition to the diverse uses of gemstones.



Taqem secretary-general Al Jorais



DANAT CEO Jamsheer



DANA staff using the latest scientific instrumentation and research

Jamsheer stated that DANAT is pleased to work with the Saudi Authority for Accredited Valuers (TAQEEM) to provide these specialised qualitative seminars to raise awareness of gemmology.

Taqem secretary-general Sultan Al Jorais said: "This seminar provided us with an impressive start by a specialised and capable partner in the precious metals and gemstones sector, DANAT."

"The evaluation of precious metals and gemstones is essential in preserving rights and protecting interests, whether in sales and purchases, dispute settlement and liquidation of estates, or foreclosure and investment operations."

"Taqem is currently preparing an integrated programme to qualify and license the practitioners of this profession," he concluded.

## Global gemmological excellence

As a reflection of Bahrain's ancient pearling history and the strong desire to protect this heritage, DANAT was established as the guardian of global gemmological excellence.

It plays a vital role in ensuring, protecting and enhancing public trust in pearls, gemstones and jewellery.

DANAT is an authority on industry standards, scientific knowledge and education, and is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professional and personal ethics.

Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) was

established in 2017, under the aegis of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

It was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom.

Its vision is to become the world's preferred institute for natural pearls and gemstones' third party verification services and scientific research.

## Reviving interest

Last month, DANAT organised remote educational e-learning courses entitled 'Pearl Principles' and 'Diamond Principles' to revive interest in gems and precious stones.

An impressive number of participants took part, which inspired the institute to expand the duration of the courses from two to five days.

The expansion of the courses reflects DANAT's success in moving its training programmes from a conventional classroom setup to a virtual platform, making them more accessible to everyone in the current circumstances.

The educational e-courses were attended by Bahrain-based, regional and international participants who came from diverse scientific and professional backgrounds with a passion for developing skills and capabilities in the field of learning the principles of pearls and diamonds.

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DANAT was established in July 2017 with a mission to become the guardian of global gemmological excellence.



Representative picture



The Saudi employees were trained on how to examine gemstones imported and exported by traders or carried by departing or returning travellers

The participants were given the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and develop their skills in the field of natural pearls, natural and synthetic diamonds. This was in addition to the types and functions of equipment needed to examine pearls and diamonds and how to classify them.

The e-courses are part of a comprehensive training programme organised by DANAT throughout the year and includes a variety of training courses including training business owners on natural pearls, methods of production and examination, in addition to topics on diamonds, and gemstones, tips for buying jewellery and more.

DANAT's outstanding success in transforming these training courses has not only contributed to ensuring continuity of performance but also to the development and expansion of the Institutes training services.

# Major international recognition for centre



Crown Prince Center for Training and Medical Research

TDT | Manama

The Crown Prince Center for Training and Medical Research has obtained the international accreditation certificate from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH), the largest accreditation body for healthcare simulation worldwide, until 31 December 2022.

This accreditation allows the centre to obtain international recognition in the simulation of medical education and research and enables it to co-operate and exchange experiences, ideas, training lessons and medical research with other international institutes.

This came in light of the vision of the Commander of the Royal Medical Services Major General Professor Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa to take health training to a high level of technology to assist the various health sectors in Bahrain that rely on practical training through medical simulation devices, scientific laboratories, medical devices and electronic dummies.

The centre aims to offer training based on the latest international healthcare methods to enable medical personnel to provide the best health



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services to the citizens of Bahrain and the region.

Inaugurated in February 2019, the centre endeavours to become a world-class and advanced educational and training centre using advanced simulation systems.

The US-based Society for Simulation in Healthcare is a non-profit membership society committed to furthering and supporting the science of healthcare simulation.

SSH supports educators, healthcare providers, researchers, administrators, curriculum developers, technologists, and policy makers keep up to date with developments in the rapidly changing world of simulation-based education in healthcare.

# Sunni Endowment Council to sponsor students



Dr Al Hajiri

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The Sunni Endowment Council has pledged to sponsor the university education of 185 students at a total cost of BD422,600.

The head of the council, Dr Rashid bin Mohammed Al Hajiri, said that 62 of the students will be attending the University of Bahrain and Bahrain Poly-

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The number of students who will receive funds from the Centre at a total cost of BD422,600.

technic Polytechnic and their sponsorship would amount to BD117,800.

He added that 45 students would be attending private universities and that their sponsorship would be BD180,000, while BD124,800 would be allocated to 78 students at Abdullah bin Khalid College for Islamic Studies.

The Council has been paying for the university education of students since 1995.

# NSSA takes part in space economy leaders meeting

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The National Space Science Agency (NSSA) participated in the first meeting of Space Economy Leaders Meeting 20 chaired by Saudi Arabia on October 7 during the World Space Week.

Taking part in the event were the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development of the United Nations (OECD) and the United Nations Office of Space



NSSA CEO Dr Al Aseeri

Affairs (UNOOSA), the space agencies of the Arab Group for Space Cooperation, organisations, consulting companies, economic entities and experts.

NSSA chief executive officer Dr Mohamed Ebrahim Al Aseeri, who represented Bahrain in the meeting, thanked Saudi Space Commission for their invitation, which came at a time when the world is witnessing an accelerated growth of the space sector in

nearly 80 countries.

The meeting focused on three main objectives, the most important is to support and coordinate the efforts of space agencies for the peaceful use of outer space; to promote the level of scientific and economic investment in the space sector; and to emphasise the political, economic and scientific role Saudi Arabia and its commitment to international development and peace.

# Information Minister praises royal address

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Information Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi praised the royal address delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in the inauguration of the third

session of the fifth legislative term of the Shura and Representatives Councils.

He said the speech came when all branches were waiting for a solutions amidst the exceptional circumstance undergone by the world.



## BIW adds 100 housing units, retail zone to labour accommodations

● Construction of the new units is already well underway

● Retail zone construction almost 60pc completed

TDT | Manama

The BIW Labour Accommodations project announced a 20 per cent expansion to its labour accommodations within Bahrain Investment Wharf (BIW) by adding over 100 residential units as well as an integrated retail zone.

Construction of the new units is already well underway, with expected handover by the fourth quarter of this year.

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signed as a model residential gated compound with communal facilities and services providing a safe, secure, and hygienic living environment to over 10,000



Nasser Mohammed, General Manager of BIW Labour Accommodations

industrial workers serving BIW and Salman Industrial City.

Key facilities include a restaurant, barbershop, and landscaped recreational areas, as



Talal Al Mulla, Chairman of BIW Labour Accommodations

well as CCTV and 24-hour security. As for the retail shops, the zone will include 14 outlets, ideal for catering to the community's requirements for

amenities such as dining outlets, supermarket, money exchanges and otherwise.

Construction of the retail zone has already begun with almost 60pc of the works completed and handover anticipated by year-end 2020.

Commenting, Talal Al Mulla, Chairman of BIW Labour Accommodations, said, "The expansion of the Labour Accommodations comes well within the project's investment strategy to develop and invest in industries that foster and nurture ongoing business creation; creating what we hope will be a sustainable economic footprint, nationally and beyond."

Looking ahead, Nasser Mohammed, General Manager of BIW Labour Accommodations, said they aim to "announce new phases for BIW Labour Accommodations shortly."

## BDB selects TCS BaNCS to speed up innovation



Sanjeev Paul, Group CEO, BDB



Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chairman, BDB

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Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced that the Bahrain Development Bank (BDB), has selected the TCS BaNCS™ Global Banking Platform for its core banking transformation.

The bank selected the front-to-back digital offering, TCS BaNCS, enabled with APIs and cognitive tools such as AI and analytics. The platform will help BDB meet the unique needs of the small and medium business segment spanning digital banking channels, origination, core banking, trade finance, treasury and supporting services like AML and reconciliations.

Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chairman, BDB, said, "With the selection of the comprehensive suite of offerings from the TCS BaNCS Global Banking Plat-

**Tata Consultancy Services' Front-to-back Digital Banking Solution, Deployed on the Public Cloud, to Help BDB Enhance Agility, Usher in Superior Customer Experience, and Accelerate Digital Transformation**

form, which will be deployed on AWS, we are undertaking the core banking transformation and cloud migration of a three-decade-old platform, making it one of the first of its kind in the world. We will now be able to provide our clients with omnichannel digital financial services and a launchpad for their businesses to grow and flourish."

Sanjeev Paul, Group CEO, BDB, said, "With the full solution stack being implemented by TCS, BDB will be able to transform our clients' experience delivering new channels, and innovative products".

"We are pleased to be partnering with a bank that has a social and economic purpose which goes beyond conventional business objectives," said Venkateshwaran Srinivasan, Head, TCS Financial Solutions.

## First LuLu draw rewards shoppers with BD25,000

● The next E-Raffle draw is on 18 October 2020

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LuLu Hypermarket's Shop & Win Promotion first e- raffle

draw took place on 4 October 2020, and 400 lucky shoppers were selected to take home BD 25,000 worth of gift vouchers.

The Shop & Win promotion consist of BD 150,000 worth of LuLu Shopping Gift Cards in denominations of BD 100, BD 50 and BD 25, which were awarded to shoppers through an e-raffle draw. There will be five raffle

draws till the end of the year.

All winners can visit the Customer Service counter at LuLu Hypermarket, Dana Mall and collect their prizes. There are 150 winners of BD 100 LuLu Shopping gift card; 150 winners of BD 50 LuLu Shopping gift card and 100 winners of BD 25 LuLu Shopping gift card. The next E- Raffle draw is on

18 October 2020. Customers get an E-Raffle for every BD 5 spent at any of the eight LuLu Hypermarkets in the Kingdom, and they can also double their chance of winning by purchasing selected brands, thus increasing their winning chances. 'For winner details visit <https://www.luluhypermarket.com/en-bh/winners> "

## OPEC cuts 2021 oil demand forecast

Reuters | London

World oil demand will rebound more slowly in 2021 than previously thought as coronavirus cases rise, OPEC said yesterday, adding to headwinds faced by the group and its allies in balancing the market.

Demand will rise by 6.54 million barrels per day (bpd) next year to 96.84 million bpd, the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said in a monthly report. The growth forecast is 80,000 bpd less than expected a month ago.

A further weakening of demand could threaten plans by OPEC and allies to taper in 2021 the record oil output cuts they made this year. OPEC is keeping an eye on the situation but currently has no plan to cancel the supply boost.

"We believe that this is the calculated volume to cater for the demand coming back," United Arab Emirates Energy Minister Suhail al-Mazrouei told the Energy Intelligence Forum on Tuesday, referring to the 2021

**Aramco CEO says 'the worst is behind us' for oil**



Reuters | Dubai

Saudi Aramco Chief Executive Amin Nasser said yesterday that "the worst is definitely behind us" for the oil market, as global oil demand is recovering and is currently at 90 million barrels per day.

Nasser said oil demand in China is almost back to its pre COVID-19 levels.

output increase.

Oil prices have collapsed as

the coronavirus crisis curtailed travel and economic activity. While in the third quarter an easing of lockdowns allowed demand to recover, OPEC sees the pace of economic improvement slowing again.

"While the 3Q20 recovery in some economies was impressive, the near-term trend remains fragile, amid a variety of ongoing uncertainties, especially the near-term trajectory of COVID-19," OPEC's report said of the economic outlook.

"As this uncertainty looms large, amid a globally strong rise in infections, it is not expected that the considerable recovery in 3Q20 will continue into 4Q20 and in 2021."

OPEC has steadily lowered its 2021 oil demand growth forecast from an initial 7 million bpd expected in July.

The group also cut its estimate of world oil demand in the current quarter by 220,000 bpd. It left its estimate of the scale of this year's historic contraction in oil use steady at 9.47 million bpd.

**Opec output down**

To tackle the drop in demand, OPEC and its allies including Russia, a group known as OPEC+, agreed to a record supply cut of 9.7 million bpd starting on May 1.

The cut was tapered to 7.7 million bpd in August and OPEC+ plans further tapering next year by boosting supply by 2 million bpd from January.

In the report, OPEC said its output fell by 50,000 bpd to 24.11 million bpd in September. That amounted to 104 per cent compliance with the supply cut pledges, according to a Reuters calculation - up from August's figure of 103%.

OPEC also forecast demand for its crude will be 200,000 bpd lower than expected next year at 27.93 million bpd.

Assuming global demand rebounds as expected, this in theory leaves room for OPEC members to increase output in 2021 by over 3.8 million bpd from September's rate without causing a glut.

## After 40 years, Midway bids farewell to manager, Vijayan

TDT | Manama

Midway superMarkets, one of the largest food centres in Bahrain, which has been operating in the Kingdom of Bahrain since 1962, announced on Sunday that Vijayan Popuz, the Director of retail operations, will leave the company today, after more than four decades with the Midway Market, a subsidiary of Ali Rashid Al-Amin.

Vijayan has worked for 66 years at Midway since 1980, where he is known as Fiji. Khaled Ali Al Amin, CEO of Mid-



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VIJAYAN POPUZ

way, said in a statement that Vijayan did an excellent job with the company, setting a global standard for local food shopping.

He added, "The entire company and generations of its employees and owners, in particular the late founder, the late Ali Rashid Al-Amin, owe their heartfelt thanks to Vijayan.

"When I look back on my 40 years in Bahrain and Midway, I feel very happy and satisfied, the experiences we have had here together, the successes we

celebrated, and above all the people I met in this company had a lasting impact on my life," said Vijayan.

"I will not forget Bahrain and its good people who have treated me over the years as one of them and I lived with them through thick and thin, and Bahrain is the biggest part of my life and I owe them always and forever."

Midway stated that Vijayan will focus on its activities in his home city in India and will operate and participate in several charitable projects.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

WHEN YOU ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, YOU FEEL THIS POSITIVE ENERGY. IT'S VERY SIMPLE.

PAULO COELHO

# Azerbaijan demands restoration of its territorial integrity



SHAHIN ABDULLAYEV

On September 27, 2020, the armed forces of Armenia blatantly violating the ceasefire regime launched another aggression against Azerbaijan (third time within this year), by intensively shelling the positions of the armed forces of Azerbaijan along the frontline.

The bombardment by Armenian armed forces of densely populated civilian areas and installations situated along the front line has been deliberate and targeted. In order to prevent another military aggression by Armenia and provide the security of densely populated civilian residential areas the Armed Forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan undertook counter-offensive measures within the right of self-defence and in full compliance with international law.

The new act of aggression by Armenia against Azerbaijan is the continuation of the latest provocations of Armenian side, including the attempt of an armed attack in the direction of Tovuz region on 12-16 July, 2020, the sabotage-reconnaissance group's provocation in the direction of Goranboy region, illegal settlement policy in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, as well as the provocative statements and activities of Armenian leadership.

The clashes are the worst since the 1990s, when some 30,000 people were killed, and are spreading beyond the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. By constantly violating the ceasefire achieved in 1994, Armenia tries to consolidate the existing status-quo. Azerbaijan has repeatedly stated that Armenia's ongoing military aggression against Azerbaijan and the presence of the armed forces of this country at Azerbaijani territories have remained a significant threat to regional peace and security. For the last 2 years chain of provocations committed by the new Gov-

negotiation process that was launched in 1992, which had essentially produced no concrete results on the ground, in the sense that the occupation of Nagorno-Karabakh and the seven surrounding regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan has not come to an end, Azerbaijani refugees and IDPs have been prevented from exercising their right of return, and so on. In other words, for nearly three decades the Minsk Group led negotiations whose objectives were clearly and unambiguously set down on paper.

The Co-chairs gave themselves the responsibility to lead a defined process to achieve a defined result, and yet the conflict has remained frozen since a 1994 ceasefire was put into effect: none of the Minsk Group's defined objectives have been achieved – not even close.

During last week Armenian armed forces subjected to missile attacks the densely populated civilian areas in Ganja, Mingachevir, Barda, Beylagan and some other cities of Azerbaijan. As a result of Armenia's artillery and missile attacks, more than 30 Azerbaijani civilians were killed, more than 150 injured, more than 500 residential buildings and civilian objects destroyed (as of 07 October 2020).

After achieving a humanitarian ceasefire between Azerbaijan and Armenia on 10 October as a result of the rocket fire of the Armenian armed forces on an apartment building in the central part of Ganja, the second largest city of the Republic of Azerbaijan located outside the frontline, nine people, including four women, were killed and 34 people, including 16 women, among them six minors, were injured. Also, more than 10 apartment buildings and over 100 different facilities were damaged. Rescue operations are currently under way to rescue civilians trapped under the rubble.



*“Our country needs political support from the Islamic world and the Arab world. They must have a firm position on Azerbaijan. The world must not equate the aggressor and the victim”*

ernment of Armenia both in words and deeds has undermined the negotiation process for the settlement of the conflict. Armenia continued to provoke and violate the ceasefire and Armenia's defense minister even went so far as to call on the country to prepare for the pursuit of a “new war for new territories”.

Nagorno-Karabakh was made an autonomous region within Azerbaijan by the Soviet Union in the 1920s. During the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, this autonomous region declared so called independence which is not recognized by any country including Armenia, but recognized as a part of Azerbaijan by entire international community.

In the intervening decades, the one constant has been the Armenian occupation of almost all of Azerbaijan's autonomous territory of Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding regions of Azerbaijan that together form about 20 percent of the country's total territory. Armenia conducted the policy of ethnic cleansing against Azerbaijanis. Cultural heritage of Azerbaijani people and 63 of 67 mosques on the territory of today's Armenia has been demolished and plundered. Armenia also destroyed all Azerbaijani historical and religious monuments in the occupied territories.

It is not the issue of dispute that these lands are occupied illegally and they must be returned: four UN Security Council resolutions and various OSCE documents directly related to the conflict make this clear, as do the formal positions of all the major powers, not to mention the rest of the world. The fact that Armenia has totally cleansed the occupied lands of its pre-war ethnic-Azerbaijani population has obviously not helped its claim of victimhood, neither has its present campaign to indiscriminately shell civilian targets like marketplaces or key pieces of infrastructure like hydro-power plants and dams deep in Azerbaijan.

So, irrespective of ancient grievances, a convoluted historical record, and whatever other vagarious claims have been put forward, the situation is, at the end of the day, unambiguous: the outcome to the conflict requires the end of Yerevan's military occupation of these lands and the return of more than one million of Azerbaijani civilians to their homes.

The mediators – the co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group (Russia, France and the United States) – are at fault: there was a formal

In his speech to the 75th General Assembly of United Nations (UN) Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev warned that situation was escalating as result of Armenia's actions, and that there was increased military activity of Armenian troops along the line of contact.

President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has demanded Armenia to set a timetable to withdraw from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, to recognize the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and to apologize to the Azerbaijani people. On October 4, 2020, Ilham Aliyev stressed Baku's determination to liberate Nagorno-Karabakh from Armenian occupation, as he criticized the international community for failing to take any action against Yerevan's aggression. “Karabakh is Azerbaijani territory. We must return, and we will return,” he said in a televised address, adding that Azerbaijan had waited 30 years to recover its lands. “Baku's repeated calls for sanctions on Armenia went unheard,” Ilham Aliyev said, as he noted his country demands to know why the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the European Union did not punish Armenia for its crimes. He continued by saying that Armenia must accept that Karabakh did not belong to it and set a timetable for the withdrawal of its occupation forces.---

Ambassador praised the efforts of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and added: “Our country needs political support from the Islamic world and the Arab world. They must have a firm position on Azerbaijan.

The world must not equate the aggressor and the victim.” Ambassador also mentioned that Azerbaijan has a strong army, and reports that foreigners are fighting alongside Azerbaijani troops do not reflect the truth. On the contrary Armenia recruits and uses mercenaries and terrorists from different countries against Azerbaijan. Armenian government is using the conflict to divert attention from economic problems and influence public opinion in the country.

In the end it should be one more time stressed that peace and stability in South Caucasus would be restored only after liberation of all occupied Azerbaijani territories.

*(The author is Azerbaijan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia)*



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



Actually, Tony's pitch-  
ing arm is far more accurate than his prognostications. “No problem, no masks”. WHO no longer likes Lockdowns - just came out against. Trump was right. We saved 2,000,000 USA lives!!!

@realDonaldTrump

02



I am ready to fight for you and for our nation. Every day. Without exception, without reservation. And with a full and devoted heart.

@JoeBiden

03



For a long time, our focus in the agriculture sector remained only on productivity. It is equally important to think about profitability. It is profitability that will boost incomes of our hardworking farmers.

@narendramodi

04



Today marks five years since Iran arrested Siamak Namazi, an innocent man, simply for being a U.S. citizen. Siamak, his father Baquer, and Morad Tahbaz shouldn't spend another day detained. Iran needs to end this immoral practice and let them come home now. #FreeTheNamazis

@GretaThunberg

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# Lebanon time for

Reuters | Beirut/Jerusalem

Lebanon and Israel, formally : after decades of conflict, lay today to address a long-runni over their maritime border running potentially gas-rich Mediterranean

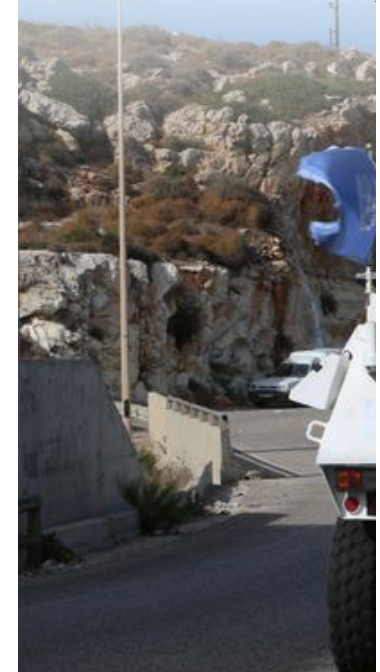
The US-mediated talks follow th of intense diplomacy by Washir were announced less than a month United States stepped up pressure cal allies of the Iran-backed Lebar Hezbollah.

They also come after the United / ates and Bahrain agreed to establishations with Israel, under US-brok which realign some of Washington Middle East allies against Iran.

Hezbollah, which fought a five-flict with Israel in 2006, says the not a sign of peace-making with its enemy. Israel's energy minister als pectations for Wednesday's meeti be realistic.

“We are not talking about negot peace and normalization, rather a to solve a technical, economic di: for 10 years has delayed the devel offshore natural resources,” mini Steinitz tweeted.

Nevertheless, US Secretary of S Pompeo has described the decis ahead with the talks as historic



UN peacekeepers (UNIFIL) drive in a vehicle

# Spearfish

Reuters | Gaza





1307

French King Philip IV has Grand Master Jacques de Molay and Knights Templar arrested and charged of idolatry and corruption

1884

Greenwich in London established as the universal time meridian of longitude

1943

Italy declares war on former Axis partner Germany

1944

US 1st army begins battle of Aachen, first German city captured during WWII



1962

Copiapó mining accident in Chile comes to a happy end as all 33 miners arrive at the surface after surviving a record 69 days underground

# on and Israel, long-foes, to start talks

Washington looked forward to separate talks later over disagreements on the two countries' land border. Wednesday's meeting will be hosted by the United Nations peacekeeping force UNIFIL, which has monitored the disputed land boundary since Israel's military withdrawal from south Lebanon in 2000, ending a 22-year occupation. A Lebanese security source says the two sides will meet together in the same room in UNIFIL's base in south Lebanon, but will direct their talks through a mediator.

## Lebanon Crisis

Disagreement over the sea border had discouraged oil and gas exploration near the disputed line. That may be a minor irritation for Israel, which already pumps gas from huge offshore fields. For Lebanon, yet to find commercial reserves in its own waters, the issue is more pressing. Lebanon is desperate for cash from foreign donors as it faces the worst economic crisis since its 1975-1990 civil war, and its currency has collapsed. The financial meltdown was compounded by an explosion that wrecked a swathe of Beirut in August, killing nearly 200 people, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Struggling to form a new government to tackle the

multiple crises, some Lebanese politicians even argued this week over the formation of their negotiating team, with the prime minister's office complaining it was not consulted by the presidency.

Hezbollah's political ally, the Shi'ite Amal party, has also come under pressure. Last month the United States sanctioned Amal leader Nabih Berri's top aide for corruption and financially enabling Hezbollah, which it deems a terrorist organisation.

For Hezbollah and Amal, the decision to start the border talks was a "tactical decision to neutralize the tensions and the prospect of sanctions ahead of the US elections," said Mohamad Hage Ali, a fellow at the Carnegie Middle East Center.

Berri, an influential Shi'ite leader in charge of the border file, has denied being pushed into the talks.

In 2018 Beirut licensed a group of Italy's Eni, France's Total and Russia's Novatek to carry out long-delayed offshore energy exploration in two blocks. One of them, Block 9, contains waters disputed with Israel.



The US-mediated talks follow three years of intense diplomacy by Washington and were announced less than a month after the United States stepped up pressure on political allies of the Iran-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah.



in Naqoura



AFP News

## Sorry doesn't seem to be the hardest word for Kim

Often seen grinning at a missile launch or in command of lengthy official meetings, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has offered a glimpse of a different image: emotional and apologetic.

At a weekend military parade where he showed off Pyongyang's latest and largest intercontinental ballistic missiles, Kim's voice trembled momentarily as he spoke of "tears of gratitude" for his people's efforts.

He repeatedly and effusively thanked the citizens and military for their loyalty and for remaining healthy in the face of the global coronavirus epidemic, which he insisted had not caused a single case in the North.

That has come at a price: Kim closed his impoverished country's borders in January to stop the virus, a move which analysts say has exacerbated the effects of international sanctions imposed over the North's banned weapons programmes.

The camera cut away after Kim lauded volunteers who helped with disaster recovery efforts, returning to show him laying down a handkerchief and putting his glasses back on, as if he had been wiping his eyes.

At one point he went as far as apologising for failing to meet expectations: "Our people have placed trust, as high as sky and as deep as sea, on me, but I have failed to always live up to it satisfactorily," he said.

"I am really sorry for that," he went on, according to the transcript by the official KCNA news agency.

It was his second apology of recent weeks: according to Seoul's presidential Blue House, the North's ruling party told it in September that Kim was "very sorry" over the killing of a South Korean in Pyongyang's waters.

And at the weekend parade, Kim also pledged to his citizens to do better.

"I solemnly swear once again in this place that I will live up to the people's trust without fail even if my body is torn and crushed to pieces," he said.

- Personality cult -

In some ways the sentiment is in keeping with North Korean orthodoxy: Pyongyang consistently portrays the Kim family who have led it for more than 70 years as heroic self-sacrificers who devote their lives to the service of its people.

But the acknowledgement of personal fallibility is a marked contrast to the superlative-laden propaganda that exalted his grandfather Kim Il Sung, the North's founder.

Under Kim, who inherited power when his similarly lauded father Kim Jong Il died in 2011, observers say the North has taken some small steps away from the personality cult of the past -- portraits of the current leader are extremely rare.

Former US government North Korea analyst Rachel Lee described the weekend's parade as a "departure from the norm".

His speech was "about the people" and "carefully calibrated to come across as genuine and relatable", she told AFP.

"This is the latest example of North Korea's changing propaganda strategy of conveying their message in a more entertaining and relatable manner."

## Mike Pence admits he was oblivious to the fly on his head during debate



Mike Pence  
Huffpost

Millions of Americans joked and tweeted in real time as a fly parked itself on Mike Pence's head during last week's vice presidential debate.

Pence finally spoke about the embarrassing bug. And to no one's surprise, he said he was completely unaware of its presence.

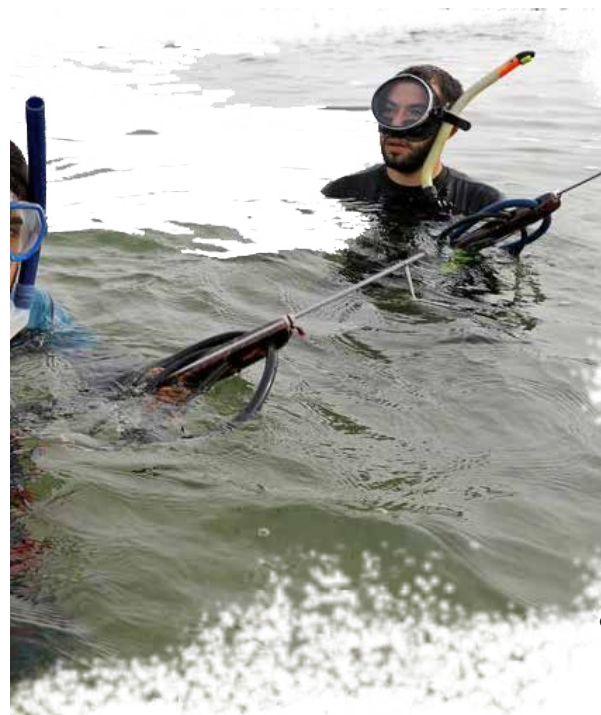
"I didn't know he was there," Pence told Fox News' Dana Perino on Monday's broadcast of "The Daily Briefing."

The vice president said he only learned about the two-minute incursion of the insect during his exchanges with Democratic candidate Kamala Harris after the debate, when told by his adult children.

"They all told me, 'Dad, you did okay,' but they did tell me about the fly. It was a good laugh for all of us," Pence added.

The fly itself became a meme on Twitter, inspired a "Photoshop Battle" on Reddit, prompted funny responses from late night comedian Stephen Colbert and "Veep" star Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and was honored on "Saturday Night Live."

# ishing in Gaza, a living improvised under the sea



Armed with a snorkel mask and a home-made gun shaped like a trident, and dressed in a green sweatshirt and jogging pants, Ashraf Al-Amoudi goes hunting every day in the coastal waters of Gaza. He is one of scores of spear fishermen who scratch out a living close to shore in the Hamas Islamist-run territory, diving from boats to depths of around four metres (13 ft) without oxygen to prise oysters from the rocks and catch grouper, sea bream and mullet. "At the beginning it was a hobby, and when I couldn't find work it became

a job and a source of living," said Amoudi, who has been a fisherman for 13 years.

Now his catch nets him an average of around \$14 a day.

Gaza's unemployment rate is around 50 per cent and tight restrictions imposed by Israel - which cites security concerns in its conflict with Hamas - make it difficult to obtain diving equipment and sometimes force the closure of Gaza's fishing zones.

So Amoudi and his co-workers are used to improvising.

"We can repair fins, make an underwater gun, but there are things we can't (obtain) such as fins, suits, goggles and oxygen," he said.

He says Gaza has around 250 men who fish with spears and some 4,000 who use boats and nets, among a population of two million.





# Donald Trump says, "I will kiss everyone"

Trump returns to campaign trail after recovering from COVID-19 infection

● Trump's return to his signature campaign rallies kicked off a three-week sprint to the Nov. 3 election.

Reuters | Sanford, Fla.

President Donald Trump returned to the campaign trail on Monday for the first time since he announced his COVID-19 diagnosis, touting his management of the pandemic as opinion polls showed him losing more ground to Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Trump arrived at the outdoor rally in Sanford, Florida, the first of six planned for this week, without a protective mask. He tossed out masks to thousands of supporters standing shoulder to shoulder, most without protective face coverings, and repeatedly talked about his recovery from the coronavirus.

"I went through it now. They say I'm immune. I feel so powerful," Trump told the crowd

**74**

The Republican president, 74, is seeking to change the dynamics of a race that national opinion polls and some key state polls show he is losing to Biden, who is 77.



during his hour-long remarks. "I will kiss everyone in that audience, I will kiss the guys and the beautiful women, I will give you a big fat kiss."

Trump's return to his signature campaign rallies kicked off a three-week sprint to the Nov. 3 election. The Republican president, 74, is seeking to change the dynamics of a race that national opinion polls and some key state polls show he is losing to Biden, who is 77.

The airport rally in Sanford indicated that Trump had not reshaped his campaign approach or outlook since contracting the coronavirus, which has infected more than 7.8 million people in the United States, killed more than 214,000 and put millions out of work.

He told supporters that coronavirus safety lockdowns had done great damage to the economy and were too drastic.

"It's risky, but you gotta get

**Trump's rally came hours after the White House said he had tested negative for COVID-19 on consecutive days and was not infectious to others.**

out," he told supporters, who chanted: "We love you."

Critics have faulted Trump for failing to encourage supporters at campaign events, and White House staff, to wear protective masks and abide by social-distancing guidelines. At least 11 close Trump aides have tested positive for the virus.

As Trump was holding his rally, top US infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci told CNBC the United States faced a "whole lot of trouble" if it did not encourage universal wearing of face masks and avoid mass gatherings.

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TRUMP TOLD THE CROWD DURING HIS HOUR-LONG REMARKS.

ter the White House said he had tested negative for COVID-19 on consecutive days and was not infectious to others. They were the president's first negative COVID-19 tests announced by the White House since Trump said on Oct. 2 that he contracted the virus.

In a memo, Dr. Sean Conley did not say when the tests were conducted but that they and other clinical and laboratory data "indicate a lack of detectable viral replication."

On Sunday, Trump's assertion that he was now immune to the virus, made without evidence, drew a flag from Twitter TWTR.N for violating the social media platform's rules about misleading information related to COVID-19. Scientific research has been inconclusive on how long people who have recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies and are protected from a second infection.

**News in brief**

◆ **Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden pulled further ahead of President Donald Trump in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, building momentum in two states that could decide the winner of November's election,** Reuters/Ipsos opinion polls showed on Monday. The polls showed the former vice president leading Trump by 7 percentage points in both states. A week earlier, Biden was up by 6 points in Wisconsin and by 5 in Pennsylvania.



**Biden lead over Trump growing in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania**

◆ **The European Union has won the right to impose tariffs on \$4 billion in US goods in aircraft**

won the right to impose tariffs on \$4 billion in US goods in retaliation for subsidies granted to planemaker Boeing



B.A.N under a World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling yesterday. The award, which partially mirrors U.S. tariffs on Airbus jets and confirms a decision first reported by Reuters on Sept 30, threatens to stoke transatlantic trade tensions just three weeks before U.S. presidential elections on Nov. 3.

◆ **The biggest World War Two bomb ever found in Poland exploded under water on Tuesday as navy divers tried to defuse it. More than 750 people had been evacuated**

from the area near the Piast Canal outside the town of Swinoujscie where the Tallboy bomb used by Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) was found. It weighed nearly 5,400 kg, including 2,400 kg of explosive. "The deflagration process turned into detonation. The object can be considered as neutralised, it will not pose any more threat," Second-Lieutenant Grzegorz Lewandowski, the spokesman of the 8th Coastal Defense Flotilla, was quoted as saying by state-run news agency PAP.



**Biggest World War Two bomb found in Poland explodes while being defused**

◆ **China rushed to test an entire city of nine million people within days yesterday** after a minor coronavirus outbreak, underlining Beijing's capacities as European nations in particular struggle to contain surging new infections. The virus is still spreading rapidly worldwide, with over one



**China tests entire city for virus**

million deaths and 37 million infections, and many nations that suppressed their first outbreaks now face a second wave. Without a vaccine, governments are wary of allowing the virus to spread unchecked. China --

where Covid-19 first emerged late last year -- launched a drive to test all residents of Qingdao after a handful of cases were detected on Sunday.

◆ **The Army's chief of staff returned to the Pentagon on Tuesday, in a sign that the US military's Joint Chiefs of Staff were starting to move towards ending their self-quarantine following a coronavirus scare at a recent top-level meeting. Two senior military officials who attended the meeting earlier this month tested positive for COVID-19, leading to almost all of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff to go into self-quarantine last week.**



## Meal on A380 jumbos a big hit

● For a hefty sum of up to Sg\$642 (\$470), people with a hankering for airline food can have a meal on an A380, the world's biggest passenger jet.

AFP News

Tarmac meals have become an unlikely hit for coronavirus-battered Singapore Airlines, with hundreds of "passengers" paying the equivalent of a budget ticket just to dine inside grounded A380 jumbos.

For a hefty sum of up to Sg\$642 (\$470), people with a hankering for airline food can have a meal on an A380, the world's biggest passenger jet.

With the aviation industry in deep crisis due to the pandemic, airlines have turned to alternative ways to raise cash, from offering "flights to nowhere" to tours of aircraft.

Singapore Airlines, which has cut thousands of jobs and grounded nearly all its planes this year, decided to try another route: offer travel-starved customers the opportunity to dine on one of two A380s turned into



Singapore Airlines has offered travel-starved passengers the chance to dine on one of two A380 double-decker jets

pop-up restaurants. The chance to eat plane food proved surprisingly popular -- all 900 seats for lunch on October 24 and 25 sold out within half an hour of bookings opening on Monday, the Straits Times newspaper reported.

Citing "overwhelming demand", the carrier announced the restaurants would be opened for an additional two days. Lunch and dinner are now being offered on all four dates.

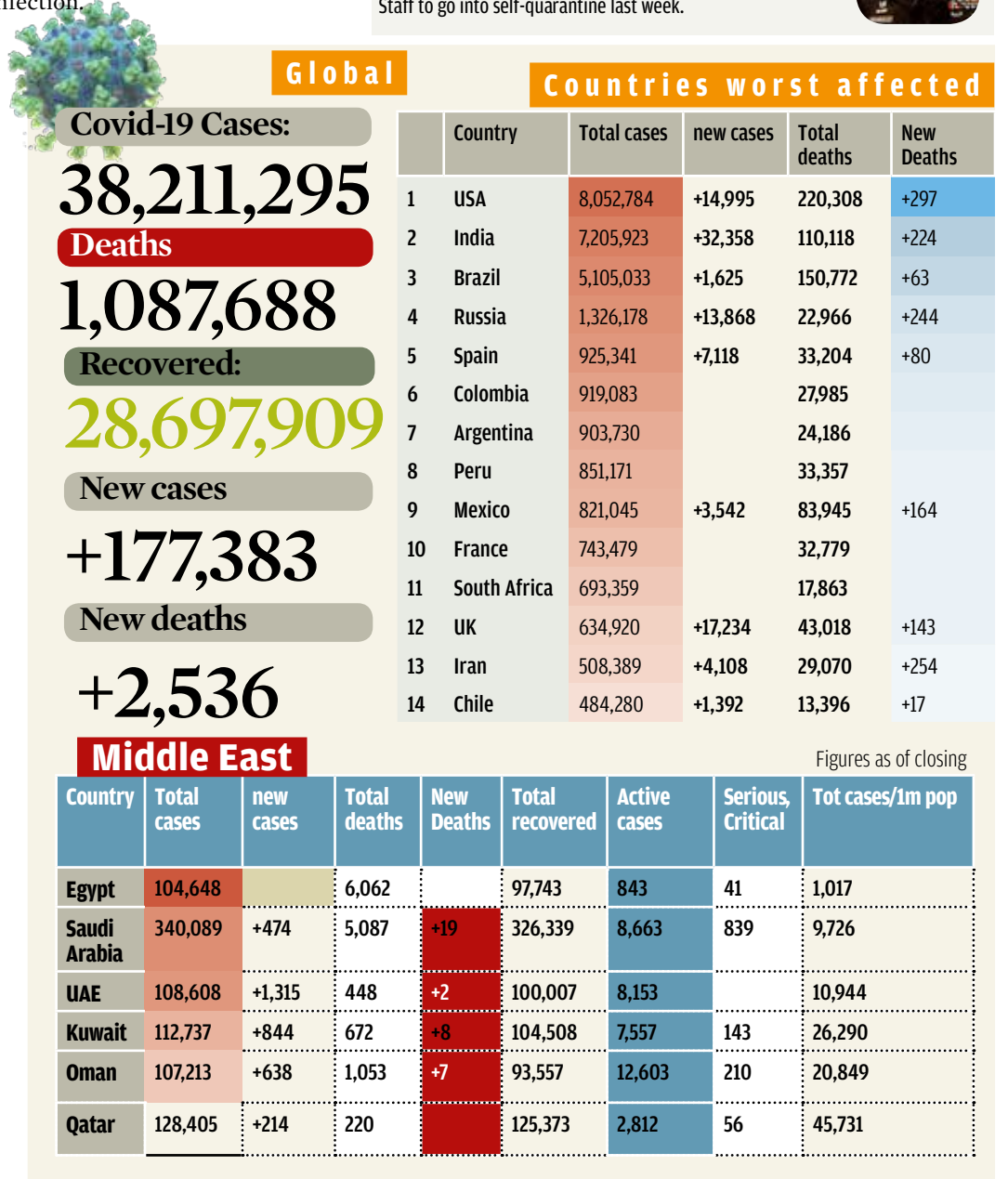
The most expensive option is a four-course meal in a first-class suite, while the cheapest costs Sg\$53 and consists of a

three-course meal in economy class.

About half the seats will be left empty on the double-decker jets, parked at Changi Airport, in keeping with social distancing guidelines.

And for those seeking to bring the in-flight experience into their living rooms, Singapore Airlines is also offering home deliveries of plane meals.

But the airline has ditched plans for "flights to nowhere" -- short journeys starting and ending at the same airport -- following an outcry over the potential environmental impact.





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**Robert Pattinson returns to 'The Batman' set after coronavirus shutdown**  
**Fox | Los Angeles**

**Robert Pattinson** is heading back to work. The actor was spotted on the UK set of "The Batman" for the first time since production was shut down due to someone on set testing positive for coronavirus. The shutdown occurred in early September and news broke of production resuming just over two weeks later. The 34-year-old stars in the Matt Reeves-directed film, which had been on hiatus for almost six months because of the pandemic. The positive case came just three days after "The Batman" had initially resumed shooting. Now, the actor is back at work, having first reappeared on the set on Wednesday morning, according to the Daily Mail. He was also seen on set on Monday as well.

## Gal Gadot to play Cleopatra in Patty Jenkins-directed biopic

**Fox | Los Angeles**

Gal Gadot has a new project in the works. The DC Comics star is reteaming with "Wonder Woman" director Patty Jenkins for a Cleopatra biopic. The 35-year-old Israeli actress will play the iconic Egyptian ruler. Laeta Kalogridis will pen the script with Paramount Pictures as the studio after making the winning bid in a fight with Warn-



Gal Gadot

er Bros., Apple and Netflix, according to Deadline. Cleopatra was famously played by the late Elizabeth Taylor in the 1963 Joseph Mankiewicz-directed film, which went on to win four Oscars. "As you might have heard I teamed up with @Pat-

## Jessica Alba: Post Covid if anybody stays at home it'll probably be the man

**IAN S | New Delhi**

Hollywood actress Jessica Alba feels women will not take a step back as the entertainment industry moves towards revival in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic. She says women are going to be in high demand, adding that if anybody is going to stay at home, it will probably be men. "I actually feel like women are in such high demand that if anybody is going to be staying at home, it will probably be going to be the man," Alba said while talking about how the industry will change after the virus crisis, and the place of women in

the new reality. "There really is a major pull on women -- behind the camera, in executive positions, in positions of power -- because it is proven that your business will thrive and will be better off, if there's diversity. So, if you have too much of one thing or the other, it just won't have the right amount of debate to produce top notch quality product. So, I actually think there is going to be a lot more demand for women to work and there's going to be higher paying positions probably for women," she added. The "Fantastic Four" star continued: "I think it's going

to be more of a fast forwarding cultural shift, where men are participating in domestic things, and sharing a lot of that domestic burden. It won't just all be on the woman's shoulders as it has traditionally been. That's my instinct."



Jessica Alba

## Kate Beckinsale becomes baby loss ambassador

**Bang Showbiz | London**

Kate Beckinsale has been named as an ambassador for a baby loss charity. The 47-year-old actress recently revealed that she lost a baby when she was 20 weeks pregnant following the news that Chrissy Teigen and John Legend had lost their child. Now, Kate has signed up to be the face of the leading baby loss and grief support charity, The Mariposa Trust. Founder and CEO Zoe Clark-Coates said in a statement: "Baby loss is a huge issue, not only in the UK, but globally with an estimated 38,000,000 losses each year. "Sadly, many of these people have little or no access to support, and often suffer in silence, feeling isolated and alone. The Mariposa Trust ... is dedicated to providing innovative support options, as well as campaigning for better support and much more, and we are honoured that Kate has chosen to become part of our charity family and work with us to raise awareness of this subject." Kate took to Instagram last week to defend Chrissy and John's choice of sharing their devastating news publicly after they were hit by criticism. She penned: "I've noticed people criticising @chrissyteigen for sharing deeply intimate

photos of the loss of her baby. As if there's some protocol during soul-scouring calamity that, if not observed, emboldens people who do not know her or her family to say how she should be handling the unimaginable. Years ago, I lost a baby at 20 weeks. I had managed to keep my pregnancy quiet and I absolutely collapsed inside and no one would have known. There is grief, shame and shock so often that come with an experience like this, plus the heartbreak of your body continuing, after the loss, to act as if it had a child to nurture. Your milk comes in, with none to feed.



Kate Beckinsale

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**Yesterday's solution**

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**How to play**  
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**Yesterday's solution**

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## West Ham sign Watford defender Dawson on loan



Craig Dawson in action during a match

Reuters | London

West Ham United have signed Watford centre back Craig Dawson on a season-long loan, the Premier League club said on Monday.

Dawson, who spent the majority of his career at West Bromwich Albion before moving to Watford in 2019, has made over 180 appearances in the top flight.

"I'm delighted to welcome Craig to the club. He's a fantastic professional with proven quality and experience in the Premier League," West Ham boss David Moyes said of the 30-year-old.

"It's no secret that we've been trying to add more quality to the squad in defensive positions, not only for the longer-term but also to ensure we are well protected right now.

"The opportunity bring in Craig on loan was an addition that will make the group stronger through this period."

West Ham made unsuccessful bids to try and sign James

**180**  
top flight appearances have been made by Craig Dawson who spent the majority of his career at West Bromwich Albion before moving to Watford in 2019

Tarkowski from Burnley while Chelsea defender Fikayo Tomori was also linked with a loan move.

Although the transfer window closed on Oct. 5, the domestic window is open till Oct. 16. Premier League clubs can trade players with those in the lower tiers of the English Football League.

Watford were relegated to the second-tier Championship last season after they finished 19th in a season where Dawson made 29 league appearances.

West Ham are 10th in the standings after four games and next play London rivals Tottenham Hotspur away on Sunday.

# Nadal's Paris record will never be beaten: Murray

Andy Murray said Rafael Nadal's domination of the French Open is 'one of the best records in sport'

● 'No one will get close' to Nadal's 13 titles, says Murray

AFP | Paris

Andy Murray predicts Rafael Nadal's record of 13 French Open titles will never be beaten as the British former world number one looks to bounce back in Cologne this week from his own Roland Garros disappointment.

Murray, 33, the reigning Olympic champion, crashed out of last month's French Open in straight sets with a lop-sided first round defeat to Stan Wawrinka as he works his way back from hip surgery.

On Sunday, the Scot watched in awe as Nadal, 34, demolished Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 in the final at Roland Garros to win his 13th French Open title.

The Spaniard has also equalled the all-time record of 20 Grand Slam titles held by Roger Federer, who hailed Nadal's victory as "one of sport's greatest achievements".

Murray echoed the Swiss legend and doubts anyone will even get close to Nadal's record in Paris.

"It's an amazing achievement.



Andy Murray hits a return during a match (file photo)

I don't think that what he has done at Roland Garros will ever be beaten. I just don't see it being topped," Murray said in Cologne.

"He is one short of winning the same amount of Grand Slams as (Pete) Sampras did just at one tournament. It's incredible.

"I don't think it'll be repeated and I don't think anyone will be close."

Murray reached the second round of the US Open in his first Slam since hip resurfacing surgery and Roland Garros was his third tournament this year after rehab.

Having needed wildcards

to play in Paris and Cologne, Murray hopes the back-to-back ATP indoor tournaments on the Rhine can help improve his current ranking of 97th.

"It will be good to get a few matches in over these next few weeks - I hope to perform better than I did in Paris," said the Scot.

"I want to win tournaments and move up the rankings.

"Physically, my body tends to feel better the more I play.

"Hopefully, I will play a lot over the next two weeks, perform well and see how it goes after that."

Yesterday, Murray predicted a "tough" start against Spain's

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ANDY MURRAY

Fernando Verdasco for the chance to play world number seven Alexander Zverev in the second round.

"Whoever gets through will face Sascha (Zverev) and he is obviously one of the top players in the world," said Murray.

The Scot says he has had to adapt after hip surgery.

"It has gone well at times and sometimes been a struggle," he admitted.

"I was told it would be an 18-month process for my body to get used to it.

"It changes the way your pelvis moves and your body needs to adjust.

"Hopefully with a few matches this autumn and some good training, next year will be a good one."

## World Test Championship final on schedule, says ICC

Reuters | New Delhi

The final of the inaugural World Test Championship (WTC) remains on course to be held in June next year despite the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, cricket's governing body said yesterday.

The pandemic played havoc with the game's international calendar, prompting cancellation of a number of test series and complicating the process of allocating WTC points from those matches in the process.

"The planning is still in progress," a spokesman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) said of the WTC final, without elaborating how the point system would be re-worked.

"There is likely to be more clarity in the coming days once all stakeholders are aligned. There will be an announcement on this soon."

This year's Twenty20 World Cup in Australia had to be postponed because of the pandemic and the restrictions it forced.

The ICC launched the WTC last year to lend context to bilateral test series, giving the format its standalone showpiece like the World Cup in other formats.

Originally, nine top-ranked



Sunil Gavaskar and Graeme Pollock present Indian captain Virat Kohli the ICC Test Mace (file photo)



India currently top the WTC points table, having played four series, followed by Australia who have played one fewer. England have played four, including home series against West Indies and Pakistan in July-August, and are third

sides were scheduled to play six series over two years with the top two making the final at Lord's.

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England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief executive Tom Harrison last week underlined the logistical challenge of hosting the WTC final.

"We are talking about a COVID environment, and when you put COVID into a negotiation like this, it changes everything," he said.

## Renault F1 test signals a 'new beginning' for Alonso



Fernando Alonso drives his car during the Stage 10 of Dakar Rally 2020

Reuters | London

Double world champion Fernando Alonso said he was ready for a fresh start as he tested the latest Renault Formula One car in Barcelona.

The Spaniard, a two-times Le Mans 24 Hours winner, has not competed in a grand prix since he left McLaren at the end of 2018 but is returning next year as replacement for departing Australian Daniel Ricciardo.

"It's going to be like a new beginning, getting surprised about the speed of the car, the braking performance, the corner speed, a lot of things that will surprise me once again," the 39-year-old said before the limited-mileage filming day.

The test in the RS20 car came 20 years after Alonso

first tested with Benetton -- the team that then became Renault -- at the same circuit.

It will also be one of his last opportunities to drive a Renault F1 car, with the team changing name to its Alpine sportscar brand in 2021.

Alonso said preparing for the outing had been complicated by COVID-19 restrictions, with fewer days in the simulator to adjust, but the run was worth it.

"I know that I will learn and I will discover a lot of things during those laps," he said.

Team boss Cyril Abiteboul said after Sunday's Eifel Grand Prix at Germany's Nuerburgring, where Ricciardo finished third for Renault's first podium since their return as a constructor in 2016, that Alonso was champing to return.

## Man Utd's Cavani unavailable for Newcastle clash due to COVID-19 rules



Edinson Cavani

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Manchester United's Edinson Cavani will have to wait to make his Premier League debut after the club confirmed yesterday that the Newcastle United game this weekend comes too soon for the Uruguayan striker who is still self-isolating.

Cavani, a deadline day signing who joined United on a free transfer from Paris St Germain last week, must self-isolate for 14 days after arriving in the United Kingdom due to the guidelines in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The 33-year-old, who will don the club's iconic No. 7 jersey, will however be available for United's first Champions League group stage match next week against his former club PSG.



## Cristiano Ronaldo tests positive for COVID-19



Portugal's forward Cristiano Ronaldo looks on during the match against France

AFP | Lisbon

Cristiano Ronaldo has tested positive for coronavirus, the Portuguese football federation announced on Tuesday.

Ronaldo "is asymptomatic" and "will not play against Sweden" in Wednesday's Nations League match, the federation said on its website.

The 35-year-old Juventus forward, who has been voted the world's top player five times, played in Portugal's goalless Nations League draw against France on Sunday.

Ronaldo has scored 101 goals for Portugal and will be a huge absence for his team against Sweden as they aim to hold on to top spot in their group.

The test result also means Ronaldo is a doubt for Juventus' Champions League group match with Barcelona on October 28, which was set to pit Ronaldo against his old rival

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Ronaldo, who has also starred for Manchester United and Real Madrid, is the highest-profile footballer to test positive for Covid-19, which has killed over a million people since the start of the pandemic earlier this year.

Brazil forward Neymar, his Paris Saint-Germain teammate Kylian Mbappe and AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic have also tested positive for the virus in recent weeks.

# Al Ahli stay alive with win over Muharraq

League champions extend Khalifa bin Salman Cup semi-final series to decisive third game

● Manama oust Al Hala to advance to final

TDI | Manama

Al Ahli kept their hopes alive for a league-and-cup double last night following a resounding 100-66 victory over Muharraq, to send their best-of-three semi-final series to a decisive third game in this year's Khalifa bin Salman Cup.

The league champions made up for their narrow game one loss with a dominant performance from the opening tip.

The rubber match is scheduled to be played on Saturday, with the winner moving on to face Manama in the Khalifa bin Salman Cup final.

Manama disposed of Al Hala yesterday in the tournament's other final four clash, coming alive late to overcome a spirited challenge from their rivals 103-87 and close out their series with a two-game sweep.

The one-off final is slated for Tuesday next week.



Al Ahli's Brandon Brown tries to score in the paint against Muharraq's Sayed Kadhem

In Ahli's win, they started the game strong and went ahead 23-14 at the end of the first quarter, which they nearly doubled to 46-26 at the half. They never looked back from there, building leads as big as 36 points the rest

of the way.

The American frontcourt tandem of Brandon Brown and Dominique Sutton combined for 61 points to spearhead Ahli, with Brown scoring 35.

Maytham Jameel added nine

points while Sayed Hashem Habib had eight off the bench.

For Muharraq, who never led in the game, Jerome Jordan scored 21 and Bader Abdulla Malabes had 12. They were their team's only two players with double-digit points in the losing effort.

In Manama's victory, they battled back from a 45-51 half-time deficit and outscored their opponents in the last two quarters, including 28-15 in the fourth to seal the result.

Hala led by as many as 10 points early on, whereas Manama were able to stretch their advantage late in the game to their final 16-point winning margin.

Lebanese-Canadian forward Ali Haidar scored 31 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to spearhead Manama. Mohammed Hussain added 18 while backcourt mate Hassan Nowrooz scored 17.

American Harvey Jerai Grant contributed 14 points as their fourth player in double figures.

Kyndall Dykes from the US top scored for Hala in the loss with 27, while Hussain Jan chipped in with 21.

## Chennai pull off much-needed victory

PTI | Dubai

A desperate Chennai Super Kings dished out an all-round performance to earn a much-needed win as they stay afloat in the race for the IPL Play-offs with a 20-run victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad, here on Tuesday. Shane Watson and Ambati Rayudu shared a 81-run stand to power Chennai Super Kings to 167 for six after electing to bat.

CSK skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni then used seven bowlers, who executed their plans to perfection, to restrict SRH to 147 for eight.

With 57 off 39 balls, Kane Williamson was the top scorer for Sunrisers. He hit seven fours to keep his side in hunt but the steep required run-rate made it tough for SRH after the fall of the Kiwi batsman.

For CSK, the win, their third of the tournament, comes after two back-to-back losses. They now have six points and are placed sixth in the points table. While Sunrisers remain in the fifth spot.

Sunrisers were struck with twin blows in the fourth over with opener David Warner (9) and Mainsh Pandey (4) getting out, but Jonny Bairstow (23 off 24) and Williamson took them to 40 for two in the Powerplay overs.

Sunrisers' problems amplified when Ravindra Jadeja removed the dangerous Bairstow with the team struggling at 60



Players of Chennai Super Kings celebrate a wicket



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for three at the halfway stage. With Priyam Garg (16) by his side, Williamson kept the scoreboard ticking with Sunrisers

needing 75 off 36 balls.

But as soon as Sunrisers looked to get back into the chase the youngster was caught at deep midwicket by Jadeja off a Karn Sharma delivery in the 15th over.

Vijay Shankar(12) didn't last long as the New Zealand skipper looked helplessly from the other end.

With the pressure mounting, Williamson had no option but to go for the big shot resulting in him being caught at long-on. Rashid Khan contributed with an eight-ball 14 in a lost cause.

Dwayne Bravo (2/25), Karn Sharma (2/37) picked two wickets each while with Sam Curran (1/18), Jadeja (1/21), Shardul Thakur (1/10) claimed one wicket each.

## Leonardo Mafra calls out Eldar Eldarov for championship fight at BRAVE CF

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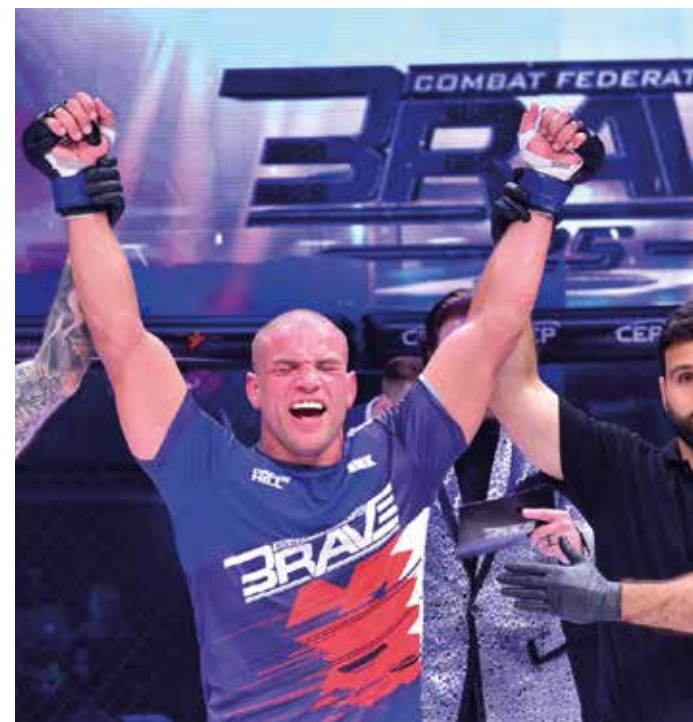
BRAVE CF Super Lightweight contender Leonardo "Macarrao" Mafra is hoping to have an even better end of 2020. A few days after announcing the birth of his daughter Bella, he publicly called out reigning divisional champion Eldar Eldarov for a fight through his social media profiles.

Leonardo used a video from his post-fight interview after his latest win, which took place at BRAVE CF 25, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Mafra had already pointed out that he would like to test himself against Eldarov in the video, and followed up



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LEONARDO MAFRA



Leonardo Mafra celebrates a win

with a respectful call-out of the Bahraini champion.

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Leonardo is a veteran of

mixed martial arts and has recently expressed his delight at finding a home at BRAVE CF, the only international promotion to have a Super Lightweight division (until 165lbs, between Welterweight and Lightweight).

He dominated Djamil Chan in his last fight, which took place at Super Lightweight and feels ready to shock the world and become the new BRAVE CF world champion after signing a long-term deal with the organization earlier this year.