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Russia 'gambling
with war' with
airspace breach

AFP | Kyiv

The European Union's top diplomat Kaja Kallas said yesterday that Russia was "gambling with war", after a spate of Russian drones and military jets crossing into the bloc's airspace.

NATO has boosted its defences along its eastern borders as it accused Moscow of testing the alliance's air defences with drone incursions into several members and by flying military jets in Estonian airspace.

"Every time a Russian drone or plane violates our airspace, there is a risk of escalation, unintended or not. Russia is gambling with war," Kallas said during a visit to Kyiv.

"To keep war at bay, we must translate the economic power of Europe into military deterrence," she added.

64 left dead in
Mexico floods

AFP | Mexico

Rescuers scrambled yesterday to reach people cut off by devastating floods that have claimed 64 lives in central and eastern Mexico, with another 65 reported missing.

Torrential rains battered several Mexican states over several days last week, turning village streets into rivers, triggering landslides and sweeping away roads and bridges.

President Claudia Sheinbaum said Monday around 10,000 troops have been deployed with boats, planes and helicopters as part of rescue efforts and to deliver critical food and water for those trapped.

Shelters have been opened for those displaced from their homes, and helicopters were flying to and fro to bring essentials to people cut off from the rest of the world.

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HM King joins world
leaders for Gaza peace
deal-signing ceremony

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa took part in the Sharm El Sheikh Summit for Peace, held in Egypt, where world leaders gathered to witness the signing of a landmark agreement to end the war in Gaza. The summit, co-chaired by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi and US President Donald Trump, marked a pivotal moment in the pursuit of lasting regional stability.

The Gaza Peace Agreement was signed by President Trump, President El Sisi, Qatar Amir His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and Tur-

kiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Upon arrival, HM the King was warmly received by President El Sisi, who expressed gratitude for Bahrain's participation in the historic event. On the sidelines, HM King Hamad met with President Trump to discuss the deep-rooted Bahrain-US relations and explore new areas of cooperation.

His Majesty commended President Trump's role in achieving the peace accord and ending the hostilities in Gaza, while President Trump praised HM the King's efforts in fostering dialogue and strengthening the longstanding friendship between Bahrain and the United States.



HM the King witnesses the signing of the peace agreement

Trump and regional leaders sign historic Gaza ceasefire agreement to end war

AFP | Sharm el Sheikh

US President Donald Trump hailed a "tremendous day for the Middle East" as he and regional leaders signed a declaration yesterday meant to cement a ceasefire in Gaza, hours after Israel and Hamas exchanged hostages and prisoners.

Trump made a lightning visit to Israel, where he lauded Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in an address to parliament, before flying to Egypt for a Gaza summit where he and the leaders of Egypt, Qatar and Turkey signed the declaration as guar-

antors to the Gaza deal.

"This is a tremendous day for the world, it's a tremendous day for the Middle East," Trump said as more than two dozen world leaders sat down to talk in the resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

"The document is going to spell out rules and regulations and lots of other things," Trump said before signing, repeating twice that "it's going to hold up."

As part of Trump's plan to end the Gaza war, Hamas yesterday freed the last 20 surviving hostages it held after two years of captivity in Gaza.

In exchange, Israel released

1,968 mostly Palestinian prisoners held in its jails, its prison service said.

"From October 7 until this week, Israel has been a nation at war, enduring burdens that only a proud and faithful people could withstand," Trump told lawmakers during an address to Israel's parliament, where he received a lengthy standing ovation upon his arrival.

"For so many families across this land, it has been years since you've known a single day of true peace," he continued.

"Not only for Israelis, but also for Palestinians and for many others, the long and painful

nightmare is finally over."

In Tel Aviv, a huge crowd that had gathered to support hostage families erupted in joy, tears and song as news broke of the first releases, though the pain at the loss of those who had not survived was palpable.

In the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, huge crowds gathered to welcome home the first buses carrying prisoners, with some chanting "Allahu akbar", or God is the greatest, in celebration.

And at a similar gathering in the southern Gaza city of Khan Yunis, residents climbed the sides of slow-moving Red Cross

buses carrying the prisoners to welcome home their loved ones with a hug or kiss.

"Welcome home," Israel's foreign ministry said in a series of posts on X, hailing the return of the hostages.

On Tel Aviv's Hostages Square, Noga shared her pain and joy.

"I'm torn between emotion and sadness for those who won't be coming back," she said.

Under the ceasefire agreement, Hamas is also due to return the bodies of 27 hostages who died or were killed in captivity, as well as the remains of a soldier killed in 2014 during a previous Gaza conflict.

Skills drive progress



His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, emphasised that investing in Bahraini professionals is vital to advancing sustainable development and supporting the delivery of quality government services. HH Shaikh Isa was speaking as he met yesterday with the tenth intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program at Gudaibiya Palace. He commended the dedication, professionalism, and sense of national responsibility demonstrated by the Fellows, commending their commitment to excellence in serving the Kingdom. His Highness expressed his appreciation to all those involved in the continued success of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program, noting its role in preparing future leaders and enhancing governmental performance.



His Excellency Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, interacts with a student presenting a technology project during the Indian University & ITEC Alumni Meet and Technology Conclave 2025, organised by the Embassy of India in Bahrain on Sunday.

Knowledge Unites

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The Embassy of India in Bahrain organised the Indian University & ITEC Alumni Meet and Technology Conclave 2025 on October 12, bringing together over 70 participants to celebrate shared learning, vibrant connections and collaborative growth.

The event also commemorated 54 years of diplomatic relations between India and Bahrain.

The gathering featured prominent speakers, including His Excellency Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain; H.E. Abdulnabi Al Shoala, Member

of the Shura Council; Dr. Abdulhassan Al Dairi, Chairman of the Bahrain Small & Medium Enterprises Society; and Dr. Jassim Haji, a leading AI expert and technology thought leader in the region.

In his address, H.E. Ambassador Jacob lauded Indian universities and ITEC alumni for their significant contributions to strengthening India-Bahrain ties.

He also highlighted India's remarkable strides in fields such as engineering, medicine, space, and cybersecurity.

H.E. Al Shoala praised Indian alumni as goodwill ambassadors and briefed attendees on the wide-ranging benefits

of ITEC courses, which have positively impacted participants around the globe.

H.E. Dr. Al Dairi emphasised the influence that Indian-educated professionals have had across Bahraini society, shaping innovation and professional expertise.

A major highlight of the event was the Technology Conclave 2025, featuring a presentation by Dr. Haji, President of the Artificial Intelligence Society and the Global Artificial Intelligence Group.

Dr. Haji elaborated on the evolution and latest developments in AI technologies, offering insights into the future of digital innovation in the

Gulf region.

The event also witnessed enthusiastic participation from CBSE school students, who showcased creative tech and AI working models, demonstrating collaboration, innovation, and future-ready learning.

Visitors actively engaged with the exhibits, sparking curiosity and stimulating conversations on emerging technologies.

Since 2009, nearly 100 candidates from Bahrain have participated in ITEC courses, while a significant number of Bahraini nationals have pursued higher education at Indian universities over the decades.

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Safety Tech Urged

MP calls for vehicle safety upgrades

● MP supports motion sensor plan

● Local firm says tech is viable

● Public demands tougher oversight on social media

Mahir Haneef
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MP Maryam Al Dhaen



Child-presence detection systems (radar, infrared, motion) will become part of Euro NCAP's safety assessment protocols in 2025. New vehicles seeking high ratings will be tested for them, and such systems must remain active post-ignition for at least 15 minutes.

A Bahraini parliamentarian has voiced support for introducing motion sensors and monitoring systems in vehicles used to transport schoolchildren, following the death of a four-year-old in Hamad City inside a private, unlicensed vehicle.

MP Maryam Al Dhaen said she would seek to expand her earlier proposal mandating dashboard cameras to include motion-sensing or CCTV-linked safety systems that could alert drivers or guardians if a child is left inside a vehicle. "My proposal for using dash cams is already agreed, so that will go through. Motion sensors can be added to that," she said in a phone interview.

Proposals and affordability

The MP added that checkpoints near schools could help prevent unlicensed or unsafe student transport, noting that

affordability remains a major reason parents rely on unli-

Child dies inside vehicle

● Driver arrested

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The Interior Ministry announced that the Northern Governorate Police Directorate has taken legal measures regarding the death of a four-and-a-half-year-old child inside a vehicle in Hamad City.

Upon receiving a case from a kindergarten employee, police patrols and the National Ambulance immediately responded to the scene.

Initial examination revealed that the child had passed away due to the negligence of the 40-year-old female driver, who left the child for several hours inside a vehicle not designated for student transport.

The Northern Governorate Police Directorate confirmed that the necessary legal procedures have been taken and



Hassan Al Mahariy

the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution.

The Interior Ministry urged parents to ensure their children's safety and to avoid contracting unlicensed drivers who are not authorised to transport students.

The Interior Ministry also reaffirmed that its concerned authorities continue to conduct awareness and educational campaigns targeting school and kindergarten staff, students, and parents to promote student safety in vehicles and around educational facilities.

censed drivers. "Checkpoints by schools where they drop the kids, they have to do checkpoints," she said, agreeing that subsidies could also help licensed operators make services more accessible.

She said she would review whether similar child-safety legislation exists at GCC level

but believes immediate local measures are essential.

Tech feasibility

KT Sreenivas, owner of Integrated Bell Systems Middle East W.L.L., said such technology is readily available and adaptable to Bahrain's vehicles. "It will be motion-based and can be fitted in



KT Sreenivas

the car and remotely monitored," he explained. "If there is any motion, it will trigger an alarm and sound to bring attention."

He added that advanced systems can also count how many children enter and exit the vehicle. "If 25 go in and only 24 come out, it alerts the driver and the office," he said, adding the systems achieve 99.9 percent accuracy.

Sreenivas said cost would depend on vehicle type and configuration but described it as "not expensive," adding that remote-monitoring features can also detect network or system failures if no status report is received during the school run.

The incident has renewed calls for stricter regulation of school-transport services, with many social-media users urging faster reforms. Parents have highlighted the high cost of licensed transport, while others questioned whether stronger laws only follow tragedies.

Bahrain fostering environmental sustainability



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina

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Bahrain is committed to Environmental sustainability, the preservation of natural resources, and sustainable development.

This was affirmed by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, noting that these efforts reflect the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Dr. bin Daina praised His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's initiative to launch this year's "Tree Week", aimed at raising environmental awareness and encouraging environmentally responsible practices.

He also commended His Royal Highness's directive to hold the Innovation in Irrigation Solutions Competition to inspire creative ideas that promote the efficient use of treated water for agriculture and landscaping.

Initiatives

He noted that both initiatives complement Bahrain's ongoing efforts to build a culture of environmental responsibility and community participation in protecting natural ecosystems and expanding green spaces.

The Minister said that Bahrain continues to advance steadily towards its environmental goals, including doubling the number of trees to 3.6 million by 2035 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, in line with its commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26).

LMRA campaign nets 15 illegal workers



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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) reported that 15 violating and irregular workers were detained, while 97 violators were deported following 1,934 inspection campaigns and visits carried out between October 5 and 11, 2025.

The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in monitoring a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and the Residency Laws in the Kingdom of Bahrain, noting that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

The Authority pointed out that 1,906 inspection visits

were carried out on various shops in all governorates, in addition to 28 joint inspection campaigns, 12 campaigns in the Capital Governorate, 4 campaigns in the Muharraq Governorate, 7 campaigns in the Northern Governorate and 5 campaigns in the Southern Governorate.

Government entities that participated in the campaigns are the Ministry of Interior, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the Governorate's respective Police Directorate, the General Directorate of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing and the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Science, as well as the Social Insurance Org

LMRA holds training workshops on Enhanced Wages Protection System



Training workshops in progress

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) organised a series of training workshops for representatives of large, medium, and small enterprises, as well as human resources personnel, to introduce the Enhanced Wages Protection System (WPS).

The system requires private sector employers to pay wages electronically through banks and financial institutions licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB).

LMRA explained that the WPS is a digital platform linking the Authority with relevant government entities and the banking sector, ensuring accurate data exchange and providing a com-

prehensive wage database. The system supports labour market policies, enhances stability, and strengthens Bahrain's competitiveness.

System

The Authority noted that the system streamlines wage payments, ensures compliance, and reflects establishments' financial and administrative efficiency.

It also reduces operational workload particularly for small and micro enterprises through integrated payroll management, flexible payment options, and detailed wage and financial reporting.

LMRA highlighted that the system provides legal documentation of employers' compliance, helps reduce labour

disputes and financial claims, and accelerates their resolution.

Submission

The Authority urged private sector employers to assign a Wages Responsible Person via the Expatriate Management System (EMS), select "Wages Protection Services," and appoint authorised delegates to review and verify wage files prior to submission.

The workshops form part of LMRA's efforts to strengthen engagement with private sector partners, raise awareness of labour regulations, and provide technical support for the system's effective implementation.

Further information available at www.lmra.gov.bh or via the Call Centre on 17506055.

Al Manara Art and Culture Space opens

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Her Excellency Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, inaugurated the Al Manara Art and Culture Space at the Muharraq Youth Centre, in the presence of H.E. Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, Secretary-General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), as well as a number of artists and young creatives.

The opening marked a new step in the ministry's efforts to provide spaces that inspire young people and nurture their creativity, offering them opportunities to engage with art.

Private Sector Adds 1,100 Jobs

Unified drive under HRH directive

- Seven firms join hiring push
- 1,100 jobs listed for citizens
- Labour Ministry, BCCI coordinate

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's private sector has added 1,100 new job vacancies for citizens on the National Employment Platform, in a major coordinated effort guided by the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. His Excellency Yousef bin Ab-



dulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, announced that seven companies have joined the latest hiring wave, reflecting growing cooperation between the ministry, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the private sector.

Sector-wide expansion

The companies adding new openings include Beyon with 150



H.E. Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf

Bahrain's National Employment Platform was launched in 2019 to connect job seekers directly with employers and streamline recruitment across both public and private sectors.

vacancies, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) with 60, Amana Healthcare and Edamah with 200 each, ARRAY with 50, and Al Dhaen with 40. Each initiative follows HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directive to ensure that every registered Bahraini job seeker is offered three employment opportunities by the end of the year, supporting national employment goals and

sustainable economic growth. Minister Khalaf affirmed that cooperation with the Bahrain Chamber and private institutions will continue to expand job listings and align opportunities with labour market needs. He underlined the government's commitment to strengthening citizen employment through coordinated partnerships that serve both the workforce and national economy.

Stage set for three-day global dental forum

- Set for Oct. 16-18

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is preparing to host the 10th edition of the Bahrain International Dental Conference and Exhibition (DLS10), which will take place from 16 to 18 October at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel in Manama. The event will bring together an elite group of dentists, experts, and specialists from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, Italy, and the United Kingdom, with the objective of exchanging expertise and discussing the latest advancements in dental science and technology. The three-day scientific programme will feature a comprehensive series of lectures and workshops covering the latest developments in the field of dentistry.

Ten arrested for possessing narcotics

- 12 kilograms of drugs worth over BD176,000

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Ten individuals of various nationalities, aged between 21 and 42, were arrested in five separate cases for possession of approximately 12 kilograms of narcotics, with an estimated street value exceeding BD176,000, the Ministry of Interior confirmed. The arrests form part of ongoing security efforts by the Anti-Narcotics Department of the General Department of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, conducted in cooperation with Customs Affairs, aimed at protecting society from the dangers of drug abuse and trafficking. According to authorities, following receipt of actionable intelligence, targeted searches, investigations, and information-gathering operations were launched, leading to the identification and apprehension of the suspects along with the narcotics in their possession. The General Department of



Suspects with the seized evidence

The seized substances were confiscated, legal measures were initiated, and the cases have been referred to the Public Prosecution for further action.

Criminal Investigation and Evidence stated that the seized substances were confiscated, legal measures were initiated, and the cases have been re-

ferred to the Public Prosecution for further action. The Criminal Media Division underscored the importance of community partnerships in raising awareness about drug-related crimes through educational lectures and exhibitions. Citizens are urged to report any suspicious activity related to drug smuggling or promotion by contacting the hotline 996 or emailing 996@interior.gov.bh. Reports are accepted 24/7 and confidentiality is fully guaranteed.

MPs call for temporary halt to new delivery motorbike licences

- Full set of rules being drawn up

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

MPs want a short pause on new licences for delivery motorbikes while a full set of rules is drawn up, citing rising deaths and heavier traffic. The move is led by MP Mohammed Janahi, joined by Mohammed Al Maarifi, Abdulnabi Salman, Eman Shuwaiter and Hesham Al Ashiri. They have lodged a non-binding proposal asking the government to stop issuing permits for new delivery bikes until a complete framework is in place. In their note, the sponsors say the delivery market is saturated in the number of bikes on the road, which has hurt traffic flow. They add that rapid growth has brought in riders and firms



MP Mohammed Janahi

with little training and poor safety kit. A pause on licences, they argue, should hold until the technical, professional and road rules are set. The paper records four deaths from delivery-bike crashes in 2023, two of them caused by the rider, rising to seven deaths in 2024. The aim, they say, is to give the competent bodies time to set binding conditions that raise road safety and cut risky riding and breaches linked to delivery work.



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REMINDER OF ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Please take notice that the Ordinary General Meeting of the Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C will be held today - Tuesday, 14th October 2025 at 12:00 Noon at Gulf Conventional Centre, Hall Al-Dana-4 to discuss the announced agenda.

Thank you

Abdul Latif Khalid Al Aujan
Chairman of the Board

Bahraini students showcase tech innovations



The GITEX Global 2025 exhibition officially opened yesterday at the Dubai World Trade Center and will continue until October 17, with Bahraini students showcasing their innovative technological projects on the opening day. The first day also witnessed the launch of the third edition of BTECH's "Tech Innovators" initiative, aimed at highlighting emerging Bahraini talent and empowering ICT students from local universities to present their solutions to an international audience within their participation at the International Business Hub organized by BTECH in collaboration with WorkSmart for Event Management. The Bahraini university students had the opportunity to present their most recent projects in the fields of ICT, artificial intelligence, application and platform development, and cybersecurity.

NBB Adopts Kinexys by J.P. Morgan Solution

To Pioneer Programmable Payments in the region

Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced a strategic move to leverage Kinexys by J.P. Morgan, the firm's industry-leading blockchain business unit, to pilot next-generation programmable payments infrastructure. The collaboration, which was formalised during Fintech Forward 2025, positions NBB at the forefront of digital transformation in banking through the adoption of blockchain-native payment technologies.

NBB will leverage Kinexys Digital Payments (KDP) to deliver real-time programmable payment capabilities that support more complex, conditional, and automated financial flows. From scheduled disbursements and threshold-based transfers to event-triggered settlements, the technology will allow NBB to offer advanced financial rails to



evolving corporate and institutional needs with the objective to manage liquidity efficiently and enhance interbank capabilities.

On the occasion, Ali Abdulkarim, Group Chief Executive – Corporate and Commercial

Banking at NBB stated, “This collaboration represents a pivotal moment in our journey to reimagine the future of payment mechanisms across the region. Integrating this programmable infrastructure will allow us to unlock powerful new capabilities,

enabling faster, smarter, and more flexible transaction flows that can scale with our ambitions. As Bahrain accelerates its fintech leadership across the region, we remain focused on delivering innovative solutions that combine

trust, technology, and transformation.”

The initiative underscores NBB's commitment to minimise friction, reduce costs, and meet the requirements of today's increasingly dynamic business models leaning towards decen-

tralised finance applications. It also aligns with the Central Bank of Bahrain's (CBB) ongoing efforts to position the Kingdom as a leading financial technology hub in the Gulf. With blockchain infrastructure now playing a critical role in modernising global financial ecosystems, NBB's collaboration with Kinexys by J.P. Morgan reflects a shared vision for creating future-ready financial services that are secure, compliant, and seamlessly connected.

NBB has now joined a growing number of leading global financial institutions that are adopting Kinexys' blockchain infrastructure. The deployment of this infrastructure will pave the way for NBB to launch new applications across treasury operations, corporate banking, digital platforms, and emerging fintech ecosystems.

A.M. Best International affirms credit rating of A- (Excellent) with **stable outlook of BKIC**

Manama

Further to its annual review, A.M. Best International has affirmed the financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) and the long-term issuer credit rating of “a-” of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. (BKIC), and the outlook for both ratings is stable. The ratings reflect BKIC's balance sheet strength, which AM Best assesses as very strong, as well as its strong operating performance, neutral business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management. The ratings also factor in the financial strength of BKIC's parent company, Gulf Insurance Group K.S.C.P., due to BKIC's strategic importance to the group.

Dr. Abdulla Sultan, CEO of BKIC stated that Management is pleased with the company, as well as its subsidiary, holding the A- Credit Rating which evidently reflects the financial strength of the company and



its ability to meet its short and long-term obligations. He added that the company has an excellent record of profitability reflecting excellent investment and underwriting performance for various types of insurance in The Kingdom of Bahrain and The State of Kuwait. He also stated that BKIC and its subsidiary

Takaful International Company B.S.C. are the only local Bahraini insurance companies that are listed publicly, to be rated A-.



Dr. Abdulla Sultan, CEO of BKIC

China trade beats forecasts in September as tariff fears rise

Beijing, China

China's overseas trade grew at a faster pace than expected last month, official data showed yesterday, amid fresh fears of a major escalation in the tariff war between Beijing and Washington.

Exports jumped 8.3% year on year in September, the General Administration of Customs said, beating a Bloomberg forecast of 6.6 percent. Imports rose 7.4%, the data showed, significantly outpacing a Bloomberg forecast of 1.9%.

The figure marked an 8.6% rise from the \$31.6 billion recorded in August.

Trump struck a more conciliatory tone on Sunday, writing in a social media post that the United States “wants to help China, not hurt it”.

Canadian FM in India to **rebuild relations**

AFP | New Delhi, India

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Canada's foreign minister in New Delhi yesterday, the most senior visit since both sides agreed to reinstate ambassadors after a bitter fallout.

“India-Canada bilateral relations have been steadily pro-



gressing in the last few months,” Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar told his Canadian counterpart Anita Anand, after her meeting with Modi.

“When we look at Canada, we see a complementary economy, we see another open society... that is the basis for a close, sustainable and long term cooperative framework,” Jaishankar said

in brief comments broadcast by the foreign ministry.

Relations have improved since Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney took office in March.

Carney met Modi in June, on the sidelines of the Group of Seven summit in Canada, where they agreed to name new high commissioners, as ambassadors between Commonwealth na-

Anand is also expected to meet India's Trade Minister Piyush Goyal as well as business leaders in the financial capital Mumbai.

tions are known.

Both envoys have since begun work.

Anand said her meeting with Modi was “building on the momentum” of his talks with Carney.

“Canada and India are elevating the relationship between our countries, while maintaining our law enforcement and security dialogue and expanding our economic relationship,” Anand posted on social media.

Bahrain's Pavilion kicks-off at GITEX Global 2025

Organized by the Labour Fund “Tamkeen” and showcasing 14 Bahraini tech companies



Manama

The Bahrain Pavilion at GITEX Global 2025, currently being held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from October 13 to 17 2025, has officially launched. The opening day witnessed a strong turnout of visitors, including global decision-makers, industry experts and technology enthusiasts.

14 Bahraini startups SMEs

The Bahrain Pavilion, organized by the Labour Fund “Tamkeen”, features 14 Bahraini startups and small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operating across various ICT sectors. These include Procural, Oreem, Invo POS, Palm Stays Real Estate Rental Platform, MenaMoney Technology, VirtuThinko W.L.L, RemoteApps,

AMAN Compliance Solutions, ATME, Lumofy, Al Amthal Group, General Assembly, Mazad, and Arab Financial Services in addition to the Bahrain Economic Development Board, the Information and eGovernment Authority, and ARRAY Innovation. GITEX Global 2025 serves as a key hub for tech companies, industry experts, and enthusiasts in fields such as Artificial Intelligence, software



and emerging technologies. The event includes panel discussions, presentations, competitions and live demonstrations of cutting-edge innovations. This year's edition brings together more than 6,500 organizations from 180 countries. **Tamkeen** Tamkeen's support for Bahraini companies taking part in GITEX Global 2025 aligns with



its 2025 strategic priorities, which focus on enhancing the position and competitiveness of Bahrainis in the private sector, equipping Bahrainis with suitable skills for career development in the private sector, and prioritizing enterprise growth, digitalization and sustainability, and supporting the development of the ecosystem surrounding the labor market and private sector.

Takaful International Co. appoints Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood as Business Development Director

Manama

Takaful International Company has announced the appointment of Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood as Chief Business Development Officer. Mr. Al Mahmood brings over 22 years of experience in the insurance sector. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated exceptional ability in leading teams, driving business development, and forging strategic partnerships aligned with market and client expectations. Prior to joining the company, he served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Bahrain National Insurance Company.

Before that, Mr. Rayan

Mr. Essam Al Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful International



spent several years working with leading insurance brokerage firms, where he held the position of Client Manager. Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood holds a Bachelors degree in Business Administration, in addition to a Diploma in Insurance from the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance. He has participated in numerous conferences and specialized seminars focused on the development of insurance company operations and has played a prominent role in enhancing insurance portfolios, particularly those related to financial institutions' risk notifications.

“This strategic appointment reflects the company's continued commitment to building a strong leadership team and moving forward with its strategic plans,” said Mr. Essam Al Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Takaful International. “We are confident that Mr. Al

Mahmood's leadership will support our efforts to strengthen our offerings and expand our reach in the market.” In his new role, Mr. Al Mahmood will lead the company's business development strategy, oversee key partnerships, and support product innovation — further reinforcing Takaful International's position as a leading provider of Sharia-compliant insurance solutions in Bahrain. The company extends its congratulations to Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood on his new role and looks forward to the valuable contributions he will bring to Takaful International.

Mr. Rayan Al Mahmood



OpenAI announces Broadcom partnership to build AI chips

● OpenAI has signed huge investments in data centers and AI chips with US companies Nvidia and AMD

● The deals to build out AI's immense infrastructure needs also threaten further stress on electricity providers

● The financial terms of the deal were not part of the announcements

AFP | San Francisco, United States

OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, announced yesterday it is teaming up with chip giant Broadcom to design and build its own specialized computer processors for artificial intelligence.

The partnership was the latest in a series of recent announcements by OpenAI as it seeks to strengthen its position as the preeminent company of

the generative AI revolution that began with the release of ChatGPT in November 2022. In the past few weeks, under the leadership of CEO Sam Altman, OpenAI has signed huge investments in data centers and AI chips with US companies Nvidia and AMD, as well as with South Korea's Samsung and SK Hynix.

The partnerships come even as there are no real signs that the AI business is close to breaking even, despite its strong growth.

The deals to build out AI's immense infrastructure needs also threaten further stress on electricity providers, with AI data centers demanding significant power and resources to deliver the computing necessary for the expected usage of the technology.

The financial terms of the deal were not part of the announcements and remain unclear for many of the recent deals, drawing some skepticism from

observers who worry the AI frenzy may have created a financial bubble, posing a risk to investors.

By designing its own chips rather than relying solely on off-the-shelf processors, OpenAI says it can build hardware specifically tailored to how its AI models work, potentially making them faster and more powerful.

“Partnering with Broadcom is a critical step in building the infrastructure needed to unlock AI's potential and deliver real benefits for people and businesses,” said Altman, OpenAI's co-founder and chief executive.

The custom processors will be installed in data centers operated by OpenAI and its partners to keep up with soaring worldwide demand for AI services.

OpenAI has grown rapidly to more than 800 million people using its services weekly since its 2022 launch.

Broadcom, which will manufacture and help develop the chips, called the collaboration “a pivotal moment” in AI development.



GFH continues support for the CPISP

Manama

His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa, Advisor for Political and Economic Affairs at the Court of the Crown Prince, and Board Member and Head of the Financial and Administrative Committee of the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program (CPISP), today met with Mr. Hisham Al Rayes, Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of GFH Financial Group, to present the Group's contribution as the Program's "Platinum" sponsor.

His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa expressed his gratitude and appreciation for GFH's ongoing support, noting that sponsors play a vital role in advancing the Program's far-reaching objectives. These include providing outstanding Bahraini students with opportunities to pursue their



studies at top-tier universities, equipping them to compete in the Kingdom's dynamic labor market, and preparing them to contribute as active partners in national development.

For his part, Mr. Al Rayes commended the continued commitment of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin



Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to supporting educational and developmental initiatives that enhance the skills of Bahraini youth. Mr. Al Rayes emphasized the Group's role as the Program's "Platinum" sponsor, underscoring its commitment to supporting the Kingdom's

education sector and advancing human capital development, which serves as a cornerstone of the Kingdom's progress.

BisB Empowers Corporate and SME Clients with Seamless Multi-Currency Account Opening via BisB Digital

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has introduced a new online service that enables existing corporate and SME customers to open multi-currency accounts directly through the BisB Digital platform.

Mr. Yousif Ali Engineer, Acting Chief Corporate and Institutional Banking Officer at BisB



The new service allows customers to open three types of accounts: Current, Savings, and Call with a fully automated, straight-through processing (STP) journey. Once enabled via a simple consent prompt upon login, users can open accounts with just a few clicks, selecting the desired product and currency without the need for as-

sistance from their Relationship Manager.

The accounts offer flexible options across eight currencies, including Bahraini Dinar (BHD), U.S. Dollar (USD), Saudi Riyal (SAR), Euro (EUR), British Pound (GBP), Emirati Dirham (AED), Swiss Franc (CHF), and Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD). This flexibility empowers businesses to manage their finances across multiple currencies, tailored to their operational and treasury needs.

Mr. Yousif Ali Engineer, Acting Chief Corporate and Institutional Banking Officer at BisB, said, "This new service reflects our commitment to simplifying banking for our corporate clientele. By enabling multi-currency account opening, we are not only



saving our customers valuable time but also empowering them with greater control and flexibility. Corporate clients often

need to open several accounts across different currencies to support cross border operations or segregate funds for specific business units. With this solution, they can do so instantly and securely, without leaving their office. It is another step in our mission to deliver smart, secure, and accessible digital services that truly respond to our customers' operational realities."

The initiative marks another milestone in BisB's ongoing efforts to enhance the customer experience by promoting convenient self-service banking. The Bank continues to lead the way in offering value-added digital solutions tailored to the needs of Bahrain's SME and corporate segments.

Batelco by Beyon expands strategic partnership with the Ministry of Interior through exclusive offers on "Testahel" App

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Batelco by Beyon is delighted to announce the expansion of its partnership with the Police Market at the Ministry of Interior (MOI) by offering a range of exclusive promotions and offers to MOI employees through the Ministry's internal application, Testahel.

To underscore the significance of this partnership and the shared commitment to delivering greater value, a signing ceremony was held at Beyon's headquarters, attended by senior representatives from both parties.

The agreement was signed by Maitham Abdulla, CEO of Batelco and His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative Affairs at the Ministry of Interior, representing the administrative body of the Police Market, reflecting the strong ties and mutual dedication between the two organizations.



The Testahel app, developed to enhance convenience and

accessibility for the Ministry's staff, showcases a range of exclusive Batelco offers. These include special rates on mobile plans, broadband and fiber services, extra data and discounts on new devices.

"Batelco and the Ministry of Interior share a rich history of

cooperation, and we are truly delighted to take this partnership a step further by supporting the MOI through personalized offers," said Maitham Abdulla, CEO of Batelco by Beyon.

"This initiative reflects our wider mission to deliver innovative, value-driven solutions that enhance the lives of individuals and communities across the Kingdom," he added.

From his side, The Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative Affairs commented: "We greatly value our partnership with Batelco by Beyon, which stands as a model of successful collaboration between national organizations. We look forward to continuing to strengthen this relationship and to exploring new avenues of cooperation in the future."

The exclusive Batelco offers are now live and accessible to all Ministry of Interior employees via the Testahel app.



One of the Palestinian prisoners, who was released in a prisoner-hostage swap and ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas, is carried on shoulders



One (L) of the Palestinian prisoners, who was released in a prisoner-hostage swap and ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas, is kissed by his brother



One of the Palestinian prisoners, who was released in a prisoner-hostage swap and ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas, is embraced by a woman



One of the Palestinian prisoners, who was released in a prisoner-hostage swap and ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas, embraces a boy upon arrival



Buses carrying Palestinians released from Israeli prisons



Buses carrying Palestinians released from Israeli prisons under a Gaza ceasefire and hostage exchange deal with Palestinian factions, arrive outside the Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

‘New birth’

Palestinians freed from Israeli jails return to loved ones

AFP | Ramallah, Palestinian Territories

With huge crowds waiting to welcome them home, Palestinian prisoners released by Israel yesterday under a Gaza ceasefire deal were overwhelmed with joy as they returned to their loved ones.

Some threw peace signs while others struggled to walk without assistance as they got off the bus and were met by a crowd cheering their return from Israel's jails to the West Bank city of Ramallah.

"It's an indescribable feeling, a new birth," Mahdi Ramadan, newly released, told AFP, flanked by his parents with whom he said he would spend his first evening out of jail.

Nearby, relatives exchanged hugs, young men in tears pressed their foreheads against each other -- some even fainting from the emotion of seeing loved ones again after years, and sometimes decades, in jail.

The crowd chanted in celebration "Allahu akbar", meaning God is the greatest.

Among the Palestinians to be released under a US-brokered Gaza ceasefire deal, 250 are security detainees, including many convicted of killing Israelis, as well as about 1,700 Palestinians detained by the Israeli army in Gaza during the war.

Israel agreed to free them in exchange for the release of hostages held in the Gaza Strip, under the first phase of US President Donald Trump's plan to end the war that was sparked by Hamas's unprecedented attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.



A former Palestinian prisoner (R), released as part of the seventh hostage-prisoner exchange, is welcomed by relatives



A crowd welcomes Palestinians formerly jailed by Israel as they arrive in a Red Cross convoy to Ramallah in the occupied West Bank

'Beautiful moment'

Nour Soufan, now 27 years old, was due to meet his father Mousa, who was jailed a few months after his birth, outside of jail for the first time.

Soufan and half a dozen relatives came to Ramallah from Nablus, in the north of the West Bank, and spent the night in their vehicle.

"I have never seen my father, and this is the first time I will see him. This is a very beautiful

moment," Soufan said.

Like him, many had defied the travel restrictions that puncture daily life in the Palestinian territory, with Israeli army checkpoints proliferating in two years of war.

Palestinian media reported on Sunday that families of detainees had been contacted by Israeli authorities, asking them not to organise mass celebrations.

"No reception is allowed, no celebration is allowed, no gatherings," said Alaa Bani Odeh, who came from the northern town of

Tammun to find his 20-year-old son who had been jailed for four years.

AFP spoke to several prisoners who said that in their first hours of freedom, they would go home and stay with family.

During previous releases, mass gatherings had flooded entire streets in Ramallah, with people waving Palestinian flags as well as those of political factions including Hamas.

'Live my life'

Dressed in the grey tracksuits of Israeli prisons, many prisoners also wore a black-and-white kuffiyeh around their necks -- the traditional scarf that has become synonymous with the Palestinian cause.

Some of the newly released prisoners happily let themselves be carried away on relatives' shoulders.

"Prisoners live on hope... Coming home, to our land, is worth all the gold in the world," said one freed detainee, Samer al-Halabiyeh.

"God willing, peace will prevail, and the war on Gaza will stop," Halabiyeh added.

"Now I just want to live my life."

Journalists rushed to talk to the prisoners, but many declined to engage, sometimes explaining that before their release, they were advised not to speak.

In the south Gaza city of Khan Yunis, a crowd gathered near Nasser Hospital, in the hope of catching sight of the prisoners taken during the war with Israel.

In the afternoon, thousands cheered to welcome their loved ones as they caught glimpse of the buses carrying them home.

1322

Robert the Bruce of Scotland defeats King Edward II of England at the Battle of Old Byland, forcing Edward to accept Scotland's independence

1774

First Continental Congress makes Declaration of Colonial Rights in Philadelphia



George Eastman patents paper strip photographic film

1884

1933

Nazi Germany announces its withdrawal from the League of Nations



A woman reacts as people celebrate at Hostage Square in Tel Aviv as news came out that a Red Cross convoy is on its way to pick up a second group of Israeli hostages to be freed by Hamas



Israeli hostage Matan Zangauker (L)



Israeli hostage Evyatar David



Israeli hostage Guy Gilboa Dalal



Israeli hostage Ziv (L) and Gali (R) Berman



Israeli hostage Omri Miran (R)



Released Israeli hostage Alon Ohel



Israeli hostage Eitan Mor (C)



Elkana Bohbot is greeted upon his arrival



Israeli soldiers and medics accompany Ariel Cunio (2L)

Tears of joy

Freed Israeli hostages hug loved ones

AFP | Tel Aviv, Israel

Freed Israeli hostages and their family and friends bounded into one another's arms yesterday, beaming and crying with joy at the end of the captives' two-year ordeal in Gaza.

Wrapped in blue and white Israeli flags, those returning waved and smiled as military helicopters landed them back in Israel, AFP reporters saw, after Hamas freed the remaining 20 living hostages from the Palestinian territory under a US-backed ceasefire deal.

None of the hostages spoke directly to AFP immediately after their return, but videos filmed and released by the Israeli military captured some of the raw emotion of the reunions.

"My life, you are my life... you are a hero," cried Einav Zangauker as she embraced her smiling son Matan, in one video.

"Love of your mother, bless you, bless you, my dear."

Eitan Mor's father wailed in relief as he and the young man's mother squeezed him tight, the footage showed.

Other young hostages such as Bar Kuperstein and Yosef Haim Ohana waved from the windows of vans that brought them to the Sheba medical centre near Tel Aviv, as cheering crowds nearby raised Israeli flags.

Freed Israeli-German twins Gali and Ziv Berman smiled and gave the thumbs-up, wearing the yellow and blue shirts of their favourite football team, Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Hostages' families rejoice

In nearby Tel Aviv, hundreds



Family and friends of Israeli hostage Eitan Horn react to the news of his release at their house in the central Israeli city of Rosh Haayin

of people erupted in joy, tears and song on Tel Aviv's Hostages Square Monday as news of the releases broke. Many had come at sunrise, carrying pictures of the hostages and waving Israeli flags bearing a yellow ribbon, a symbol of the movement calling for their release.

"It's so exciting and overwhelming that it's finally happening," said Shelly Bar Nir, 34. "What we've been fighting for, for over two years -- finally our hostages are coming home."

Another woman on the square, Noga, who wore a badge that read "Last day", shared her pain and joy with AFP.

"I'm torn between emotion and sadness for those who won't be coming back," she said.

Hamas and its militant allies

took 251 hostages into Gaza during the unprecedented October 7, 2023 attack. Many of them were released in earlier truces, but 47 people seized on October 7 remained in Gaza. Only 20 of them are alive.

Since that day, Noga has worn a small badge each day, counting the days of their captivity.

'Welcome home'

For the past two years, people have held frequent rallies and gatherings on this spot in Tel Aviv that has become known as Hostages Square.

When the news broke that the first seven of the remaining hostages had been released on Monday, the square broke out in cheers and song.

Israel later confirmed all liv-



Israeli army identifies the twenty released Israeli hostages

ing 20 hostages had returned to the country, with a series of posts on X that read: "Welcome home". The Hostages and Missing Families Forum, the main organisation representing their relatives, had called on people to gather at the site with the yellow ribbons.

As the war in the Gaza Strip has dragged on, the ribbons became ubiquitous in public spaces in Israel, from roundabouts to car door handles and stroller grips. Israel did not expect all of the dead hostages to be returned on Monday. The families' forum branded it "a blatant breach of the agreement by Hamas".

"Our struggle is not over. It will not end until the last hostage is located and returned for proper burial," the forum said in

a statement.

"Only then will the people of Israel be whole."



In exchange for the hostages, Israel is due to free nearly 2,000 prisoners held in its jails, most of them Gazans detained since the start of the war.



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We welcome the release of all hostages after over two years of captivity. Their freedom stands as a tribute to the courage of their families, the unwavering peace efforts of President Trump and the strong resolve of Prime Minister Netanyahu. We support President Trump's sincere efforts to bring peace to the region.

@narendramodi

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I very much welcome the release of the Israeli hostages held in Gaza. I am profoundly relieved that they have regained their freedom & will soon be reunited with their loved ones after the immense suffering they have endured. I reiterate my call for the release of the remains of the deceased hostages.

@antonioguterres

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Today, our Epidemic and Pandemic Intelligence Hub in Berlin launched Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) system 2.0. This enables all countries to detect and respond to potential threats daily by analyzing large

@DrTedros

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President Donald J. Trump, alongside the leaders of Qatar, Egypt, and Turkey, signs the Gaza Peace Plan for peace in the Middle East.

@POTUS

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Trio wins economics Nobel for work on tech-driven growth

American-Israeli Joel Mokyr, France’s Philippe Aghion and Canada’s Peter Howitt

● Award for work on how technology drives and affects growth

AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

The Nobel prize in economics was awarded yesterday to American-Israeli Joel Mokyr, France’s Philippe Aghion and Canada’s Peter Howitt for work on how technology drives and affects growth.

Mokyr, 79, won one half of the prize “for having identified the prerequisites for sustained growth through technological progress”, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

Aghion, 69, and Howitt, 79, shared the other half “for the theory of sustained growth through creative destruction”, it added.

John Hassler, chair of the prize committee, told reporters their work answered questions about how technological innovation drives growth and how sustained growth can be maintained.

“During almost all of human-kind’s history, living standards did not change noticeably from generation to generation. Economic growth was, on average, zero, and stagnation was the norm,” Hassler said.

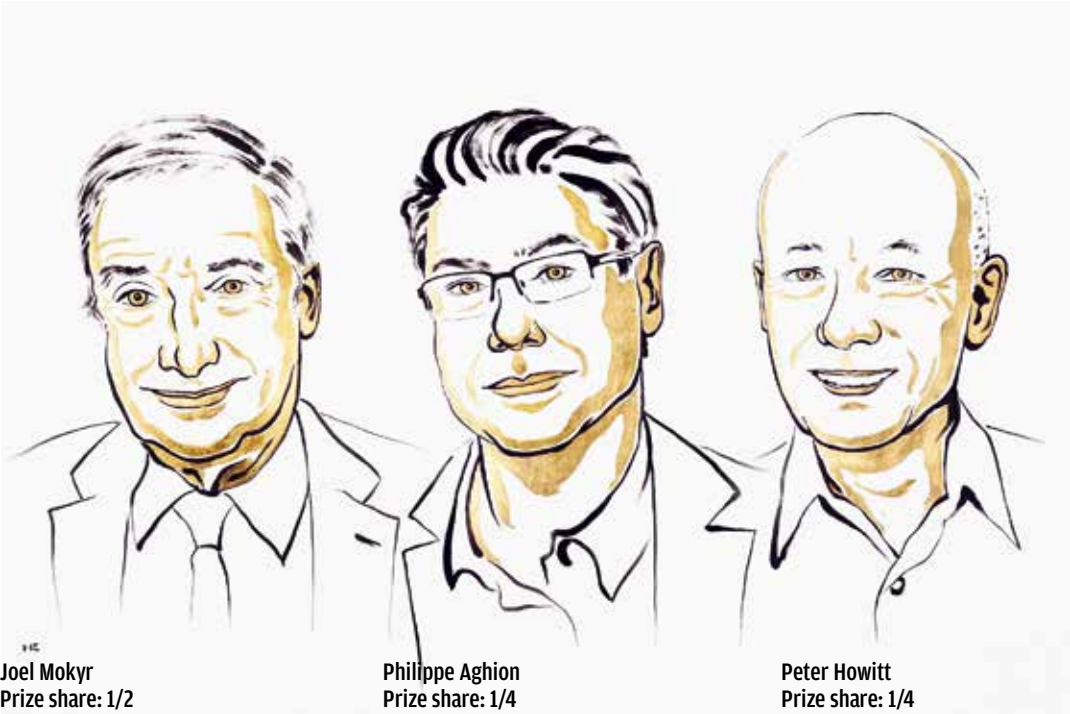
But over the last two centuries “things have been very different.”

Not on the list

“During the last 200 years, the world has seen more economic growth than ever before in human history,” Kerstin Enflo, a member of the economics prize committee, explained to reporters.

However, she cautioned that “200 years is still just a short period compared to the long run history of stagnation that we saw before.”

“The laureates’ work reminds us that we should not take progress for granted. Instead, so-



The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2025 was awarded “for having explained innovation-driven economic growth” with one half to Joel Mokyr “for having identified the prerequisites for sustained growth through technological progress” and the other half jointly to Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt “for the theory of sustained growth through creative destruction”



Economic growth is more than just money. It also includes factors such as education, research, healthcare, quality of life and job opportunities

ciety must keep an eye on the factors that generate and sustain economic growth,” Enflo said.

Mokyr, who is a professor at Northwestern University in the United States, “used historical sources as one means to uncover the causes of sustained growth becoming the new normal”, the jury said in a statement.

He was spotlighted for

demonstrating that if “innovations are to succeed one another in a self-generating process, we not only need to know that something works, but we also need to have scientific explanations for why”.

“The latter was often lacking prior to the industrial revolution, which made it difficult to build upon new discoveries and

inventions,” the jury said.

Speaking to the Nobel Foundation, Mokyr said he had first missed the call from Sweden and that the news was “overwhelming”.

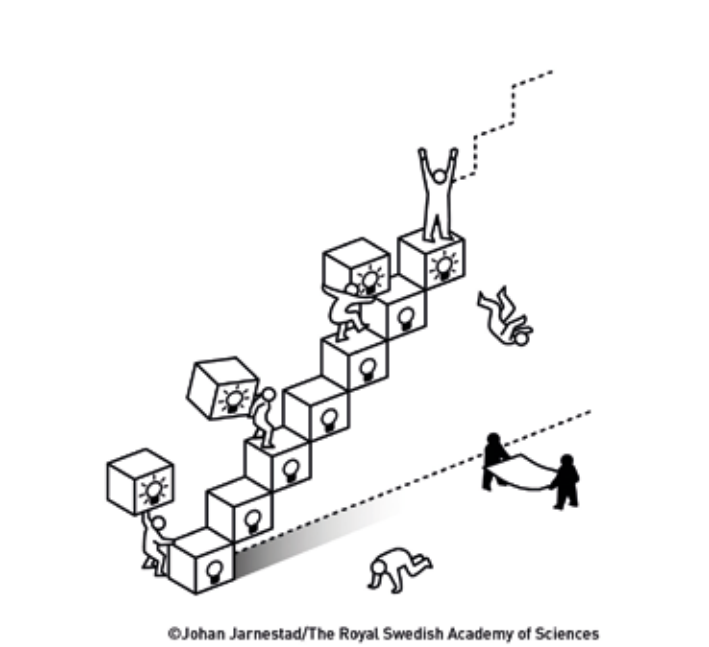
“Everybody says this, but I’m really being truthful ... this came as a total surprise,” the economic historian said.

“I had a whole list of people that I thought were going to win, and I wasn’t on it,” he added.

Meanwhile, Aghion and Howitt created a mathematical model for “creative destruction”, which refers to the process “when a new and better product enters the market, the companies selling the older products lose out”.

Howitt is a professor emeritus of economics at Brown University in the United States, while Aghion is a professor at College de France and INSEAD in Paris and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

“I’m still speechless. It came



really as a huge surprise,” Aghion told reporters via telephone during the prize announcement.

Speaking about what could risk upsetting growth, he mentioned the threats of steep tariffs introduced since US President Donald Trump’s return to the White House.

“Openness is a driver of growth. Anything that gets in the way of openness is an obstacle to growth,” Aghion said.

French thinking

French President Emmanuel Macron congratulated his compatriot.

“With his vision of growth through innovation, he illuminates the future and proves that French thinking continues to enlighten the world,” Macron said in a post on X.

The economics prize is the only Nobel not among the original five created in the will of Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel, who died in 1896.

It was instead created through a donation from the Swedish central bank in 1968, leading detractors to dub it “a false Nobel”.

But like the Nobels in chemistry and physics, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences chooses

the winner and follows the same selection process.

The economics prize wraps up this year’s Nobel season which honoured research into the human immune system, practical applications of quantum mechanics and the development of new forms of molecular architecture.

The literature prize went to Hungarian author Laszlo Krasznahorkai, whose works explore themes of postmodern dystopia and melancholy.

Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado was given the highly watched Nobel Peace Prize.

BETTER YOU KNOW

The Nobel economics prize consists of a diploma, a gold medal and a \$1.2 million cheque.

Four Gaza hostage bodies handed to Red Cross: army

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The bodies of four Israeli hostages who died in captivity in Gaza were handed over to the Red Cross by Hamas yesterday.

“The Red Cross has received two coffins of deceased hostages and are on their way to IDF and ISA forces in the Gaza Strip, where the two additional coffins of deceased hostages, that were received earlier, are located,” the military said.

Earlier yesterday, Hamas freed all 20 surviving hostages it had been holding since October 7, 2023, as part of a ceasefire agreement brokered by US President Donald Trump.



A Palestinian released from Israeli prisons under a Gaza ceasefire and hostage exchange deal with Palestinian factions, arrives at the Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

In return, Israel released 1,968 Palestinians, the prison service said.



Palestinian hospital staff and well-wishers welcome the director of northern Gaza’s Al-Awda Hospital Dr. Ahmad Mhanna, who was detained by Israeli forces from the hospital

Hamas still holds the remains of 24 deceased hostages, which it has agreed to return to Israel as part of the ceasefire deal.

“Hamas is required to uphold the agreement and take the nec-

essary steps to return all the deceased hostages,” the military said.

During their unprecedented 2023 attack on Israel, which sparked the war in the Gaza Strip, Hamas abducted 251 people and took them to Gaza.

Most of them, including several who were later confirmed dead, were handed over during two previous truces over the past two years of war.

However, Hamas continued to hold 47 hostages until the latest ceasefire came into effect.

The remains of an Israeli soldier killed in a previous conflict in 2014 were also being held in Gaza.

Enhancing Community Security



H.E. Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, Governor of the Northern Governorate, honoured two citizens in appreciation of their distinguished cooperation with security services. H.E. the Governor emphasized that active community partnership remains a fundamental pillar of security strategy, guaranteeing stability and reassurance for all residents

Strengthening Ties



H.E. Shanika Dissanayake, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Bahrain, visits Al Dhaen Marine Boatyard. The Ambassador met with the CEO and acknowledged the vital contributions of the dedicated Sri Lankan workforce



Pink October Awareness: Ajoor Majlis, led by Nabeel Ajoor, hosted Priya Dutt, Chairperson of the Nargis Dutt Foundation, to champion Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event highlighted the foundation's crucial work, including organizing screening campaigns and promoting the "My Hair for Cancer" initiative to provide support to patients across India. This visit serves as a bridge for exchanging expertise between local and international health initiatives

A Grand Conclusion!



The Indian Club's Aavani 'Onam Fiesta 2025' culminated in a record-breaking Onasadhya. Over 3,500 guests gathered to enjoy the traditional feast, specially prepared by renowned Chef Jayan Sukumara Pillai and his team. The event was inaugurated by Indian Parliament MP John Brittas, celebrating the success of the 3-week festival and the spirit of community. The finale was led by President Joseph Joy and General Secretary Anil Kumar, with Sany Paul serving as the Convener



Enhancing Cooperation



Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Interior Ministry Undersecretary for NPRA, receives Shiferaw Jena, Consul General of Ethiopia to the Kingdom of Bahrain, to discuss strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing coordination on NPRA services



The Government Hospitals Administration proudly joins National Tree Week, planting trees at the Salmaniya Medical Complex. In line with directives from HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, this vital initiative supports Bahrain's national plan to plant 3.6 million trees by 2035 as part of the vision to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060

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Dailidko headlines BRAVE CF Lithuania

● **Pavel Dailidko embraces honour of headlining BRAVE CF's landmark debut in Lithuania**

TDI | Manama

When BRAVE Combat Federation lands in Lithuania for the first time ever, one man will stand at the heart of the occasion — hometown hero Pavel “The Experiment” Dailidko, who headlines BRAVE CF 99 on Saturday, October 18, at the Twinsbet Arena in Vilnius.

The reigning BRAVE CF Heavyweight World Champion is set to defend his throne against France’s Gregory “Robson” Robinet in the main event of this landmark show, staged in collaboration with Unique & Talented Martial Artists (UTMA).

For Dailidko, being chosen to spearhead BRAVE CF’s maiden voyage to his homeland is a source of deep pride and gratitude.

“To headline BRAVE CF’s first-ever event in Lithuania is something I’ll cherish forever,” he said. “It’s not just about defending my belt; it’s about representing my country on a global platform and showing the world that Lithuania has warriors ready to shine.”

With the largest market share in Europe among MMA promotions, BRAVE CF has become the continent’s most active and far-reaching organization. Dailidko himself is a product of this initiative.

When the company began strengthening its European



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Pavel Dailidko views the BRAVE CF event as a “transformative moment” for Lithuanian MMA, hoping the show will inspire the next generation of local fighters to follow in his footsteps

footprint during the pandemic, the Lithuanian powerhouse was given a chance to step onto the world stage. He made his promotional debut at BRAVE CF 65 in October 2022, paving the way for his rapid rise.

“BRAVE CF believed in Euro-

pean fighters when others weren’t looking our way,” Dailidko reflected. “They gave us the chance to prove that talent here can compete with the best globally. I’m living proof of that.”

Raised in the rural landscapes of Lithuania, the 34-year-old’s journey to prominence is rooted in hard work and resilience.

The moment he steps inside the cage at BRAVE CF 99, it will be a homecoming years in the making.

“I grew up dreaming about being an athlete, even when the odds seemed impossible,” Dailidko shared. “BRAVE CF turned that dream into reality. They gave me a path, and now I’m carrying the Lithuanian flag into the biggest fight of my career — right here at home.”

Dailidko cemented his place in the record books at BRAVE CF 88 in September 2024 when he became the inaugural BRAVE CF Heavyweight World Champion,

stopping Patryk Dubiela in the opening round.

He followed that dominant



performance with a brutal second-round defense over Odie Delaney at BRAVE CF 94 in May.

Now, as the face of BRAVE CF’s heavyweight division, “The Experiment” aims to extend his reign — and do so in front of a passionate Lithuanian crowd.

“Defending this title at home means everything,” he stated with conviction. “I plan to give the fans a performance they’ll never forget. This belt stays in Lithuania.”

Beyond personal glory, Dailidko sees BRAVE CF’s arrival as a transformative moment for Lithuanian MMA, as the upcoming card’s presence could open doors for the next generation of mixed martial artists eager to follow in his footsteps.

“BRAVE CF gave me a platform when I needed it most, and now they’re doing the same for my country. This event will inspire young Lithuanian fighters to believe that their dreams are possible too,” he concluded.

Scotland stay in contention for 2026 World Cup, Dutch move closer

● **Scotland defeats Belarus 2-1 at home**

● **Denmark top Group C on goal difference**

● **Netherlands thrash Finland 4-0 in Group G**

● **Lewandowski scores 87th goal for Poland**

AFP | Paris

Scotland ground out a 2-1 home win over Belarus on Sunday to stay in contention for automatic qualification to the 2026 World Cup, while the Netherlands closed in on securing their berth at the tournament with a win over Finland.

Steve Clarke’s Scotland sit joint top of Group C with Denmark, after the Danes beat Greece 3-1 with Rasmus Hojlund opening the scoring for the home team.

Denmark are first in the pool on goal difference but their win in Copenhagen ensured Scotland of at least a play-off spot as they bid to make a first World Cup appearance since 1998.

The pool-toppers meet in the final qualification matchday on November 18 in Glasgow.

“We know every game from now until the end is so important,” Scott McTominay told BBC Scotland after defeating Belarus. “It’s been good in terms of



Scotland’s midfielder #04 Scott McTominay (C) controls the ball before scoring

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SCOTT MCTOMINAY

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Che Adams scored the opener for the hosts on the quarter-hour at Hampden Park in an otherwise uninspiring performance by Scotland.

They thought they were due a penalty just shy of the hour for a succession of incidents in the Belarus box, including two calls for a foul and hand-ball shouts going both ways, but after a lengthy VAR review the referee declined the home side’s appeals and awarded a free-kick out.

McTominay strikes

Scotland then had VAR to thank on 63 minutes when Evgeni Malashevich’s leveller

was eventually disallowed for a foul in the build-up on Napoli Serie A winner McTominay.

In a busy sequence for the VAR officials, Adams put the ball into

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McTominay’s late winner rescued Scotland after two disallowed goals and prolonged VAR drama, securing at least a play-off place – their best World Cup qualification position since 1998

the Belarus net for a second time in the 70th minute, but video replays confirmed the original on-field decision that the Torino man was offside.

McTominay eventually managed to seal an important victory for Scotland as he lashed home with his left foot with six minutes remaining.

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Stunt shows headline WEC off track events

World-class stunt shows set to captivate fans off track at Bapco Energies 8H of Bahrain at BIC

● **Features**
Terry Grant, Lee Bowers stunts

● **Monster truck rides and FMX stunt bikers featured**

● **Monster Truck passenger rides included in ticket price**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), ‘The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East’, is gearing up for two unforgettable days of racing and entertainment at this year’s Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain.

The highly anticipated event is scheduled to take place on 7 and 8 November in Sakhir as the eighth and final round of the 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC).

As in every major international event at BIC, plenty has been lined up both on and off the track for the whole family to enjoy. These include a colourful entertainment programme that features something for everyone – put together in signature BIC style.



Headlining the attractions at this year’s WEC weekend is a series of extreme stunt shows. World-famous stuntmen Terry Grant and Lee Bowers are coming back to Bahrain to amaze fans yet again with their mind-blowing performances. The pair have put on displays of incredible driving stunts to audiences around the world, and with their own performance area at BIC’s WEC fan zone, they are surely set to be one of the top draws throughout the week-

end. Grant and Bowers will be joined in captivating the crowds by freestyle motocross (FMX) stunt bikers, who will be stunning fans with their incredible performances on two wheels. BIC will also be hosting a monster truck show throughout the Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain weekend. This is a visual spectacle like no other, and fans will not only get the chance to see these amazing machines in action, but they will also be able

to get into one of the trucks for a passenger ride, making for a truly memorable and immersive experience.

Aside from the stunt shows, plenty more entertainment will be on hand on both days of WEC weekend. These include roaming performers coming from all over the world, an exclusive kids’ outdoor area with live shows and all kinds of fun activities, state-of-the-art racing simulators, a speed reaction game, and so much more.

BIC is calling on race fans across the Kingdom to purchase their tickets today for the WEC showcase, which will bring to life the Spirit of Le Mans in Sakhir.

WEC is one of the most prestigious series in all of motor racing, featuring many of the sport’s biggest star drivers and some of the fastest and most technologically advanced cars from the most sought-after brands.

Tickets to the event offer tremendous value for an occasion of its calibre – rates that cannot be matched anywhere else in the world for a world championship event under the



Federation Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA). Grandstand seats cost just BD5.5 for adults and BD2.75 for children for both days of racing and family entertainment. They can be bought online at bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Fans are urged to secure their tickets as soon as possible due to high demand, especially with the WEC’s growing popularity amongst fans both from Bahrain and worldwide.

Hospitality packages are also available to enjoy the event from BIC’s luxurious suites. These are priced at BD290 per person, excluding VAT, for the two days. The package is inclusive of dining and drinks, all in a first-class setting of the circuit’s lounge which overlooks the WEC pitlane and main straight. A group rate of BD2,800 for 10 people is

also on offer. All tickets purchased will make a lasting impact off the track as BIC and Bapco Energies are collaborating again to bring back the ground-breaking Green Ticket Initiative.

For every WEC ticket sold, a proportion of the revenue, matched by Bapco Energies, will be donated to a fund which will directly support the planting of new mangroves in Bahrain. BIC recently completed the donation of 5,000 new mangrove trees based on last year’s Green Ticket Initiative campaign.

Bapco Energies is marking a special milestone at this year’s Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary as title sponsors of the race, which also features Beyon as a support partner.





Every ticket purchased for the 8 Hours of Bahrain helps fund the planting of mangrove trees, with last year’s campaign resulting in 5,000 new mangroves for Bahrain’s environment

India close in on Test series sweep despite West Indies fightback

AFF | New Delhi

India closed in on a 2-0 series sweep in the second Test despite some spirited West Indies batting led by centuries from John Campbell and Shai Hope yesterday.

Needing 121 for victory after bowling out the West Indies for 390, the hosts reached 63-1 at stumps on day four at Delhi’s Arun Jaitley Stadium.

KL Rahul, on 25, and Sai Sudharsan, on 30, were batting in a stand of 54 at close of an absorbing day’s play.

Yashasvi Jaiswal fell early for eight after left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican had the Indian opener caught at long-on while attempting an ambitious heave.

Rahul and the left-handed Sudharsan steadied the ship and the pair kept up the scoring with singles and occasional boundaries against a persistent West Indies spin attack.

Earlier, Justin Greaves with an unbeaten 50 and Jayden Seales (32) put on 79 runs for



West Indies’ Shai Hope plays a shot as India’s Yashasvi Jaiswal leaps in air

the final wicket to frustrate India after the West Indies slipped to 311-9 in the second session.

Greaves and the left-handed number 10 defied the bowlers for 133 deliveries with straight-bat shots before Jasprit Bumrah dismissed Seales in the final session for his third wicket.

Left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav also took three wickets to add to his five-wicket haul in the West Indies’ first innings.

Campbell (115) and Hope (103) had steered the West Indies into the lead after the tourists resumed the day on 173-2

Scorecard

India 518 for 5 dec and 63 for 1 (Sai Sudharsan 30*, Rahul 25*, Warrican 1-15) need a further 58 runs to beat West Indies 248 and 390 (Campbell 115, Hope, 103, Greaves 50*, Bumrah 3-44, Kuldeep 3-104)

while following on.

“I think it’s a big positive for us,” Campbell said of their fightback. “Having not gotten the best first innings, we came out second innings and batted over 100 overs, so that’s a big plus for us.”

The left-right batting pair of Campbell and Hope put on 177 runs for the third wicket.

Opener Campbell reached his first Test ton with a six off Ravindra Jadeja before the left-arm spinner trapped him lbw in the morning session.

Hope kept up the charge after lunch and reached his first Test hundred in eight years with a boundary off pace bowler Mohammed Siraj.

Barca’s Olmo a doubt for Clasico after injury

TDT | Manama

Barcelona midfielder Dani Olmo is a doubt for the upcoming La Liga Clasico match against Real Madrid after being diagnosed with a calf injury

yesterday. “Olmo has a muscle injury in his left calf, without connective tissue involvement,” said Barcelona in a statement, not specifying his expected recovery time.



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Ancelotti targets World Cup history

Italian coach hopes to become first foreign-born manager to win the World Cup

- Ancelotti is Brazil's first foreign coach in decades
- Brazil beat South Korea 5-0
- Team improve defence

AFP | Brasilia

No country has ever won the World Cup with a foreign-born coach but Carlo Ancelotti said yesterday that there was “always a first time” as he eyes glory with Brazil.

The Italian became Brazil's first overseas coach in six decades when he took over in May and he helped the five-times champions punch their ticket for next summer's World Cup.

Brazil face Japan in a friendly in Tokyo on Tuesday, fresh from a 5-0 hammering of South Korea in Seoul last week.

Ancelotti said he is aiming to create history for himself and his team at the World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

“My goal is to give my best for the Brazil national team, to try



Brazil's Italian head coach Carlo Ancelotti talks with his players during a training season

to get them to perform at their best and to win the World Cup,” he said.

“Of course, no foreign-born coach has ever won the World Cup but there is always a first time in life.”

Brazil made hard work of qualifying, finishing fifth in the South American table.

Ancelotti is their fourth coach since Tite stepped down following the quarter-final loss to Croatia at the 2022 World Cup in

Qatar.

Brazil sparkled against South Korea, with 18-year-old starlet Estevao scoring twice and Real Madrid pair Rodrygo and Vinicius Jr. also among the goals.

‘Jogo bonito’

Brazilian fans hailed the win as a return to “jogo bonito” but Ancelotti said there was more to his team than that.

“Brazilian players have the quality to play beautiful football

but you have to think about what you mean by beautiful football,” he said.

“Brazilian players have individual quality but that is combined with teamwork and movement off the ball, and that's very important in football.”

Brazil travelled to Asia without forward Neymar, 33, who was ruled out of action until at least November with a thigh injury.

Time is running out for Bra-

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My goal is to give my best for the Brazil national team, to try to get them to perform at their best and to win the World Cup. Of course, no foreign-born coach has ever won the World Cup but there is always a first time in life

CARLO ANCELOTTI

YOU KNOW WHAT

Since Ancelotti took over, Brazil has kept four clean sheets in five games, a stark contrast to their previously porous defense

zil's record goalscorer to force his way back into the squad before the World Cup.

Ancelotti said there were no questions over Neymar's quality.

“If Neymar is in good condition then of course he can fit into the national team,” he said.

“If Neymar is fit then he can play in any team in the world.”

Brazil have kept four clean sheets in their five games since Ancelotti took over, having been porous at the back before then.

“He's Italian, so he likes his team to defend well,” said their Newcastle midfielder Bruno Guimaraes.

“Especially at the World Cup, the teams that don't concede goals win the title, so it's essential that we defend well.”

Japan were the first team to book their place at next year's tournament after cruising through Asian qualifying.

They have never beaten Brazil in 13 attempts and are without several injured players including Brighton winger Kaoru Mitoma and Liverpool midfielder Wataru Endo.

Coach Hajime Moriyasu said defeating Brazil would give them the confidence to make an impact in North America.

“We want to win and to grow as a team and give everything for this challenge,” he said.

“Brazil are one of the top teams in the world and we respect them, but we have players who are playing in Europe and getting experience there.”

Australia's Cummins admits he may not be fit for first Ashes Test



Pat Cummins reacts after a session (file photo)

AFP | Sydney

Injured Australia captain Pat Cummins said yesterday that he was “probably less likely than likely” to be fit for the first Ashes Test next month, but was still clinging to a shred of hope.

Pace spearhead Cummins has not played since picking up a lower back injury in a Test match against the West Indies in July.

Cummins admitted time was running out to get his body ready for the opening Ashes Test beginning in Perth on November 21.

“I'd say probably less likely than likely, but still got a bit of time,” Cummins told reporters, adding that he felt a “bit stiff”.

Cummins said he was still two weeks away from bowling again in the nets and then it would take time to rebuild

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I know I'm running today and running every second day, and each run is a bit longer, and then we get into bowling prep next week. Probably a couple of weeks to go before I'm putting on the spikes and bowling out on turf

PAT CUMMINS

his fitness to a level where he could play a full part in a Test.

“You want at least a month in the nets, getting used to it,” said Cummins.

“If you're going to play a Test match you want to make sure you're right to bowl 20 overs a day and you don't have to really think about it.

Noman derails South Africa to 216-6 in first Pakistan Test

AFP | Lahore

Spinner Noman Ali grabbed four wickets to restrict South Africa to 216-6 at the close of play on day two of the first Test in Lahore yesterday, despite a fighting half century from Tony de Zorzi.

Spinners dominated on a turning Gaddafi Stadium pitch as all the day's 11 wickets went to slow bowlers, with South African left-armer Senuran Muthusamy taking a career-best 6-117 to dismiss Pakistan for 378.

Zorzi was holding the fort at the close with 81 not out and Muthusamy on six as South Africa trail by 162 runs in the first innings.

Zorzi batted with guts, knocking nine boundaries and a six, combating Noman who claimed 4-85.

South Africa started off well with 45-0 on the board when Noman removed touring skip-



Pakistan's Noman Ali (L) celebrates with teammate Mohammad Rizwan after taking a wicket

per Aiden Markram for 20 and Wiaan Mulder for 17 -- both caught behind by wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan.

Ryan Rickelton, who scored a punishing 71 with two sixes and nine boundaries, and Zorzi added 94 for the third wick-

Scorecard
South Africa 216 for 6 (De Zorzi 81*, Rickelton 71, Noman 4-85) trail Pakistan 378 (Agha 93, Imam 93, Masood 76, Muthusamy 6-117) by 162 runs

spell to get Tristan Stubbs caught behind for eight and Kyle Kyle Verreynne leg-before for two while Sajid Khan removed Dewald Brevis for a golden duck.

“We need to get them out as early as possible and a 120-run lead would help us win this Test,” said Noman.

“This pitch will further help spinners in the coming days so it's good for us.”

Earlier, it was Noman's like-for-like left-armer Muthusamy who destroyed Pakistan after they resumed on 313-5, losing their last five wickets for just 16 runs.

Marc Marquez undergoes ‘successful’ shoulder surgery: Ducati

AFP | Rome

Marc Marquez has had successful surgery on his right shoulder following the world champion's crash at the Indonesia MotoGP, his team Ducati said yesterday.

The Spaniard, who secured his seventh top-class title in Japan last month, suffered a fracture and injured ligaments in a crash in Lombok the following week.



Marc Marquez

“Marquez has undergone a successful operation at the Ruber Internacional Hospital in Madrid, Spain,” said Ducati.

“The same medical team who had examined him seven days earlier found that the coracoid fracture and ligament damage were not showing sufficient signs of stabilisation after a week of being immobilised.

“Given the risk of residual instability, it was decided to go ahead with surgical stabilisation

and repair the acromioclavicular ligaments.”

The Italian team added that Marc Marquez “will continue his recovery process, and his progress will determine the timing of his return to racing competition”.

Marquez had originally been ruled out of this month's Australia and Malaysia MotoGPs, with the Portugal and Valencia races completing the season in November.