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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of condolences to Egypt President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, on the victims of the church fire in Giza which resulted in many deaths and injuries.

HM the King and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister offered most sincere condolences to the Egyptian President and people as well as the victims' families, stressing the kingdom's solidarity with Egypt in this painful incident. They wished the victims' families patience and the injured a speedy recovery.

HRH Prince Salman sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Dr Mostafa Madbouly.

**Israel settlement activities growing**  
 Ramallah

Senior Palestinian official sources have accused the Israeli government of speeding up settlement activities in the West Bank to harvest the votes of right-wing parties in the lead-up to Israeli parliamentary elections on Nov. 1.

Ghassan Daglas, director of settlement affairs in the northern West Bank affiliated with the Palestinian Presidency Office, said: "It is clear that Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid believes that his access to power and the success of his party in the upcoming elections comes at the expense of confiscating Palestinian land and blood."

# For 'service' to the nation and citizens

HM King commends HRH Prince Salman efforts to preserve national achievements

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for the tremendous efforts he is exerting to improve the performance of public institutions and government departments, effectively maximising national gains.

This came as HM the King received HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in the presence of senior officials, at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday.

They reviewed several local issues and topics, particularly regarding the landmark achievements attained by the kingdom, as a result of the ongoing comprehensive development process Bahrain is witnessing at all levels to better serve the nation and the citizens.

HM King Hamad also commended the fruitful efforts made by the relevant ministries and institutions, as well as the Jaffari Endowments Council and those in charge of ma'atams (community centres), to ensure the success of this year's Ashura Commemoration.

He stressed that the success reflects the robust social fabric, and the prevailing cohesion and cordiality among all Bahrainis, who have also been known for their respect for pluralism, which has been a source of strength for the Kingdom throughout its long history.

His Majesty lauded the landmark youth and sports achievements attained by Bahraini athletes over the past period, citing their outstanding success at the West Asian Table Tennis Championship, hosted by Jordan, and the fifth Islamic Solidarity



HM the King receives HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister and senior officials

Games, held in Konya, Turkiye. HM the King said that the vic- tories reflect Bahrainis' dedication, distinction and keenness to honour their nation and consolidate its leadership.

## 372 housing units to be built in Khalifa Town

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It's all systems go for the construction of 372 new housing units for citizens in Khalifa Town.

Deputy Prime Minister and Infrastructure Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa said the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning's preparations are underway for the start of this BD17 million-worth major housing project.

He made the statements while paying a field visit to "Khalifa Town", along with several ministers and officials.

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla directed the relevant ministries and government service depart-

ments to start preparing the necessary infrastructure works to implement this project according to a specific timetable, as well as to provide the required cash flows.

The project, which is part of the housing commitments contained in the current Government Action Plan (2019-2022), is expected to be completed in two years.

The Deputy Prime Minister commended the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the policies adopted by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to launch new pro-



The Deputy Prime Minister is briefed about the major housing project

grammes for the citizens. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla stressed that the new housing financing schemes and the Government Lands' Development Programme reflect the success of the government's initiatives aimed at enhancing the partnership with the private sector.

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He noted that the latter is an essential partner to the government in facilitating the citizens' access to adequate affordable social housing.

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla inspected the land lots allocated in Khalifa Town for the implementation of the government-owned lands development rights programme (Government Lands' Development Programme), which will provide more than 3,300 housing units that will be offered at reasonable prices for the beneficiaries of the newly announced housing financing schemes.

Egypt tragedy

## 41 killed and 55 injured in deadly Giza church fire

Cairo

The Egyptian Ministry of Health announced that 55 people had been taken to hospital after a fire broke out at the Abu Sefein Church in the north of Giza yesterday.

In a statement, the Coptic Orthodox Church said that a

large fire broke out during the Divine Liturgy, and that a number of worshipers were transferred from the scene to Imbaba General Hospital and Agouza Hospital.

The statement added that, according to sources from the Ministry of Health, the number of deaths has so far reached



A screengrab shows firefighters begin investigation

41 people with a further 14 injured.

These numbers are unconfirmed, with the tally expected to change.

Hossam Abdel Ghaffar, the official spokesman for the Ministry of Health and Population, confirmed that 30 ambulances were dispatched to the church,

and people taken to the two local hospitals.

President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi made a phone call to Pope Tawadros II to offer his condolences to the victims of the accident.

During the call, Al Sisi stressed that all state institutions would provide the necessary support to contain the effects of the fire.

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# Bahrain greets India on Independence Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to President Droupadi Murmu of India on her country's Independence Day.

HM King Hamad and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister expressed their best congratulations to President Murmu and wished her abundant health and happiness, and the people of India further progress and prosperity.

HRH Prince Salman sent a similar congratulatory cable to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman

His Majesty and His Royal Highness sent cables of congratulations to President Yoon Suk-yeol of South Korea on his country's Liberation Day.

They expressed their best congratulations to President Yoon and wished him abundant health and happiness, and the people of Korea further progress and prosperity.

HRH the Crown Prince and

Prime Minister sent a similar congratulatory cable to Prime Minister Han Duck-soo.

HM the King sent a cable of congratulations to Republic of Congo President Denis Sassou Nguesso on his country's Independence Day.

His Majesty wished the Congolese president lasting good health and happiness.

## IIT Madras to launch Exam Centre in Bahrain tomorrow

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One of India's education pioneers, the 'Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras', is launching its exam centre in Bahrain for its "BS in Data Science and Application" - an online Bachelor's programme.

The event will be held virtually tomorrow at 12pm.

Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava is the keynote speaker. IIT Madras Dean (Academics) Prof. Prathap Haridoss, Coordinator Prof. Vignesh Muthuvijayan, and Abdul Jaleel Abdulla, the Bahrain Exam Centre Director, will be present.

Speaking about the event, Abdul Jaleel Abdulla said: "This is a good opportunity for

the students to achieve an IIT Bachelor's degree while residing in Bahrain.

"We are happy that Laurels Centre for Global Education is becoming a platform for major competitive exams like IIT Bachelors, NPTEL, JEE Main, CUET, ACCA CBE, NIOS, NATA, Tally etc."

"This qualification would open doors for job opportunities and higher studies in India and abroad," he emphasised.

During the event, IIT officials will explain the academic structure and admission processes, as well as answer queries and benefits of the course.

For more information and the meeting link, contact Global Education on WhatsApp numbers: 33644193 or 33644194.

## PM Fellowship Program



Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi held a meeting with the fellows of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program. Al Sairafi highlighted the importance of the PM Fellowship Program in upskilling young Bahraini professionals working across the public sector to ensure their contributions to the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. She noted the fellows' dedication and commitment to refining their leadership skills, which will help enhance their professional potential within a government setting, in line with Bahrain Vision 2030 and the 2022- 2026 Tourism Strategy.

August 15, 2022

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### Businessman to pay BD1m for defaulted lease payments

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A businessman has been ordered by the High Civil Court to pay a total of one million eighty thousand Bahrain Dinars after the company he and other partners own failed to make lease payments for a local university.

The company failed to cover the rent payments for a period exceeding four years. The purpose of leasing the spaces was to open restaurants for a combined total monthly amount of BD24,000 which was agreed to be increased by 10% at the end of the second year of the lease agreement. The ruling came even though the company was registered with limited liability. The businessman's mismanagement and bad decisions affected its progress and put it on losses.

"The businessman gave up the company and cancelled its

commercial registration, as a result of which my client (the university) couldn't collect the lease payments," the university's lawyer Abdulrahman Ghunaim told the judge at the High Civil Court.

"It was clear that the defendant intended to damage the company as he used it to obtain a huge loan, although he was aware that it will stumble in covering it," he added.

The defendant reportedly launched a new company in partnership with the same partners who were with him in the company in question.

"He made a huge blunder by not embarking on liquidating the company in order to cover claims and outstanding obligations as well as other expenses," the lawyer stated.

"His mistakes and mismanagement denied the company from meeting its financial commitments."

### Five Asian drug dealers arrested

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The Anti-Narcotics Directorate of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested five Asian drug dealers between the ages of 25 and 42

in two separate cases.

They were also involved in drug abuse. Narcotics with BD16,150 value were seized.

Legal proceedings were taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

# PWA celebrates Pakistan Independence Day in style



Gifts and giveaways ... from left, Tahira Saleem, Mrs Asifa Ayub, volunteer Manaal Khan and PWA President Shahmeen Islam with the winner (Photo credit: Huma Shoaib)

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The Pakistani Women's Association (PWA) celebrated the 75th Independence Day of Pakistan with great fervour at the Ramee Grand Hotel and Spa. The commemoration of the day started with the national anthem followed by a video release of a patriotic song by the members, lunch, raffles and togetherness.

His Excellency the Ambassador of Pakistan, Mr Muhammad Ayub, and his wife, Mrs Asifa Ayub, joined in for the celebrations and also in unveiling of a book cover that commemorates the togetherness and progress of a nation on the move by Farheen Ahmed, founder of pink media.

"Our message always is 'We are stronger together,'" said Shahmeen Islam, president of PWA.



Pakistan Ambassador, Mr Muhammad Ayub, with some of the board members and guests at the event (Photo credit: Huma Shoaib)



PWA President Shahmeen Islam, Ambassador Ayub and members at the book cover unveiling ceremony (Photo credit: Huma Shoaib)



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# 'Going green' initiatives



The Agriculture Minister inspects the Horat A'ali plant nurseries

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The Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry has prepared an integrated system to increase afforestation and plantations in parks, streets, public squares and intersections, in addition to intensifying plantings in all regions.

Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak was speaking as he paid an inspection visit to the plant nurseries in Horat A'ali yesterday.

The Minister said that the ministry is working to increase production in plant nurseries in Budaiya and Hoarat A'ali in order to continue efforts to increase the rate of afforestation in the Kingdom.

He said that the Agricultural Incubators Center in Horat A'ali produced 20,000 seed-

lings in two greenhouses.

"We are working on making the center a hub for implementing agricultural experiments in Bahrain, in addition to preparing it to be a station for training local competencies in the agricultural sector," the Minister said. Al Mubarak stressed that the center comes as an implementation of the directives of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King, Chairwoman of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) and Chairperson of the Advisory Council of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development.

He affirmed that agriculture affairs is currently working on identifying best practices for local production of agricultural crops in line with climatic conditions and raising local production.

# FCMT holds installation ceremony for new officers

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Filipino Club Mabuhay Toastmasters (FCMT) held its 14th installation ceremony on August 12 at Arman Hotel in Juffair.

The ceremony was graced by the guest of honour, Charge de Affaires Anne Jalandon-Louis from the Philippine Embassy. She expressed her appreciation to the organisation for the opportunity that it gives for self-improvement and professional development.

With the club's motto, "Be New, Be You, Be The New You," CDA Louis compared it to a chrysalis which served as another way of renewing oneself and helping an individual to learn new things and grow like a beautiful butterfly.

She also encouraged the group to support the activity by participating in the poetry writing and poster making contest organised by the Philippine Embassy in connection with the celebration to promote the Philippine national language this month of August.

The new set of club officers were installed by the Area 14 Director TM Sayed Mahmood are as follows:

Executive Committee 2022-2023: TM Liezel C. Mercado (President), TM Melanie S. Cruz (VP Education), TM Jose Benito Jr. Custodio (VP Membership), TM Arlene D. Detera (VP Public Relations), TM Lhalaine Llorca (Secretary), TM Melody R. Arquibel (Treasurer) and TM



Members and officers of FC Mabuhay Toastmasters



The new set of officers with Charge de Affaires Anne Jalandon-Louis

Elizabeth M. Caliguing (Sgt. @ Arms).

TM Ruth Mirhan Orense, the club's outgoing Vice President for Public Relation and a teacher in Philippine School (Bahrain) for 15 years, talked about finding joy in her journey.

According to her, "It is also important to have a goal in life, and achieving it is satisfying. Keeping joy in one's heart is like having a bank account. We can withdraw from it in times of sadness and disappointments. One of the best ways to find her joy is to help herself grow

through helping others without expecting anything from anyone."

In his speech, the club immediate past president, TM Jose Benito Custodio Jr, emphasised to always have a strong support system to accomplish a purpose.

He further enumerated the three principles in life to be followed, "Surround yourself with people whose eyes light up every time they see you. Slowly is the fastest way to get where we want to be. The top of one mountain is the bottom of the next so keep climbing".

Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Officer Regina Manlapaz and Cultural Attache Jiemarie Mortel Ladrica also attended the event.

Filipino Club Mabuhay Toastmasters is a group of professionals who shared commitments to a worthwhile goal which is to develop communication and leadership skills while enjoying the atmosphere of fellowship.

FCMT was founded by TM Alex Ginete, TM Julie Dizon and TM Willy Carpio, who also acted as the Chartered president in 2009.



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# Beyon Money achieves strong growth in first 8 months

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Since its launch in December 2021, Beyon Money, the first digital financial super app in Bahrain, has been growing fast and gained popularity with over 20 thousand active subscribers, more than BD20 million card domestic and international transactions and more than BD8 million international remittances.

In line with Beyon Money's mission to make digital financial instruments more accessible, easy to understand, transparent



Batelco Chief Digital Growth Officer, Shaikh Mohamed Al Khalifa

and value driven, giving customers greater degrees of choice, the app has been continuously upgraded with advanced and unique features.

To focus efforts on expanding and building its own fintech brand, Beyon Money, Batelco has decided to end its previous collaboration with AFS and sunset "bwallet" digital wallet.

The Beyon Money super app is packed with great features such as Visa Prepaid Cards which can be used worldwide, connectivity with 7 banks in Bahrain, cat-

egorization of expenses & financial insights, as well as fully digital remittances. The remittance feature has been further developed to offer competitive rates for international transfers to India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Egypt and Europe with USA coming imminently.

Batelco Chief Digital Growth Officer, Shaikh Mohamed Al Khalifa said, "In 2021, Batelco established a new financial services company following the receipt of licenses awarded by the Central Bank of Bahrain, making

it the first telco subsidiary in the GCC to achieve this milestone. Earlier this year, we successfully launched Beyon Money and have prepared the sunsetting of "bwallet" to shift our focus and efforts towards our own brand."

"We are pleased with the progress achieved at Beyon Money and we continue to develop and add new great features and innovative products every month by following clients' inputs and by creating new demand on products not existing elsewhere. The Beyon Money Team has been

working hard on constantly improving the platform and delivering exciting new features to its users, with the key focus being to drive value directly to our customers," he added.

All citizens and residents of Bahrain are welcome to download the Beyon Money app which is available on the App Store and Google Play and enjoy all the benefits and awards including cash backs and the fully digital international transfers at lowest cost in the market. For more details, customers may visit beyonmoney.com

# NBB finances first beneficiary of 'Tas'heel' social housing solutions

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) announced financing the first beneficiary under the 'Tas'heel' finance solutions, enabling them to purchase a residential villa in Deerat AlOyoun, in conjunction with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and Eskan Bank. 'Tas'heel' falls under the latest housing finance programmes introduced by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning.

The Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi, said: "As part of the ministry's efforts to achieve the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa



Jean-Christophe Durand



Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani



Dr Khalid Abdulla



Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi

and in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, we are keen to enhance the housing services offered to the community by providing innovative housing solutions in collaboration with the private sector."

Dr Khalid Abdulla, General Manager of Eskan Bank, commented: "'Tas'heel' offers a range of social housing financing solutions that aim to support citizens of Bahrain, and help fulfil their diverse housing requirements."

Chief Executive Officer at NBB, Jean-Christophe Durand, added: "We are proud to be the first Bank in the Kingdom to successfully complete a joint housing loan as part of the newly-launched 'Tas'heel' social housing solutions by the

Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning."

Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani, Chief Executive Retail Banking at NBB, added: "With an experienced team that provides informed advisory services, and a smooth application and approval

process, we continue to provide the best-in-class financing solutions to our customers."

'Tas'heel' offers three different financing options: Tas'heel Aqari, Tas'heel Al Bait Al Oud and 'Tas'heel Ta'awon, and will see new features added to the existing 'Mazaya' programme, as well as a continued offering of existing housing services.

The programme will increase the minimum amount of financing from BHD19,000 to BHD40,000, while increasing the cap from BHD60,000 to BHD70,000. The age cap for 'Mazaya' beneficiaries will also be increased to 40 years of age.



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**NARENDRA MODI**  
PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

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The year 2022 is a historic year for India and for more than a billion Indians living all around the globe.

It's historic, for on this day, Indians, who account for more than 16.8 per cent of the world population, mark their honours to the countless number of freedom fighters who had sacrificed their lives for the country.

On this day, 75 years ago, Indians watched with bated breath the dawn of a new era, a new beginning of deliverance from the yoke of imperialism.

And as we know, it just didn't happen in a day.

It was the culmination of a series of events that started in 1857 and lasted till 1947.

Leading from the front of this battle - driven by the strength of the common man - were some of the well-known leaders - India and the world have even seen - like Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru and Bhagat Singh.

There were also several lesser-known freedom fighters whose contributions are lost in the pages of history.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Tiruppur Kumaran, Aruna Asaf Ali, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, Bhikaji Cama, Mangal Pandey, Surya Sen, Bahadur Shah Zafar, Rani Laxmi Bai and Velu Nachiyar are some among them.

Likewise, the 75th anniversary also opens up an opportunity to recall the watershed movements of India in its quest for freedom.

One amongst them happened 90 years before India gained independence.

We call it now the rebellion of 1857. It led to the end of the British East India rule in the country, the stop to the doctrine of lapse, and the admission of Indians to civil services for the first time.

Lucknow Pact - 1916, the Champaran

Satyagraha - 1917, Jallianwala Bagh Massacre and Khilafat Movement - 1919, the Non-Cooperation Movement - 1920, and Quit India Movement - 1942 shines bright in the history of freedom struggle in this regard.

Azadi Amrit Mahotsav, which began on the 12th of March 2021, is a celebration of these milestones and the sacrifices of those unsung heroes who have made freedom a reality.

In the words of Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India: "The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav means elixir of energy of independence; elixir of inspirations of the warriors of the freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges; and the elixir of Aatmanirbharta. Therefore, this Mahotsav is a festival of the awakening of the nation; the festival of fulfilling the dream of good governance; and the festival of global peace and development."

The Mahotsav also casts the spotlight on India's 75 years of hard work, innovation, and enterprise of ordinary Indians.

As in the words of Modi himself: "Whether in the country or abroad, we Indians have proved ourselves with our hard work. We are proud of our Constitution. We are proud of our democratic traditions. The mother of democracy, India is still moving forward by strengthening democracy. India, rich in knowledge and science, is leaving its mark from Mars to the moon."

This Mahotsav of India's 75 years is for those who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but also hold within them the power and potential to activate India 2.0 fuelled by the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The ongoing Har Ghar Tiranga - a campaign to bring the tricolour home to hoist it - is powered by this dream and commitment to nation-building.

And, quite rightly, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation at the Red Fort in Delhi, gracing the occasion as special guests will be mortuary employees, street vendors and Mudra Scheme loanees.

The event will also cast a spotlight on India's advancements in technology and its leadership in various spheres.

One amongst will be the firing of a ceremonial salute.

Showcasing India's advancement, this year, an indigenously designed and developed Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) will fire the 21-shot ceremonial salute.

A British one-pound ceremonial gun has been performing this job since independence.

Today, ATAGS gun designed by Defence Research and Development Organisation and developed by the industry partners will take up this job from today.

Another attraction will be a formation by National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets from every district, each dressed in traditional garb. They will sit in front of the Red Fort in the shape of the map of India, befitting the occasion. Cadets from 14 nations, including Mauritius, Argentina, Seychelles, UAE, Mozambique, Fiji, USA, UK, Indonesia, Maldives, Nigeria, Brazil, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan, have been invited to the Independence Day celebrations ceremony.

India has invited African American singer Mary Millben known for her moving rendition of 'Om Jai Jagadish Hare' and 'Jana Gana Mana', to attend and perform at the celebrations.

Thus, as we do every year, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav this time will be a celebration of grandeur, gaiety, fervour and enthusiasm.

On this gracious occasion, Tribune wishes all a happy Independence Day.





# Building an Atmanirbhar Bharat

**DROUPADI MURMU**

**President of India**

**M**y heartiest greetings in advance to all Indians living in the country and abroad on the eve of the 76th Independence Day.

For a nation, particularly an ancient one such as India, the passage of 75 years is merely a blink of an eye. But for us as individuals, it is a lifetime. Senior citizens among us have witnessed a dramatic change in their lifetime. They have seen how, after Independence, all the generations have toiled hard; how we met great challenges and how we have taken charge of our destiny. The lessons learnt in the process will prove useful as we move towards the next milestone in the journey of the nation – the Amrit Kaal, the 25 years to the celebration of the centenary of our Independence.

By the year 2047, we will have fully realised the dreams of our freedom fighters. We will have given a concrete shape to the vision of those who, led by Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, drafted the Constitution. We are already on course to build an Atmanirbhar Bharat, an India that would have realised its true potential.

The world has seen a new India rising in recent years, more so after the outbreak of COVID-19.



Our response to the pandemic has been appreciated everywhere. We launched the biggest vaccination drive in human history with vaccines manufactured in the country itself. Last month we crossed the 200-crore mark in cumulative vaccine coverage. In combating the pandemic, our achievements have been better than those of many developed countries. For this feat, we are grateful to our scientists, doctors, nurses, paramedics and the staff associated with vaccination.

The pandemic has uprooted lives and also economies in the

entire world. When the world has been battling the economic consequences of the great crisis, India got its act together and is now moving forward. India is among the fastest growing major economies in the world. India's start-up eco-system ranks high in the world. The success of start-ups in our country, especially the growing number of unicorns is a shining example of our industrial progress. The government and policy-makers deserve credit for beating the global trend and helping the economy flourish. During the

last few years, unprecedented progress has been made in the development of physical and digital infrastructure. Through the Pradhan Mantri Gati-Shakti Yojana, all the modes of connectivity based on water, land, air etc. are being integrated in the whole country to enable seamless transportation across the country. For the vibrancy of growth visible in our country, credit must also be given to workers and farmers whose hard work has made it possible and entrepreneurs whose business acumen has created wealth. What is all the more heartening is that the growth is becoming more inclusive and regional disparities too are reducing.

But this is only the beginning. A series of economic reforms and policy initiatives have been preparing the ground for a long term. Digital India, for example, is creating the bedrock of a knowledge economy. The 'National Education Policy' is aimed at preparing the future generation for the next stage of industrial revolution while also reconnecting it with our heritage.

Economic success is leading to an ease in living too. Economic reforms are rightly accompanied by innovative welfare initiatives. A home of one's own is no longer a dream for the poor, but a reality for more and more people, thanks to the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana'. Similarly, under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission', tap water connection is being provided to every household since the launch of the 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme.

The aim of these and many other similar efforts is to provide basic amenities to all, particularly the poor. The keyword for India today is compassion; for the downtrodden, for the needy and for those on the margins. Some of our national values have been incorporated in our Constitution as the Fundamental Duties of the citizens. I appeal to every citizen to know about their Fundamental Duties and follow them in letter and spirit so that our nation reaches new heights

# Highlights of

## High Level Bilateral Engagem



### PM of India held a telephonic conversation with CP & PM of Kingdom of Bahrain:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a telephonic conversation with HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa on 1 February 2022.



### Visit of H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Foreign Minister of Bahrain to India:

Bahraini Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani visited India and co-chaired 3rd India-Bahrain High Joint Commission (HJC) in New Delhi on 7 April along with Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister. He also called on Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu during his visit to India.



### 75th Independence Day of India

On the occasion of 75th Independence Day, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava hoisted the National Flag in the Embassy complex. Kids from Sneha Recreation Center presented diyas, envelopes and book marks designed and completely made by the kids to Ambassador and Mrs. Monika Srivastava on the occasion. Embassy also organised a special event to mark the historic occasion in the evening which saw a virtual gathering of Bahraini dignitaries, prominent members of Indian community and Indian Schools in Bahrain.

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# India-Bahrain diplomatic engagements

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## Visit of Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister to Bahrain:

Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister visited Bahrain on 24-25 November 2020 to hold consultations with his counterpart H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Foreign Minister of Bahrain and meet the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.



## Visit of Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs to Bahrain:

Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble MoS for External Affairs paid a visit to Bahrain from 30 August to 01 September 2021, during which MoS met HM the King, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Labour Minister and other high ranking officials and dignitaries. MoS also met with the Indian community including prominent Indian businessmen and Indian community leaders as well as teachers, doctors and nurses.

## Meetings



## Meeting between Ministers of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and Bahrain:

Shri Anurag Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of India held virtual meeting with HE Mr. Aymen Tawfiq Almoayed, Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs of Bahrain on 16 September 2021 and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in sports and youth exchanges.



## Meeting between Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India and Minister of Oil of Bahrain:

Shri Hardeep S Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India and H. E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil, Bahrain held a virtual meeting on 28 September 2021 in which they discussed ways to deepen bilateral and multilateral cooperation in hydrocarbon sector, both in upstream and downstream areas.

## Celebration of Golden Jubilee of establishment of Diplomatic relation between India & Kingdom of Bahrain



## Golden Jubilee Celebrations:

On 12 October 2021, marked 50 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bahrain.



## Visit of INS Kochi to Bahrain:

Indian Naval Ship INS Kochi, led by the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet of the Indian Navy, Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar, made a port call in Bahrain from 15-18 August, 2021. On 16 August, the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet of the Indian Navy, Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar, called on HRH the Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kingdom of Bahrain.

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# Celebrating 75 years of India's journey

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On the occasion of 76th Independence Day of India, I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all Indian nationals, persons of Indian origin and friends of India in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This is a historic year for us. We are celebrating 75th anniversary of India's independence with the theme "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". The celebrations spanning over two years were inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on 12 March 2021, commemorating the historic Dandi march.

We look at 75 years of our nation's journey with pride and a sense of fulfilment. A pluralistic society and the largest democracy on earth, India has made tremendous strides in socio-economic development, and in all sectors of the economy- agriculture, industry and infrastructure, health, education, and services. Our scientific and technological advances and giant leaps in hi-tech areas of space, defence, IT, artificial intelligence, renewable energy, pharma and medical are recognized across the world.

Government of India's Atma Nirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) programme and substantial

efforts for post-Covid economic recovery have led to India becoming one of the fastest growing major economies in the world today. Indian economy, the 3rd largest (in PPP terms) in the world, is well poised to become the growth engine of the world. India is steadily claiming its place in the global value chain of manufacturing. In the FY 2021-22, India attracted its highest ever FDI of about USD 85 billion. This is testimony to our aggressive push for economic and infrastructure development, and a business and investor-friendly climate.

As we take these strides, we have followed the principle of Vasudaiva Kutumbakam i.e. 'the world is one family'. This was evident in India's leading role in the global fight against Covid-19 pandemic, the most difficult health and economic challenges the world has seen in recent times. With its top-class and highly competitive pharmaceutical industry which is 3rd largest in the world by volume, and world's largest vaccine production capacity, India provided vaccines, medicines and other medical assistance to over 150 countries across the world.

This year assumes special significance as India and the Kingdom of Bahrain are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relations. The historical bonds of friendship and people-to-people connect between India and Bahrain have been strengthened over the years.

This was evident in the excellent collaboration between our two countries in dealing with Covid-19

pandemic. I take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to the Leadership and the Government of Bahrain for taking exceptional care of the Indian community, including providing free vaccination at par with its citizens, during these difficult times.

Despite the restrictions posed by the pandemic, our deep-rooted multifaceted bilateral cooperation continued to grow. Hon'ble



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Minister of State for External Affairs Mr. V. Muraleedharan visited Bahrain in August/September 2021. HE. Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, MoFA visited India in March 2022 for holding the 5th round of Foreign Office Consultations. The Deputy Chief of the Indian Navy, Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru visited Bahrain last month. Bahrain joined the International Solar Alliance this year. India joined Combined

Maritime Forces, headquartered in Bahrain, as Associate Partner. Both sides have held a number of bilateral meetings between the government agencies and private sectors, which led to increase in collaboration in diverse areas including space, maritime security, renewable energy, health, food security, IT and fintech. Our two countries have achieved their highest-ever bilateral trade of US\$ 1.65 billion, an increase of over 55% from the last year.

Indian diaspora has been an integral part of India's journey and growth story. The dynamic and vibrant Indian community in Bahrain has immensely contributed to strengthening our trade, cultural and people-to-people ties. They have significantly contributed to the economic development of the Kingdom of Bahrain. On its part, the Kingdom, based on

its principles of tolerance and peaceful co-existence has welcomed the Indian community with open arms.

I wish continued progress, well-being and prosperity to the friendly people of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Long live the India-Bahrain friendship!

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Country	Total cases	Total deaths
1 USA	94,678,953	1,062,333
2 India	44,253,464	527,037
3 France	34,213,094	153,064
4 Brazil	34,164,891	681,480
5 Germany	31,535,343	145,698
6 UK	23,420,826	186,087
7 Italy	21,499,531	174,060
8 S. Korea	21,355,958	25,623
9 Russia	18,881,958	383,125
10 Turkey	16,295,817	99,678
11 Japan	15,445,279	35,001
12 Spain	13,294,139	111,667
13 Vietnam	11,365,784	43,098
14 Australia	9,795,953	12,859

### Global tally

594,996,350

### Deaths

6,454,184

### Recovered:

568,084,910

### New cases

+437,190

### New deaths

+808

Figures as of closing

Country	Middle East		Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
	cases	cases				
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	811,958	+105	9,269		798,805	3,884
UAE	1,004,751	+822	2,339		983,454	18,958
Kuwait	655,854		2,562		652,250	1,042
Oman	397,231		4,260		384,669	8,302
Qatar	419,370	+748	681		413,096	5,593

## Kuwait names first ambassador to Iran in over six years

Reuters | Kuwait

Kuwait has appointed an ambassador to Iran, both countries said yesterday, more than six years after recalling its top envoy to Tehran in solidarity with Saudi Arabia after it severed ties with the Islamic Republic in 2016.

Ambassador Bader Abdullah Al-Munaikh handed his credentials to Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian in Tehran on Saturday, Iran's foreign ministry said on its website. Kuwait's foreign ministry confirmed Munaikh was appointed envoy to Iran.

Iran already has an ambassador in Kuwait.

The United Arab Emirates is working to send an ambassador to Iran as it seeks to rebuild bridges following years of animosity, a senior Emirati official said last month.

Saudi Arabia launched direct talks with Iran last year. The kingdom's foreign minister has said there has been some progress in five rounds of Iraq-mediated discussions, but "not enough".

## Fireworks warehouse explodes in Armenian mall, killing one, injuring 57

Reuters

Blasts ripped through a fireworks warehouse in a shopping mall in the Armenian capital of Yerevan yesterday, Russian news agencies reported, killing one and injuring more than 50 people.

Video footage showed thick grey smoke rising above a building, followed by an explosion that sent people running from the scene.

People were trying to clear rubble and debris from a building that suffered extensive damage as clouds of dust and smoke hung in the air. Other bystanders were helping victims.

Armenia's health ministry said on Telegram that the number of people injured had reached 57, of whom 20 had already been discharged. One person died, the emergency situations ministry said.

Firefighters were struggling to contain the blaze as fireworks continued detonating, complicating the search and rescue operation, TASS cited the head of the ministry's rescue service as saying.

It was not immediately clear what caused the fireworks to detonate.



Firefighters extinguish a fire after blasts ripped through a fireworks warehouse in a shopping mall in Yerevan, Armenia



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The Boxer Rebellion: In China, the Empress, her family and court retainers flee while foreign troops move through Peking in an attempt to quell the rebellion



India gains independence from Great Britain, remains a dominion until 1950

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani flees the country as Taliban forces enter the capital Kabul and take control

Scotland's police investigate threat made to JK Rowling after Rushdie tweet



Author JK Rowling

Reuters | London

Scotland's police said yesterday they are investigating a report of an "online threat" made to the author JK Rowling after she tweeted her condemnation of the stabbing of Salman Rushdie. The Harry Potter creator said she felt "very sick" after hearing the news and hoped the novelist would "be OK". In response, a user said "don't worry you are next". After sharing screenshots of the threatening tweet, Rowling said: "To all sending supportive messages: thank you police are involved (were already involved on other threats)".

# Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, 'India's Warren Buffett', dies at 62

Jhunjhunwala died at the age of 62 a week after the launch of his budget airline

Jhunjhunwala started dabbling in stocks as a teenager and went on to manage a stock trading firm

Reuters | Mumbai

India's best-known stock investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, dubbed the country's Warren Buffett, died yesterday, prompting an outpouring of tributes for a self-made billionaire whose fortunes rose with the country's economy. Jhunjhunwala died at the age of 62, a week after the launch of his budget airline, Akasa Air. He had looked and sounded frail promoting the carrier. The cause of his death was not immediately known. He is survived by his wife,

whom he used to call his only client, and three children. He leaves stakes in around three dozen Indian companies and a legacy of quoting one-liners like "the trend is your friend" and "the only rule I have is there are no rules". "All I've known is trading and investing. I don't want to do anything else in life," Jhunjhunwala told Reuters 10 years ago. "I'll call it quits the day I die." On Monday, he told CNBC-TV18 that India's economy, Asia's third-biggest, was "entering a golden age," expressing hope that "my fellow Indians are as optimistic as I am." Jhunjhunwala was a big public supporter of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who lauded him on Sunday as "indomitable, full of life, witty and insightful". Born in the state of Rajasthan and trained in chartered accountancy, Jhunjhunwala started dabbling in stocks as a teenager and went on to manage a stock trading firm, RARE Enterprises. His net worth was

about \$6 billion, according to Forbes.

He made his first big profit by buying 5,000 shares in Tata Tea with borrowed money, confident the markets had under-estimated the potential of a company looking to grow at a time of rising yield production. He trebled his money within months.

Better, bigger investments followed, including a leveraged bet in the late 1980s on iron ore exporter Sesa Goa. Jhunjhunwala bought the stock at 60-65 rupees and sold at 2,200 rupees.



His firm's investments include many Tata Group companies, such as Tata Motors, watchmaker Titan, Tata Communications and Indian Hotels Co, which runs the Taj hotels.

Other investments include Indiabulls Housing Finance, Star Health Insurance, Federal Bank and vocational training company Aptech Ltd.

Jhunjhunwala had told Reuters the growth of the Indian stock market since the country's economy was liberalised in 1991 - a period in which the main Sensex index has risen about 40-fold - was a big factor in his success.



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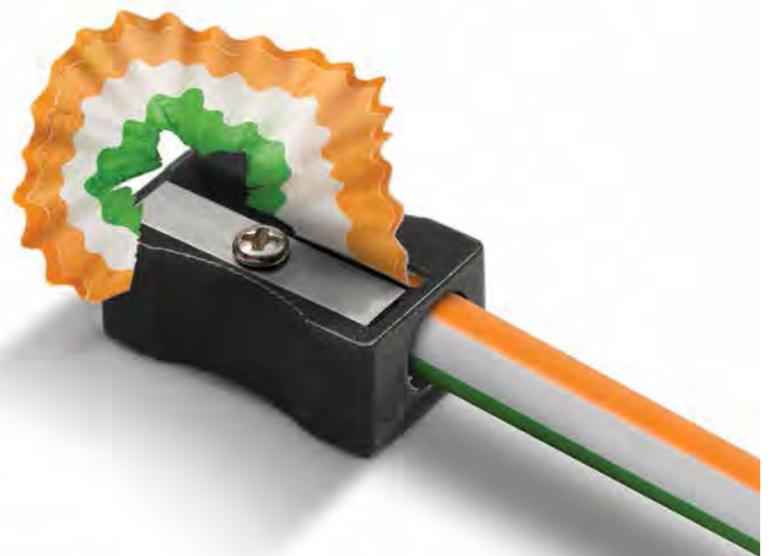
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# celebs

## Tom Cruise planning musical, new action movie and Tropic Thunder spin-off

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Tom Cruise is reportedly working on a musical, a new action film and a 'Tropic Thunder' spin-off.

The 'Top Gun: Maverick' star is said to be teaming up with the blockbuster sequel's producer Christopher McQuarrie - with whom he's collaborated with a lot in the past - on a diverse trio of upcoming projects.

As reported by Deadline, Cruise and McQuarrie are looking at plans for an original song and dance musical planned as a vehicle for the 60-year-old actor, along with a new action film with the potential to develop into a franchise.

Another idea the duo are debating

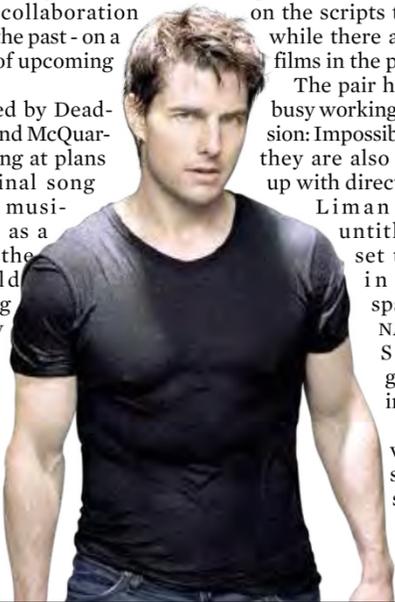
revolves around Grossman, which is the studio executive Cruise cameoed as in 'Tropic Thunder'.

According to the report, it's not clear if the character will get his own standalone film, or if he could instead appear in either of the other projects.

The pair are collaborating on the scripts together, while there are other films in the pipeline.

The pair have been busy working on 'Mission: Impossible 8', and they are also teaming up with director Doug Liman on an untitled film set to shoot in outer space with NASA and SpaceX getting involved.

Univision has signed on as the studio



Tom Cruise

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**Cruise and McQuarrie - who transformed Ethan Hunt's arc for 2011's 'Mission: Impossible = Ghost Protocol' - have worked well together for well over a decade, and the Hollywood star has spoken fondly of the filmmaker in the past**

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## Iggy Azalea announces return to music career

ANI | Washington

Iggy Azalea is all set to come out of retirement as the singer took to social media recently and shared that she will be returning to the music industry.

According to Fox news, she tweeted, "A year ago I was willing to walk away from music because I was tired of the negative energy it attracted. But what I've learned is that even when I'm minding my business, y'all gonna be negative AND nossey. So if I can't have peace, neither can you. I'm coming back. Cry about it."

Azalea released her last album to date, 'The End of an Era'. At the time, she told her fans that after the release of the album, she would "take a few years to focus on other creative projects and things I'm feeling passionate and in-

spired by, beyond music."

After sharing the news of her return, Azalea tweeted the next day, saying: "Im not gonna talk about dates, direction or anything just know it's happening and there will be a budget."

She also shared on Twitter that she will continue to release everything through her own label, Bad Dreams. Though there haven't been many details about the music that is coming from Azalea, she's made it clear that music will be released in the near future.

Azalea has been nominated for four Grammy Awards in the best new artist, record of the year, best rap album and best pop duo/group performance categories. She is also mom to her baby Onyx with her ex Playboi Carti, as per Fox News.



Iggy Azalea

## Jason Momoa slams his 'Conan The Barbarian' movie

IANs | Los Angeles

Hollywood star Jason Momoa has slammed his 'Conan the Barbarian' reboot movie and said it "turned into a big pile of s\*\*\*".

Speaking to British GQ for a profile piece, Jason slammed the 2011 film, which he starred in as the sword-swinging character of legend in a remake of the film that featured Arnold Schwarzenegger in 1982, reports deadline.com.

"I've been a part of a lot of things that really sucked, and movies where it's out of your hands," he told British GQ.

"Conan was one of them. It's one of the best experiences I had, and it (was) taken over and turned into a big pile of s\*\*\*."



Jason Momoa

## Will Poulter wants to make another musical

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Will Poulter

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Will Poulter would "jump at the opportunity" to make another musical.

The 29-year-old actor had a great time working on heist film 'The Score' and its soundtrack with co-stars Naomi Ackie and Johnny Flynn and he'd love the chance to sing on camera again in the future.

He said: "'The Score' is the closest thing I have to a mixtape because I'm involved in several tracks.

"Recording those songs with Naomi and Johnny was one of the most fun periods of my life.

"It was a lovely introduction to the world of musicals, I would jump at the opportunity [to do more]."

And while Will is usually a reluctant dancer, he felt "totally at ease" showing off his moves with Naomi in the film.

He told Total Film magazine: "I try to avoid dancing at all costs.

"I need to have had several tequilas to even attempt dancing.

## Chris Pratt smashes the 'woke critics' of his new show 'The Terminal List,' takes to Instagram to troll them

Fox | Los Angeles

Chris Pratt had the last laugh after "woke critics" on "Rotten Tomatoes" certified his new Amazon Prime show, "The Terminal List," as "rotten."

The show follows Pratt's character, Navy SEAL commander James Reece, who is determined to find out who killed his platoon and get revenge.



Chris Pratt

While critics were not pleased with the production, many fans immediately came to Pratt's rescue, with the audience score on the review site coming in as 94% "fresh."

In a brazen move, the "Wanted" star took to his Instagram story, sharing a report that suggested the actor defied "woke critics."

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# Noora crowned ladies' singles champion in Arab bowling

Bahrain national team make impressive start at 10th Arab Men's and sixth Ladies' Bowling Championship 2022 in Egypt

● **Noora Sultan claims first medal for Bahrain's ladies' team at Arab championship**

● **Ahmed Fareed, Abdulla Abdulkarim narrowly miss out on men's singles podium**

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Bahrain's Noora Sultan was crowned ladies' singles champion at the 10th Arab Men's and sixth Ladies' Bowling Championship 2022, currently being held in Egypt.

Noora clinched her gold medal after finishing as the top-ranked competitor from a field of 28, who played six games.

Noora finished with a total of 1,211 pins for a 201.83 average. Her series included game counts of a high of 257, 211, 179, 225, 178 and 161.

Taking the silver medal behind Noora was Menna Sultan from Egypt with a 1,199 total and



Noora Sultan celebrates with her gold medal for winning the ladies' singles



**All four of Bahrain's participants in the ladies' singles finished in the top 20 of the final rankings. Noora Sultan was first, Zahra Hashem 10th, Layla Al Janahi was 12th while Mariam Al Shaikh finished 20th**

199.83 average, while Wasmeyah Al Aboulla from Kuwait won the bronze with a 1,158 total and 193.00 average.

Bahrain's Zahra Hashem joined Noora in the top 10 of the final standings. Zahra had a total of 1,061 and a 176.83 average.

Bahrain's Layla Al Janahi followed in 12th with counts of 1,025 and 170.83, while Mariam Al Shaikh was Bahrain's last participant and she finished 20th with

a 940 total and 156.67 average.

Meanwhile, in the men's singles, Bahrainis Ahmed Fareed and Abdulla Abdulkarim narrowly missed out on a podium finish.

They ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, with Fareed going just eight pins shy of claiming the bronze medal.

He completed his six-game campaign with a 1,367 total for a 227.83 average in fourth, while Abdulkarim had marks of 1,364 and 227.33.

Bahrain had four others in the field of 60 players competing. Ahmed Al Ansari finished 44th with a 1,130 total and a 188.33 average, Zeyad Al Awadhi was 47th with a 1,119 total and a 186.50 average, Aqeel Al Awadhi was 55th with a 1,024 total and a 170.67 average, and Rashid Aldalhan came 56th with marks of 1,008 and 168.00.

The championship continues until August 19, and there is also competition in the doubles, trios, teams and all events.

The Bahraini delegation in Egypt is headed by Bahrain Bowling Association treasurer Rashid Al Bouainain.

**United players trashed tactical plan, says apologetic Ten Hag**



Erik ten Hag

Reuters | London

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag apologised to the club's supporters for his team's abject performance in their 4-0 loss against Brentford on Saturday, claiming the players consigned pre-match plans to "the bin".

United, the 20-times English champions, sit at the foot of the Premier League standings for the first time in 30 years after Ten Hag kicked off his first campaign in charge with back-to-back defeats following last week's loss to Brighton.

"Brentford were more hungry," the Dutchman told reporters. "We conceded goals from individual mistakes. You can't have a tactical plan but then put it in the bin."

United last won the Premier League title nine years ago in Alex Ferguson's final season in charge and the club appear further away than ever to returning to their position among English football's elite.

# Janahi qualifies for Wimbledon Under-14 Tennis Championships

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Bahraini youth player Marwan Rashad Janahi qualified to compete in the Wimbledon Under-14 Tennis Championships.

He booked his spot after playing in the qualifying tournament, which included 10,000 players from different countries around the world. He emerged among the 192 players to get through.

Janahi is one of the most promising Bahraini talents in tennis.

Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) president Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa



Marwan Rashad Janahi in Wimbledon

said that this achievement is the first of its kind in the game in Bahrain, praising the qualification of Janahi to participate in Wimbledon. Shaikh Abdulaziz pointed out that the BTF is proud to have a Bahraini player in the list of finalists for this distinguished event.

He stressed that the Union will continue to seek support for the youth sector, within the framework of its strategic plans to promote the game, and prepare a new generation of players capable of achieving more honorable feats at the regional, continental and international levels.

# Hurkacz to meet Carreno Busta for Montreal title

AFP | Montreal

Hubert Hurkacz shrugged off a slow start to upset fourth seed Casper Ruud on Saturday and book a title clash with Pablo Carreno Busta at the ATP Montreal Masters.

Poland's Eighth-seeded Hurkacz needed two hours to claim a 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory over his Norwegian opponent, who had dropped just one set all week. But his workload was minor compared to that of unseeded Spaniard Carreno Busta, who needed three hours to hold off Briton Daniel Evans 7-5, 6-7 (7/9), 6-2.

Carreno Busta had a match point in the second set tiebreak-



Hubert Hurkacz returns to Casper Ruud

er but couldn't close out victory for another 50 minutes, finally sprinting away as he won the last dozen points of the match.

Evans sent over his sixth double-fault of a long evening to surrender the contest.

Carreno Busta reached his

**Carreno Busta reached his first Masters final, where he'll be vying to become the first unseeded Canadian champion since Argentina's Guillermo Canas in 2002**

first Masters final, where he'll be vying to become the first unseeded Canadian champion since Argentina's Guillermo Canas in 2002.

The last player ranked outside the top eight to win the Canadian crown was Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in 2014, when the men played in Toronto.



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# Bahrain win historic Asian volleyball bronze

Kingdom's senior men's national team cap spectacular tournament debut with straight-sets victory over South Korea to claim third overall in 2022 AVC Cup for Men in Thailand

● **Debutants Bahrain battle hard to claim 3-0 (25-23, 27-25, 32-30) victory against 2014 AVC Cup for Men winners**

● **Bahrainis Mohamed Abdulla and Husain Sultan win Best Outside Hitter and Best Libero awards, respectively**

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**B**ahrain captured an historic bronze medal yesterday in the 2022 AVC Cup for Men, which came to a close in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand.

The Bahrainis secured their place on the tournament podium after defeating South Korea 3-0 (25-23, 27-25, 32-30) in a hotly contested clash for third place.

The result sealed their spectacular debut in the prestigious Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) event, which featured 11 of the top senior men's national volleyball teams from across the



Bahrain national team players, coaches and officials celebrate with their bronze medals after the awarding ceremony

continent. Aside from the team's achievement, two of their top players were also awarded yesterday for their individual performances.

Mohamed Abdulla came away with the award for Best Outside Hitter, while Husain Sultan was named the competition's Best Libero.

Both talents were presented

their respective trophies in the awards ceremony, which followed the final.

China were crowned the champions after defeating Japan 3-0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-22) in the gold medal game. The Chinese wrapped up their campaign with an undefeated record.

Following Bahrain's historic bronze medal victory, head

coach Issanaye Ramires from Brazil commented: "We worked hard day by day to grow up in the tournament.

"We got it, and I'd like to thank my players. I'd like to dedicate that victory, that medal, to my teammates, staff and especially for my family.

"Thank you, Bahrain, for everything. See you next time."



**We worked hard day by day to grow up in the tournament. We got it, and I'd like to thank my players**

ISSANAYE RAMIRES

Aside from Abdulla and Sultan, Bahrain's 14-player roster in the AVC Cup for Men included setters Mahmood Hasan and Mahmood Alafyah; wing spikers Naser Anan, Mahmood Ahmed and Yusuf Ali; opposites Mohamed Anan and Ali Khamis; middle blockers Abbas Al Khabbaz, Husain Aljeshi and Mohamed Aldawiri; and libero Ayman Haroona.

The Bahrainis began the tournament with a win over Chinese-Taipei in their opening Pool D game, but then followed that up with a four-set loss to China.

Their sole victory was enough to earn them their place in the main round, where they were in Pool E along with the Chinese, Iran and Pakistan.



**Bahrain finished third behind China and Japan amongst the 11 participating national teams in the tournament. Ranked fourth through 11th, respectively, were South Korea, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand, Australia, Chinese-Taipei, India and Hong Kong**

Their earlier result against China was carried over, and they then won by four sets over the Iranians and by three sets against the Pakistanis.

That set the stage for their clash in the semi-finals against Japan, which they lost in three sets, before winning their bronze medal game against South Korea.



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LONG LIVE INDO-BAHRAIN FRIENDSHIP

