

**Finch, Starc shine as Australia edge Sri Lanka**

Australia captain Aaron Finch and pace bowler Mitchell Starc stole the show as the holders eased to an 87-run win over Sri Lanka at the Oval on Saturday. **P16**

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**Strong response call**

Saudi Arabia calls for decisive response to energy supply threats

● Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al Falih's comments come as Kokuka Courageous and Front Altair head to ports in the UAE.

● GCC adds to international condemnation of attacks on two oil tankers in Gulf of Oman



Khalid Al Falih at a meeting of G20 energy and environment ministers in Karuizawa, Japan.

Emirates' coast were carried out by a state-actor using sophisticated technology.

GCC Secretary-General Dr Abdullah Al Zayani added to the chorus of international condemnation yesterday, describing the attacks as a dangerous escalation and violation of international laws.

He also said that it was a direct threat to maritime safety and the world's energy supply.

He said that "this attack is a terrorist act that calls for the international community to respond quickly and decisively to protect international shipping lines in this vital region of the world."

US President Donald Trump said the attack had Iran "written all over it" and Saudi Arabia said it agreed with Washington's initial assessment that Tehran was

after London also blamed it for the attacks, the Students News Agency ISNA reported.

"During the meeting with Iran's foreign ministry official, Iran strongly condemned the unfounded allegations and criticised Britain's unacceptable stance regarding the attacks in the Gulf of Oman," it said.

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt issued a statement Friday blaming Iran and its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps for the attacks, saying no other state or non-state actor could have been responsible.

Meanwhile, crew members of the Norwegian-owned oil tanker that was attacked landed Saturday in Dubai after two days in Iran.

Associated Press journalists saw the crew of the Front Altair after their Iran Air flight from Bandar Abbas, Iran, landed in the UAE.

Earlier, the oil tanker left Iran's territorial waters and was under tow to the UAE, shipping officials said Saturday.

The Norwegian company which owns the ship said specialists would board the vessel on Saturday to assess the damage.

The other tanker that was attacked, the Kokuka Courageous, was heading to port Saturday, its owners said.

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SHAIKH ABULLAH AL NAHYAN

**Bahrain 'new leader in MMA rankings'**

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The Kingdom has reached the top of the mixed martial arts world as the country is now the leader in IMMAF-WMMAA world rankings, surpassing Kazakhstan, Sweden, Russia, and New Zealand.

The positive results in the Asian and African Open tournaments were instrumental in the rise of Team Bahrain.

Bahrain led the African Open, ahead of hosts South Africa, with four gold medals, two bronzes, and one silver; while Team Bahrain also had a significantly positive result at the Asian Open, with 13 medals in total, including five golds, one silver, and seven bronze medals.

After four years of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa's attention turning to the development of mixed martial arts in the Kingdom and abroad, Team Bahrain has fulfilled one of its main objectives, ahead of what promises to be a historical International Combat Week.



HH Shaikh Khalid

Around 550 athletes from 60 nations will gather in Bahrain for the IMMAF-WMMAA World Championships, from November 9th to the 16th, and His Highness' vision for the sport will once again be exposed to the entire world, as his contributions continue to transform the mixed martial arts world and the sports industry as a whole, Brave Combat Federation said yesterday in a statement issued. **See Page 5**

Dubai

Saudi Arabia has called for a swift response to the threat to energy supplies, two days after attacks on two tankers in the Gulf of Oman.

"There must be a rapid and decisive response to the threat of energy supply, market stability and consumer confidence, which are posed by recent terrorist acts in both the Arabian Sea and the Arabian Gulf, against the major global energy supply chains," Energy Minister Khalid Al Falih said at a G20 meeting in Japan.

His comments came as the UAE foreign minister Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan said the Gulf of Oman attacks and an attack last month on four tankers off the

TRAGIC END

**Six years old boy dies after being forgotten on Dubai bus**

● The boy was identified as Mohammed Farhan, son of Faisal K P, who hails from the south Indian state of Kerala.

Dubai

In a shocking incident, a six-year-old boy died after he was forgotten inside a bus for several hours in Dubai, Dubai Police said yesterday.

The Asian boy was forgotten inside a bus belonging to the Centre for Memorising Quran in the Al Quoz area from 8am onwards on Saturday.



The boy was forgotten inside the minibus in Al Quoz area. Later Dubai Police seized the minibus.

Dubai Police yesterday confirmed that the driver and bus supervisor are being questioned over negligence.

The boy was identified as Mohammed Farhan, son of Faisal K P, who hails from the south Indian state of Kerala.

Dubai Police have confirmed that the driver and bus supervisor are being questioned over negligence.

Tragedy struck Farhan's family just ahead of his eldest sister's wedding, scheduled to be held on July 25, the family friend was quoted by Gulf News.

He said Farhan was the youngest of four children.

Dubai Police said the boy was

alone inside the bus after all other children had alighted.

Colonel Faisal Al Qasim, Director of Security Media at Dubai Police, said the boy was left inside the bus for nine hours after the driver closed the door without checking if there was anyone inside.

"Command Room received a call about the body of the child inside the private bus of the centre. Officers went to the location and found that the bus was had carried a group of young children to the centre in the morning. After all students left, the bus door closed but one child got left behind. It was only at 3pm that his body was found," he said.



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