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# HM King, Hungary's Novak call for strong ties

HM King honours Hungarian President with the Order of Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa- First Class

**● Hungarian President bestowed on HM King the Hungarian Order of Merit**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday honoured the Hungarian President Katalin Novak with the "Order of Shaikh 'Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa- First Class" in appreciation of her efforts to enhance bilateral ties.

The honouring ceremony was in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

On the same occasion, the Hungarian President also bestowed on HM King the "Hun-

Out of our pride in our friendly countries' hopes and aspirations that enhance our human rapprochement, we are pleased to bestow upon you the Order of Shaikh 'Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa-First Class, to express our country's great appreciation, respect and love for friendly Hungary

HM KING



I am personally proud of this opportunity to visit your beautiful country, Bahrain. I am also proud of being the first President of Hungary to visit the Kingdom of Bahrain for the first time. Therefore, we can consider this visit a historic visit in our bilateral relations

KATALIN NOVAK

garian Order of Merit, Grand Cross with Chain"- the highest state award granted to foreign heads of state.

This came during a joint meeting where HM King and the Hungarian President reviewed ways to broaden ties and discussed the latest regional and international developments.

Recalling the visit HM made

to Hungary three years ago, King Hamad said it provided an opportunity to learn about the legacy of Hungary and its civilizational achievements.

HM King also asserted that the ongoing efforts would enrich the two countries' joint action.

Novak, also the first President of Hungary to visit Bahrain, called the moment a "historic

episode in bilateral ties.

"I also hope this will reflect in the next steps we take towards strengthening our economic, cultural and tourism relations."

Being a mother of three children, the President stressed she highly values the role of motherhood and fatherhood in all our lives.

She also stressed the impor-

ance of preserving family relations, being the basis of her country.

Yesterday, Hungary and Bahrain also signed two memoranda of understanding to enhance economic ties.

Katalin Novák, highlighting the 150,000 Hungarian citizens who live in Ukraine, stressed the need to work together to stop

the war hailing HM King's efforts to ensure world peace.

Following the meeting, HM King Hamad hosted a lunch banquet in honour of the Hungarian President and her accompanying delegation. A convoy of honour, led by Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, accompanied the Hungarian President. (See page 5)

**Saudi aims for huge new downtown in Riyadh by 2030**

Reuters | Dubai

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman yesterday launched a company to carry out a hugely ambitious development in downtown Riyadh.

The kingdom aims to double the size and population of its capital city with total investments of \$800 billion under its Vision 2030 plan to modernise the state and reduce its dependence on oil export revenues.

State news agency SPA said the New Murabba Development Company's project would include a museum, a technology and design university, a multi-purpose immersive theatre and more than 80 cultural and entertainment venues.

With a completion date of 2030 - in time for Expo 2030, which Saudi Arabia has bid to host - the development will spread over an area of 19 square kilometres to the northwest of Riyadh and provide accommodation for hundreds of thousands of residents.

The project was expected to add 180 billion riyals (\$48.00 billion) to non-oil GDP and create 334,000 direct and indirect jobs by 2030.



**Job creation cornerstone of development, says HRH Prince Salman**

# Royal Guards dig through rubble as toll tops 42,000

**● Death toll in Turkey and Syria surpasses 42,000**

**● Royal Guard mission progressing in Hatay province**

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The Royal Guard commandos of the Bahraini Defence Force are pushing ahead with their search, rescue and relief operation in Turkiye and Syria, extending much-needed help to families who are still awaiting news of their missing relatives, more



Members of Bahrain Royal Guard in action at the quake hit areas in Hatay, Turkiye

than ten days after the 7.9 magnitude quake struck the region. People killed by the deadliest quake in Turkiye have risen to 36,187, whereas in Syria, the reported toll is 5,800 - a figure that

has changed little in days. Members of Bahrain mission "Sawaed Al Ghaith" (Arms of Relief Operation) are working alongside the Vietnamese rescue team.

We serve the affected people with "professionalism and high responsibility", while ensuring "security and safety".

They have, so far, recovered the bodies of nine people buried beneath the rubble in the Hatay region. Hatay is one of the cities most impacted by the quake in southern Turkiye, said Bahrain officials.

Bahrain's rescue efforts follow the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

## HM King names Shaikha Mai CEO of National Centre for Financial Intelligence

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday made several appointments, including that of Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa to Financial Intelligence. As per a decree, Shaikha Mai will now serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Centre for Financial Intelligence at MoI. Separately, HM King named Dr Lulwa Rashed Showaiter as CEO of the Primary Healthcare Centres and Nabil Saleh Abdel-Aal as a member of the Future Generations Reserve Board, replacing Tariq Ahmed Al-Samaheji.

Other appointments include naming Dr Ijlal Faisal Ali Al-Alawi as Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health and Dua'a Sultan Mohammed Salman as Deputy Chief Executive of the Statistics and Population Registry at Information and eGovernment Authority.

# Job creation cornerstone of development: HRH CP, PM



HRH CP, PM during talks with the President of the Bahrain Medical Society at Gudaibiya Palace

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Creating more and better job opportunities for citizens remains central to the goals set by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for Kingdom's comprehensive development, said His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Speaking at a meeting with Dr Amer Ibrahim Al Derazi, the President of the Bahrain Medical Society at Gudaibiya Palace, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also stressed that the Kingdom aims to foster an environment conducive to enhancing innovation.

Moving on, HRH Prince Salman further highlighted the role

of Bahraini medical professionals in the developing National healthcare system.

Their contributions, HRH said, are critical to safeguarding the Kingdom and its citizens under various circumstances.

In this regard, HRH expressed pride in the efforts of Team Bahrain's medical professionals to enhance community service,

wishing them continued success. His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Health, Dr Jalila bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan, and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, were present.

## Huge participation for Productive Families' award

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The Ministry of Social Development announced a significant increase in nominations received this year for the HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for Productive Families.

Organised annually at the local level and every two years at the Arab level, the award closed the nominations window on Thursday after remaining open for nearly six weeks from the 8th of January.

Awards are for 'Best Productive Family', 'Best Product' and 'Best Sponsor of Productive Families'.

Assistant Undersecretary for Community Development at the Ministry of Social Development, Enas Muhammad Al-Majed, said the competition this year signals the increased popularity of the award.

"Only a limited number of applications were excluded for failing to meet set criteria."

The arbitration committee has started the evaluation of Bahraini Handmade Products collected in person at the Capital Mall and food products at a later date.

Winners will be honoured during a ceremony on the 16th of March.

An exhibition on "The Perfume and Incense Industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain" will be held on the sidelines of the prize distribution ceremony until early April.



Enas Muhammad Al-Majed

# Beyon Money F1 Village opens at Block 338

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in collaboration with Beyon Money, part of the Beyon Group, together with support partner The Oil and Gas Holding Company (nogaholding), opened yesterday evening the Beyon Money F1 Village at Block 338 in Adliya.

The two-week festival celebrating Formula 1 is being held for the second successive year following a hugely popular debut in 2022.

The Beyon Money F1 Village brings all the excitement of F1 closer to the fans with a daily celebration as part of the build-up to the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023.

Present at the opening were



Officials during the inauguration

Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive at BIC; Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of Beyon; Mikkel Vinter, CEO of Beyon; Roberto Mancone, CEO of Beyon Money; and Mark Thomas, Group CEO of nogaholding.

Sheikh Salman said: "The Beyon Money F1 Village is our way to showcase a festival of F1 in the

heart of Bahrain."

Beyon Money CEO Roberto Mancone said: "We are delighted to support the Beyon Money F1 Village for the second consecutive year."

Mark Thomas, Group CEO of nogaholding, said: "This marks the start of an exciting two-week festival where fans can enjoy the

F1 Bahrain Grand Prix spirit and

experience the thrill of the race at the heart of the Kingdom. We look forward to the race day on March 5th and we are proud to have partnered with the BIC in support of such an important national event."

The Beyon Money F1 Village is open daily until 2 March, from 6 pm to 11 pm on weekdays and midday to 11 pm on weekends.

All are welcome to attend, and entrance is completely free of charge.

There is plenty on offer for the whole family at the Village, including F1-related activities such as racing simulators, the chance to design your very own F1 car livery with a digital paint machine, a driver selfie experience, and the F1 show car and World Championship Trophy.

Meanwhile, the main stage will be active with daily live music performances from DJs and popular bands, there will be a craft village, BIC merchandise and ticketing stand, a Beyon Money stand activation, roaming family entertainment, street artists, magicians, and much more!

# Three-hour "Solidarity Day" fundraiser telethon for quake victims today

Julia Cassano  
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Bahrain's National TV and National Committee for Supporting Earthquake Victims will launch a live "Solidarity Day" telethon at 5pm today to support survivors and victims of the quake that devastated Türkiye and Syria. Residents and citizens are urged to join the three-hour fundraising campaign.

The campaign follows the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to provide urgent relief humanitarian aid to help nearly 9 million people in Syria and Türkiye.

Royal Humanitarian Foundation Secretary-General Dr Mustafa Al Sayed thanked HM King Hamad, the RFH Honorary President, for his initiatives to assist people and provide relief to the needy. The move also comes as Bahrain delivered its first shipment of relief to Turkey.

Reports had said millions of people are in need of humanitarian aid after being left homeless in near-freezing winter temperatures. Humanitarian agencies



In the pictures above are Bahrain's rescue team members in action at quake-hit areas in Türkiye. Bahrain's rescue efforts follow the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

also confirmed they require \$400 million to sufficiently respond to the most pressing humanitarian needs over the next three months. Besides, in a re-

cent comment, Martin Griffiths, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, said, "It has been over a week

since the ground shook in Türkiye and Syria, burying people alive, shattering homes, schools, and hospitals, causing indelible trauma across the region and

beyond."

"This is a crisis of colossal proportions, one which will be a true litmus test for global generosity, solidarity, and diplomacy."

Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) had said more than 4,300 aftershocks had hit the disaster zone since the initial quake.

Meanwhile, yesterday, rescuers brought out a 17-year-old in Turkey's southeastern Kahramanmaraş province, 248 hours since the quake struck in the dead of night on Feb. 6.



Bahrain's Rescue efforts are ongoing in Türkiye as directed by HM King. The efforts are under the guidance of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of BDF and His Highness Major General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the National Security Adviser and Commander of the Royal Guard.

# Mother too busy; Court awards grandmother child's custody

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A mother, whom the Court found was too busy to take care of her daughter or attend to her emotional needs, lost her custody battle with the child's grandmother. During the trial, the child also refused to return to her mother and expressed a desire to live with her grandmother. The ruling by the Minor Sharia Court also considered a social research report confirming the woman as a frequent traveller, who leaves the child in the com-

pany of domestic workers when away. The absence of motherly care, the report said, pushed the child into deep mental agony from a young age. The verdict came in a case filed by the grandmother after the child's mother, late at night one day, abruptly left the child at their doorsteps with a driver. Representing the grandmother, Lawyer Fatima Mejairan said the mother took the child away after she and her husband divorced, with her also marrying another. However, frequent travels made the woman inca-

pable of taking care of the child, ultimately leading her to leave the child at her ex-husband's house late at night. The Court ruled that Article 123 of the Family Law states custody as the ability to raise and take care of a child without prejudice. The law also states that the custodian should be a sane and trustworthy Muslim adult. The custody will be forfeited for failure to meet these conditions. The lawyer also produced a letter from the Immigration and Passports Department detailing

the mother's travel pattern. The Court further accepted the argument that it was a failure on the part of the mother to leave the child with a driver at a late hour. Besides, the court noted the child's academic improvement while in the care of the father's family. "The child, at this age, needs the care, love and support of family, which she has found from her grandmother," the Court said, adding, "The court, therefore, grants the grandmother's request for custody of the child."

# School girls attack, insult each other; ministry opens investigation

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Students at a secondary school for girls in the Kingdom are now facing disciplinary action for allegedly attacking each other. According to a report by the Education Ministry, the students in uniforms attacked and

traded insults with each other. The incident reportedly happened after school hours. The ministry said it has opened an investigation, and those involved will receive appropriate penalties. However, it is not clear how many students are involved or the reason for the noisy altercation.



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted joint inspection campaigns at shops and work sites in Muharraq and the Northern Governorate yesterday. Cases of violation were identified and referred for legal action. LMRA reiterated its appeal to report any breaches through its website, [www.lmra.bh](http://www.lmra.bh), or by calling the authority's call centre at 17506055.

# Rotary announces scholarships for students in peacebuilding

Julia Cassano  
TDT | Manama

The Rotary Club of Salmaniya, Manama, Adliya, and Seef organised a joint seminar on the Rotary Peace Fellowship yesterday at the Golden Tulip Hotel. Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Faisal Juma, the Peace Fellowship Country Chair of Bahrain, said: "As February is the peacebuilding and conflict resolution month in the Rotary International calendar, we launched the Fellowship at the beginning of this month for an-



yone to apply." The Fellowship covers tuition and living expenses and offers academic training, field experience, and professional networking opportunities. Rotary Peace Fellows are selected in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements every year. Fellows earn a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma in peace and development at one of the

Rotary Peace Centres at leading universities worldwide. "Over 1,600 programme alumni are working in over 140 countries as leaders in national governments, nongovernmental organisations, education, research, law enforcement, business and consulting, human rights law, media and the arts, and international organisations such as the United Nations," Juma said. The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2023. To apply visit: (<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>)

Cineco		Bahrain Cinema Company B.S.C.		Cineco			
Consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022							
<b>Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2022</b>		<b>Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2022</b>			
<i>(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)</i>		<i>(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)</i>		<i>(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)</i>			
	Year ended 31 December 2022	Year ended 31 December 2021	31 December 2022	31 December 2021	Year ended 31 December 2022	Year ended 31 December 2021	
Operating income	5,282,838	2,317,011	ASSETS		Operating activities		
Operating costs	(4,914,961)	(2,883,411)	Non-current assets		Net profit for the year	1,143,485	1,043,190
<b>Operating gross profit / (loss)</b>	<b>367,877</b>	<b>(566,400)</b>	Property, plant and equipment	5,002,194	Adjustments for:		
Income from investments, net	2,130,737	2,010,464	Capital work-in progress	-	Depreciation	678,145	655,949
Other income	667,107	976,632	Investment properties	23,078,000	Amortisation of cost to right-of-use assets	736,887	581,746
General and administrative expenses	(1,812,886)	(963,742)	Right-of-use assets	2,452,040	Capital work in progress written-off	134,146	85,752
Finance costs	(202,154)	(244,425)	Investment in an associate	10,099,872	Unrealised fair value gain on investment properties	(714,753)	(402,808)
<b>Net profit and other comprehensive income from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,150,681</b>	<b>1,212,529</b>	Non-current portion of receivable on disposal of business operations	-	Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment relating to discontinued operations	-	76,513
Loss on discontinued operations	(7,196)	(169,339)	Financial assets at amortised cost	13,968,954	Net share of (profit)/loss from investment in an associate	(422,738)	15,490
<b>Net profit and other comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>1,143,485</b>	<b>1,043,190</b>	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10,052,337	Interest income - discount amortisation	(18,327)	-
Basic earnings per share	Fils 14	Fils 13	Current assets		Loss on lease termination	79,340	-
			Inventories	146,689	Provision for obsolete inventories written-off	-	(15,930)
			Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9,414,365	Rent concession on lease liabilities	(254,766)	(380,659)
			Trade and other receivables	4,528,776	Net unrealised loss/(gain) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	459,223	(626,184)
			Cash and bank balances	275,127	Dividend income	(522,530)	(388,000)
			<b>Total assets</b>	<b>79,016,354</b>	Interest income from sukuk and bonds	(893,334)	(528,145)
			<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>72,347,917</b>	Interest income on bank current accounts balances	(18,278)	(80,817)
			Capital and reserves		Interest income on long term receivable	(248,247)	(390,104)
			Share capital	8,262,345	Finance costs	202,154	244,425
			Share premium	911,442	Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
			Revaluation reserve	4,557,442	Inventories	7,279	(11,456)
			Statutory reserve	4,131,173	Trade and other receivables	(368,281)	(127,671)
			Charity reserve	312,007	Trade and other payables	(318,147)	665,270
			Retained earnings	41,956,873	Other employee benefits	(557,904)	(557,904)
			Treasury shares	(370,975)	Employee terminal benefits, net	45,701	(15,625)
			Non-current liabilities		<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(850,945)</b>	<b>(156,968)</b>
			Non-current portion of Murabaha facility	-	Investing activities		
			Non-current portion of term loans	7,769,140	Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(131,056)	(23,009)
			Non-current portion of lease liabilities	2,136,259	Purchase of investment properties	(49,162)	(1,277)
			Employees' terminal and other benefits	925,061	Proceeds from disposal of business operations	3,152,352	3,152,352
			<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>10,830,460</b>	Addition to capital work-in-progress	-	(445,059)
			Current portion of Murabaha facility	5,178,012	Proceeds from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	729,427	396,888
			Current portion of term loans	331,198	Interest income on long term receivable	248,247	390,104
			Current portion of lease liabilities	700,941	Interest income from bonds and sukuk	893,334	528,145
			Trade and other payables	1,311,709	Interest income received on bank current accounts balances	18,278	80,817
			Bank overdrafts	958,260	Purchase of financial assets at amortised cost	(13,950,627)	-
			<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>79,016,354</b>	Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(498,225)	-
					Dividend income received	522,530	388,000
					<b>Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(9,064,902)</b>	<b>4,466,961</b>
					Financing activities		
					Amount repaid against Murabaha facility	(2,892,477)	(523,720)
					Proceeds from term loan	10,425,000	-
					Lease liabilities paid	(969,121)	(370,530)
					Dividends paid	(1,183,706)	-
					Charity paid	(8,000)	(5,000)
					Finance costs paid	(105,718)	(152,251)
					<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>5,265,978</b>	<b>(1,051,501)</b>
					<b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and bank balances</b>	<b>(4,649,869)</b>	<b>3,258,492</b>
					Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	3,966,736	708,244
					<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year</b>	<b>(683,133)</b>	<b>3,966,736</b>
					Comprising:		
					Cash and bank balances	275,127	3,966,736
					Bank overdrafts	(958,260)	-
					<b>(683,133)</b>	<b>3,966,736</b>	

Consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the year ended 31 December 2022								
<i>(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)</i>								
	Share capital	Share premium	Revaluation reserve	Statutory reserve	Charity reserve	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total
At 31 December 2020	8,262,345	911,442	4,557,442	4,131,173	310,695	40,913,683	(370,975)	58,715,805
Charity paid	-	-	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	(5,000)
Net profit and other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	1,043,190	-	1,043,190
At 31 December 2021	8,262,345	911,442	4,557,442	4,131,173	305,695	41,956,873	(370,975)	59,753,995
Dividend paid for the year 2021	-	-	-	-	-	(1,183,706)	-	(1,183,706)
Charity paid	-	-	-	-	(8,000)	-	-	(8,000)
Transfer to charity reserve during the year	-	-	-	-	14,312	(14,312)	-	-
Net profit and other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	1,143,485	-	1,143,485
At 31 December 2022	8,262,345	911,442	4,557,442	4,131,173	312,007	41,902,340	(370,975)	59,705,774

Dr Esam Abdulla Yusuf Fakhro  
Chairman

Ali Yusuf Ali Ubaydli  
Vice-Chairman

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MD & CEO

Auditors  
BDO

**Abdullah Kanoo Pediatric Oncology Unit reopens**



The renovated Abdullah Kanoo Pediatric Oncology Unit has been opened at the Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) under the patronage of Supreme Council for Health (SCH) President Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa. The Government Hospitals reopened the revamped facility, in cooperation with THE Smile Initiative, a Bahrain Future Society for Youth programme that provides psycho-social support to children with cancer and their parents in Bahrain. The opening ceremony was also attended by Government Hospitals Board of Trustees' Chairman Shaikh Hesham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Ansari, Bahrain Future Society for Youth programme Chair Sabah Abdulrahman Al Zayani and other officials.

**186 abandoned cars in Arad**

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Muharrraq Municipality announced launching an inspection campaign to remove abandoned cars in the Arad area.

Officials said the Municipality's cleaning department conducted five campaigns and issued notices to 186 car owners, of which removed 81 cars.

"Five of the cars were removed by the municipality," officials said, adding that work is ongoing to remove the rest.

Officials also confirmed continuing campaigns as per the public hygiene law and called on owners to remove them to



avoid facing administrative actions.

Article (7) of Law No. (10) of 2019 regarding public hygiene, paragraph (1) prohibits owners from abandoning vehicles in public places and allows the Municipality to remove them within 48 hours of issuing a notice.

**Ministry prohibits sale of unpasteurised milk**



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The Ministry of Health yesterday urged shopkeepers not to display or sell raw, unpasteurised milk and related products from unknown sources

"Sell milk and milk products only from shops licensed by the Ministry of Health," a statement said.

The ministry has emphasised that only milk products that have undergone appropriate treatment to eliminate microbes and are appropriately packaged should be sold. It has also warned against selling products that do not indicate their source, as milk is a highly perishable food with a high risk of contamination.

**"Special Together"**



On February 4th, 2023, the Pakistan Embassy in Bahrain organised an event called "Special Together" aimed at improving the support and visibility of special needs children and their families in the community. The event, a collaboration between Fitness 365 dance work studio, a special team by Gloria, and Muhammad Shahzaib's Club House, took place at the Pakistan Embassy premises. The Ambassador of Pakistan in Bahrain, Muhammad Ayub, along with his family and the Embassy staff, spent quality time with the children, who showcased their skills and talents by participating in activities such as cooking, painting, and Zumba dance.

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, for the year ended 31 December 2022**  
(All figures in Bahraini Dinars)

**NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY (B.S.C)**



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	33,287,725	28,765,261
Investment property	28,541,903	32,541,252
Investment in an associate	6,685,897	6,822,279
Investment securities	5,269,709	4,609,470
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>73,785,234</b>	<b>72,738,262</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	84,211	91,987
Investment securities	1,072,911	74,666
Trade receivables and other assets	679,801	434,372
Bank deposits	5,000,000	3,300,000
Cash and cash equivalents	1,948,604	2,340,595
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>8,785,527</b>	<b>6,241,620</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>82,570,761</b>	<b>78,979,882</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employees' end of service benefits	242,152	221,461
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>242,152</b>	<b>221,461</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	1,594,151	1,177,094
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,594,151</b>	<b>1,177,094</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,836,303</b>	<b>1,398,555</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	12,127,500	12,127,500
Treasury shares	(46,451)	(94,726)
Statutory reserve	6,011,069	5,724,191
General reserve	1,087,579	1,087,579
Property revaluation reserve	14,418,702	13,043,666
Investments fair value reserve	2,000,347	2,008,947
Share of reserves of associate	223,037	188,025
Retained earnings	44,912,675	43,496,145
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>80,734,458</b>	<b>77,581,327</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>82,570,761</b>	<b>78,979,882</b>

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS		
	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Revenue from contracts with customers	6,857,940	4,968,024
Operating costs	(4,246,064)	(3,432,196)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>2,611,876</b>	<b>1,535,828</b>
Share of profit of an associate	2,028,606	1,359,707
Dividend income	114,205	99,576
Interest income	277,789	210,809
Change in fair value of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(81,752)	10,603
Other income	7,872	214,596
Depreciation	(2,618,960)	(2,556,094)
General and administrative expenses	(593,339)	(332,611)
Loss on write-off of investment property	-	(5,424)
Reversal of impairment of property, plant and equipment and investment property	1,122,487	-
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>2,868,784</b>	<b>536,990</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share (in fils)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Profit for the year	2,868,784	536,990
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</b>		
- Equity investments at FVOCI - net change in fair value	(8,600)	(17,456)
- Investment in associate's - share of OCI	45,106	57,966
- Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	1,375,036	-
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>1,411,542</b>	<b>40,510</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>4,280,326</b>	<b>577,500</b>

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS		
	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit for the year	2,868,784	536,990
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	2,618,960	2,556,094
Loss on disposal / write-off of assets	140	5,424
Reversal of impairment of property, plant and equipment and investment property	(1,122,487)	-
Share of profit of an associate	(2,028,606)	(1,359,707)
Change in fair value on investments at FVTPL	81,752	(10,603)
Dividend income	(114,205)	(99,576)
Interest income	(277,789)	(210,809)
Impairment charge / (reversal) on financial assets	7,334	(8,399)
Provision for employees' benefits	65,308	43,141
Operating profit before working capital changes	2,099,191	1,452,555
Changes in:		
Inventories	7,776	(18,042)
Trade and other receivables	(189,626)	(23,848)
Trade and other payables	508,657	232,808
Cash generated from operating activities	2,425,998	1,643,473
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(44,617)	(48,279)
Directors' remuneration paid	(53,100)	(40,000)
Charitable contributions paid	(38,500)	(45,000)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>2,289,781</b>	<b>1,510,194</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(433,869)	(459,425)
Purchase of investment property	(210,823)	(121,489)
Purchase of investments at FVTPL	(1,133,550)	-
Purchase of investments at amortised cost	(669,809)	(1,967,946)
Disposal of investments at FVTPL	53,553	2,000,000
Dividends received from an associate	2,200,000	1,400,000
Other dividends received	114,205	99,576
Interest received	230,242	207,757
Bank deposits, net	(1,700,000)	(800,000)
<b>Net cash (used in) / from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,549,081)</b>	<b>358,473</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Dividends paid	(1,200,762)	(960,610)
Proceeds from sale of treasury shares	68,071	-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(1,132,691)</b>	<b>(960,610)</b>
<b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(391,991)</b>	<b>908,057</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	2,340,595	1,432,538
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>1,948,604</b>	<b>2,340,595</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY										
31 December 2022	Share capital	Treasury shares	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Property Revaluation reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Share of Reserves of associate	Retained earnings	Total	
At 1 January 2022	12,127,500	(94,726)	5,724,191	1,087,579	13,043,666	2,008,947	188,025	43,496,145	77,581,327	At 1 January 2021
Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,868,784	2,868,784	Comprehensive income
- Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,868,784	2,868,784	- Profit for the year
- Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	1,375,036	(8,600)	45,106	-	1,411,542	- Other comprehensive income for the year
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1,375,036</b>	<b>(8,600)</b>	<b>45,106</b>	<b>2,868,784</b>	<b>4,280,326</b>	<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	286,878	-	-	-	-	(286,878)	-	Transfer to statutory reserve
Sale of treasury shares	-	48,275	-	-	-	-	-	35,386	83,661	Sale of treasury shares
Adjustment to the associate's reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,094)	-	(10,094)	Adjustment to the associate's reserve
Dividends declared for 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,200,762)	(1,200,762)	Dividends declared for 2021
Balance at 31 December 2022	<b>12,127,500</b>	<b>(46,451)</b>	<b>6,011,069</b>	<b>1,087,579</b>	<b>14,418,702</b>	<b>2,000,347</b>	<b>223,037</b>	<b>44,912,675</b>	<b>80,734,458</b>	Balance at 31 December 2021

Faisal Ahmed Al Zayani (Chairman)

Adel Nahabah Hamadeh (Vice Chairman & Managing Director)

# Bahrain, Hungary agree infrastructure, oil deals



TDT | Manama

Bahrain and Hungary yesterday signed agreements and memorandums of understanding in infrastructure and oil that would generate quality jobs for citizens and bolster economic integration.

The deal signing at the EDB headquarters in Bahrain Bay was in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Economic Development Board (EDB) and the President of Hungary, Katalin Novak. His Royal Highness



In pictures, HRH CP, PM and Hungary's Novak at EDB during deal signing

affirmed his commitment to strengthening cooperation and coordination with Hungary, highlighting the importance of further developing bilateral ties. Discussions also focused on boosting investment opportunities and areas of cooperation.

Novak then listened to a briefing on Bahrain's investment

opportunities, business-friendly environment and development projects. EDB also made a presentation on investment promotion strategies in various vital sectors and the services it provides to investors, as well as the efforts made by Bahrain in diversifying its economic base.

Senior officials from both countries were present.

# Al Baraka Islamic Bank, SPE Dental Centre sign Medical Services Finance agreement

TDT | Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank (AIB), has recently signed an agreement with SPE Dental Centre to provide Medical Services Finance

packages during a ceremony held at Al Baraka headquarters.

The signing was in the presence of senior representatives from both institutions, including Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic



Fatema AlAlawi



Dr Farouk Monaier

Bank, and Dr Mohamad Farouk Monaier, Chief Executive Officer at SPE Dental Centre.

The deal, AIB said, allows dental treatment financing with a low-profit rate.

Chief Retail Officer, Fatema AlAlawi, said Al Baraka is pleased to have SPE Dental as the "first dedicated dentistry in our health care network and looks forward to seeing the results of this fruitful collaboration".

"We are delighted to be a part of this collaborative effort with one of the Kingdom's most prominent Islamic financial institutions, and we are confident that Al Baraka's medical financing scheme will serve our patients' best interests without putting them in financial hardships," said Dr Farouk Monaier, the Chief Executive Officer of SPE Dental Centre.

# ICICI Bank opens 'Service Centre' at Dana Mall

- **Third physical touch point of the Bank in Bahrain**

- **Designed for NRIs based in the country**

TDT | Manama

ICICI Bank yesterday inaugurated its 'Service Centre' at Dana mall to provide a bouquet of banking services, except

cash deposit and withdrawal, to the retail, private and corporate banking customers in the country. This is the third physical touch point of the Bank in Bahrain, the first being the main branch at Manama Centre and the second, being the 'Service Centre' at Juffair.

Piyush Srivastava, Indian Ambassador to Bahrain inaugurated the service centre in the presence of Amit Bansal - Country Head (Bahrain), ICICI Bank and other senior officials of the Bank.

Amit Bansal said, "The new centre would offer increased convenience to NRIs residing in the Kingdom of Bahrain and provide them complete solutions for their various banking needs. It is yet another milestone in the Bank's journey to expand its reach in the country."

The centre remains open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm from Monday to Friday as well as on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month. It will remain closed on Sundays.



Indian Ambassador Srivastava and bank officials during inauguration

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY (B.S.C)



## Recommendation of Declaration of Dividends

The Board of Directors of National Hotels Company B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023, to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the company's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the company's shareholders on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follow:

**Cash Dividend:** 12 % of share nominal value, equivalent to 12 Fils per share amounting to BD 1.45 million excluding treasury shares.

### Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

Event	Date
<b>General Meeting Date</b> (Shareholders' approval date)	19-March-2023
<b>Cum-Dividend Date</b> (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	20-March-2023
<b>Ex-Dividend Date</b> (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	21-March-2023
<b>Record Date</b> (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	22-March-2023
<b>Payment Date</b> (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	05-April-2023

**Faisal Ahmed Al Zayani**  
Chairman  
16/02/2023

BAHRAIN CINEMA COMPANY B.S.C.



## Recommendation of Declaration of Dividends

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Cinema Company B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the Company's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the Company's shareholders at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follow:

a) Cash Dividend: 15% of share nominal value, equivalent to 15 fils per share amounting to BD1,183,623.

Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

Event	Date
<b>General Meeting Date</b> (Shareholders' approval date)	20-03-2023
<b>Cum-Dividend Date</b> (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	21-03-2023
<b>Ex-Dividend Date</b> (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	22-03-2023
<b>Record Date</b> (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	23-03-2023
<b>Payment Date</b> (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	05-04-2023

**Dr. Esam Abdulla Fakhro**  
Chairman



News in brief

**Armenia offers peace treaty project to Azerbaijan**

Armenia has presented Azerbaijan with a project for a full peace treaty to end the decades-long dispute over the Nagorno-Karabakh region, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said. The two former Soviet republics have been locked in a state of conflict over the mountainous area, which lies in Azerbaijan but whose population is largely Armenian. An agreement would provide for monitoring mechanisms by both sides to prevent breaches of the peace deal, said Pashinyan. He told a cabinet meeting yesterday that Yerevan had completed "another stage of working on a project of a peace treaty and on establishing (diplomatic) relations" with Baku.

**NATO chief says 'time is now' for Turkey to ratify Finland and Sweden membership bids**

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the "time is now" for Turkey to ratify applications by Finland and Sweden to join the defence alliance. Stoltenberg was speaking at a joint news conference in Ankara with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu after German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock this week said she expects all NATO members to ratify the bids "without further delay".

**S Korea defence paper says N Korea increased plutonium stockpile**

South Korea has released its latest defence white paper in which it described North Korea as an "enemy" and reports that Pyongyang has increased its stockpile of weapons-grade plutonium by an estimated 40 percent. The defence paper published yesterday offered a glimpse into North Korea's growing number of nuclear weapons and missile stockpiles, as well as its conventional military capabilities, with an estimated North Korean troop strength of 1.28 million active-duty personnel. North Korea has continued reprocessing spent fuel from its nuclear reactor and possesses about 70kg (154 pounds) of weapons-grade plutonium, up from 50kg (110 pounds) estimated in the previous report, according to the white paper.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Was the poet poisoned? Chile awaits new report on Neruda's death



A picture of Chilean poet and Nobel laureate Pablo Neruda is seen inside his museum house in the coastal sector of Isla Negra, Chile  
Reuters | Santiago

A third inquiry into the death of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda 50 years ago could shed new light on whether he was poisoned by political enemies, as alleged by some of his family.

The latest expert report, presented to a court on Wednesday, will be reviewed by judges in closed hearings ahead of a legally binding ruling on the poet's death in 1973 shortly before the Pinochet dictatorship came to power.

Rodolfo Reyes, a Neruda nephew, reiterated this week claims that his uncle - a member of the Communist party and the most important Chilean intellectual of the time - was poisoned.

"(He was) murdered by agents of the state. Is there any doubt?" he told reporters outside the court.

He said he did not have access to the report. Earlier he told Spanish news agency EFE he had seen laboratory documents that supported the poisoning hypothesis.

An international forensics



**An international forensics group in 2017 raised doubts as to whether Neruda died of prostate cancer at age 69 and did not rule out foul play**

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Previous tests have found no evidence Neruda, winner of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1971, was poisoned.

The report's coordinator, Dr Gloria Ramirez, made no comment on Reyes' speculation about its findings, whose presentation to the court was delayed twice. It has not been made public because of judicial rules governing the inquiry.

Ukraine pounded by missiles, Russia eyes capturing Bakhmut by April

Ukraine says it shoots down 16 of 36 Russian missiles

Reuters | Kyiv



A firefighter walks at a car park near an apartment block that was heavily damaged by a missile strike in Pokrovsk, Donetsk region, Ukraine

Russia rained missiles across Ukraine yesterday and struck its largest oil refinery, Kyiv said, while the head of the Wagner mercenary group predicted the long-besieged city of Bakhmut would fall within a couple of months.

Following a pattern of heavy bombardments after Ukrainian battlefield or diplomatic gains, Russia launched 36 missiles in the early hours, Ukraine's Air Force said, after NATO alliance officials met the previous day to plot more support for Kyiv.

About 16 were shot down, it added, a lower rate than normal.

The missiles triggered air-raid sirens and landed all over Ukraine, including at its largest oil refinery, Kremenchuk.

The extent of damage was unclear at the unit, hit several times during the war with op-

**Russia's current focus is on the small city of Bakhmut in Donetsk, one of two regions making up the Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland now partially occupied by Russia**

erations halted at least once.

"Another massive missile attack by the terrorist state on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine," the Defence Ministry tweeted. Ukraine said the

barrage included three KH-31 missiles and one Oniks which its air defences cannot shoot down.

Police in Moldova said they again found missile debris near the border with Ukraine.

There was no word from Moscow on the strikes.

Bolstered by tens of thousands of reservists, Russia has intensified ground attacks across southern and eastern Ukraine in recent weeks, and a major new offensive appears to be shaping as the first anniversary of its Feb. 24 invasion nears.

Rescues dwindle in Turkey after quake, giving way to grief and anger

Death toll in Turkey and Syria surpasses 42,000, authorities yet to announce numbers still missing

Teenager pulled from rubble in Turkey

UN launches \$1 billion appeal for Turkey

Aid trickles into rebel-held northwest Syria

Reuters | Antakya



People take their belongings from their apartments in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Antakya

A teenage girl was pulled alive from the rubble in Turkey yesterday more than 10 days after a devastating earthquake hit the region, but such rescues have become increasingly rare, leaving anger to smoulder as hope dies.

The 17-year-old was extracted from the ruins of a collapsed apartment bloc in Turkey's southeastern Kahramanmaraş province, broadcaster TRT Haber reported, 248 hours since the 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck in the dead of night on Feb. 6.

Footage showed her being carried on a stretcher to an ambulance covered with a gold-colour-

ed thermal blanket.

The quake killed at least 36,187 in southern Turkey, while authorities in neighbouring Syria have reported 5,800 deaths - a figure that has changed little in days.

International aid agencies are stepping up efforts to help the millions of people left homeless, many of whom are sleeping in tents, mosques, schools or in their own cars.

The United Nations yesterday

appealed for more than \$1 billion in funds for the Turkish relief operation, just two days after launching a \$400 million appeal for Syrians.

UN aid chief Martin Griffiths, who visited Turkey last week, said the people have "experienced unspeakable heartache," adding: "We must stand with them in their darkest hour and ensure they receive the support they need."



**While several people were found alive in Turkey on Wednesday, the number of rescues has dwindled significantly. Neither Turkey nor Syria have said how many people are still missing**

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For families still waiting to retrieve their lost relatives, there is growing anger over what they see as corrupt building practices and deeply flawed urban development that resulted in thousands of homes and businesses disin-

tegrating. "I have two children. No others. They are both under this rubble," said Sevil Karaabdüloğlu, as excavators tore down what remained of a high-end block of flats in the city of southern city of Antakya, where her two daughters had lived.

Around 650 people are believed to have died when the Renaissance Residence building collapsed in the quake.

"We rented this place as an elite place, a safe place. How do I know that the contractor built it this way? ... Everyone is looking to make a profit. They're all guilty," she said.

Some 200 km (125 miles) away, around 100 people gathered at a small cemetery in the town of Pazarcik, to bury a young family of four -- Ismail and Selin Yavuzatmaca and their two young daughters -- who had died in the doomed Renaissance building.

Turkey has promised to investigate anyone suspected of responsibility for the collapse of buildings and has ordered the detention of more than 100 suspects, including developers.

Across the border in Syria, the earthquake slammed a region divided and devastated by 12 years of civil war.

The Syrian government says the death toll in territory it controls is 1,414. More than 4,000 fatalities have been reported in the rebel-held northwest, but rescuers say nobody has been found alive there since Feb. 9.

The aid effort has been hampered by the conflict and many people in the northwest feel abandoned as supplies almost invariably head to other parts of the sprawling disaster zone.

Deliveries from Turkey were severed completely in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, when a route used by the United Nations was temporarily blocked. Earlier this week, days after the disaster, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad granted approval for two additional crossings to be opened.

As of yesterday, 119 UN trucks had gone through the Bab al-Hawa and Bab al-Salam crossings since the earthquake, a spokesperson for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said.

Lebanese protesters smash bank facades as crisis bites

AFP | Beirut



A protester throws a brick at a bank after setting fire to tyres during a demonstration in Beirut

Dozens of angry demonstrators attacked several banks in Beirut yesterday after the Lebanese pound hit a record low amid a deepening economic crisis.

Lebanon's cash-strapped banks have imposed strict restrictions on withdrawals, barring depositors from accessing their savings, especially those in US dollars.

The pound is trading at about 80,000 to the greenback on the black market versus 60,000 at the start of the month, according to exchange rate monitors.

Yesterday, around 50 protesters smashed the facades of four banks and burned car tyres in the central Beirut neighbourhood of Badaro, journalists at the scene reported.

The attacks came after calls by the "Depositors' Outcry As-

**Lebanon's economic crisis has left many struggling to make ends meet in a country where poverty rates have reached 80 percent of the population**

sociation", a group that supports depositors' attempts to withdraw their money.

"They stole, seized and looted our money three years ago," said protester Pascal al-Raisi.

"There are owners of millions of dollars among us without even a penny in their pockets.

Pope resignations should not be the norm: Francis

AFP | Vatican City



Pope Francis goes to sit in his wheelchair prior to meet with attendees during the weekly general audience

The resignation of a pope should not become the norm within the Catholic Church, and that prospect is not "on my agenda", Pope Francis

**However, this does not at all mean that resigning popes should become, let's say, a 'fashion', a normal thing. I, for the moment, do not have that on my agenda. I believe that the pope's ministry is 'ad vitam' (Latin for 'for life')**

POPE FRANCIS

said in an interview published yesterday.

Francis acknowledged writing a resignation letter two months after becoming pope in 2013 in case of future health problems that would prevent

him from carrying out his work.

"However, this does not at all mean that resigning popes should become, let's say, a 'fashion', a normal thing," said Francis, 86, in an interview in the magazine Civiltà Cattolica.

Downed Chinese balloon aimed for Hawaii but was blown off course - US official

Reuters | Washington



The suspected Chinese spy balloon drifts to the ocean after being shot down off the coast in Surfside Beach, South Carolina (file photo)

**During a regular briefing yesterday, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin did not answer a question about whether the balloon was intended to fly over Guam and Hawaii before it was blown off its trajectory, instead repeating the Chinese position that the United States should not "overreact"**

A Chinese balloon that was shot down after crossing the continental United States originally had a trajectory that would have taken it over Guam and Hawaii but was blown off course by prevailing winds, a U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity said.

The balloon, which Washington accuses Beijing of using for surveillance and China says was a civilian research vessel, drifted across Alaska's Aleutian Islands, then Canada and the central United States before it was shot down by the US military off the coast of South Carolina on Feb. 4.

The incident has further strained US-China relations and prompted US Secretary of State Antony Blinken to postpone a planned visit to Beijing last week.

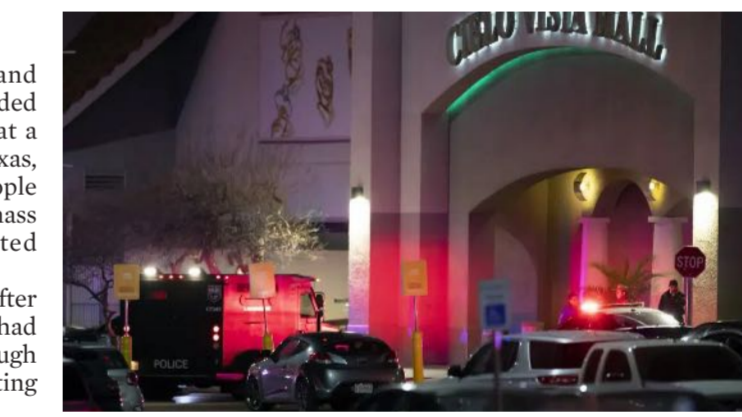
US military and intelligence agencies tracked the balloon from when it lifted off from Hainan Island near China's south coast, the Washington Post reported on

Tuesday.

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One killed, Three hurt in shooting at El Paso, Texas shopping mall

AP | El Paso



Law enforcement agents are seen at an entrance of a shopping mall

One person was killed and three more were wounded Wednesday in a shooting at a shopping mall in El Paso, Texas, adding to the dozens of people already killed this year in mass shootings across the United States.

El Paso police said hours after the gunfire that two people had been taken into custody, though details of what led the shooting remained unclear.

Interim police chief Peter Pacillas said that Cielo Vista Mall was still considered a crime scene, and that it would remain locked down until au-

thorities had completed their investigation.

Pacillas stressed that the danger had passed.

"There is no more danger. I want to repeat that: There is no more danger to the public," Pacillas said.

The shooting happened in a busy shopping area and across a large parking lot from a Walmart where 23 people were killed in a racist attack targeting Hispanic people in 2019. El Paso -- with a largely Latino population of about 700,000 people -- sits on the U.S. border with Mexico, where residents of both countries cross frequently.

"Today's shooting at the Cielo Vista Mall has brought back traumatic memories for many of us. Please know you are not alone," Democratic US Rep. Veronica Escobar, whose district includes El Paso, said on Twitter.

World's oldest near-complete Hebrew Bible heads to auction

AFP | New York



The 'Codex Sassoon' bible is displayed at Sotheby's in New York

**(It) is undeniably one of the most important and singular texts in human history**

RICHARD AUSTIN, SOTHEBY'S GLOBAL HEAD OF BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS

A Hebrew Bible more than 1,000 years old is set to be sold at auction in New York for up to an estimated \$50 million, Sotheby's announced.

The Codex Sassoon -- which dates to the late ninth to early tenth century -- is the earliest, most complete Hebrew Bible ever discovered.

It will become the most expensive historical document or manuscript to ever go under the hammer when Sotheby's puts it up for auction in May.

"(It) is undeniably one of the most important and singular texts in human history," said Richard Austin, Sotheby's global head of books and manuscripts.

The Codex Sassoon is one of only two codices, or manu-

scripts, containing all 24 books of the Hebrew Bible to have survived into the modern era.

It is substantially more complete than the Aleppo Codex and older than the Leningrad

Codex, two other famous early Hebrew Bibles, Sotheby's said.

The manuscript bridges the Dead Sea Scrolls -- which date back as early as the third century BC -- and today's modern

accepted form of the Hebrew Bible.

It is named for previous owner David Solomon Sassoon (1880-1942) who assembled the most significant private collection of ancient Jewish texts in the world.

The document is being auctioned for the first time in more than 30 years, with a pre-sale estimate of between \$30 million and \$50 million.



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



One year on, Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to inflict massive suffering & destruction. We're committed to continue helping the millions of people in need of humanitarian aid. I urge the international community to support our efforts.  
@antonioguterres

02



We continue to re-manipulate assistance to the devastated regions in Türkiye and Syria. The @statedept , @usaid , @deptofdefense , and @usembassyturkey team are working around the clock to help get supplies to those who need it most.  
@SecBlinken

03



Welcome to Kyiv, @EliCoh1 . Ukraine is thankful for all of the support that Israel and Israelis have provided over the past year. During our detailed and frank talks, we focused on ways to enhance bilateral relations, increase assistance, and address shared security challenges.  
@DmytroKuleba

04



We know that drug addiction has driven around half of all burglaries and robberies, so supporting people in their recovery benefits everyone. By improving treatment that diverts people from addiction into recovery we can also reduce pressure on the NHS and cut waiting lists.  
@RishiSunak

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stances)

# celebs

## CINEMA

### ANT-MAN AND THE WASP: QUANTUMANIA

PAUL RUDD, EVANGELINE LILLY, MICHAEL DOUGLAS

OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 11.15 AM + 2.00 + 4.45 + 7.30 + 10.15 PM  
 OASIS JUFFAIR: (ATMOS): 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM  
 OASIS JUFFAIR (3D): 11.45 AM + 2.30 + 5.15 + 8.00 + 10.45 PM  
 CITY CENTRE: 10.45 AM + 1.30 + 4.15 + 7.00 + 9.45 PM + (12.30 THURS/FRI)  
 CITY CENTRE: (ATMOS): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN  
 CITY CENTRE: (3D): 10.15 AM + 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM  
 SEEF (I): 10.15 AM + 11.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.15 + 3.15 + 5.00 + 6.00 + 7.45 + 8.45 + 10.30 + 11.30 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)  
 SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 1.45 + 4.30 + 7.15 + 10.00 PM  
 SEEF (II) (3D): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM  
 WADI AL SAIL: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM  
 WADI AL SAIL (3D): 11.30 AM + 2.15 + 5.00 + 7.45 + 10.30 PM

### SHEHZADA

(PG-13) (HINDI/ACTION/COMEDY/ROMANTIC/DRAMA)

FROM FRI 17th  
 OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM  
 CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM  
 SEEF (I): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM + (12.30 MN FRI)  
 WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM  
 KARTIK AARYAN, KRITI SANON, PARESH RAWAL

### WINNIE THE POOH: BLOOD AND HONEY

(18+) (HORROR) (NEW)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM  
 CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 3.00 + 7.30 + 12.00 MN  
 SEEF (II): 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 + 12.00 MN + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)  
 WADI AL SAIL: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM  
 AMBER DOIG-THORNE, NATASHA TOSINI, MAY KELLY

### HUNT

(PG-15) (KOREAN/ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 6.15 + 12.00 MN  
 SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 4.00 + 9.00 PM  
 LEE JUNG JAE, JUNG WOO SUNG

### ALHAMOUR H.A

(15+) (SAUDI/COMEDY/CRIME)

CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 5.00 + 9.30 PM  
 SEEF (II): 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM  
 WADI AL SAIL: 11.00 AM + 3.45 + 8.30 PM  
 FAHAD ALQAHTANI, KHALED YESLAM, ALI ALSHARIF

### SHE IS LOVE

(15+) (ROMANTIC/DRAMA)

SEEF (II): 11.45 AM + 5.15 + 10.45 PM  
 HALEY BENNETT, SAM RILEY, MARISA ABELA

### VAATHI

(PG-13) (TAMIL)

FROM FRI 17th  
 OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM  
 SEEF (II): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM  
 WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 4.15 + 10.00 PM  
 AL HAMRA : 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + (12.00 MN FRI)  
 DHANUSH, SAMYUKTA MENON, SAI KUMAR, SAMUTHIRAKANI

### SIR

FROM FRI 17th  
 SEEF (II): 12.15 + 8.15 PM  
 DHANUSH, SAMYUKTA MENON, SAI KUMAR

### ENKILUM CHANDRIKE

(PG-13) (MALAYALAM)

FROM FRI 17th  
 OASIS JUFFAIR: 2.45 + 8.15 PM  
 SEEF (II): 2.15 + 6.45 + 11.15 PM  
 BASIL JOSEPH, SURAJ VENJARAMOODU, TANVI RAM

### MOMO IN DUBAI

(PG) (MALAYALAM)

SEEF (II): 6.00 PM  
 ANEESH G MENON, ANU SITHARA, JOHNY ANTONY



### BAKASURAN

(15+) (TAMIL)

FROM FRI 17th  
 SEEF (II): 3.00 + 11.00 PM  
 SELVARAGAVAN, NATTY (NATRAJ SUBRAMANIAN), RADHARAVI

### PATHAAN

(PG-15) (HINDI/ACTION/THRILLER)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.45 AM + 5.15 + 10.45 PM  
 CITY CENTRE: 1.00 + 6.15 + 11.30 PM  
 SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM  
 WADI AL SAIL: 1.15 + 7.00 PM  
 SHAH RUKH KHAN, DEEPIKA PADUKONE, JOHN ABRAHAM

### PLANE

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

CITY CENTRE: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM  
 SEEF (I): 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM  
 WADI AL SAIL: 1.30 + 6.15 + 11.00 PM  
 GERARD BUTLER, MIKE COLTER, YOSON AN

### CHRISTOPHER

(PG-13) (MALAYALAM)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.30 PM  
 MAMMOOTTY, SNEHA, AMALA PAUL, SHINE TOM CHACKO

### ROMANCHAM

(PG-13) (MALAYALAM)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.45 AM + 2.30 + 5.15 + 8.00 + 10.45 PM  
 SEEF (I): 10.45 AM + 1.30 + 4.15 + 7.00 + 9.45 PM  
 AL HAMRA : ON THURSDAY 16th : 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN  
 SOUBIN SHAHIR, CHEMBAN VINOD JOSE, ARJUN ASOKAN

### OPERATION FORTUNE: RUSE DE GUERRE

(PG-15) (ACTION/COMEDY/THRILLER)

CITY CENTRE: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM  
 JASON STATHAM, JOSH HARTNETT, AUBREY PLAZA  
 PARADISE CITY (PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)  
 SEEF (II): 12.15 + 4.45 + 9.15 PM  
 JOHN TRAVOLTA, BRUCE WILLIS, STEPHEN DORFF

### NABIL EL GAMIL AKISAIAJ TAJMEEL

(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)

CITY CENTRE: 10.45 AM + 4.00 + 9.15 PM  
 MOHAMMAD HENIDY, NOUR, MOHAMED SALLAM

### PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH

(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

OASIS JUFFAIR: (KIDS CINEMA): 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM  
 ANTONIO BANDERAS, SALMA HAYEK, OLIVIA COLMAN

### AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY)

SEEF (II): 1.30 + 7.00 PM  
 SAM WORTHINGTON, ZOE SALDANA, SIGOURNEY WEAVER

## I couldn't be happier, says Iggy Azalea

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

**I**ggy Azalea "couldn't be happier". The 32-year-old rap star recently launched her OnlyFans account, and Iggy insists she's "not playing by anyone's rules in 2023".

The blonde beauty - who was born in Australia, but moved to the US during her teens to pursue her music ambitions - wrote on Twitter: "The last seven days have been insane, shaking, throwing up, jaw on the floor, life changing.

"And I mean that in an entirely positive way. (sic)

Iggy - who has Onyx, three, with her ex-boyfriend Playboi Carti - added that she's as happy now as she has ever been.

She wrote on the micro-blogging platform: "Bet on yourself. "I couldn't be happier!"

Earlier this month, Iggy claimed that she won't "waste time" explaining herself to people on social media.

The rapper insisted that she won't be drawn into arguing with her critics or justifying her decisions on social media platforms.

She wrote on Twitter: "So many friends say

"Why let ppl say bad things



Iggy Azalea

**The last seven days have been insane, shaking, throwing up, jaw on the floor, life changing. And I mean that in an entirely positive way**

IGGY AZALEA

about you? you could tweet and shut em all up!"

"I tell them

"Because they live in a reality of their own choosing

"I wanna tell you too.

"Don't stop to waste time explaining yourself to ppl who will never celebrate you. [crossed fingers emoji] (sic)"

Iggy posted the comment shortly after insisting that she won't publicly reveal her earnings from OnlyFans.

The 'Work' hitmaker rubbished suggestions that she'd made more than \$300,000 during her first 24 hours on the platform.

Iggy - who released her last album, 'The End of an Era', in 2021 - wrote: "With love.

"I won't share what I make on OF, in the same way I didn't share what I earned selling my music catalog. (sic)"

## Isla Fisher heartbroken over death of her dad Brian

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

**I**sla Fisher is heartbroken over the death of her dad Brian.

The 46-year-old 'Nocturnal Animals' actress announced the news on her Instagram page and questioned how people can go on living with people "you can't live without".

Isla said alongside a picture of her dad: "How do you live without someone that you can't live without?"

"How lucky am I to have had you as my dad. You were hilarious, positive and my best friend. No matter what was going on in my life, you always asked me if I was having fun.

"I know this pain is going to get worse as the days between when I last saw you increase and that is very scary.

"I love you so much. Thank you for being the greatest father."

Isla was born in Muscat, Oman, to Elspeth Reid and Scotsman Brian Fisher.

Her dad was working as a banker in Oman for the United Nations at the time and Isla and her family returned to their hometown of Bathgate, Scotland, before they moved to Perth, Western Australia, when she was six.

The actress, who has four brothers, has said she then had a "great" childhood in Perth with a "very outdoorsy" lifestyle.

Isla Fisher

## Nicole Kidman and Jamie Lee Curtis to star in Amazon series based on bestseller by Patricia Cornwell

ANI | Washington

**N**icole Kidman and Jamie Lee Curtis will star in a new show based on the bestselling Kay Scarpetta novels by author Patricia Cornwell.

Kidman, will portray the crime-solving medical examiner Dr Kay Scarpetta, and Curtis, will portray her whimsical sister Dorothy for the Amazon series, per Deadline.

Both actresses will serve as executive producers. The outlet added that the series is also said to be under Curtis' first-look deal with Blumhouse Television, and was even sparked amid Curtis' friendship with Cornwell.

Isla Fisher

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Down

1- Drinks slowly; 2- Hog-wild; 3- Malodorous; 4- High ruler; 5- Warm-blooded vertebrate; 6- Girder; 7- Female rabbits; 8- CD earnings; 9- Boss; 10- Biblical birthright seller; 11- Bucket; 12- When said three times, a 1970 war movie; 15- Tidal river; 23- "Slippery" tree; 25- Not at home; 26- Glaze; 27- Biscotto flavoring; 28- Sumptuous meal; 29- "Damn Yankees" choreographer; 30- Bird homes; 31- Old English coin; 32- Track numbers; 33- Angers; 34- VCR button; 37- Underwriter; 40- Comfortably familiar; 42- Schooner fill; 43- Waterfall; 45- Bran source; 46- Mediterranean arm; 48- Specialty; 49- Bric-a-...; 50- One of the Simpsons; 51- Makes a move; 52- Clock pointer; 54- Antiquing agent; 55- Some digits; 56- Shrek, e.g.; 59- Tee follower;

Yesterday's solution

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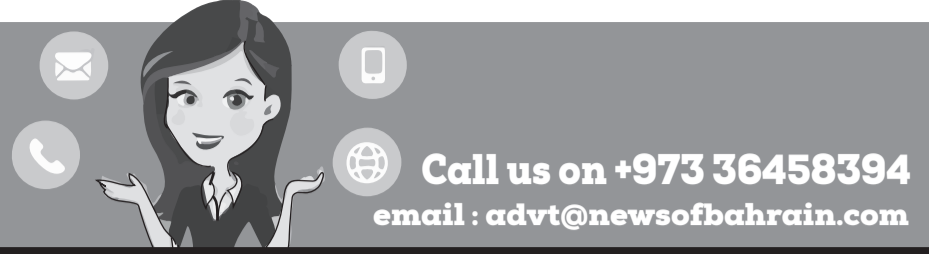
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## India's Pujara 'shuts out noise' to reach Test milestone



India's Cheteshwar Pujara attends a practice session in Nagpur (file photo)

AFP | New Delhi

Indian batsman Cheteshwar Pujara said yesterday that "shutting out the noise" through yoga and meditation was his secret to having made it to his milestone 100th Test. The 35-year-old will be the 13th Indian cricketer to play a century of Tests when he takes to the field against Australia in New Delhi.

"When I made my debut I never thought about playing 100 Test matches and it's always about the present," Pujara told reporters on the eve of the Test. "Hundred Tests is something that happens in a journey and something you can't predict, but once you continue playing good cricket, it happens." Pujara is a rare five-day specialist in the age of Twenty20 and white-ball performers, opting out of the lucrative Indian Premier League auctions last year to play the English

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County Championship. India hammered Australia in the series opener at Nagpur by an innings inside three days, although Pujara made only seven runs before falling to off-spin debutant Todd Murphy. But the batsman has enjoyed remarkable longevity since his 2010 debut against Australia at home, averaging over 44 and making 19 centuries. Pujara attributed his staying power to discipline, especially because his single-format strengths leave long interludes between matches.

"I have certain routines, fitness, little bit of meditation, yoga and pranayama (a breathing technique) because it is necessary to shut the outside noise, even if it is positive. "We play nine Tests on an average and when you go back home, unless you have domestic cricket, you are not in touch with the game. Keep challenging yourself, keep training, looking forward." Despite only five ODI appearances and a stop-start Test career Pujara said he had been able to finesse his style over the years. "I can't change my game but obviously you can fine-tune and add things," he said.



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## Attack-minded England take control of first Test in New Zealand

AFP | Mount Maunganui

High-octane batting and a declaration put England in control of the first Test against New Zealand in Mount Maunganui yesterday.

The Black Caps limped to 37-3 at stumps in the day-night Test at the Bay Oval, having been thrust on to the back foot by England's swashbuckling 325-9 declared.

The tourists raced to their total in just 58.2 overs -- boosted by blistering half-centuries to Ben Duckett and Harry Brook -- as England opened the two-Test series with the sort of attacking approach, dubbed "Bazball", that has carried them to nine wins from their past 10 Tests under coach Brendon McCullum. England captain Ben Stokes instructed his lower-order batsmen to throw the bat before calling them in, leaving 18 overs to bowl at the Black Caps under lights with a new pink ball. The ploy worked as Tom Latham, Kane Williamson and Henry Nicholls departed before reaching double figures. Evergreen seamer James Anderson took 2-11, including the key wicket of Williamson following an lbw review. Opener Devon Conway will resume on 18 and nightwatchman Neil Wagner on four, with a deficit of 288 runs staring at them on Friday. It was a grim response to an England innings that featured 48 fours and one towering six from Brook off the bowling



Ben Stokes of England talks to teammates at the conclusion of day one

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HARRY BROOK

of New Zealand captain Tim Southee, who was lashed for 2-71 from 13 overs. New Zealand's depleted attack fought back midway through the second session when Ollie Pope, Joe Root and Stokes fell in quick succession, allowing debut pace bowlers Blair Tuckner (1-72) and Scott Kuggeleijn (2-80) to claim their maiden Test wickets. However, momentum was snatched back by the in-form Brook, who accelerated to 89 off

81 balls, supported by 38 from Ben Foakes.

The 23-year-old Yorkshireman Brook was poised to become only the second England batsman after Ken Barrington in the 1960s to hit centuries in four consecutive Tests but he fell short when playing on to veteran seamer Wagner (4-82). Brook said he was aware of the record but his greater motivation was to put England into a strong position. "I played the way I'm always going to play and try to put pressure on the bowlers," he said. "I dug in for a little bit but then I decided it was time to go."

He said the declaration was deliberately timed to give world-class new-ball pair Anderson and Stuart Broad a chance to attack the top order. "It's the best time to bowl, under these lights you can extract the most swing and seam,"

he said. "We've got two of the best bowlers to ever play the game, so to get three of your top order out was really good."

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**'Exciting' approach**

Like Brook, Duckett was a revelation during the 3-0 series win in Pakistan in December and he maintained his hot streak with a rapid-fire 84 off 68 balls. The hard-hitting opener had a chance of scoring England's fastest Test century -- surpassing Gilbert Jessop's 76-ball knock against Australia in 1902 -- before he fell to Tickner late in the first session. Southee, leading his country at home for the first time, asked England to bat with the hope of exploiting the pink ball's swing on a green-tinged pitch that had been covered for days because of Cyclone Gabrielle.

## Australia's Cummins backs struggling Warner for second India Test

Reuters | New Delhi

Australia skipper Pat Cummins brushed off concerns over David Warner's batting form and said he was certain the opener would play in this week's second Test against India.

The left-handed Warner scored one and 10 at Nagpur last week and has struggled for form since scoring 200 in the Boxing Day Test against South Africa in Melbourne.

"I'm not a selector. I don't think they've had a meeting but I'm sure Davey will be there," Cummins said of Warner's inclusion in the New Delhi Test, which starts Friday.

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Australia's captain Pat Cummins (R) and his teammate David Warner take part in a practice session at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi

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knows that. I'm sure that'd be part of his plan," said Cummins. "He has been batting really

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well here. Even in the lead-up I thought he was fantastic. "I know there's a lot of talk about spin bowling through the middle, but with that new ball it's sometimes the hardest time to bat as well."

## Alcaraz makes winning return to reach Argentina quarters



Spanish tennis player Carlos Alcaraz returns the ball to Serbian tennis player Laslo Djere during

AFP | Buenos Aires

Carlos Alcaraz made a winning return to tennis after a four-month injury absence on Wednesday, defeating Serbia's Laslo Djere to advance to the quarter-finals of the Argentina Open in Buenos Aires. The 19-year-old Spaniard showed signs of ring-rustiness during a two-hour battle on the Court Guillermo Vilas before sealing a 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 victory against Djere, the world number 57.

World number two Alcaraz,

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who will play another Serb, Dusan Lajovic, in the last eight, said afterwards he was relieved to have got his first victory of 2023.

“It’s a great feeling to win again,” the reigning US Open champion said.

“It’s been a long time without any competition and no matches, just recovering -- finally I got my first win of 2023.

“I’m really happy. I didn’t expect such a great atmosphere behind me. So a thank you to all the fans here – hopefully I can keep going with this energy.”

Prior to Wednesday, Alcaraz had not played since suffering a leg muscle tear at the Paris Masters in November which ruled him out of the start of the 2023 season, including the Australian Open.

# Bahrain Turf Series set for grand finale

European challengers hoping to finish strong in Al Sakhir Cup and Vision 2030 Cup

● **Field of 18 entrants set to compete in £60,000 Al Sakhir Cup, run over 6f (1,200m) at REHC**

● **£60,000 Vision 2030 Cup to be run over 1m 2f (2000m) with 18 horses contending**

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The final two £60,000 Bahrain Turf Series races of the season take place today with a total of 12 European horses lining up across the two races.

There have been three international successes (Lucander, Nomadic Empire and King Of Conquest) in the eight races so far, and hopes are high in the George Baker camp that Get It can bookend a successful Turf Series for Baker with victory in Al Sakhir Cup, run over 6f (1,200m).

Get It, who is one of four European challengers in the final sprint of the series, has raced almost exclusively over 5f in his career but Baker is hoping that he can see out the trip and finally get his head in front in Bahrain.

Baker said: “Get It has been a star for us. He was unlucky on his first run in Bahrain and I think he bumped into one in



Action from a previous race day at REHC

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Mobaadel on his most recent start. It was a fantastic run and Andrea was very keen to get back on him on Friday. His work rider, Terry, said he is in great

order. We couldn’t be happier with how we have him.”

George Baker, who has had three horses based in Bahrain this season, has already scooped £74,577 in prize money. He added: “They’re pushing £100,000 these horses and we’d struggle to get that at Wolverhampton, Southwell, Lingfield and places like that at this time of year.

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Meanwhile, Hugo Palmer is hopeful of a big run from Box To Box in Vision 2030 Cup run over 1m 2f (2000m).

The son of Kodica ran a promising race on his Bahraini debut at the start of December but disappointed on his subsequent start. His trainer believes that the break has done him good.

Palmer said: “Despite a wide draw, we’re happy with Box To Box. He does seem to be a horse who goes best fresh. He ran well on his first start out here and then perhaps bounced a bit at the end of December. We’ve deliberately given him a good break and we’re hoping he can step forward off a lower mark.”

Box To Box is one of eight European runners in the race. Other notable contenders include What’s The Story (Keith Dalgleish), Marie’s Diamond (Roger Fell) and Inigo Jones (Jamie Osborne).

## Conte set for more time away from Tottenham

AFP | London

Tottenham manager Antonio Conte is set for another spell away from the touchline to recover from gallbladder surgery.

The Italian has remained in his homeland after taking charge of Spurs’ 1-0 defeat to AC Milan in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Conte had returned to the bench for Saturday’s 4-1 defeat at Leicester after undergoing surgery on February 1.

But the former Italy, Chelsea and Inter Milan boss admitted yesterday he had come back too soon and would now take time to fully recover.

“My great sense of responsibility towards the club, the players, the staff and the fans brought me to anticipate my comeback on the field,” Conte wrote on Instagram.

“Sadly I underestimated the procedure, which wasn’t a routine operation, but a sudden and serious emergency.

“My body has suffered my impatience and now I am forced to stop until my entire recovery. Those who know me understand what a burden this is for me, but it is necessary. Come on you Spurs.”

Conte experienced “severe abdominal pain” that was later



Tottenham Hotspur’s head coach Antonio Conte (R) reacts during a match

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Spurs said assistant boss Cristian Stellini will take charge in Conte’s absence, as he did for the 1-0 win over Manchester City earlier this month.

“Following a routine post-operation check in Italy yesterday, Antonio Conte will remain at his family home to further and fully recover from his recent gallbladder surgery,” said a Tottenham statement.

“Health is the most important consideration and everyone at the club wishes him well. Cristian Stellini will assume first-team responsibility.”

Spurs, who sit fifth in the Premier League, host West Ham in a London derby on Sunday.

## Chelsea’s new signings starting to settle despite poor results - Havertz

Reuters | London

Chelsea forward Kai Havertz said he was encouraged by the way the club’s new signings are gelling with the team despite the side recording only one win in 2023.

Chelsea, who were beaten 1-0 by Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League on Wednesday, spent more than \$350 million to bring in eight players in January but did not sign a proven striker.

With Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang left out of their Champions League squad, on-loan forward Joao Felix hit the woodwork as Chelsea registered 21 shots against Dortmund, including eight on target, in the first leg of their last-16 tie.

The return leg will be played on March 7 in London.

“We have had a lot of new players join in this window and I think you can definitely see us improving and getting that chemistry with one another now,” Havertz said.

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Borussia Dortmund’s Nico Schlotterbeck in action with Chelsea’s Kai Havertz

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KAI HAVERTZ

good signs – especially in the second half – and we need to

build on that.” Since manager Graham Potter took over in September Chelsea have scored only 25 goals in 24 games and managed only three in their last eight.

Last month’s 1-0 Premier League win over Crystal Palace remains their only victory in nine games this year.

Against Dortmund, Felix also hit the crossbar while Kalidou Koulibaly and Enzo Fernandez, who joined Chelsea for a British record fee of more than \$130 million, were denied by goalkeeper Gregor Kobel.

# Maini, Bortoleto top final day

Formula 2, Formula 3 pre-season tests come to a close after three days of running at Bahrain International Circuit

● **Kush Maini puts Campos Racing in first place on F2 combined timesheet**

● **Gabriel Bortoleto sets fastest time amongst F3 runners in day's lone session**

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**K**ush Maini and Gabriel Bortoleto powered to the top of their respective timesheets yesterday on the third and final day of pre-season testing in the FIA Formula 2 Championship and FIA Formula 3 Championship, held at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

The three-day sessions wrapped up at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", with F2 running morning and early evening sessions and F3 hitting the track for just a single morning run.

All the action took place along BIC's 5.412-kilometre Grand Prix circuit—the same F2 and F3 will race on when they open their new seasons next month in support of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023.

The motorsport and entertainment spectacle will kick off the 2023 FIA F1 World Championship, and F2 and F3 headline a stellar support race programme that also features the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East.

The F2 and F3 joint-tests this week at BIC allowed F2's 22 drivers and F3's 30 contenders to get some mileage in



Kush Maini during testing yesterday as the sun sets at BIC

their cars ahead of the start of their upcoming campaigns.

In yesterday's F2 tests, Maini posted the day's best time of 1:42.623 during the two-and-a-half-hour early evening session, which began in daylight conditions and ended under lights.

The Campos Racing ace led nine drivers who were all within seven-tenths of a second from each other. Roy Nissany of PHM Racing by Charouz was second-fastest with a best lap of 1:42.905, while day one leader Theo Pourchaire of ART Grand Prix was third on 1:42.913.

Enzo Fittipaldi of Rodin Carlin finished fourth on the timesheet with a fastest lap of 1:42.971, and he was followed by Dennis Hauger of MP Mo-



Gabriel Bortoleto heads into the pits in between stints yesterday

torsport on 1:43.020 while Rodin Carlin teammate Zane Maloney was sixth in 1:43.094. Clement Novalak (1:43.170) of Trident was classified seventh, Brad Benavides (1:43.226) of PHM Racing by Charouz eighth, and Jehan Daruvala (1:43.300) of MP Motorsport finished ninth.

Earlier in the day, Ralph Boschung was fastest in F2's morning session, which lasted an hour and 45 minutes. Boschung had a best lap of 1:45.027 to put Campos Racing at the top for both F2 sessions. He was more than two seconds quicker than the rest of the field.

Novalak followed with a 1:47.031 time, while Victor Martins of ART Grand Prix was classified third on 1:47.054.

Meanwhile, in F3's single four-hour session yesterday, Bortoleto put Trident at the top of the ranking with a fastest lap of 1:47.417.

Gabriele Mini of Hitech Pulse-Eight was a close second with a time of 1:47.452, while the overall pace-setter from the first two days, Gregoire Saucy of ART Grand Prix, came third with a 1:47.519 lap.

Paul Aron of PREMA Racing was fourth at 1:47.641 and Hugh Barter fifth for Campos Racing at 1:47.704, while rounding out the top eight were Dino Beganovic (1:47.713) of PREMA, Josep Maria Marti (1:47.789) of Campos and Caio Collet (1:47.802) of Van Amersfoort Racing.



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## Bahrain withdraw from West Asian football title-defence



Flashback: Bahrain players and team officials celebrate winning their first-ever WAFF title in 2019 in Iraq (File photo)

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**B**ahrain will not defend their title in the West Asian Football federation (WAFF) Championship.

This is after the senior men's national team have pulled out of the competition, which they won in its last edition in 2019 held in Iraq.

The decision has been confirmed by a team official, and it comes after the UAE recently apologised for being unable to host the tournament, which was originally scheduled to take place in March. The WAFF has yet to announce a replacement

country to host the event.

According to the source, since the WAFF has been unable to find a new venue, the Bahrain Football Association has informed them of the national team's withdrawal from the championship.

The Bahrainis will instead look for opponents to play in international friendly games next month.

Despite the withdrawal, it is believed that should the WAFF tournament be moved to a later date that would be suitable for the national team, Bahrain could participate and defend their crown.

The Bahrainis were crowned WAFF champions for the first time in the 2019 edition after defeating hosts Iraq 1-0 in an exciting final.

Isa Ali Mousa converted the winning goal. He struck in the 39th minute of play to help Bahrain not only clinch their historic first title in the regional competition, but also their maiden success under head coach Helio Sousa, who was also managing the senior men's national team in his first major competition.

The Bahrainis also received prize money of \$100,000 along with their gold medals.

## Dar Kulaib to compete in West Asian clubs volleyball

● **Bahrainis drawn in tough Group B for first edition of regional tournament**

● **Competition set for Amman from March 7 to 18 with 10 teams in the fray**

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**B**ahrain volleyball giants Dar Kulaib have been drawn in a tough Group B for the preliminary round of the first West Asia Men's Club Championship.

The tournament is being organised by the West Asia Volleyball Association and it is scheduled to take place in Amman from March 7 to 18.

Dar Kulaib are the lone Bahraini representatives in the competition.

They have emerged in the same pool as Al Rayyan of Qatar, South Gas SC of Iraq, Shabab Al Hussein of Jordan, and Shabab Nabi Ilyas from Palestine.

Meanwhile, Group A features Kuwait SC of Kuwait, Police SC of Qatar, Almeena VC of Yemen, Oman SC of Oman and home team Al Wehdat.



Dar Kulaib players celebrate a victory in a Bahrain league match

Following a single round-robin, the top four teams in each group march through to the tournament's quarter-finals, which will be held in the knock-out system.

Dar Kulaib are currently competing in the Golden Square semi-finals of the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volley-

ball League.

They have a number of top Bahraini players on their roster, including Mohammed Yaqoob, Ali Habib, Mahmoud Abdulwahed, Ayman Isa, Hasan Alaiwi and libero Hussain Sultan, to name a few. Their team is boosted by talented Argentinian professional Juan Barrera.