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Vision forward

HM King renews pledge to meet citizens’ aspirations for ‘progress, stability and dignified life’

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has renewed his steadfast pledge to advance the Kingdom of Bahrain, serve its people, and fulfil their aspirations for progress, stability, and a dignified life.

“On this national anniversary of lasting significance... the pledge is renewed to advance Bahrain, serve it and meet the aspirations of its people for progress, stability, and a dignified life,” HM the King said, emphasising the nation’s enduring commitment to unity and development.

Speech

HM King Hamad delivered a speech while patronising the National Day celebrations held yesterday at Al Sakhir Palace, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, marking Bahrain’s National Days, the 26th anniversary of His Majesty’s accession to the throne, and the accompanying national occasions.

He said: “As we observe this precious anniversary — rich in lessons of glory and the unity of the national ranks — we are re-



HM the King

quired to draw inspiration from it to renew our shared resolve to maximise efforts.”

While also praising the invaluable contributions of citizens, HM the King noted: “There is no occasion more fitting than this national platform to express our satisfaction and pride in the honourable contributions whose impact is evident in every field

of service and productivity.”

The celebrations commenced with a 21-gun salute in honour of the occasion, followed by the playing of the Royal Anthem and a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.

In his keynote address, HM the King highlighted the principled approach established by the nation’s founders, noting

that Bahrain’s historic progress continues to flourish through the dedication and contribution of its sons and daughters.

He paid special tribute to the pioneers of national service, acknowledging their generous contributions and noble deeds that enrich the Bahraini experience.

“We pay tribute in particular to the pioneers of national service, whom we celebrate on this auspicious day to thank them for their generous contributions and noble deeds,” His Majesty remarked.

Following the Royal address, HM King Hamad presented honorary medals to 39 distinguished citizens and officials, recognising their exceptional contributions across government, military, scientific, cultural, youth, and professional fields.

Pride

On behalf of the honourees, Nujood Rashid Al Jar, Director of Evaluation and Analysis Directorate at the Prime Minister’s Office, expressed pride and deep appreciation for the Royal recognition

She conveyed heartfelt congratulations to HM the King and to the people of Bahrain on National Day, affirming that His Majesty’s trust represents both a

great honour and a responsibility that inspires continued dedication, sincerity, and excellence in serving the Kingdom.

The list of honourees included senior military officials such as Major General Staff Ali Hassan Al Majed Al Nuaimi, Colonel Staff Shaikh Faisal bin Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Isa Al Hassan, as well as notable civilian contributors including poet Bader Nasser Bouresli, engineers, academics, and leaders in social and professional initiatives.

Incentive

The Royal recognition serves as a strong incentive for citizens to continue pursuing excellence, innovation, and development in line with Bahrain’s national vision and aspirations.

The National Day celebrations and medal presentations underscore the Kingdom’s ongoing journey of comprehensive development, reflecting HM the King’s guidance and vision for a prosperous, stable, and united Bahrain.

Through these ceremonies, Bahrain not only honours the dedication and achievements of its people but also renews its commitment to advancing the nation.

HM King pardons 963 inmates

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued a decree granting a special pardon and releasing 963 inmates, including those convicted of various cases who have served part of their sentences, as well as a number of individuals subject to alternative sentencing.

The royal initiative was part of the Kingdom of Bahrain’s National Day celebration, the 26th anniversary of HM the King’s accession to the throne, and the accompanying national events.

The pardon reflects His Majesty’s longstanding commitment to providing those included with an opportunity to reintegrate into society and contribute to the Kingdom’s comprehensive development under his leadership.

His Majesty invited to Expo Riyadh 2030

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a written message from His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, inviting him to attend Expo Riyadh 2030, which will be hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The message was delivered to HM the King by His Excellency Naif bin Bandar Al Sudairi, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Bahrain, during a meeting held yesterday at Al Sakhir Palace.

They held a meeting.

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In a statement on the occasion of the the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day celebrations, the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne, and the accompanying national occasions,

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted:

- The Kingdom's advancement across all paths of national achievement, under the leadership of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.
- His Majesty's far-reaching vision in laying the foundation for the Kingdom's comprehensive development.
- Bahraini citizens' vital role in achieving wide-ranging national goals.
- The recipients of national medals, congratulating them in their efforts.
- The Pride of all in the Kingdom's distinguished achievements.
- All national accomplishments stem from the collective efforts of Team Bahrain, with citizens united in their dedication to serving the Kingdom.
- The Kingdom' remarkable national accomplishments during recent years, marked by the establishment of a strong and resilient economy built on sustainable foundations.
- The dividends of the recent economic growth will directly benefit citizens, driving constructive economic activity and broadening development opportunities across all sectors.
- The importance of maintaining close constructive engagement with the Kingdom's Legislative branch.
- The importance of launching initiatives and programmes that support national development.
- The national commitment to invest in social services that support Bahraini citizens in line with Royal Directives.
- The importance of maintaining electricity and water subsidies for citizens' first homes.
- The importance of enhancing programmes that support and empower low-income households.
- The critical importance of safeguarding public funds and preventing the excessive waste of resources.
- Efficient and responsible spending is essential to serving the public interest and achieving intended objectives.
- The necessity of ensuring that social support be directed to those in need, and not disproportionately consumed by higher-income groups.
- The Kingdom's commitment to leveraging achievements and development opportunities to advance progress and prosperity.
- The Kingdom's commitment to further strengthening the foundations of sustainable development to reinforce Bahrain's standing across all sectors.

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HM King, HRH Prince Salman receive greetings from home and abroad

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received cables of congratulations at home and from overseas on the occasion of the Kingdom’s National Days celebrations and the 26th anniversary of HM the King’s Accession to the Throne, and the accompanying national events.

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman received greetings from senior members of the royal family, heads of Representatives and Shura councils, ministers, senior officials, dignitaries, members of the Representatives Council, Shura and municipal councils, governors, Bahrain’s ambassadors abroad, diplomats, heads of so-

HM the King praised Bahrain’s longstanding bilateral relations with Iraq and Palestine.

cieties and sports associations, clubs and citizens.

His Majesty received telephone calls from Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al Sudani and Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas, who congrat-

ulated them on the Kingdom’s glorious occasions.

Prime Minister Al Sudani and President Abbas praised the strong ties between Bahrain and their respective countries, wishing the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity under the leadership of HM King Hamad.

HM the King thanked them for the well wishes and reiterated their longstanding bilateral relations.

The royal leadership wished Prime Minister Al Sudani and President Abbas abundant health and happiness and many happy returns to their countries and peoples.

His Majesty sent a cable of congratulations to HM Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of the Kingdom of Bhutan, on its National Day.

United for progress

HRH Prince Salman hails Bahrain’s remarkable achievements and citizens’ collective efforts

- **HM King Hamad leadership and vision praised**
- **Sustainable economic growth to directly benefit Bahrainis**

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, expressed pride in the Kingdom of Bahrain’s distinguished national achievements. He affirmed that all accomplishments are the result of the collective efforts of Team Bahrain, with citizens united in their dedication to serving the nation. Marking the Kingdom’s National Days celebrations and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s Accession to the Throne, and the accompanying national events, HRH Prince Salman stressed that recent years have witnessed “remarkable national accomplish-

ments,” underpinned by a strong and resilient economy built on sustainable foundations.

Dividends

He affirmed that the dividends of this economic growth will directly benefit citizens, driving constructive economic activity and expanding development opportunities across all sectors. His Royal Highness affirmed that the Kingdom’s continued progress across all fields is guided by the leadership and vision of HM the King.

He noted that this foresight has laid the foundations for comprehensive development that places citizens at its core.

“Our national achievements stem from the spirit of one team, working together to serve Bahrain and advance its aspirations,” His Royal Highness said, emphasising that the unity and commitment of citizens remain central to achieving national goals.

Growth

Highlighting economic progress, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister stated that “the establishment of a resilient



HRH Prince Salman

economy on sustainable foundations ensures that growth

“The unity and commitment of citizens remain central to achieving national goals

HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

gains will stimulate constructive economic activity and create broader opportunities for development. He reaffirmed the government’s commitment to continuing to invest in social services in line with Royal Directives, noting that effective and well-targeted support is essential to enhancing quality of life. In this regard, HRH Prince Salman underscored the importance of strengthening social

support programmes, particularly those related to electricity and water subsidies for citizens’ first homes, as well as initiatives that support and empower low-income households while preserving the purchasing power of middle-income families.

Public funds

He also stressed the need to safeguard public funds, stating that “efficient and responsible spending is essential to serving the public interest,” and emphasised that social support must be directed to those most in need. His Royal Highness further highlighted the importance of close cooperation and constructive engagement with the Legislative Authority, alongside the launch of initiatives and programmes that support national development. He reaffirmed Bahrain’s commitment to leveraging its achievements to advance progress and prosperity, while strengthening the foundations of sustainable development that fulfil citizens’ aspirations and reinforce the Kingdom’s standing across all sectors.

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A sky of celebration



Spectators were treated to a breathtaking fireworks extravaganza at the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in celebration of the Kingdom of Bahrain’s National Day and the anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s accession to the throne. Despite a rainy evening, the sky was ablaze with the colourful and largest fireworks display of the year, marking a highlight of the Kingdom’s annual national festivities. Citizens and expatriates alike flocked to the venue to witness the dazzling spectacle and join in commemorating this significant occasion.

Glorious occasion

‘Renewing our commitment for Kingdom’s progress and prosperity’

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The Ministry of Oil and Environment held a national ceremony to mark the Kingdom’s National Days and the 26th anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the Throne.

The event was attended by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, along with ministry officials and employees, in an atmosphere reflecting pride in the Kingdom’s comprehensive development achievements.

On the occasion, H.E. Dr. bin Daina affirmed that “the comprehensive development renaissance and the qualitative achievements witnessed by the Kingdom across various sectors are the direct result of the wise vision of His Majesty the King and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown



Prince and Prime Minister.”

Opportunity

He added that “these national celebrations represent an important opportunity to renew our commitment to continue working with dedication to achieve further progress and prosperity for the Kingdom.”

Highlighting the significance of national occasions, he said they are “key milestones to reflect on the Kingdom’s achieve-

This national occasions are key milestones that reflect the Kingdom’s achievements in the political, economic, environmental and social fields

H.E. DR. MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK BIN DAINA, MINISTER OF OIL AND ENVIRONMENT AND SPECIAL ENVOY FOR CLIMATE AFFAIRS

ments in the political, economic, environmental and social fields.”

The Minister stressed that “Bahrain’s progress and distinction are the outcome of conscious strategic planning that has established an integrated development model recognised at both regional and international levels.”

H.E. Dr. bin Daina noted that the oil and environment sectors have recorded notable progress

in recent years through innovation and improved efficiency.

He emphasises that “the Kingdom is moving steadily forward in implementing strategic projects aimed at developing sustainable energy sources, optimising the management of national resources and modernising infrastructure, in support of economic growth and sustainability goals.”

Role

The Minister also underscored the vital role played by national institutions and companies in achieving tangible accomplishments in exploration, refining and petrochemicals, as well as in advancing environmental and climate protection initiatives.

He affirmed that “these collective efforts reinforce Bahrain’s position as an advanced development model and reflect our firm determination to work as one team to safeguard national gains and build a more prosperous future.”

Bahrain map crafted from rice grains



Mr. Ajith Bangera, together with officials and members of Kannada Sangha Bahrain, proudly witnesses a record-breaking achievement

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Kannada Sangha Bahrain made history on December 16, 2025, by creating the largest rice mosaic of Bahrain, earning official recognition from the Golden Book of World Records.

The record attempt was a highlight of the Bahrain National Day celebrations, adding a unique global achievement to the festivities.

Bahrain has long been a stage for groundbreaking firsts in the Gulf, from the first Formula 1 track to cultural and literary milestones.

Yesterday, Kannada Sangha added another historic achievement, blending artistry with national pride.

The initiative, conceived just days before the celebrations, received formal clearance two days ahead of the event.

Despite the short timeframe, the Sangha successfully completed the record attempt and has already received the initial

certificate, while the final certification is expected following the standard verification process.

The event, held at the Kannada Sangha Auditorium, brought together members, volunteers, and well-wishers in a lively display of creativity and community spirit.

The auditorium came alive as the one-of-a-kind Bahrain map took shape, crafted entirely from rice grains in shades of red, white, and blue.

Stretching 18 metres in length and 8 metres in width, the map captured the Kingdom’s outline with remarkable precision.

From afar, it presented a striking, unified tribute; up close, each grain sparkled under the lights, reflecting the meticulous care of the volunteers.

Subtle color variations highlighted islands and regions, adding depth and texture to the artwork.

Spectators leaned over in awe.



H.E. Dr. bin Daina with Ministry officials and personnel

Artistic mural inaugurated



Her Excellency Rawan bint Najib Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, inaugurated an artistic mural at the Muharraq Model Youth Center as part of the Ministry’s activities marking the national occasions. Stretching across the facade of the centre, the mural reflects Muharraq Governorate’s rich cultural heritage through a vibrant visual narrative depicting the sea.

Northern Governorate ceremony



The Northern Governorate organised a ceremony attended by Northern Governor Hassan Abdullah Al Madani and Deputy Northern Governor Brigadier Abdullah Ali. During the celebration, the Governor called for active participation in the governorate’s events and programmes to mark the national celebrations, stressing the importance of strengthening national spirit among future generations, reinforcing national identity, and deepening the values of unity and national belonging.

Bahrain-Russia bonds



His Excellency Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Saati, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Russian Federation, joined Arab and Islamic ambassadors in Moscow to attend the celebration marking the announcement by the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ICESCO) that the city of Kazan, capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, has been named the Cultural Capital of the Islamic World in 2026. The event was attended by H.E. Rustam Minnikhanov, President of Tatarstan; Olga Lyubimova, Minister of Culture of Russia; Sergey Vershinin, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation; and Dr. Amina Al Hajri, ICESCO Director General for Cultural, Social and Family Affairs.

Celebrations abroad

Abu Dhabi opens King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Park

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Under the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and in celebration of the longstanding ties between the UAE and the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Department of Municipalities and Transport in Abu Dhabi inaugurated the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Park.

The opening coincides with the Kingdom's National Days celebrations and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne, and the accompanying national events.

According to the Abu Dhabi Media Office, the park has undergone comprehensive development to provide visitors with a unique natural experience.

It features a forest of more than 1,100 mature Ghaf trees, a nearly 700-meter air-conditioned walkway, elevated paths for scenic views, and designated areas for sports activities.

Facilities

Additional facilities include a bicycle track, elevated paths for skiing and jumping bikes, open grassy areas, yoga and meditation platforms, children's play zones, and spaces for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.



Providing visitors with a unique natural experience

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A modern cafe, food carts, and fresh water fountains enhance the visitor experience.

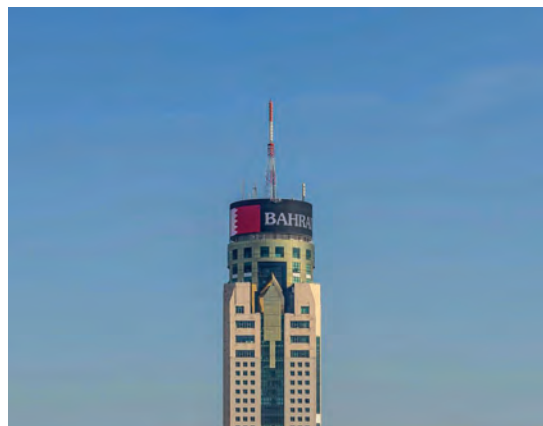
Mohammed Ali Al Shurafa, Chairman of the Department of Municipalities and Transport in Abu Dhabi, highlighted that the park reflects the deep fraternal ties between the two nations and their peoples, expressing pride in the department's role in maintaining this landmark.

Bahrain-Oman ties



The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Muscat, Oman, hosted a distinguished reception. The event was attended by His Highness Sayyid Taimur bin Asaad Al Said, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Central Bank of Oman, alongside Their Highnesses and Excellencies, ambassadors from friendly nations accredited to Oman, and Bahraini citizens residing in the Sultanate. The ceremony commenced with the national anthems of both Bahrain and Oman, followed by a documentary highlighting Bahrain's most prominent achievements across various vital sectors.

Bahrain-Thailand friendship



The iconic Baiyoke Sky Tower in Bangkok, Thailand, was illuminated with the flag of the Kingdom of Bahrain. From 6am to 10pm, the tower's screens proudly displayed the Bahraini flag alongside celebratory messages, creating a striking visual spectacle against the Bangkok skyline. Known for its observation decks offering panoramic views of the city, the Baiyoke Sky Tower provided a memorable backdrop for the Kingdom's glorious occasion. The initiative underscores the longstanding friendship and bilateral cooperation between Bahrain and Thailand, reflecting the continuous growth of relations at all levels. The display drew widespread admiration from residents and visitors alike, highlighting the tower's status as one of Bangkok's most prominent landmarks.

France reception



The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in France hosted a reception to mark the Kingdom's national occasions. The event was attended by Her Excellency Rachida Dati, French Minister of Culture; H.E. Dr. Khaled El-Enany, Director-General of UNESCO; H.E. Jean-Michel Blanquer, former French Minister of Education; and Deputy Mickael Tavernier, Chairman of the French-Bahraini Friendship Committee in the French National Assembly, alongside members of the Senate and the National Assembly, diplomats, business leaders and media representatives.

Bahrain-Belgium relations



The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Belgium hosted a distinguished ceremony at its headquarters. The event was attended by members of the Bahraini mission in Belgium.

Bangladesh Embassy celebrates Great Victory Day

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The Bangladesh Embassy in Bahrain celebrated the Great Victory Day of Bangladesh with due dignity and in a festive atmosphere at its premises yesterday morning.

The program commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Bahrain, H.E. Mr. Md. Rais Hasan Sarower, ndc.

Leaders of various Bangladeshi political, social, cultural, and business organisations residing in Bahrain, officials of the Embassy, and Bangladeshi expatriates from all walks of life



H.E. Ambassador Md. Rais Hasan Sarower with Bangladesh Embassy officials and distinguished guests

were present during the event.

At the outset of the program, recitation from the Holy Qur'an was performed.

This was followed by the observance of a minute's silence to pay deep respect to the valiant freedom fighters and martyrs who laid down their lives in the Great Liberation War.

Afterwards, messages received from Dhaka were read out to the audience.

Tributes

In his speech, H.E. Ambassador Mr. Rais Hasan paid his tributes to the national leaders who led the Liberation War,

the martyrs, the brave freedom fighters, and the 200,000 women who were subjected to grave indignities, whose sacrifices and contributions led to the achievement of the red and green flag, and an independent and sovereign Bangladesh.

He also respectfully recalled the martyrs of the anti-discrimination student movement and the mass uprising of July-August 2024.

The Ambassador called upon all expatriates to remain united and work towards building a developed, prosperous, and discrimination-free modern Bangladesh.

MPs back continued support for first-home utility bills

Mohammed Darwish
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Support for electricity and water for citizens in their first homes will continue, alongside stronger help for low-income households and steps aimed at protecting the middle class, MPs said after directives issued by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

MP Hassan Ibrahim said the instructions drew a clear line on living costs.



MP Hassan Ibrahim

“Citizens come first, and their livelihoods are a red line that cannot be bargained away,” he



MP Mohammed Al Olaiwi

said. He said the directions covered keeping electricity and water



MP Dr Munir Seroor

support in place for a first home, backing programmes aimed at people on lower incomes, and

protecting the middle class. He added that economic progress should be judged by what people feel in daily life, rather than headline figures alone.

MP Dr Munir Seroor said HRH Prince Salman’s remarks on the middle class, and on keeping electricity support in place, gave many people reassurance, particularly those in the middle-income bracket.

“Having a large, active middle class improves the chances of economic growth, helps develop cadres and leaders, raises output, and contrib-

utes to producing talent,” he said.

Seroor said a strong middle class also points to social fairness, with incomes and hopes closer together across society.

He said he expected Bahrain to see further gains from its economic recovery efforts, with wider chances for growth across the community.

MP Mohammed Al Olaiwi also welcomed the directives, saying they would ease pressures on households, especially those on limited incomes, and support family stability.

BD4,700 payout ruling over delayed crash compensation

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Two years after a traffic crash compensation claim was put on hold because it depended on a non-final default criminal ruling, a court has returned to the case.

The court ordered the insurer and the driver blamed for the collision to pay the injured party BD4,700, plus 4 per cent annual interest for late payment, calculated from the date the lawsuit was filed until full settlement is made.

It also ordered the insurance company to pay an appropriate share of costs and BD20 in lawyers’ fees.

The late-payment interest was placed on the insurer.

Damage

The claim was filed by the injured party against the insurance company and the driver, seeking a joint order for BD4,800 for material damage and BD700 for moral harm, together with legal interest from the date of injury until full payment, according to lawyer Mohammed Al Mahdi.

The claimant said he was hit by a car driven by the second defendant and insured with the first defendant.

He told the court the driver failed to take due care and attention, struck his vehicle as it travelled in its proper lane, and left him with pain, wounds and injuries that were treated.

He also said he suffered distress after the accident and

what he described as disability.

Fault

Court papers state the driver admitted fault in the police report.

A BD100 fine was issued in the criminal case for the charges linked to the incident.

The civil hearings proceeded with the claimant and the insurer present, while the driver did not attend.

The criminal ruling against the driver was therefore issued in default under Article 201 of the Criminal Procedure Law.

Papers

The court said the papers showed the driver had been outside the country and there was nothing to prove he had been formally served, meaning the default criminal ruling had not become final and could still be challenged by way of opposition.

On that basis, the court stayed the civil claim until the criminal judgment either became final or came to an end through one of the legally recognised routes.

After two years, the court returned to the file to reach a final decision.

The claimant’s lawyer submitted a memorandum and a certificate stating the driver had not appealed the criminal ruling, had paid the fine imposed, and had not objected to the judgment, while also being aware of the default ruling issued against him.

Reduced penalty

Accused drug courier avoids trafficking punishment after assisting police investigations

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A man accused of bringing drugs into Bahrain for sale has been spared punishment for trafficking after helping police identify two other suspects linked to a wider dealing ring, the courts have heard.

The case dates back to July 2025, when the first defendant arrived through Bahrain International Airport from an Asian country.

His luggage did not arrive with him and he remained in Bahrain for eight days before receiving a call telling him the bags had turned up.

When the luggage was sent through the X-ray machine, a customs officer became suspicious and the bags were pulled aside for a closer search.

Narcotics

Officers found herbal material suspected to be narcotics, and the man was handed to the Anti-Narcotics Directorate.

According to his lawyer, Eman Hassan, he told investigators he



had been sent by two other defendants to travel to an Asian country, collect the drugs, and bring them into Bahrain.

Prosecutors said the two men had arranged the trip, covered his travel costs, and left Bahrain the day after he arrived.

The Public Prosecution charged the three men with bringing, possessing and holding narcotic substances for the purpose of trafficking in circumstances not authorised by law.

The first defendant also faced a separate accusation linked to possession and holding with intent to import, sell and use.

Investigators said enquiries

linked the first defendant to an organised drug-selling network led by an unknown person abroad, and that the second and third defendants recruited him and handed him the drugs to sell in Bahrain before leaving the country.

Investigation

The first defendant admitted during the prosecution investigation that he had received the drugs overseas from the second and third defendants in return for money, and brought them into Bahrain for sale.

When the case reached court, the first defendant denied the trafficking allegation, while the

second and third defendants did not attend.

The court issued a judgment in the presence of the first defendant and in absentia against the other two.

The court exempted the first defendant from punishment on the importation and trafficking count, saying he cooperated after his arrest and identified the second and third defendants as the men who asked him to bring the drugs.

Exemption

The court said they were traced through his help, and ruled that he qualified for exemption under Article 53 of Law No. 15 of 2007 on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

He was convicted, however, of drug use, and sentenced to three years in prison and fined BD1,000.

The second and third defendants were sentenced to life in prison and fined BD5,000 each.

The court also ordered the deportation of all three after serving their sentences, and the confiscation of the seized items.

Global forum against corruption



The Director of the Anti-Corruption Crimes Directorate at the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, Lt-Colonel Mohammed Jassim Al Khadri, led the Kingdom of Bahrain’s delegation to the 11th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), held in Qatar. The conference addressed a number of key issues related to the implementation of the Convention’s provisions, most notably enhancing international cooperation in combating cross-border corruption crimes, developing technical assistance programmes and capacity-building, as well as following up on the work of the relevant working groups on implementation review, prevention, and asset recovery, in addition to reviewing reports issued by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Mohammed Darwish
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Rainwater drainage projects in two Galali blocks have not stopped repeat pooling at the same sites.

This was according to Muharraq Municipal Council deputy chairman Saleh Buhazaa as he called on the Ministry of Works to commission an independent technical assessment and carry out further remedial work.

Buhazaa said the two schemes were carried out under the ministry’s plan in Block 255 on Road 5544 near Al Muharraq Oasis and in Block 254 on Road 5426.

He said the works were announced for June and July 2024, with approved budgets of BD81,000 for the first project and BD8,000 for the second, and that the contract was awarded to Al Tadhamon Excavation



Saleh Buhazaa

Company.

Duty

“Out of a sense of national and municipal duty, and to protect people and property, we want to express our deep dissatisfaction with the stalling and failure of the two rainwater drainage

projects,” Buhazaa said in a statement.

He said rainwater continues to gather in the same locations, and pointed to possible faults in the technical studies, the way the work was carried out, site supervision, or the final handover.

The Council deputy head said the works were meant to address known points where rainwater has collected for years.

Review

Buhazaa called on the ministry to carry out an urgent, independent technical review to explain the reasons for the outcome, then redo the affected areas in a way that resolves the issue.

He also urged it to identify any shortcomings and assign responsibility under existing rules, and to strengthen technical oversight on future rainwater drainage schemes.

“We will continue to follow up on this file responsibly, and take the necessary legal and oversight steps to safeguard residents’ rights and reach lasting solutions,” he said.

Stocks retreat on US jobs, oil drops on Ukraine hopes

In November, the US unemployment climbed to 4.6%

● international oil benchmark Brent dropped below \$60 per barrel

● The European Central Bank is set to hold interest rates

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets fell yesterday as investors data showed the US jobless rate hit its highest level since 2021, while oil prices slumped on renewed hopes for an end to Russia's war in Ukraine.

Data showed that in November the US unemployment climbed to 4.6%, its highest level in four years.

The report, delayed by a lengthy government shutdown, also indicated that the US econ-

Key figures at around 1430 GMT

New York - Dow:	▼ less than 0.1% at 48,378.57 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.2% at 6,802.00
Nasdaq Composite:	▼ 0.3% at 22,981.82
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.7% at 9,685.50
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.2% at 8,109.25
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.6% at 24,096.31
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 1.6% at 49,383.29 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 1.5% at 25,235.41 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 1.1% at 3,824.81 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1787 from \$1.1750 on Monday
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 154.79 yen from 155.25
Pound/dollar:	▲ P at \$1.3434 from \$1.3372
Euro/pound:	▼ N at 87.74 pence from 87.87
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 2.1% at \$59.31 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 2.2% at \$55.55 per barrel

omy lost 105,000 jobs in October.

Hiring picked up again in November to 64,000, but this was still a slower pace than before.

"Today's US data releases were overall weaker than expected, although not as bad as some had

feared either," said Forex.com analyst Fawad Razaqzada.

"The market was pricing in just shy of 50% chance of a March cut before the jobs report, but in the immediate aftermath of the report that was up to

around 60%.

While poor data boosting the chance of interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve can often prop up stocks, Wall Street's main indices opened the day lower.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent dropped below \$60 per barrel for the first time since May, while the main US crude contract WTI also declined.

A deal to end the war in Ukraine could ease sanctions on Russian oil, adding to oversupply concerns already weighing on the market.

US President Donald Trump said Monday that a deal to end the war was closer than ever, after Washington said it offered Kyiv NATO-like security guarantees and voiced confidence Moscow would accept.

"I think we're closer now than we have been ever," Trump told reporters, after he spoke to Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky and a host of European leaders.

European defence stocks slid Tuesday following the update on the talks, analysts said.

"A peace deal between Russia and Ukraine looks to be back on the agenda but there have already been multiple false dawns this year," noted Derren Nathan, head of equity research at Hargreaves Lansdown.

Weak UK jobs data strengthened expectations that the Bank of England will trim borrowing costs on Thursday.

The European Central Bank is set to hold interest rates steady this week.

The yen held gains against the dollar ahead of an expected rate hike by the Bank of Japan on Friday.

Worries over the tech sector were also weighing on sentiment, with recent warnings about an AI-fuelled bubble compounded by disappointing earnings last week from Oracle and

Broadcom. "Investors appear to be increasingly concerned about high tech valuations," said Trade Nation analyst David Morrison



The New York Stock Exchange traces its origins to 1792, when 24 brokers signed the Buttonwood Agreement under a tree on Wall Street – a simple meeting that laid the foundation for what would become the world's largest stock exchange by market value.

'Easiest scam in the world'

Musicians sound alarm over AI impersonators

British folk musician Emily Portman got a shock in July when she received a message from a fan congratulating her on her new album -- even though she hadn't released one since 2022.

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Does the latest track by your favourite singer sound slightly off? You may be right. Fraudulent AI-generated tracks are increasingly appearing in artists' own profiles on streaming platforms, presented as their original work.

British folk musician Emily Portman got a shock in July when she received a message from a fan congratulating her on her new album -- even though she hadn't released one since 2022.

That's when she discovered



Folk singer Emily Portman, who found a counterfeit potentially AI-generated album purporting to be created by her online, poses for a photograph in Sheffield, northern England

"Orca" on numerous streaming platforms including Spotify and Apple Music.

The titles of the songs resembled something she might have created herself, but "very quickly I recognised it was AI-produced music", she said.

According to the independent artist, the AI behind "Orca" was "trained" on her previous albums, mimicking her folk-inspired instrumentation and lyrics.

"I just felt really uncomfortable and disturbed that people could be going to my profile ... and then think 'wow, what's this?'," she said.

Portman said people were fooled despite the "pristine perfection" of the vocals and "vacuous lyrics".

The musician couldn't identify the perpetrators of the fraud, but believes she knows how they operate.

Scammers claiming to be artists approach distribution companies, which then upload the music online without any identity checks, she said.

On the other side of the world, Australian musician Paul Bender also discovered from early this year that four "bizarrely bad" AI-generated songs had

been added to the profiles of his band, The Sweet Enoughs.

He said the streaming industry hadn't kept pace with security measures such as two-factor authentication now widely used in other sectors.

"You just say: 'Yes that's me' ... and upload a song to whoever's profile," he said.

"It's the easiest scam in the world."

After an Instagram discussion, Bender, who is also the

bassist for the Grammy-nominated band Hiatus Kaiyote, received hundreds of messages from artists and music fans.

He compiled a list of numerous suspect albums, particularly in the catalogues of deceased artists, such as the experimental Scottish musician Sophie, who died in 2021.

Around 24,000 people signed a petition Bender launched on change.org, including rapper and singer-songwriter Anderson .Paak and singer Willow Smith, urging platforms to step up security.

Virtually undetectable

AI-powered music generators such as Suno and Udio have become increasingly refined.

Almost all listeners are now unable to distinguish AI-generated tracks from the real thing, according to an Ipsos study for the French platform Deezer in November.

This has driven success for bands solely created by AI, such as The Velvet Sundown, which has garnered one million subscribers on Spotify, but also led to a rise in fraudulent activity.

"The reason that music was uploaded under her (Portman's) name was essentially to make sure that they could gain royalties from (it)," said Dougie Brown of the industry representative UK Music.

Revenues on the platforms are generally low, but add up thanks to bots that multiply listening streams tenfold, he said.

Portman and Bender, who have not taken legal action, asked the various platforms to remove the offending tracks -- a process that took between 24 hours and eight weeks.

Some countries and states have legislation to protect artists against imitation, particularly in California.

In others, including the United Kingdom, limited copyright leaves artists vulnerable, said Philip Morris of the Musicians' Union.

He said Portman's case showed how AI-generated music was now so sophisticated it could actually be used "to impersonate the original work of a real artist".

Accused of a lack of transparency, Spotify recently announced measures to make the platform more reliable and transparent.

Like its competitor Apple Music, it says it is working upstream with distributors to better detect fraud.

"Across the music industry, AI is accelerating existing problems like spam, fraud, and deceptive content," it said.

Despite her concerns about potential UK legislation that artists say will damage their interests, and fraudsters making a mockery of the "beauty of the creative process", Portman is working on a new album.

"The album that I'm making, it's costing a lot of money ... but for me it's all about those human connections, creativity and teaming up with other amazing creatives," she said.

EU set to drop 2035 combustion-engine ban to boost car industry

The ban was hailed as a major win in the fight against climate change

- Carmakers argue the 2035 goals are no longer realistic
- Just over 16% of new vehicles sold in the first nine months of 2025 run on batteries

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The European Union looks set to scrap a landmark 2035 ban on new petrol and diesel cars on Tuesday, as part of a package of reforms aimed at supporting Europe's embattled auto industry.

The ban was hailed as a major win in the fight against climate change when it was adopted in 2023, but carmakers and their backers have lobbied hard over the past year for Brussels to relax it, in the face of fierce competition from China and a slower-than-expected shift to electric vehicles (EVs).

The European Commission is expected to propose replacing the ban with a less ambitious 90-percent emissions-reduction target, a move critics say risks undermining the EU's green agenda and deterring investments in electrification.

But talks within the commission were going down to the wire ahead of an official announcement on Tuesday afternoon on what vehicles would be allowed to be sold after the deadline, according to EU sources.

"This is a critical milestone for the future of the sector. There is a lot at stake," Sigrid



An exhaust pipe for a car with a combustible engine is seen in Berlin

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de Vries, the head of European auto lobby ACEA, told a press conference in Brussels on Monday, referring to the expected reforms. The ban was a cornerstone of the EU's environmental Green Deal, which has come under increased pressure from businesses and right-wing politicians as Europe seeks to bolster its industry.

"There is a clear demand for more flexibility on the CO2 targets," commission spokeswoman Paula Pinho told a press conference Friday, saying Brussels was "aiming for balance".

Carmakers argue the 2035 goal to have only electric vehicles sold in Europe, and an intermediate 2030 target, are no longer realistic.

High upfront costs and the lack of adequate charging infrastructure in parts of the 27-na-

tion bloc mean consumers have been slow to warm to EVs, producers say.

Just over 16% of new vehicles sold in the first nine months of 2025 run on batteries, according to ACEA.

Automakers would like to see continued sales authorised for plug-in hybrids or those equipped with range extenders -- small combustion engines that recharge the battery instead of powering the wheels.

Germany and some eastern European nations support this -- despite questions about the vehicles' green credentials, with a recent report indicating that plug-in hybrids pollute almost as much as petrol cars.

'Poisoning the debate'

Others, like Italy, want to see

the use of alternative fuels such as those derived from agricultural crops and waste products allowed.

That was a sticking point in talks on Tuesday morning, a commission source told AFP.

Environmental groups oppose a massive take-up of biofuels, saying it would likely boost the use of pesticides, soil depletion and deforestation.

Manfred Weber, the conservative head of the EU parliament's largest group, welcomed the new 90-percent emissions-reduction target, but said no engine should be banned, leaving the choice with consumers.

"Forbidding technologies" was a gift to far-right populists, he told a press conference.

The expected lowering of ambitions is set to displease the Nordic countries, Spain and to an extent France, who have long called for keeping to the planned trajectory in order not to harm firms that have invested in the transition to electric vehicles.

But William Todts, director of the clean-transport advocacy group T&E, said he hoped obtaining concessions would help the auto industry move on and stay the course towards a green transition. "I hope that if they get a little bit of what they want, they will stop poisoning the political debate," he told AFP, arguing heated discussions had created confusion in the sector and among consumers.

The commission is also expected to unveil additional measures to support the sector, including plans for "greening" company fleets and encouraging production of small and "affordable" EVs.

Trump says will file lawsuit against BBC



People use the entrance to the offices of British broadcaster BBC in London in the late afternoon

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump on Monday said he would be imminently filing a lawsuit against the BBC over editing of his 2021 speech to supporters before their assault on the US Capitol.

"We'll be filing that suit probably this afternoon or tomorrow morning," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office, over a month after first threatening a billion-dollar defamation complaint against the British broadcaster.

"Literally, they put words in my mouth," the 79-year-old Republican said, accusing the BBC of using "AI or something" to fabricate his words without providing any evidence.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, whose audience extends well beyond the United Kingdom, faced turmoil following the accusations about "Panorama," its flagship current affairs program.

Ahead of the 2024 US presidential election, the program aired clips from Trump's January 6, 2021 speech.

The video spliced together two sections of Trump's speech in a way that made it appear he explicitly urged

supporters to attack the Capitol, where lawmakers were certifying Joe Biden's 2020 election win.

A firestorm erupted over the edited clip in early November, leading the BBC director-general and the organization's top news executive to resign.

The BBC has denied Trump's claims of legal defamation and BBC chairman Samir Shah sent Trump a letter of apology.

But the American president has filed or threatened to file lawsuits against several media outlets in the United States, who have led to multi-million-dollar settlements.



The British Broadcasting Corporation is funded primarily by a television licence fee, not advertising -- a system introduced in 1923, making it one of the oldest publicly funded broadcasters in the world. This model allows the BBC to operate without commercial breaks on its domestic TV and radio services.

Will OpenAI be the next tech giant or next Netscape?

- OpenAI's valuation has soared to \$500 billion in funding rounds
- But the ChatGPT maker will end this year with a loss of several billion dollars
- OpenAI unveiled its latest ChatGPT model last week

AFP | New York, United States

Three years after ChatGPT made OpenAI the leader in artificial intelligence and a household name, rivals have closed the gap and some investors are wondering if the sensation has the wherewithal to stay dominant.

Investor Michael Burry, made famous in the film "The Big Short," recently likened OpenAI to Netscape, which ruled the web browser market in the mid-

1990s only to lose to Microsoft's Internet Explorer.

"OpenAI is the next Netscape, doomed and hemorrhaging

cash," Burry said recently in a post on X, formerly Twitter.

Researcher Gary Marcus, known for being skeptical of AI hype, sees OpenAI as having lost the lead it captured with the launch of ChatGPT in November 2022.

The startup is "burning billions of dollars a month," Marcus said of OpenAI.

"Given how long the writing has been on the wall, I can only shake my head" as it falls.

Yet ChatGPT was a tech launch like no other, breaking all consumer product growth records and now boasting more than 800 million -- paid subscription and unpaid -- weekly users.

OpenAI's valuation has soared to \$500 billion in funding rounds, higher than any other pri-

vate company.

But the ChatGPT maker will end this year with a loss of several billion dollars and does not expect to be profitable before 2029, an eternity in the fast-moving and uncertain world of AI.

Nonetheless, the startup has committed to paying more than \$1.4 trillion to computer chip makers and data center builders to build infrastructure it needs for AI.

The fierce cash burn is raising questions, especially since Google claims some 650 million people use its Gemini AI monthly and the tech giant has massive online ad revenue to back its spending on technology.

Rivals Amazon, Meta and OpenAI-investor Microsoft have deep pockets the ChatGPT-maker cannot match.

Turbulence ahead?

A charismatic salesman, OpenAI chief executive Sam Altman flashed rare annoyance when asked about the startup's multi-trillion-dollar contracts in early November.

A few days later, he warned internally that the startup is likely to face a "turbulent environment" and an "unfavorable

economic climate," particularly given competitive pressure from Google.

And when Google released its latest model to positive reactions, Altman issued a "red alert," urging OpenAI teams to give ChatGPT their best efforts.

OpenAI unveiled its latest ChatGPT model last week, that same day announcing Disney would invest in the startup and license characters for use in the bot and Sora video-generating tool.

OpenAI's challenge is inspiring the confidence that the large sums of money it is investing will pay off, according to Foundation Capital partner Ashu Garg.

For now OpenAI is raising money at lofty valuations while returns on those investments are questionable, Garg added.

Yet OpenAI still has the faith of the world's deepest-pocketed investors.

"I'm always expecting OpenAI's valuation to come down because competition is coming and its capital structure is so obviously inappropriate," said Pluris Valuation Advisors president Espen Robak.

"But it only seems to be going up."

Opinions are mixed on whether the situation will result in OpenAI postponing becoming a publicly traded company or instead make its way faster to Wall Street to cash in on the AI euphoria.

Few AI industry analysts expect OpenAI to implode completely, since there is room in the market for several models to thrive.

"At the end of the day, it's not winner take all," said CFRA analyst Angelo Zino.

"All of these companies will take a piece of the pie, and the pie continues to get bigger," he said of AI industry frontrunners.

Also factored in is that while OpenAI has made dizzying financial commitments, terms of deals tend to be flexible and Microsoft is a major backer of the startup.



News in brief

◆ Benin jailed yesterday

around 30 people, most of them soldiers, accused of links to a thwarted coup attempt this month, legal sources told AFP, while several mutineers are still on the run. Soldiers appeared on national television on December 7 to announce President Patrice Talon had been deposed but the attempted putsch was swiftly defeated by loyalist army forces with the help of the Nigerian air force and French special forces. Several people were killed and the alleged coup leader lieutenant-colonel Pascal Tigri and other mutinous soldiers remain on the run.

On Monday, the around 30 accused appeared in front of a special prosecutor for the court for economic crimes and terrorism in the city of Cotonou, the sources said. They were placed in pre-trial detention the following day at the end of their hearing, they added.

◆ **Iraq's transport ministry** said yesterday that a flight operated by Greece's Aegean Airlines had been the first European aircraft in 35 years to land at Baghdad's international airport. In a statement, the ministry said the arrival signalled "Iraq's return to the European aviation map" and ushered in "a new phase of recovery for Iraq's aviation sector". European airlines have not operated direct flights to Baghdad International Airport for security reasons since the

early 1990s, when Iraq's long-time ruler Saddam Hussein invaded neighbouring Kuwait. Hussein was toppled by the US-led invasion in 2003, which was followed by a civil war, sectarian violence and the emergence of armed jihadist factions.

◆ **The United States** said yesterday it was designating Colombia's largest drug-trafficking gang, Clan del Golfo, as terrorists, just as the group engaged in talks with the country's leftist government. The move comes as President Donald Trump's administration controversially carries out strikes at sea against purported drug traffickers on boats around Venezuela. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that the United States was designating Clan del Golfo as a foreign terrorist organization and specially designated global terrorists -- making any US support for them a crime. "The United States will continue to use all available tools to protect our nation and stop the campaigns of violence and terror committed by international cartels and transnational criminal organizations," Rubio said in a statement. "We are committed to denying funding and resources to these terrorists." The Clan del Golfo has origins in right-wing paramilitary organizations. It is responsible for shipping hundreds of tons of cocaine annually to the United States and Europe, according to Colombian military intelligence.



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SPOTLIGHT

Pentagon prepares major military reorganization plan: report



AFP | Washington, United States

US officials are working on a plan for a reorganization of the military requested by Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth that would reduce four-star generals and consolidate some international command centers, the Washington Post reported on Monday.

If adopted, the proposal would mark one of the most significant changes at the military's top ranks in decades, the newspaper reported, citing five sources familiar with the matter.

US Joint Chiefs Chairman Dan Caine was expected to present the plan to Hegseth in coming days, a senior defense official familiar with the discussion told the Washington Post.

A spokesperson for the

Pentagon did not immediately respond to AFP's request for comment.

Under the plan, officials would "reduce the prominence" of the US Central Command, US European Command and US Africa Command and put them under control of a new organization known as US International Command, the newspaper reported.

It added it would also cut the number of generals and admirals who report directly to Hegseth.

The changes would have to be approved by both the Pentagon chief and US President Donald Trump to have any effect. The plan represents the latest major shakeup at the Pentagon under Trump's administration, which already fired a series of senior officers this year.

Australian PM says 'Islamic State ideology' drove Bondi Beach gunmen

Authorities said the attack was designed to sow panic

● Indian police said that Sajid was an Indian citizen

● His son Naveed is an Australian citizen

● Indian Foreign Minister in Israel offered "very sincere, deep condolences"

AFP | Sydney, Australia

A father and son were driven by "Islamic State ideology" when they fired on crowds at Bondi Beach in one of Australia's deadliest mass shootings, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said yesterday.

Sajid Akram and his son Naveed opened fire on people thronging the famous beach for the Jewish festival of Hanukkah on Sunday evening, killing 15 people and wounding dozens more.

Authorities said the attack was designed to sow panic among the nation's Jews, but have so far given little detail about the gunmen's deeper motivations.

Albanese gave one of the first hints that the pair had been radicalised by an "ideology of hate".

"It would appear that this was motivated by Islamic State ideology," Albanese told national broadcaster ABC.

The pair travelled to the Philippines before the shootings and authorities are investigating whether they met Islamist extremists during the trip, Australian media reported.

Manila's immigration department confirmed to AFP that the pair spent almost all of November in the Philippines, with their final destination listed as Davao.

The province, on the southern island of Mindanao, has a long history of Islamist insurgencies against central government rule.

Indian police said that Sajid was an Indian citizen, who had left his city of Hyderabad in the southern state of Telangana in 1998, saying in a statement that he had had "limited contact with



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese meeting Ahmed al Ahmed, the man who disarmed one of the attackers during the Bondi beach attack, in hospital in Sydney.

Bondi Beach suspect visited Philippines on Indian passport

AFP | Manila, Philippines

The father and son behind one of Australia's deadliest mass shootings spent nearly all of November in the Philippines, authorities in Manila confirmed yesterday, with the father entering on an Indian passport.

Sajid Akram and his son Naveed, who killed 15 people and wounded dozens of others at a Hanukkah celebration on Sydney's Bondi Beach, entered the country on November 1 with the southern province of Davao listed as their final destination.

The province on the southern island of Mindanao has a long history of Islamist insurgencies against central government rule.

"Sajid Akram, 50, Indian national, and Naveed Akram, 24, Australian national, arrived in

his family" since.

His son Naveed is an Australian citizen, Indian police said.

Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, visiting

the Philippines together last November 1, 2025 from Sydney, Australia," immigration spokeswoman Dana Sandoval told AFP.

"Both reported Davao as their final destination. They left the country on November 28, 2025 on a connecting flight from Davao to Manila, with Sydney as their final destination."

In a statement responding to reports that the Bondi shooters had trained in the Philippines, the National Security Council said there had been no information at the time of their visit suggesting the men posed "a serious or immediate concern".

"We don't know why they went there. There was no report about them," National Security Council spokesman Cornelio Valencia told AFP over the phone.

Israel yesterday, offered his "very sincere, deep condolences" and said New Delhi condemns the attack "in the strongest possible terms".

Authorities knew of attacker

Police found a car registered to Naveed Akram parked near the beach, with improvised bombs and two "homemade" Islamic State group flags inside, New South Wales Police Commissioner Mal Lanyon said.

Authorities are also facing mounting questions over whether they could have acted earlier to foil the attack.

Albanese said Naveed Akram, reportedly an unemployed bricklayer, had come to the attention of Australia's intelligence agency in 2019 but was not considered an imminent threat at the time.

"They interviewed him, they interviewed his family members, they interviewed people around him," Albanese said.

"He was not seen at that time to be a person of interest."

Naveed reportedly told his mother on the day of the attack that he was heading out of the city on a fishing trip.

Instead, authorities believe that he was holed up in a rental apartment with his father.

Carrying long-barrelled guns, they peppered the beach and a nearby park with bullets for 10 minutes before police shot and killed 50-year-old Sajid.

Naveed, 24, remains in a coma in hospital under police guard.



At its peak in 2014-2015, the group controlled large parts of Iraq and Syria and declared a so-called "caliphate," but by 2019 it had lost all its territorial control following sustained military campaigns--though it continues to exist as a decentralised insurgent and terror network in parts of the Middle East, Africa, and beyond.

Mexico criticizes US for classifying fentanyl as 'weapon of mass destruction'

AFP | Mexico City, Mexico

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said yesterday the fight against fentanyl should focus on root causes of the crisis, as she criticized a new US classification of the deadly drug as a "weapon of mass destruction."

President Donald Trump said Monday he was placing fentanyl in the same category as nuclear and chemical weapons as he ramps up his campaign against drug cartels in Latin America.



"I have raised this with President Trump -- the causes of drug

use must be addressed, not just this approach of now classifying one of the drugs as a lethal weapon of mass destruction," Sheinbaum told reporters.

The fentanyl classification ties in with the Trump administration's campaign against alleged "narco-terrorists," which has included a military campaign targeting alleged drug-smuggling boats.

The vessels are thought to be transporting cocaine rather than far-deadlier fentanyl, which is primarily smuggled into the

United States from Mexico rather than by boat from Colombia or Venezuela.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported an estimated 80,000 overdose deaths in the country in 2024, with some 48,000 of those due to synthetic opioids such as fentanyl.

The executive order said "illicit fentanyl is closer to a chemical weapon than a narcotic," and that its manufacture and distribution threatens US national security.

1398

Tamerlane captures and sacks Delhi, defeating Sultan Nasir-ud-Din Mahmud's armies by setting camels loaded with hay alight and charging them at the Sultan's armored elephants

1531

Pope Clement VII publishes papal bull "Cum ad nihil magis", authorizing the Inquisition into Portugal at Evora, Coimbra and Lisbon; rescinded in 1535

1st Airplane Flight



1903

At 10:35 am, Orville Wright pilots the first sustained, powered, and controlled flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; the flight lasts 12 seconds and covers 120 feet

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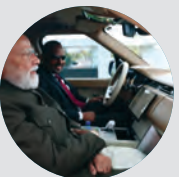
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Access to medicines and health products is at the heart of the response to one of the world's greatest public health threats: antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

@DrTedros

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After welcoming me at Addis Ababa airport, Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali drove me to the Science Museum in the city. This Museum showcases different aspects of science and innovation and how they can be harnessed for Ethiopia's progress.

@narendramodi

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We are moving forward together for a strong and lasting peace in Ukraine. Together with Europeans, Ukrainians, and Americans, we are strengthening our convergence: military support, robust security guarantees, and reconstruction.

@EmmanuelMacron

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The victims of Russia's brutality deserve justice. And compensation. Today's Claims Commission agreement sends a clear message: the aggressor will be held accountable.

@vonderleyen

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Nobel winner Machado suffered vertebra fracture leaving Venezuela

Machado previously said she feared for her life

● Injury was sustained during a high-risk sea crossing

● Maduro responded dubiously to reports of Machado's injury

AFP | Oslo, Norway

Venezuelan opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Maria Corina Machado suffered a vertebra fracture during her secret journey out of hiding in Venezuela to Norway last week, her spokesperson said Monday. Machado previously said she feared for her life during the perilous voyage to receive her Nobel in Oslo.

Norwegian daily Aftenposten said the injury was sustained during a high-risk sea crossing in a small fishing boat battered by high waves.

"The vertebra fracture is confirmed," Machado's spokeswoman Claudia Macero said.

"For the moment, no additional information will be disclosed other than what is in the (Aftenposten) article," she said.

The newspaper reported that Machado had been examined by doctors at Oslo University Hospital in Ullevål.

After arriving in Oslo in the early hours of Thursday, the 58-year-old had on several occasions said she wanted to see a doctor, without providing any



Nobel peace laureate Maria Corina Machado greets supporters from a balcony of the Grand Hotel in Oslo, Norway

medical details. She had been due to attend the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in the Norwegian capital on Wednesday, but was delayed and did not make it in time.

Her fracture did not stop her from climbing over a barrier to greet supporters outside her hotel shortly after her arrival, witnessed by AFP journalists.

Machado has accused President Nicolas Maduro of stealing Venezuela's July 2024 election, from which she was banned -- a claim backed by much of the international community.

Maduro responded dubiously to reports of Machado's injury on his television program Monday. Machado "says she has a broken vertebra. What's broken is her brain and her soul because she's a demon -- she hates Venezuela, she hates you," Maduro said.

She had lived in hiding in Venezuela since August 2024 after challenging his rule.

Caracas has said it would

consider her a fugitive if she left the country, and she has provided few details about how she managed to leave Venezuela.



At its peak in 2014-2015, the group controlled large parts of Iraq and Syria and declared a so-called "caliphate," but by 2019 it had lost all its territorial control following sustained military campaigns--though it continues to exist as a decentralised insurgent and terror network in parts of the Middle East, Africa, and beyond.

Trump son-in-law Kushner abandons plans for Belgrade hotel: Serbian president



Serbian students and Belgrade residents gather for a protest in Belgrade on November 11, 2025, against a plan by Jared Kushner, the son-in-law of US President, to demolish the former Yugoslav army headquarters and build a luxury hotel on the site.

● Serbian Minister and three others were indicted over removal of the site's "cultural-heritage status"

AFP | Belgrade, Serbia

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic confirmed yesterday that a planned hotel development of the former Yugoslav army headquarters would not go ahead, after the investment firm linked to Donald Trump's son-in-law pulled out.

"We will now be left with a destroyed building, and it is only a matter of time before bricks and other parts start falling off it, because no one will ever touch it again," Vucic told media in Belgrade.

On Monday, Jared Kushner's firm, Affinity Partners, told the Wall Street Journal that it was withdrawing from the project.

"Meaningful projects should unite rather than divide, and out of respect for the people of Serbia and the city of Belgrade, we are withdrawing our application and stepping aside

at this time," a spokesman for the firm told the newspaper.

The announcement came after Serbian Culture Minister Nikola Selakovic and three others were indicted over alleged abuse of office and forgery of an official document that had allowed the removal of the site's "cultural-heritage status".

Plans to transform the bombed-out former Yugoslav army headquarters in Belgrade into a high-rise hotel first stalled in May when allegations emerged that the move to revoke the building's protected status had been based on a forged document.

Protests erupted afterwards in the capital, with demonstrators calling for the tower's ruins to be preserved both for their unique modernist architecture and as a memorial to mark the 1999 NATO bombing that left the building damaged.

Vucic blamed critics of the project for destroying an investment of "at least 750 million euros" (\$880 million).

"As a state and as a nation, we are major losers," Vucic said.

'With India to chair BRICS summit in 2026, PM Modi's Ethiopia visit historic moment'

Republic | Addis Ababa

With India set to chair the BRICS summit in 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Ethiopia marks a "very historic moment" that will strengthen bilateral ties and deepen cooperation on international issues, including UN reforms and BRICS agendas, said India's Ambassador to Ethiopia, Anil Kumar Rai.

Speaking ahead of the Prime Minister's two-day state visit to the African country from December 16 to December 17, Ambassador Rai on Sunday highlighted the two countries' "long-standing, deep and friendly relationship" and their status as important partners on international issues, noting that both are members of the BRICS grouping.

"India and Ethiopia are two civilisational countries, and we have a very long-standing, deep



and friendly relationship. PM Narendra Modi will be the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Ethiopia in the last 15 years. So this is a very historic moment for us and we see that there is a big and rich agenda on which the discussions will take place. It will strengthen the cooperation at the bilateral level. Both countries are members of BRICS. And we are very impor-

tant partners when it comes to cooperating on international issues, such as UN reforms and regional issues, and also there are agendas which we discuss at the regional level, particularly at the level of BRICS. India is going to be the chair of BRICS in 2026, with Ethiopia being an important member. So all those issues will come up during the discussions," the Ambassador

said.

India is one of the founding members of the formal grouping. The organisation was first formalised at the BRIC Foreign Ministers meeting on the sidelines of the UNGA in New York in 2006, with the first summit taking place in Russia in 2009.

Following South Africa's inclusion in the organisation in 2010, the group was expanded to BRICS.

Ethiopia officially joined BRICS in January 2024, following an invitation in August 2023 under South Africa's chairmanship. Along with Ethiopia, Egypt, Iran, and the UAE became the full members of the grouping.

Rai further stated that multiple sectors are under discussion, and the visit's outcomes are expected to be shared with the media on the evening of December 16.

"We are under discussion in

multiple sectors, and we expect a good outcome from this visit, which will be conveyed to the media on the evening of the 16th," he added.

PM Modi will be in Ethiopia for a two-day state visit, during the second leg of his three-nation visit following his visit to Jordan.

He will be in the African nation at the invitation of Ethiopia's Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed Ali.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, this will be PM Modi's first visit to Ethiopia, during which he will be holding wide-ranging discussions with Prime Minister Ali on all aspects of India-Ethiopia bilateral ties.

"As partners in the Global South, the visit will be a reiteration of the shared commitment of the two nations to advance close ties of friendship and bilateral cooperation," the MEA said in a statement.

ICC rejects Israeli attempt to block war crimes probe

The tribunal also upheld ICC arrest warrants for Netanyahu

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AFP | The Hague, Netherlands

The International Criminal Court (ICC) on Monday rejected a challenge from Israel, which had argued that the court's investigation into crimes committed in the Gaza Strip was invalid.

The tribunal, in its ruling, also upheld ICC arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant in November 2024, to face accusations of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The ICC commenced an investigation in the Palestinian territory in 2021, and with the ruling against Israel's challenge it will now be able to resume it.

Israel had claimed that a separate probe would have to be launched following the Hamas attacks in Israel on October 7,



which it said altered the situation and required the ICC to provide a second formal notice of investigation.

Monday's 44-page ruling upholds the decision to investigate alleged war crimes committed by Israel in the Palestinian territory.

Israel's foreign affairs spokesperson Oren Marmorstein said in an X post that Israel "rejects" the decision, and accusing the ICC of "politicisation".

The court is currently examining another Israeli challenge to its jurisdiction, as well as a

request to disqualify prosecutor Karim Khan over sexual abuse allegations -- claims he vigorously denies.

In July, it refused an Israeli request to withdraw the arrest warrants, as well as an appeal of that decision in October.

Established in 2002, the ICC prosecutes individuals accused of the worst atrocities, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

Israel is not a signatory to the Rome Statute that created the court, but this does not prevent the country from bringing legal

challenges before it.

In 2021, the court ruled that its jurisdiction extends to the Palestinian territories of Gaza and the West Bank, including east Jerusalem.

A fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has been in place since October 10, but Palestinian people have continued to die in Israeli attacks in Gaza since then.



The ICC is the world's first permanent international court established to prosecute individuals – not states – for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression, and it operates independently of the United Nations, even though it works closely with it.

Trump upbeat on Ukraine deal as US offers 'NATO-like' security



A firefighter looks at a damaged residential building following an air attack in Zaporizhzhia

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump insisted Monday that a deal to end the Ukraine war was closer than ever, after Washington said it offered Kyiv NATO-like security guarantees and voiced confidence Moscow would accept.

Trump said he had "very long and very good" talks with Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky and the leaders of NATO and European countries including Britain, France and Germany.

"We're trying to get it done, and I think we're closer now," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office when asked about talks in recent days between US officials, Zelensky and the Europeans in Berlin.

"We had numerous conversations with President Putin of Russia, and I think we're closer now than we have been ever, and we'll see what we can do."

Asked if he had recently spoken directly to Vladimir Putin, Trump replied "yeah, I have," but did not give any details.

But Trump appeared to suggest that in exchange for security guarantees, Ukraine must agree to give Russia the parts of the eastern Donbas region that Kyiv still holds -- something Zelensky has previously ruled out.

"Well, they've already lost the territory, to be honest," he said when asked what incentive Ukraine would have to give up land.

Trump said Europe -- which has again proposed a multinational peacekeeping force despite Russia's opposition -- would be a "big part" of any security guarantee.

Russia, whose full-scale invasion of Ukraine began in February 2022, has yet to react to the proposal being thrashed out by the US, Ukrainian and European officials during hours of talks in Berlin.

UN warns 17 million risk food insecurity in Afghanistan

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The number of people facing acute food insecurity in Afghanistan this winter is on the rise, and now stands at more than 17 million, the United Nations warned yesterday.

"The situation is getting worse, and we need to act now as Afghanistan is entering the winter period where needs are highest," said Jean-Martin Bauer, director of food security and nutrition analysis at the UN's World Food Programme.

More than 17 million people are facing acute food insecurity: "three million more than last year", he told a press briefing



An Afghan farmer harvests oranges from an orchard at Bati Kot district in Nangarhar province

in Geneva.

Furthermore, "there are almost four million children in a situation of acute malnutrition", he said.

Speaking from WFP's Rome headquarters, Bauer said the situation was down to a combination of factors, including drought affecting crops and livestock, earthquakes that have plunged many families into poverty, and cuts in international aid. Added to this, the forced return of more than 2.5 million Afghans from Iran and Pakistan this year "is putting stress on very limited resources" and the "very limited infrastructure in the country".

China to impose anti-dumping duties on EU for five years



Representative picture

AFP | Beijing, China

China will impose anti-dumping duties on European Union pork imports for five years, but at lower rates than temporary levies in place since September, Beijing announced yesterday.

The two economic powerhouses have been locked in a trade spat fuelled by what many European countries view as an unbalanced economic relationship with China.

The levies come after a probe launched by China last year concluded that European pork imports "were being dumped, and the domestic industry suffered substantial damages" as a result, the commerce ministry said in a statement Tuesday.

The duties will range from 4.9% to 19.8% -- down from temporary levies of 15.6% to 62.4% -- and will be applied from December 17, it said.

"At present, the domestic industry is facing difficulties, and there are strong calls for

protection," a commerce ministry spokesperson said.

They added that the investigation's conclusions were "objective, fair, and impartial".

The agriculture minister of Spain -- Europe's top producer of pork and its derivatives -- said Spanish exporters faced an average duty of 9.8%, below an overall average of 19%.

The measures were therefore "acceptable" for Spain and the result "minimised", Luis Planas told reporters in Madrid.

China, the world's leading consumer of pork, imported 4.3 billion yuan (\$600 million) in pork products from Spain alone last year, according to official Chinese customs data.

France, meanwhile, exported 115,000 tonnes of pork to China in 2024, according to industry association Inaporc.

According to the new measures, Groupe Bigard, a major French pork producer, will be charged 9.8%, while Danish Crown will be hit with an 18.6% levy.

India's Bihar to become pioneer in renewable energy



From policy to power: In the presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, Bihar State Power Generation Company Limited (BSPGCL) yesterday signed landmark MoUs under the leadership of Energy Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav for the state's largest renewable energy initiative to date. The 13,000-crore pumped-storage projects, to be developed by Greenko Energies and Sun Petro Chemicals in Nawada district, will add 2,120 MW of renewable capacity, strengthen grid stability, create around 8,000 jobs during construction, and mark a decisive step towards India's Net Zero emissions target of 2070, reinforcing Bihar's commitment to uninterrupted and clean power for its people and industries.

Education Ministry Honors National Days with Joyful Celebrations



The Ministry of Education, led by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, held a ceremony to mark the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Holidays and the 26th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession. The Minister affirmed that the national holidays are a vital milestone embodying loyalty, belonging, and the nation's continuous journey of development under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Dr. Juma highlighted the Ministry's commitment to instilling values of citizenship and belonging in students across all educational levels through curricula and organized activities. The celebrations—held by the Ministry, schools, and early education institutions—featured vibrant artistic performances, competitions, and innovative corners. The events saw enthusiastic participation from officials, staff, and students, all proudly expressing their love for the homeland and pride in Bahrain's rich history and heritage.

Parliamentary Secretariats Celebrate Bahrain's National Days



The General Secretariats of the Shura and Representatives Councils yesterday held a joint ceremony to celebrate the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Days and the 26th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne. Engineer Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Sisi Al-Buainain (Secretary-General of the House of Representatives) and Ms. Karima Mohammed Al-Abbasi (Secretary-General of the Shura Council) delivered speeches, expressing the highest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Both officials emphasized that the national celebrations are a moment to recall the Kingdom's inspiring journey and the comprehensive renaissance achieved under the King's reform project. They stressed that these accomplishments fill the nation with pride and honor. The Secretaries-General affirmed their commitment to continuous work, adherence to national values, and the belief in Bahrain's path toward progress.

Bahrain Space Agency Celebrates National Days with Pride



The Bahrain Space Agency (BSA) held a special event to celebrate the Kingdom's National Holidays and the 26th Anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. The ceremony fostered a strong spirit of loyalty and belonging among agency members. His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Asiri, CEO of the BSA, affirmed that the occasion is a source of great pride, embodying the unity and comprehensive development witnessed under His Majesty's era.

Strathclyde Bahrain Celebrates National Day with Community Joy



The University of Strathclyde Bahrain recently hosted a vibrant and proud celebration of Bahrain National Day, fostering strong ties with the wider community. The joyous event saw wide participation from students, their families, and visitors from neighboring areas, embodying the spirit of the national occasion. A number of distinguished dignitaries and representatives from government entities graced the celebration. Key partners, including S Eleven and DGC, were also in attendance, highlighting the university's commitment to collaboration. The program featured a variety of engaging activities and events, all designed to showcase national pride and strengthen the relationship between the university and the local community.

Al Hilal Premier Hospital Achieves Elite US Center of Excellence Status



Al Hilal Premier Hospital has made history by becoming the only hospital in Bahrain to receive accreditation as a Center of Excellence in Obesity and Metabolic Surgery from the US-based Surgical Review Corporation (SRC). The prestigious dual recognition was officially received by Dr. Sharath Chandran (CEO, Al Hilal Healthcare Group) and Dr. Amer Al Darazi (Head of Medical Services), cementing the hospital's status as a national reference center. SRC's rigorous review assessed facilities, surgical outcomes, and adherence to world-class safety and quality standards. Furthermore, Dr. Amer Al-Darazi was awarded the coveted title of "Master Surgeon" in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery—the first surgeon in the Kingdom to earn this honor. This dual accreditation solidifies Al Hilal Premier Hospital's commitment to delivering world-class, patient-centered bariatric care and sets a new national standard for clinical excellence in the region.

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Djokovic to warm up for Australian Open in Adelaide

Serb star to start campaign for 11th Australian Open title

● Djokovic chasing 11th Melbourne title

● Aiming for 25th Grand Slam

AFP | Adelaide

Serbian great Novak Djokovic will play the Adelaide International as he kicks off his bid for an 11th Australian Open title and an elusive 25th Grand Slam crown, officials said yesterday.

The 38-year-old world number four has competed at Ade-



Novak Djokovic celebrates after winning the final of the ATP Adelaide International tournament in 2023

laide twice before, winning both times in 2007 and 2023.

He will be back in the city for the ATP-WTA tournament from January 12-17 ahead of the opening Grand Slam of the year at Melbourne Park which begins on January 18.

Djokovic won his last major in 2023 and has cut down on tour appearances since, but still lifted titles this year in Geneva and Athens.

Other Adelaide entrants include Jack Draper, Joao Fonseca, Tommy Paul and Stefanos

“The 2026 edition of the Adelaide International will showcase the tournament’s continued growth and prestige on the global tennis calendar as it attracts world-class calibre from both the WTA and ATP tours

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ALICIA MOLIK

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Defending Australian Open champion Madison Keys spearheads the women’s field alongside fellow top 10 players Jessica Pegula, Mirra Andreeva and Ekaterina Alexandrova.

“The 2026 edition of the Adelaide International will showcase the tournament’s continued growth and prestige on the global tennis calendar as it attracts world-class calibre from both the WTA and ATP tours,” said tournament director Alicia Molik.

Men’s ATP tennis to apply extreme heat rule from 2026

AFP | London

The ATP men’s tennis tour will introduce an extreme heat policy from 2026 after criticism from players who sweltered through some tournaments this year.

The move brings the ATP into line with the women’s WTA tour, which has a long-standing pol-

icy, and sports such as Formula One which has its own measures to protect drivers.

In October, Danish tennis star Holger Rune called temperatures of more than 30C and humidity soaring past 80 percent at the Shanghai Masters “brutal”. “Do you want a player to die on court?” Rune was heard

to ask as he wilted in the fierce conditions.

The ATP has now acted, saying on Monday it was “strengthening protections for players competing in extreme conditions”.

The new rules are based on the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT), which measures air temperature, humidity, wind

speed and other factors to estimate heat stress.

Under the measures, a player can request a 10-minute cooling break in best-of-three singles matches if the WBGT reaches 30.1 degrees or higher during the first two sets.

Play will be suspended when the WBGT exceeds 32.2 degrees.

Amorim seeks clinical Man Utd after ‘crazy’ Bournemouth clash

AFP | London

Manchester United boss Ruben Amorim said his side had inspired the Old Trafford crowd in a pulsating 4-4 draw against Bournemouth, but must be more ruthless to turn draws into victories.

Three times United led the Cherries on Monday in arguably the best offensive performance of Amorim’s reign in charge.

Matheus Cunha netted just his second goal for the club, Bruno Fernandes curled in a brilliant free-kick and Amad Diallo signed off for the Africa Cup of Nations with the opening goal.

But United’s defensive frailties without the experienced duo of Harry Maguire and Matthijs de Ligt were exposed as they failed to win for the third consecutive home game.

The Red Devils were beaten 1-0 at Old Trafford by 10-man Everton last month and also blew the lead in a 1-1 draw against struggling West Ham.

Amorim, though, turned his frustration on the wasted chances during a dominant first half.

“We are really disappointed. Crazy game. It might look like we lost the two points in the



Manchester United’s Brazilian striker #10 Matheus Cunha shoots to score their fourth goal

second half but I think we lost them in the first half,” said the Portuguese coach.

“We dominated and created so many chances. We had to go to half-time with a different result.

“In the end we deserved more. It was a fun game for everyone at home.

“People especially at Old Trafford want to win but they want to be inspired to see a team play good football. We did that well in certain moments.

“It was a good performance but we need to be more clinical because we created so many chances.”

A point edges United up to sixth in the Premier League, just two points off the top four.

Amorim’s men could be in a far stronger position had they seen out multiple games they were leading this season.

But they also had goalkeeper Senne Lammens to thank for extending a remarkable record of not losing a home league match

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RUBEN AMORIM

they were winning at half-time since 1984 as he made two stoppage time saves from David Brooks.

“Lammens did really well. There were opportunities for both sides but we created more,” added Amorim.

“We need to find ways of closing the games because this happened many times.

“That’s part of the process. We try to do things the best we can but in some moments it’s not enough.”

Stokes tells England to ‘show a bit of dog’ in must-win Adelaide Test

England must win in Adelaide to keep their Ashes hopes alive after two losses

● Ben Stokes demands more fight from team

● Captain cites Lord’s win over India as example

AFP | Adelaide

England’s captain Ben Stokes has demanded England “show a bit of dog” in the must-win third Ashes Test against Australia today after “raw” conversations following heavy defeats in Perth and Brisbane. The tourists have crashed to consecutive eight-wicket losses and must snap a 17-match winless streak in Australia at Adelaide Oval to keep the five-match series alive. They have made one change with Josh Tongue replacing fellow quick Gus Atkinson, while off-spinning all-rounder Will Jacks kept his place ahead of Shoaib Bashir. Stokes said after the Gabba defeat that Australia was “no place for weak men” and admitted to hard dressing-room discussions in the aftermath. “What’s been said has been said,” Stokes told reporters. “I’ve done all the talking over



England’s captain Ben Stokes bats in the nets during a training session

the last two days that I needed to. All that stuff’s done now, so it’s about what gets seen out on the field in Adelaide this week.” Stokes was called “the most competitive person I’ve ever come across” by former England captain Alastair Cook last week and the 34-year-old all-rounder wants to see more fight from his team.

“It’s just about trying to fight in every situation that you find yourself in, understanding the situation and what you feel is required for your team,” said Stokes. “Just look at your opposition every single time and show a bit of dog. That’s fight to me. You’re giving yourself the best possible chance if you’ve got a bit of dog

in you.” Asked how the team had responded to his demands, Stokes replied: “It goes one or two ways, and the response that the whole group has shown as a collective has been exactly what I wanted. “And we’re going into this week with full understanding of what we need to do. I think the team is very, very under-

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BEN STOKES

standing of some of the bits that I’ve raised in the dressing room.” Stokes cited England’s battling third Test win against India at Lord’s in July as an example of the grit he wanted to see, the hosts having won by 22 runs deep into day five after a time-wasting row. “That’s exactly what I’m on about,” he said. “We were probably in a situation where we would have to be absolutely perfect to win that game and we were. “The attitude and the mentality towards that specific situation is what gave us the best chance of winning that game.”

No excuses

Since arriving in Australia, England have been under in-

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Stokes referenced England’s fiery 2023 Lord’s win over India – sealed after a heated on-field row – as the model of defiance he wants replicated in Adelaide under Ashes pressure

tense media scrutiny and faced hostile crowds at Perth and Brisbane. Just five of the players used so far had previously played an Ashes series in Australia and Stokes acknowledged it had been confronting for the newcomers. “Honestly, I think so,” he said. “Now I feel everyone has experienced that and probably at its highest level, so we all know what it’s going to be like. “So for the next three games there isn’t going to be any of that ‘I didn’t expect this’ or ‘it’s the first time I’ve had this’.”

Portuguese Grand Prix returning to F1 in 2027

AFP | Paris

The Portuguese Grand Prix in Portimao will return to the Formula One schedule on a two-year agreement for 2027 and 2028, organisers announced yesterday. The race was previously held at the Algarve circuit in 2020 and 2021 during the Covid pandemic, with both editions won by Lewis Hamilton. Portugal hosted a GP between 1984 and 1996 in Estoril, after previous iterations elsewhere from 1958-1960.



A view of Autodromo Internacional do Algarve during a Formula One race (file photo)

The race is expected to replace the Dutch Grand Prix which is slated to be dropped from the calendar after 2026, when it will be held in late August. “The circuit delivers on-track excitement from the first corner to the chequered flag, and its energy lifts fans out of their seats,” said F1 president Stefano Domenicali. Next year’s world championship begins in Melbourne on March 8, with Lando Norris defending the drivers’ title he won earlier this month in Abu Dhabi.

Brendan Rodgers joins Saudi club Al Qadsiah

AFP | Riyadh

Former Celtic and Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers has joined Saudi Pro League club Al Qadsiah as head coach, seven weeks after resigning his job at the struggling Scottish outfit. Rodgers, 52, left Celtic in acrimonious circumstances in late October after criticising the Hoops board and hitting out at their transfer market signings, leading the club’s principal shareholder Dermot Desmond to describe him as “divisive, misleading and self-serving”.



Brendan Rodgers

Al Qadsiah, owned by Saudi state-owned oil company Aramco, are currently fifth in the Saudi league and sacked head coach Michel Gonzalez on Sunday.

Cunningham leads Pistons past Celtics, Nuggets outlast Rockets

AFP | New York

Cade Cunningham scored 32 points as the Detroit Pistons held off the Boston Celtics 112-105 to extend their lead at the top of the Eastern Conference standings on Monday. Pistons point guard Cunningham produced another potent offensive display in a back-and-forth duel that saw the lead change hands 15 times before Detroit pulled away in the final minutes. Cunningham, averaging just under 27 points this season, rattled in six three-pointers in 11-of-21 shooting from the field to help Detroit improve to 21-5 in the Eastern Conference. But Detroit were made to work hard for their fourth straight win after a dogged per-



Cade Cunningham in action

formance from Boston, who led by as many as 12 points in the second quarter before being reeled in. “We love games like this that

are tough, muddy,” Cunningham said. “I think the game getting that way turns us up a little bit more.” Detroit’s starters were backed

by 47 points from the bench, with Caris LeVert coming on to add 13 points in 19 minutes on court and Jaden Ivey finishing with 10 points. “We’re deep -- we got starters up and down the roster,” Cunningham said. “Guys who come in and do their job better than anybody in the league. It’s fun to play with.” Jaylen Brown led Boston’s scoring with 34 points while Derrick White finished with 31. The Denver Nuggets battled past the Houston Rockets 128-125 in overtime to extend their winning streak to five games in a heavyweight duel between the second and third-placed teams in the Western Conference.

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PSG ordered to pay around 60mn euros to Mbappe in wage dispute

Labour ruling rejects PSG counterclaim and upholds football employment laws

● **Payment is for unpaid salary and bonuses**

● **Mbappe had claimed over €260 million**

AFP | Paris

Paris Saint-Germain were ordered to pay their former forward Kylian Mbappe up to 61 million euros (\$71.8 million) in unpaid wages and bonuses by a French labour court yesterday.

France captain Mbappe, who left PSG in June 2024 to join Real Madrid, had been claiming over 260 million euros in total from his former club.

PSG in turn had demanded Mbappe pay them 440 million euros.

Mbappe, 26, also claimed the Qatari-owned reigning European champions had applied the wrong French legal classification to his contract, but that was rejected by the court.

The labour court said the final



Real Madrid's French forward #10 Kylian Mbappe applauds during the warm up before a match (file photo)

figure of between 60 million and 61 million euros was made up of 55 million euros in unpaid salary and around six million euros in holiday payments.

Lawyers for Mbappe said in a

statement they noted the decision "with satisfaction".

"It re-establishes a simple truth -- even in the professional football industry, labour laws apply to everyone," the lawyers

added.

PSG said the club "reserved the right to appeal".

"Paris Saint-Germain acknowledges the judgement handed down by the Paris la-

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The massive €440 million PSG had sought from Mbappe was partly based on an aborted €300 million transfer to Saudi club Al Hilal, which the player refused in 2023

bour court, which it will comply with," the European champions said in their own statement.

"PSG has always acted in good faith and with integrity."

The French club had said they were basing the 440m-euro figure they were claiming in part on an aborted 300m-euro transfer to Saudi club Al Hilal which Mbappe refused in June 2023.

Mbappe left for Real Madrid on a free transfer when his con-

tract expired the following summer.

He insisted he made no agreement in 2023 to waive any payment from the club.

Mbappe initially filed a complaint in June over the way he was treated by PSG at the start of the 2023-24 season.

Mbappe argues that he was sidelined by PSG and made to train with players the club were trying to offload after refusing to agree a new contract.

It is a widespread practice that in France prompted the players' union to lodge a complaint last year.

Mbappe was not invited to take part in PSG's 2023 pre-season tour of Asia and missed the first game of that season but was later recalled to the team after holding talks with the club.

After seven seasons with PSG he joined Real Madrid where he earns a reported annual salary of 30m euros.

Mbappe scored 256 goals in 308 games for PSG but the club won the Champions League for the first time last season following his departure.

Khawaja left out as Australia's Cummins, Lyon back for 3rd Ashes Test

AFP | Adelaide

Fit-again opener Usman Khawaja was left out of the third Ashes Test in Adelaide starting Wednesday as skipper Pat Cummins and veteran Nathan Lyon were named in an Australia side looking to seal the series.

Khawaja, who turns 39 this month, had back spasms and failed to open in the first Test victory against England in Perth then was ruled out injured for the second in Brisbane.

He has since recovered but selectors opted to stick with Travis Head and Jake Weatherald at the top of the order, leaving the 85-Test veteran's international future in grave doubt.

Asked if there was a way back



Usman Khawaja looks on during a training session

for Khawaja, who has been on a lean run of form, Cummins

replied: "Yeah, potentially.

"I think the selectors have



I think the selectors have been quite adamant we're picking a side each week that doesn't necessarily mean it's got to be exactly the same team as the previous week

PAT CUMMINS

been quite adamant we're picking a side each week that doesn't necessarily mean it's got to be exactly the same team as the previous week.

"We do that with the bowlers, this week obviously Nathan Lyon's coming back in, he missed last week.

Australia's Green sold for record 252 mn rupees in IPL auction



Cameron Green plays a shot (file photo)

AFP | Abu Dhabi

Australia all-rounder Cameron Green became the most expensive overseas buy in Indian Premier League history, with a winning bid of 252 million rupees at auction yesterday.

Green's name, in the first set of players in the auction in Abu Dhabi, triggered a bidding war with former champions Kolkata Knight Riders finally signing him for the 2026 edition.

The big money for Green surpassed the previous overseas record of 247.5 million rupees paid by Kolkata in the 2024 auction for Mitchell Starc.

But due to conversion fluctuations between rupees and US dollars -- with India's rupee falling to a record low of over 90 to the greenback this month

-- Starc's value at the time was higher in dollars.

Green yesterday was bought for the equivalent of \$2.77 million, compared to \$2.98 million splashed out for Starc.

Green himself has a capped salary of 180 million rupees (\$1.98 million) due to a new "maximum fee" rule, with the remainder going to the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

He becomes the third most expensive player in the IPL, after India's Rishabh Pant (270 million rupees) and Shreyas Iyer (267.5 million rupees).

Green, 26, has scored 707 runs in 29 IPL matches for Mumbai Indians and defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

He missed the 2025 edition due to a back injury but is currently playing in the Ashes against England.

Bahrain to host National Day horse racing festival

TDT | Manama

The Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club will celebrate Bahrain's National Day with a special racing festival on December 18, staging the ninth meeting of the season in a festive national and sporting atmosphere, organisers said.

The National Day Festival coincides with the Kingdom's National Day celebrations and the anniversary of the accession of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and will feature a programme combining competitive racing with cultural, artistic and entertainment activities designed



for families and fans of all ages. Officials said the festival aims to blend patriotic celebrations with the excitement of horse

racing to deliver a full evening of entertainment.

The ninth meeting will be run for several major trophies, in-

cluding cups sponsored by the General Sports Authority, the Bahrain Olympic Committee, the National Day Cup backed by the Ministry of Information, and the Dallah Promotions Foundation Cup. A total of 69 horses are set to compete across eight races, with strong competition expected due to the closely matched quality of the runners.

Organisers invited the public to attend the festival, with tickets available online and at the venue, as Bahrain's premier racing club marks the national occasion with one of the season's showcase meetings.