

Justin Bieber, Hailey spotted having a 'showdown'

Star couple Justin Bieber and Hailey Baldwin looked tense as they appeared to argue in a park amid reports that their marriage is on the rocks. **P14**

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Bahrain GP visa applications
 Manama

The Nationality, Passport and Residence Affairs (NPRA) said it has begun receiving visa application for the Bahrain Grand Prix (Formula 1) valid for two weeks from the date of arrival.

The NPRA announced that the nationals of 116 countries can obtain the visa through the e-application on www.evisa.gov.bh, while the citizens of 68 countries and residents of GCC countries could get on-arrival visas through the Kingdom's borders.

The remaining countries could get the visa through submitting the application at the NPRA's building. The deadline for receiving the applications through the website will be March 31.

Fresh protests in Sudan
 Cairo

Hundreds of Sudanese took part in anti-government protests in the capital and other cities yesterday as the government announced it had secured \$300 million in loans to address the economic crisis that triggered the unrest.

The demonstrations began in December over price hikes and food shortages, and quickly escalated into calls for President Omar Al Bashir to step down, posing one of the biggest challenges yet to his nearly 30-year rule. Security forces have responded with a fierce crackdown that has killed dozens of people.

The rallies are being led by the Sudanese Professionals Association, an umbrella group of independent professional unions.

Red carpet welcome

His Majesty arrives in Turkmenistan capital on an official visit



His Majesty given a traditional welcome at Ashgabat International Airport.



His Majesty being received by Rashid Meredov.

● **Upon arrival at Ashgabat International Airport, HM the King was welcomed by Turkmenistan's Deputy Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister, Rashid Meredov.**

● **The guard of honour lined up to salute HM the King, who then left to his residence here.**

Ashgabat

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa arrived here yesterday on an official state visit to brotherly Turkmenistan, at the invitation

of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.

The two leaders will hold talks on ways to enhance the distinguished bilateral relations and open up new horizons of joint cooperation in various fields.

They will also discuss the latest regional and global developments, and issues of mutual interest.

Upon arrival at Ashgabat International Airport, HM the King was welcomed by Turkmenistan's Deputy Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister, Rashid Meredov, and Bahrain's Ambassador to Turkmenistan Dr Yousif Al Abdulla.

A boy and a girl presented HM King Hamad with bread, salt and a bouquet of flowers to welcome his visit, in accordance with the Turkmen traditions.

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HIS MAJESTY

left to his residence here within an official convoy.

In a statement, HM King Hamad expressed deep pleasure at visiting brotherly Turkmenistan, and expressed sincere thanks to Turkmenistan president for his invitation, as well as on the gracious welcome accorded to HM the King.

“This affirms the strong

brotherly relations between our countries and peoples, and reflects the extent of our desire and strong will to continue developing our relations so that they reach wider horizons and strengthen our strategic partnership in various fields, in a way that would serve our common interests,” HM the King said.

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“It is also an opportunity to meet our brother, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, to discuss our bilateral relations, and ways to bolster them.

“We will also discuss regional and global issues of mutual concern in a way that would serve our common interests, achieve

the aspirations of our brotherly peoples and back efforts and endeavours aimed at strengthening security and peace at the regional and international levels,” HM King Hamad added.

HM the King stressed that brotherly Turkmenistan is a “model to be emulated in positive neutrality, which is based on the UN principles of maintaining peace and security, mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.”

“We affirm that this wise policy provides greater opportunities to develop joint cooperation in all fields, especially in the trade, investment and tourism fields, taking advantage of the two countries' strategic depth, and huge potentials that entitle them to broaden their co-operation frameworks and achieve mutual benefits.”

ROYAL SOJOURN

Prince Charles embarks on Caribbean tour including Cuba

Havana

Prince Charles and his wife Camilla embark on a Caribbean tour yesterday during which they will become the first British royals to visit Cuba.

The royals will kick off their 12-day tour of 10 islands with a visit to St Lucia, continuing onwards to Barbados, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Kitts and Nevis, and Grenada, according to their private office. Many of the islands are former British colonies and retain Charles' mother Queen Elizabeth as head of state.

On March 24, the royal couple will land in Havana for a three-day visit at the request of



Prince Charles and Camilla.

the British government to underscore warming British-Cuban ties, where they will dine with Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel.

Charles, the heir to the British throne, already met the president last November on his 70th birthday, when Diaz-Canel was visiting London.

'Egg boy' latest social media star

London

A teenager who egged an Australian politician blaming Muslim immigration for the New Zealand terror attack on two mosques is being celebrated by social media users who are using the trending Twitter hashtag #Egg-boyhero.

Will Connolly, 17, egged Australian senator Fraser Anning midway through a press conference in Melbourne, a day after Anning's controversial comments. Connolly's Instagram now has more than 241,000 followers and his Twitter feed is flooded with fans calling him a “hero”.

Speaking in a short video clip posted on social media, Connolly said he had no regrets: “Don't egg a politician, you'll get tack-



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led by 30 bogans at the same time, I learned the hard way,” he added.

Twitter users hailed the teenager for standing up to racism, and many have created fan art to show their support.

In response, Connolly tweeted: “I am overwhelmed by all your messages and support! THANK YOU, #eggboy #WillConnolly.”



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