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**HM King receives Prince Al-Hassan bin Talal**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa welcomed His Royal Highness Prince Al-Hassan bin Talal, Chairman of the Arab Thought Forum in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. The King praised the strong fraternal relations between the two countries and commended Prince Al-Hassan for his interest in intellectual, cultural, and literary issues, as well as his dedication to developing the Arab intellect. His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, along with Shaikha Nayla bint Hamad bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Muharraq Governor, the Jordanian Ambassador to Bahrain, and other senior officials were also present to receive Prince Al-Hassan.

**National Influenza Centre wins WHO award**



The award ceremony in Oman

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The National Influenza Centre of Bahrain has won the prestigious World Health Organisation (WHO) Award for its outstanding contribution to controlling and research programmes related to influenza and other respiratory viruses.

The award, presented for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, acknowledges the centre's continuous support of surveillance activities and the exchange of influenza viruses with collaborating centres over the past two years.

The announcement came during the third scientific conference and the sixth meeting of the Acute Respiratory Infection Surveillance Network in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, held in the Sultanate of Oman.

In addition to the centre's role in the fight against influenza, the award also recognises the centre's active support during the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly in collaborating with the WHO to optimise data usage in control programmes and research.

Established in 2011 as a national centre for influenza, the National Influenza Centre has been a member of the Global Network for Influenza Surveillance and Export since 2012.

**LMRA takes action against violators in Muharraq**

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) yesterday initiated legal proceedings against multiple individuals for breaching labour and residency laws in the Kingdom.

The move followed a collaborative inspection campaign in Muharraq Governorate with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs and Governorate's Police Directorate.

LMRA urged the public to report violations via their website [www.lmra.bh](http://www.lmra.bh) or by calling 17506055.

**Israelis back on streets after Netanyahu rejects reforms compromise**

AFP | Tel Aviv

Israeli protesters returned to the streets Thursday to rally against proposed judicial reforms, after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected a compromise plan touted by the country's president.

The reforms, several provisions of which have already been adopted by parliament, are "the end of democracy," read a placard brandished by demonstrators in Tel Aviv. According to Israeli media, tens of thousands of Israelis protested across the country.

**ICC warrant for Vladimir Putin**

International Criminal Court issues war crimes arrest warrant for Putin

● Warrant for the "unlawful deportation" of Ukrainian children

● Russia says warrant has "no meaning", Ukraine says "historic"

● Medvedev likens warrant to "toilet paper"

● ICC President Piotr Hofmanski said "the execution (of the warrants) depends on international cooperation"

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Russian President Vladimir Putin was yesterday served with an arrest warrant by the International Criminal Court for the "unlawful deportation" of Ukrainian children.

The Hague-based ICC, of which Russia is not a member, also issued a warrant against Maria Lvova-Belova, Russia's presidential commissioner for children's rights, on similar



Russian President Vladimir Putin

charges. However, it was unclear how the ICC planned to enforce the warrant.

Ukraine applauded the ICC warrant calling it "historic", as Kremlin dismissed it as legally "void" with former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev likening the warrant to toilet paper. Ukraine's Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin said: "This is a historic decision for Ukraine and the entire system of international law."

Meanwhile, Ukraine's presidential chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, said the move was "just the beginning".

However, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Russia, just like a number of different countries, Russia does

to the Russian Federation." The ICC said the date of the crime from February 24, 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine.

"There are reasonable grounds to believe that Mr Putin bears individual criminal responsibility for the aforementioned crimes," it said.

ICC prosecutor Karim Khan launched an investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ukraine just days after Russia's invasion.

Neither Russia nor Ukraine is members of the ICC, but Kyiv has accepted the court's jurisdiction and is working with Khan's office.

Russia denies allegations of war crimes by its troops. Experts have said it is unlikely it would ever hand over any suspects.

not recognise the jurisdiction of this court and so from a legal point of view, the decisions of this court are void.

Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the decisions of the ICC "have no meaning" for Russia.

In a statement, the ICC said: "Today, pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court issued warrants of arrest for two individuals in the context of the situation in Ukraine: Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and Ms Maria Alekseyevna Lvova-Belova."

Putin "is allegedly responsible for the war crime of unlawful deportation of population (children) and that of unlawful transfer of population (children) from occupied areas of Ukraine



Russia signed the Rome Statute in 2000, but never ratified it to become a member of the ICC, and finally withdrew its signature in 2016.



# HH Shaikh Nasser gallops to Endurance throne

Earns World No. 1 in endurance sport, publishes ranking on his Instagram Account

● The ranking crowns the illustrious career of HH Shaikh Nasser in the endurance sport

● The International Equestrian Federation has updated its classification

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa has galloped to the top of the world endurance sport ranking after a string of impressive victories.

The ranking crowns the illustrious career of HH Shaikh Nasser, the Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, in the endurance sport, showcasing classy performances and high-level skills that enabled His Highness to top the podium in highly competitive races.

In a statement, the Royal Endurance Team captain expressed his immense pride at being named the world's number-one rider in endurance sports, dedicating the achievement to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, who has provided unwavering support throughout his championships.



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HH SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

“I dedicate this international accomplishment to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, who has supported me throughout all the championships, stood by my side and shared with me his vast experience in equestrian sports,” HH said.

HH Shaikh Nasser also acknowledged the backing of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. The loyal Bahraini people and his teammates on the Royal Endurance team were also given due credit for

their contribution to his success. HH Shaikh Nasser emphasised that this accomplishment will serve as a motivation to strive for further victories, while also being a responsibility to maintain. “It’s a responsibility to maintain it,” HH Shaikh Nasser stated.

The news, shared by Shaikh Nasser, on his social media accounts quickly went viral, with many top personalities sharing their happiness and congratulations.

Royal Endurance Team’s Jaafar Mirza Abdalnabi, Nasser Hamad Al-Qahtani, ranked third

and tenth, respectively, in the ranking.

**Honouring ceremony on Sunday**

In honour, an official ceremony will be held at the National Action Charter Monument on Sunday.

The ceremony, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, will honour His Highness and the Royal En-

durance Team members.

The high-profile ceremony is in recognition of the historic achievement of HH Shaikh Nasser, who won the World Endurance Championship for the 160-km race, hosted recently by the UAE, with the participation of 126 jockeys from 36 countries. The festivity will also feature programmes and paintings that highlight the victorious journey of the World Champion in endurance and horseracing sports.

First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport, General Sports Authority

Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, will deliver a speech at the ceremony.

International Federation for Equestrian Sports has updated its classification of riders and horses involved in endurance sport at the regional and international levels.

The Royal Endurance Team captain’s recent triumphs include winning the World Endurance Championship and the FEI World Endurance Championship for eight-year-old horses. HH Shaikh Nasser secured the podium with a total of 320 points, placing him well ahead of second-placed Portuguese rider Leonor Moreira, who collected 248 points. The Royal Endurance team’s Jaafar Mirza Abdalnabi clinched third place with 245 points, just three points shy of Moreira.

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## Massive fire breaks out in paper factory in Maqaba, no injuries

17 fire tenders and 52 officers took several hours to bring the fire under control

● The cause of fire is not determined

● Investigation ongoing

● The extent of damage is not known

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A massive fire that tore through piles of papers stacked in the yard of a paper factory in the Maqaba area was successfully brought under control yesterday by Civil Defence Force without reporting injuries.

The General Directorate of Civil Defence confirmed that it took 17 fire tenders and 52 officers several hours to extinguish the blaze and prevent it from spreading to nearby areas.

The cause of the fire remains unknown, and an investigation is currently underway.



The fire reportedly broke out at dawn in the yard where paper bundles were stacked and ready for recycling. As per Staff Colonel Dr Muhammad Khalifa Al-Bangdir, Director of the Operations Department at the General Directorate of Civil Defence, they immediately mobilised their teams after receiving the alert at 4:06 am.

Their initial focus was on preventing the fire from spreading to other areas of the factory. They used bulldozers to remove the rubble and fire remnants under the debris while also making way for firemen to access other parts of the site.

The incident resulted in partial damages to the materials stored in the yard, and authorities confirmed that there were no injuries.

The National Ambulance, Rescue Patrols, and Northern Governorate Police Directorate officials were also involved in the operation.

### Annual Thyagaraja Aradhanai



Leading Carnatic singers paid tribute to Saint Thyagaraja, the father of Carnatic music, by singing his famous compositions, including the Pancharatna Krithis and Kshetra Kirthis, at the THMC hall in Bahrain. The event was organised by the Indian Fine Arts Society on March 17th.

### Indian Club quake aid



In a humanitarian effort to support those affected by the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, the Indian Club in Bahrain donated a consignment of cold-resistant clothing and other necessary items to the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF). Indian Club President KM Cherian and other officials handed over the relief aid to Yousif Abdulla Al-Yaqoob, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Charity Resources Development at the RHF. Al-Yaqoob assured the items will be sent as part of the second cargo that is ready for transport. Indian Club General Secretary Satheesh Gopinathan Nair thanked all who contributed to this charitable cause.

# Oil company engineer leaks stock level info, launders half-a-million dinars

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Managing a windfall by leaking illegally obtained inside information on the company's stock levels to a private supplier has landed an oil company engineer in the dock.

The engineer discovered that he could use his position to gain access to confidential information about the company's stock levels, which he could share with a company he had set up in direct competition with other suppliers and maintenance providers.

Armed with this inside information, the engineer was able to manipulate the company's maintenance schedule to give his own company an advantage.



Workers sort packages for delivery at a JD.com warehouse in Beijing

Investigators found that the suspect was delaying maintenance work until his own company had acquired the necessary supplies to complete the job. This went on for four years,

When a public oil company engineer had the opportunity to make a windfall by managing confidential stock information, he chose to engage in illegal activities instead. The engineer's actions not only led to the unlawful disclosure of confidential information but also involved delaying maintenance of the company to give an edge to his own private supplier.

during which time the engineer managed to launder an astonishing half a million Bahrain dinars.

The engineer was brought before the High Criminal Court, accused of unlawfully disclosing stock status information and delaying maintenance work for personal gain.

The court heard how the engineer had used his position of authority to access the company's warehouse and pass on confidential information to his own company. He had set up the company solely for this purpose and had gone to great lengths to cover his tracks.

Investigators had been monitoring his activities for some time and had built up a comprehensive case against him.

## International drug smuggling ring busted: European and Bahrainis among 17 arrested

High Criminal Court prepares for closing arguments as Police uncover damning evidence

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Seven European nationals, a GCC national, an Arab woman and three Bahrainis are facing hefty fines and jail terms for peddling drugs in the Kingdom.

The High Criminal Court has adjourned the case to the 21st of this month for hearing closing arguments.

Case files say the suspects had banded together to smuggle il-



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licit drugs into the kingdom and distribute them nationwide.

Their activities came to the halt, only when police intervened after receiving a tip-off.

Authorities said they had to be quick and decisive to bring down the gang, so they opted for an undercover operation.

One officer in plain clothes had made contact with a member of the gang, and they had agreed to a deal. The suspect was

to deliver BD120 worth of cocaine to a pre-arranged location, completely unaware that the police had set up surveillance.

The suspect arrived at the pre-determined location in Seef District, unsuspecting of the trap that had been set. He handed over the drugs, only to find himself suddenly surrounded by police officers.

Police had also obtained a warrant to search his house. The

search of his house yielded even more damning evidence, including BD8,000 in cash, which the suspect confessed was proceeds from the sale of drugs.

Further interrogation led to the identification of other members involved in the gang, and they were swiftly arrested.

The High Criminal Court will decide their fate, after closing arguments on the 21st of this month.

## Autism Care expert emphasises importance of special training for parents

Zahra Ayaz

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It can be a challenging experience for parents when it comes to raising a child with autism.

However, despite the numerous obstacles, experts say, it is not impossible.

According to Dr Noor Yasser, a clinical administrator for special needs children, special training for parents is crucial to ensuring treatment progress and helping children with autism develop to their full potential.

Dr Yasser explained in an exclusive interview with *The Daily Tribune* that parents of children with autism face many difficulties, including financial and healthcare challenges, as well as stigma and the need to care for other siblings. In some cases, parents even give up their careers to care for their children.

"When a kid is diagnosed with ASD, parents go through the grieving process," Dr Yasser said. "This is similar to how you mourn when you lose someone; you first experience denial, anger, sadness and other stages associated with grief, based on recent research."

To address these challenges, Dr Yasser stressed the importance of special training programmes for parents. These programmes can provide parents with the skills and support they need to help their children develop normally.

"We want to support and push, and we need to change our



Healthcare team that helps both parents and children

behaviour to fit in their world," Dr Yasser said. "Families must feel at ease enough to open up to us about anything before we can determine how to deal with both the parents and the kids. He or she can still have a successful future if they are talented in music or painting."



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DR NOOR YASSER



Dr Yasser also emphasised the need for society to embrace individuals with autism and provide equal opportunities for them to succeed.

"We as a society must comprehend that every individual deserves equal chances at getting a job and being a part of the community," Dr Yasser said. "This will ease the worries of families and caregivers knowing that their child can grow to be a part of an inclusive society that welcomes individuals of different abilities and will support them in being independent and self-sufficient if possible."

"Caring for a bedridden individual can take a significant toll on the caregiver's mental health as they often feel the weight of the responsibility for the per-

son's life, leading to emotional exhaustion. Burnout, a recognised condition, is particularly prevalent among parents, particularly mothers, who are primary caregivers."

In addition to special training programmes for parents, Dr Yasser encouraged parents to attend support groups and seek professional instruction on how to handle their children more effectively. By working together, parents, society, and schools can create a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals with autism and their families.



Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is described as a "developmental disorder" because symptoms generally appear in the first 2 years of life.

Autism is known as a "spectrum" disorder because there is wide variation in the type and severity of symptoms people experience.

# Bus network poised to get an upgrade

MoT launches tender to improve Salmaniya Bus Interchange

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Bahrain is all set to enhance the overall bus network, which includes improvements to the Salmaniya Bus Interchange.

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has also launched a tender for moving ahead with the project.

The tender says the ministry wants a contractor to take on the manufacturing, construction, maintenance, and licensing responsibilities for both ends of the interchange for a period of one year.

To be eligible for the contract, bidders must have experience in civil, electrical, and mechanical works and have completed two



Representative picture. Courtesy of BPTC

projects worth a minimum of BD 300,000 or more within the last

three years.

For now, 140 buses operate

across 23 routes daily in Bahrain

the kingdom.

to serve passengers throughout

Handing the job current-

ly is Bahrain Public Transport Company, a joint venture between UK-based National Express Group and Bahrain-based Ahmed Mansour Al Aali.

BPTC functions under a 10-year concession agreement from the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications to operate the Public Transport Network in accordance with international standards and practices since 2015.

## How to apply?

Eligible companies, the tender board says, should enter their bids before the 26th of April 2023, with a BD1000 bond valid for 180 days.

The Tender board will open the bids on the 27th of April 2023. The Tender fee is BD50.

## UPDA launches tender for 3D modelling and rendering devices

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The Urban Planning and Development Authority (UPDA) announced a new tender for purchasing cutting-edge 3D modelling and rendering devices. The tender specifies that UPDA requires new workstations, laptops, and monitors with high processing and graphic capabilities, complete with a 3-year comprehensive warranty and support.

The software and applications for the devices include PTV Traffic Modelling Software, Lumion 12.5 Pro for 3D rendering and animations, Adobe Premiere Filmora Wondershare for video editing, Enscape Sketchup Plugin for rendering,



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Google SketchUp 2023 for 3D modelling, MicroStation, Photoshop, Illustrator, and SketchUp.

To be eligible, bidders will have to undergo financial and technical evaluation. Interested

parties should submit their bids along with a BD500 bond, valid for 180 days.

According to the tender board, the closing date for the tender is set for March 29, 2023.

## Top firms bid for Tamkeen study on Bahraini Women's participation, impact on GDP



Representative picture. (Courtesy of UNDP)

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Tamkeen has received bids from three prominent business research and consultancy companies for its recently launched tender.

The Request for Proposal, as per the Tender Board, was for a study that aims to explore the relationship between Bahraini women's participation in the country's labour market and its GDP.

The interested companies, Ernst & Young Middle East, Deloitte & Touche, and Oliver Wyman FZ-LLC, have submitted their bids amounting to BHD 148,896,000, BHD 138,210,000, and BHD 814,000,000, respectively. All the bids have been accepted

by the Tender Board.

The tender had called for a business research or consultancy firm that will assess the correlation between the two variables, women's participation in Bahrain's labour market, and the country's GDP.

The study is expected to provide valuable insights into the contribution of women to Bahrain's economic growth and will help inform policies aimed at increasing women's participation in the labour market.

The winning bidder is expected to deliver a comprehensive analysis of the subject matter and present their findings to Tamkeen for consideration.

## Hearing aids for elderly; Ministry announces tender



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The Ministry of Social Development (MOSD) has issued a tender for the supply of 115 hearing aids for the elderly.

Interested bidders must comply with the requirements and conditions outlined in the tender documents and medical reports supplied.

The MOSD will evaluate the bids based on their compliance with the requirements and conditions, as well as their cost-effectiveness and quality.

To participate, Tender Board says companies should make bids before the closing date of 6th of April 2023.

In addition, a BD500 bond with a validity of 180 days should accompany the bids.

## Saar Garden works attract 16 companies

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The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture in Bahrain has received an overwhelming response to its tender for Saar Garden works. The tender, which was launched to invite proposals for hard and soft landscaping, irrigation network system, landscape lighting and electrical works, and construction of boundary walls, toilets, play areas, multi-purpose courts, and other structures, has generated a lot of market interest.

According to the tender board, the ministry received 16 bids from various companies, including Nass Landscapes, Saraya Contractors, Sarab Contracting, Jahecon, Al Hafeera Contracting Company, Arad Construction, Gulf Fencing & Specialist Surfacing, Newcastle Construction, and others. The bids range between BHD 1.100 to BHD 220,224.946 and BHD



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632,444.625.

The tender board has accepted all the bids, with one of them submitted by Symmetry Construction and Trading subject to certain conditions. The high number of bids received by the ministry reflects the huge market interest in the project.

The Saar Garden works project is expected to boost the de-

velopment of the area and provide residents with much-needed amenities. The ministry will evaluate the bids and select the most suitable bidder to carry out the project.

The winning bidder will be responsible for ensuring that the project is completed on time and to the highest standards.

## Six bids for BTEA's reclamation and shore protection tender

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The Bahrain Tourism & Exhibition Authority is making rapid progress with the reclamation and shore protection works of Alghous & Muharraq lagoon plots and MUHARRAQ harbour.

To facilitate the work, the authority launched a tender that attracted bids from six companies, including Sayed Kadhem Al Durazi & Sons, Alwardi Construction, Open see for Sand and Aggregate, Al Hasanain, Dynamic Construction, and Santy Excavation & Construction Company. The Tender Board accepted all the bids, ranging from BHD 6,604,761.818



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to BHD 27,289,434.076, with Sayed Kadhem Al Durazi & Sons submitting the lowest bid.

The tender was issued to carry out reclamation at three plots: plot no (02041636) allocated for Muharraq Lagoon Development, owned by Al-Jazeera

Real Estate; plot no (02039799) allocated for Alghous Waterfront, owned by the Bahrain Tourism Exhibition Authority; and plot no (02041621) allocated for MOW Marina - Muharraq Harbor, owned by the Ministry of Works (MOW).



The Municipalities Affairs department in Bahrain is spearheading beautification projects across the Kingdom's governorates. The projects include the development of parks, public walkways, and green spaces, with a focus on planting trees and other greenery.

Bahrain boasts several prominent public parks, including Dohat Arad, Istiqlal Walkway, Sitra Walkway, A'ali Walkway, Busaiteen Coast Walkway, Lagoon Park, Muharraq Grand Park, Khalifa bin Salman Grand Park, Marina Corniche, Adhari Park, Dolphin Resort, and Al Areen Wildlife Park and Reserve.

# Bank fears return to haunt markets

London, United Kingdom

Stocks markets tumbled again yesterday as fears of a banking crisis resurfaced despite massive financial lifelines thrown at embattled lenders to prevent contagion across the sector.

Markets had rallied on Thursday after Wall Street titans including JP Morgan, Bank of America and Citigroup pledged to inject \$30 billion into First Republic Bank.

Credit Suisse had also rebounded after it said it would borrow up to \$54 billion from the Swiss central bank.

But shares of First Republic Bank and Credit Suisse dove back deep in the red on Friday, with the US lender slumping 25% and Switzerland's second-biggest bank dropping eight%.

The stock prices of other major banks also fell, with JP Morgan, Citigroup and Bank of America down at least three%.

The wider markets were also in the red. On Wall Street, the Dow was down 1.0% in midday trading.

In Europe, London stocks closed down 1.0%, while Frankfurt slumped 1.3% and Paris dropped 1.4% to cap a roller-coaster week.

"The negative disposition for the broader market has a familiar driver: worries about the state of the banking industry," said market analyst Patrick



People walk past an electronic sign displaying the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong

O'Hare at Briefing.com.

Banks stepped in to save First Republic over fears it could suffer a run of withdrawals by customers worried it would follow US lenders Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, which went under last week and fuelled fears of another financial crisis.

O'Hare said the market was unnerved by data showing that bank borrowing from the US Federal Reserve's discount window hit a record high of approximately \$153 billion for the week

ending March 15, "exceeding anything seen during the financial crisis".

The Fed's discount window allows banks to quickly access funds, providing them with liquidity when customers withdraw more deposits than expected, and the record figure is an indication of stress in the sector.

"This week has been a liquidity crisis, but it seems that the moves by authorities to remedy the situation have not completely reassured wary investors,"

said Chris Beauchamp, chief market analyst at online trading platform IG.

The dollar fell against its major rivals, while oil prices sank more than 4% at one point before clawing back some of that ground.

"Oil prices have been pummeled this week as turmoil in the banking sector has increased the risk of a significant economic slowdown or recession this year," said market analyst Craig Erlam at OANDA trading platform.

## Key figures around 1630 GMT

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| New York - Dow:              | ▼ 1.0% at 31,911.63 points              |
| London - FTSE 100:           | ▼ 1.0% at 7,335.40 (close)              |
| Frankfurt - DAX:             | ▼ 1.3% at 14,768.20 (close)             |
| Paris - CAC 40:              | ▼ 1.4% at 6,925.40 (close)              |
| EURO STOXX 50:               | ▼ 1.3% at 4,064.99 (close)              |
| Tokyo - Nikkei 225:          | ▲ 1.2% at 27,333.79 (close)             |
| Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index: | ▲ 1.6% at 19,518.59 (close)             |
| Shanghai - Composite:        | ▲ 0.7% at 3,250.55 (close)              |
| Euro/dollar:                 | ▲ at \$1.0673 from \$1.0617 on Thursday |
| Pound/dollar:                | ▲ at \$1.2173 from \$1.2106             |
| Euro/pound:                  | ▲ at 87.65 pence from 87.62 pence       |
| Dollar/yen:                  | ▼ at 132.16 yen from 133.69 yen         |
| Brent North Sea crude:       | ▼ 1.9% at \$73.30 per barrel            |
| West Texas Intermediate:     | ▼ 1.8% at \$67.11 per barrel            |

## Fed's next move

Investors will focus next week on whether the US Federal Reserve will stick to its interest rate-hike policy to combat inflation.

Before the SVB crisis unfolded, there had been a widespread expectation the Fed would ramp up its tightening campaign and push on for as long as needed until it had quelled inflation.

But with SVB's demise largely blamed on the sharp rise in borrowing costs -- fuelling fears of a repeat at other banks -- speculation has swirled that the Fed may stop hiking and maybe even cut rates to provide some stability. However, the European Cen-

tral Bank on Thursday stuck to its plan to lift rates by a half% point despite the turmoil.

Some analysts believe this increases the likelihood the Fed will also raise rates by half a% point.

SVB's demise has been blamed on the losses it took after the value of its bond portfolio cratered due to the higher rates.

The ECB called a meeting on Friday on the state of banking in the eurozone, but no decision was expected.

Despite the banking turmoil, the OECD raised its world economic growth outlook for the year to 2.6% from 2.2% previously, though it warned that the recovery is "fragile".

## BCICAI hosts 3rd Women CA Conference on "Embrace Equity"

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Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) organised its third Women CA Conference from 09:00 AM to 02:30 PM at the Gulf Hotel in Manama, Bahrain. This year's conference theme is "Embrace Equity."

The BCICAI Women Conference is a prestigious event that brings together women from different backgrounds and industries to share their experiences, learn from experts, and network with peers.

The conference aims to empower and inspire women by providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in their professional and personal lives.

This year's conference features a lineup of speakers including keynote speaker Smriti Irani, Union Cabinet Minister, Government of India.

"We are thrilled to host the 3rd Women CA Conference and continue our mission of empowering women in the business world," said Sharmila Shet, Chairperson of BCICAI.

## National Financial Intelligence Centre workshop



Chief Executive Officer of the National Financial Intelligence Centre, Shaikha Mai bint Mohamed Al Khalifa, has inaugurated a workshop on the illegal use of national financial systems, in collaboration with the US Treasury. The event was held from March 15-16. The Centre's CEO delivered a speech on the use of a risk-based approach to AML/CFT and related crimes and recognise cryptocurrency as high risk. She highlighted that Bahrain welcomes foreign direct investment and financial technology (FinTech) in order for Bahrain to be an attractive target for legitimate business by stopping the flow of any illegal funds.

# Rolls-Royce wins UK funds for 'Moon' nuclear reactors

● Rolls said the UK Space Agency had offered it £2.9 million

● First car-sized reactor would be ready to be sent to the Moon by 2029

London, United Kingdom

British aerospace giant Rolls-Royce said yesterday it had secured UK funding to develop small nuclear reactors that could provide power on the Moon.

Rolls said the UK Space Agency had offered it £2.9 million (\$3.5 million) to help research "how nuclear power could be used to support a future Moon base for astronauts".

"Scientists and engineers at Rolls-Royce are working on the micro-reactor programme to de-



An artist's impression released by Rolls-Royce Submarines Ltd on March 17, 2023 shows a Rolls Royce-built space colony on the moon.

velop technology that will provide power needed for humans

to live and work on the Moon," the aerospace company added in

a statement.

Rolls forecast its first car-sized

reactor would be ready to be sent to the Moon by 2029.

It would be the first visit since the historic Apollo missions ended in 1972.

"Nuclear power has the potential to dramatically increase the duration of future lunar missions and their scientific value," Rolls said.

The group, best known for its engines powering Airbus and Boeing aircraft, will work alongside UK universities including Oxford on the space project.



US space agency NASA aims to return humans to the Moon in 2025.



News in brief

**Brazil's Lula to visit China late March**  
Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will visit China at the end of the month, Beijing's foreign ministry said yesterday. "At the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of the Federative Republic of Brazil will pay a state visit to China from March 26 to 31," foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said in a statement. Speaking at a regular briefing following the announcement, another ministry spokesperson, Wang Wenbin, said the visit would "usher in a new era and a new future for China-Brazil relations at the head-of-state level". The talks, he said, would "push the China-Brazil comprehensive strategic partnership to a new level, and make new contributions to the promotion of regional and global stability and prosperity".

**Tanzania has dispatched a team of health experts to investigate a mysterious disease that has claimed the lives of five people, the government said.** The illness was detected in "a total of seven people (with) symptoms including fever, vomiting, bleeding in various body parts and kidney failure", the health ministry said in a statement released late Thursday. The government has sent a rapid response team to the northwestern region of Kagera which borders Uganda to investigate the "communicable disease", Tanzania's chief medical officer Tumaini Nagu said.

**Burundi declares polio outbreak: WHO**  
Burundi has declared a polio outbreak after detecting its first cases of the virus in over three decades, the World Health Organization (WHO) said yesterday. In a statement, the United Nations agency said the central African nation had detected eight cases of type 2 polio virus. Burundian health authorities detected a case in an unvaccinated four-year-old boy in the west of the country, as well as two other children who came into contact with him. Five other type 2 polio samples were discovered in wastewater.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Prototype spacesuit for future NASA mission to Moon unveiled



Chief Engineer Jim Stein wears the new spacesuit during the Axiom Space Artemis III Lunar Spacesuit event at Space Center Houston in Houston, Texas  
AFP | Houston

NASA and the private aerospace company Axiom Space unveiled a prototype of the next-generation spacesuit that astronauts will wear on the next walk on the Moon.

The suit revealed at an event at the Johnson Space Center in Houston features greater flexibility and thermal protection than those worn by the Apollo astronauts who first stepped foot on the lunar surface more than 50 years ago.

The pressurized garment has multiple protective layers, a backpack with life support systems, and lights and a high-definition video camera mounted on top of the bubble-shaped helmet.

The US space agency's Artemis program aims to return humans to the Moon in late 2025 for the first time since the historic Apollo missions ended in 1972, an initial step towards an eventual voyage to Mars.

Axiom Space was awarded a \$228.5 million contract to design the suit -- the Axiom Extravehicular Mobility Unit in space jargon -- for the mission known as Artemis III.

Axiom Space chief engineer Jim Stein appeared on stage at the NASA facility wearing the suit, waving his arms, performing squats and dropping to one knee to display the range of motion it provides.

The final version of the suit will be in the traditional white used to reflect heat from the Sun and protect astronauts from the temperatures of the harsh lunar environment

Xi Jinping to visit Russia next week

China's Xi Jinping to go to Russia on first visit since Ukraine invasion

China will uphold an objective and fair position on the Ukraine crisis and play a constructive role in promoting talks for peace, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said

AFP | Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping will make a state visit to Moscow next week, where he will hold talks with his strategic ally Vladimir Putin just over a year into Russia's war in Ukraine.

Xi will be in Russia from Monday to Wednesday, Beijing's foreign ministry and the Kremlin said yesterday.

China's foreign ministry called Xi's trip "a visit for peace" that aimed to "practice true multilateralism... improve global governance and make contributions to the development and progress of the world".

The two leaders would exchange views on bilateral relations and major international and regional issues, ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said at a regular press conference.



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks to China's President Xi Jinping during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) leaders' summit in Samarkand

"At present, changes not seen in a century are rapidly evolving, and the world has entered a new period of turmoil," he said.

"China will uphold its objective and fair position on the Ukrainian crisis and play a constructive role in promoting peace talks."

The Kremlin said the two presidents would speak about "strategic cooperation" and "discuss deepening the exhaustive

partnership and strategic cooperation between Russia and China".

Xi's visit comes just over a year after Russia invaded Ukraine, kicking off a war that has isolated Moscow on the international stage.

China, a major Russian ally, has sought to position itself as a neutral party in the conflict, urging Moscow and Kyiv to resolve it

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CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN WANG WENBIN

through negotiations.

In a 12-point position paper on the war last month, China called for dialogue and respect for all countries' territorial sovereignty.

China the peacemaker?

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said in February he was planning to meet Xi after Beijing called for talks.

The Chinese foreign ministry did not confirm yesterday whether he planned to do so.

Formerly socialist allies with a tempestuous relationship, in

Kim Jong Un and daughter oversee North Korea's ICBM launch

AFP | Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, accompanied by his daughter, personally oversaw the recent test-firing of the country's most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile, state media images showed yesterday.

The launch on Thursday -- Pyongyang's second ICBM test this year -- involved a Hwasong-17 missile, the official Korean Central News Agency reported, adding that it was fired in response to "frantic" US-South Korea joint military drills.

Photographs in the official Rodong Sinmun newspaper showed Kim watching the black-and-white Hwasong-17 -- dubbed a "monster missile" by analysts -- blast off into the sky.

Some of the images showed him watching the launch with his daughter -- never named by state media but identified as



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (L) witnessing the launch of a Hwasong-17 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)

his second child Ju Ae by South Korean intelligence.

State media also released images showing the Earth from space, purportedly taken by a

In theory, the Hwasong-17 ICBM can reach the continental United States, and with this latest launch, North Korea is trying to emphasise the advanced level of its weaponry

camera mounted on the ICBM. KCNA said the launch "confirmed the war readiness of the ICBM unit", adding that it "had no negative impact on the security" of neighbouring countries. South Korea had previously said the missile was fired on a lofted trajectory -- up instead of out, typically done to avoid overflying neighbouring countries.

Russia awards pilots involved in US drone crash incident

AFP | Moscow

Russia's defence ministry said yesterday it had decorated pilots involved in an incident this week that led to an American drone to crash over the Black Sea.

Washington released footage Thursday of what it said showed Russian military jets bearing down on the drone but Moscow maintains the aircraft was downed after it lost control.

The confrontation ratcheted up tensions between Moscow and Washington and spurred a rare phone call between senior US and Russian military officials.

"Russia's defence minister Sergei Shoigu presented state



Onboard footage from a US Air Force MQ-9 drone as it is approached the first time by a Russian Su-27 aircraft jettisoning fuel

awards to the Su-27 pilots who prevented an American MQ-9 drone from violating (Russia's) temporary airspace," the ministry said.

Moscow has said that it established airspace restrictions over the Black Sea as part of its military intervention in Ukraine in accordance with international norms.

Washington said after the incident that it would "continue to fly and to operate wherever international law allows."

French roads blocked, refineries on strike after Macron pension move



CGT unionists march with banners on the ring road as they block the traffic to protest

AFP | Paris

Protesters blocked a key highway around the French capital and escalated strikes at refineries yesterday in a new show of anger after President Emmanuel Macron pushed through a contentious pension reform without a parliamentary vote.

Macron's move sparked protests across the country on Thursday night, with more than 300 people arrested nationwide, according to the interior minister.

Yesterday morning, some 200 protesters briefly blocked traffic on the ring road outside the capital.

Soumaya Gentet, 51, a CGT union member from supermarket chain Monoprix, said she was incensed and would continue to protest until the bill was revoked.

"They're not taking into account what the people want," she said. Her colleague Lamia Kerrouz agreed. "Macron doesn't give a fig about the people," she said.

"He doesn't understand the language of the people. It needs to be

The government imposed the pensions bill, which seeks to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64, despite two months of coordinated nationwide strikes and some of the biggest protests in decades

repealed." In the energy sector, strikers were to halt production at a large refinery by this weekend or Monday at the latest, CGT union representative Eric Sellini said. Workers had already been on a rolling strike at the northern site TotalEnergies de Normandie, but halting production would escalate the industrial action.

Japan PM pledges aid in 'last chance' to boost birthrate

AFP | Tokyo

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida yesterday pledged to boost child allowances and paid parental leave as he warned the country faced its "last chance" to tackle a declining population.

Like many countries, Japan has been battling a falling birth rate for years, with just under 800,000 babies born last year, the lowest since records began.

The country is the world's second oldest, after tiny Monaco, and in January Kishida warned Japan was "on the verge of whether we can continue to function as a society."

"Six to seven years from now is the last chance to reverse the declining birth rate trend," he told reporters at a press conference to unveil new policy proposals.

"I want to create a society where young people can marry as they wish, and everyone who wants to can have children and



Fumio Kishida

raise them without stress," he said. He unveiled proposals including increased allowances for younger children, efforts to boost wages for young people and measures to tackle the cost of higher education.

Kishida said the government would now have a goal of 50 percent of new fathers taking parental leave by financial year 2025, and 80 percent by 2030. In 2021, just under 14 percent of fathers took leave.

To achieve the increase, he

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FUMIO KISHIDA

proposed measures including offering allowances to companies encouraging paternity leave, and also pledged more pay when both parents take leave.

"This way, couples can share childcare and household chores, while the impact on income and career development is reduced," he said.

"More support for single parents is needed," he added, recounting a conversation with a young woman who said she feared marrying, having children, and then getting divorced.

Cambodia celebrates return of 'priceless' stolen Angkor jewellery

AFP | Phnom Penh

Cambodian leader Hun Sen unveiled a collection of stolen Angkor crown jewellery yesterday which was recently returned to the kingdom after decades in Britain, pleading for other long-lost treasures to be handed back.

Gold crowns, necklaces and amulets were among the trove of treasures from the Angkor period, which ran from the ninth to 14th centuries AD when the Khmer empire dominated vast parts of Southeast Asia.

The Cambodian culture ministry characterised the items -- expected to go on display at the national museum -- as "priceless cultural heritage".

"I appeal to museums, institutions and Khmer artefact collectors to continue to re-



Jewellery from the Angkor period during a ceremony held to unveil a collection of stolen Angkorian artefacts at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh

turn those items voluntarily to Cambodia," Hun Sen told the ceremony.

"Heritage items should be returned to their country of origin."

The culture ministry last month discreetly received 77 pieces from the family of the late, disgraced British art dealer Douglas Latchford.

Two 10th-century sculptures recently returned by the United States were also displayed yesterday.

Dominic Williams, the British ambassador to Cambodia, tweeted that it was an "extraordinary privilege to see these previously stolen artefacts displayed in their ancestral home".

Dawn school trial for drowsy teens draws outcry in Indonesia

AFP | Kupang

Every morning in a city in Indonesia's far east, sleepy teenagers can be seen trudging zombie-like through the streets on their reluctant way to school.

It is not a scene from some cheesy sci-fi offering but a controversial experiment to get the day off to a much earlier start for the sleep-deprived teens.

The pilot project in Kupang, the capital of East Nusa Tenggara province, has twelfth-graders at 10 high schools starting classes at 5:30 am.

Authorities say the scheme, announced last month by governor Viktor Laikodot, is intended to strengthen children's discipline.

According to parents, though, their children are "exhausted" by the time they get home. Schools in Indonesia generally start between 7:00 and 8:00 am.

Teens in their school uniforms are now walking down dark streets or waiting for motorcycle taxis to get to school



High school students gathering for the roll call on campus early in the morning in Kupang

on time. "It is extremely difficult, they now have to leave home while it's still pitch dark. I can't accept this... their safety is not guaranteed when it's dark and quiet," Rambu Ata, a mother to a 16-year-old, said.

Her daughter Eureka now has to wake up at 4:00 am to get ready and ride a motorbike to school.

"Now every time she arrives home, she is exhausted and falls

asleep immediately because she is so sleepy," Ata said. At least one scholar seems to agree.

"It has no correlation with the effort to improve the quality of education," Marsel Robot, an education expert from Nusa Cendana University, said.

In the long run, sleep deprivation could endanger the students' health and cause a shift in behaviour, he said.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

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02

When Dr Thomas Francis Jr said these famous words in 1955 -- "the vaccine is safe, effective & potent" -- #polio still killed & paralysed millions of people around the world. Today, we stand on the threshold of realising the #EndPolio dream. We must stay the course & finish the job.  
@DrTredros

03

British government wants to illegally deny asylum to people who arrive by small boat. Now the Home Secretary will fly to Rwanda to revive the idea of sending asylum seekers to a country where dissent is met by imprisonment or murder.  
@KenRoth

04

Last month I pledged to make tackling violence against women and girls a national police priority. That includes the most extreme cases where women are killed in their own home. New laws today mean more violent criminals are brought to justice and spend longer behind bars.  
@RishiSunak

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# celebs

## Ben Affleck: 'I was miserable and drinking too much on Justice League'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

**B**en Affleck was "miserable" as he was drinking "too much" while shooting 'Justice League'.

The 50-year-old 'Gone Girl' actor revealed in 2017 he had rehab treatment for his alcohol addiction, a year after director Zack Snyder's DC superhero flick, in which he played Batman, was released. He told



Ben Affleck

**The film was plagued by difficulties and dram, and dogged by constant rewrites and reshoots with Joss Whedon after the film's original Zack, 57, left the project after his daughter Autumn took her life in 2017**

The Hollywood Reporter about working on the film leaving a "monstrous taste" in his mouth: "(Justice League) made me go, 'I'm out. I never want to do any of this again. I'm not suited.'"

"That was the worst experience I've ever seen in a business which is full of some s\*\*\*\*\* experiences. It broke my heart."

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Dad-of-three Ben - who had children Violet, 17, Samuel, 11, and Seraphina, 14, with his 50-year-old 'Pearl Harbor' actress ex-wife Jennifer Garner - added about the challenges: "There was an idea of someone (Joss) coming in, like, 'I'll rescue you and we'll do 60 days of shooting and I'll write a

whole thing around what you have. I've got the secret.' And it wasn't the secret. That was hard.

"And I started to drink too much. I was back at the hotel in London, it was either that or jump out the window.

"And I just thought, 'This isn't the life I want. My kids aren't here. I'm miserable.'"

Ben also branded playing Batman unsatisfying as it left him "sweaty" and "exhausted".

The actor, who married his former love Jennifer Lopez, 52, last year, added his struggles with drinking have unintentionally made him a "poster boy for actor alcoholism and recovery".

He also said he has turned down chances to direct big-budget projects and take huge roles so he can stay at home with his family.

Ben added: "These years are too important. If I miss them, I'll regret it for the rest of my life."

## Lindsay Lohan reveals she's pregnant

Celebretainment | Los Angeles



Lindsay Lohan

**L**indsay Lohan is pregnant. The 36-year-old actress has taken to Instagram to announce that she's expecting her first child with her husband Bader Shammam.

Lindsay - who married Bader in 2022 - took to the photo-sharing platform to share a snap of a white baby onesie that reads "coming soon..."

Lindsay captioned the photo: "We are blessed and excited! [prayer, heart and baby emojis] (sic)"

The 'Mean Girls' actress revealed that she and her husband are both excited about the "next chapter" in their lives.

A rep for the couple told DailyMail.com: "We are very excited for our new family member to arrive and we are looking forward to this next chapter of our lives!"

The loved-up duo are also looking forward to the chal-

lenge of parenthood.

They said: "We are beyond happy for this blessing in our lives and we cannot wait to become parents."

Lindsay first shot to fame during her childhood, starring in a string of well-known movies, including 'The Parent Trap' in 1998.

But now, the actress thinks it's important to strike a healthy balance between her work life and her professional life.

She recently explained: "You can take breaks, but you just have to know when the time is right. Because it's also good to keep the pace going."

"You become a family when you're on a set, and then when the project wraps, it just stops. So it's like a culture shock - you don't know what to do with yourself. It's good to keep your mind active."

Lindsay appeared in 'Falling for Christmas' in 2022, and she previously explained why she jumped at the opportunity to star in the Netflix movie.

She said: "I specifically wanted to do more physical comedy because I missed doing that. And I was like, 'We're here, why not? I'm willing to do it.' I think the bigger you go in those situations, the better it is. You can't be afraid of it."

## Keanu Reeves reveals his biggest flaw

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

**K**eanu Reeves admits being "hangry" is one of his biggest flaws.

The 'Point Break' actor, 58, gave a nod to how he realises he's worshipped by fans as one of the nicest men in Hollywood, but stressed during the New York premiere of his new film 'John Wick: Chapter 4' he is far from perfect.

He told Page Six at the event on Wednesday night: "Obviously, no one is perfect, but I appreciate the goodwill."

"Of course I get hangry."

He added about his amazement over the success of the John Wick franchise: "It's amazing, it's incredible, it's very special."

When asked what keeps him coming back to the action role - which involves a rigorous fitness regime that probably explains why he is "hangry", Keanu said: "Love. I love action, I love movie action, I especially love 'John Wick' action, so whatever it takes."

"I've got lots of bruises. I like

me some bruises. Bruises are fun!"

Despite Keanu's love of his fans' support, the 'Speed' actor was last month forced to get a temporary restraining order against an alleged stalker who trespassed onto his property numerous times in a bid to prove they are related.

The actor's lawyer Mathew Rosengart appeared in court to seek protection for Keanu and his artist girlfriend Alexandra Grant, 49, from 38-year-old Bryan Dixon, who has allegedly been "harassing" the couple "for months".

Keanu recently said he keeps playing dog-mad hitman John Wick as he "likes his grief".

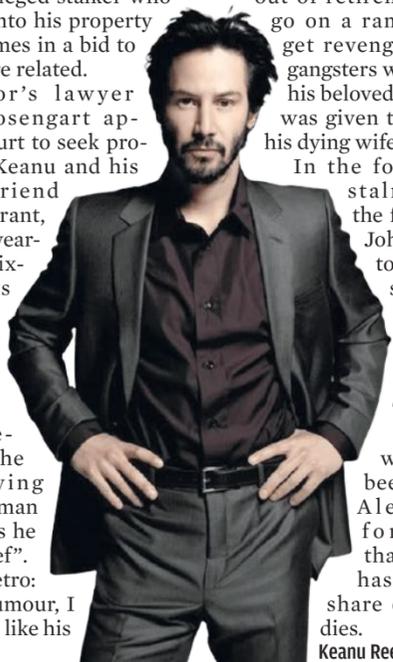
He told Metro: "I like his humour, I like his will, I like his

grief and it's really fun to play him in these films, these films are fun."

The actor started playing the assassin in 2014's 'John Wick', which saw the character come out of retirement and go on a rampage to get revenge on the gangsters who killed his beloved dog, as it was given to him by his dying wife.

In the fourth instalment of the franchise, John battles to wipe out shadowy hitman organisation on the High Table.

Keanu, who has been dating Alexandra for more than a year, has had his share of tragedies.



Keanu Reeves

## I'm raising very independent kids, says Kelly Clarkson

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

**K**elly Clarkson is raising "very independent children". The 40-year-old pop star - who has River, eight, and Remington, six, with her ex-husband Brandon Blackstock - admits that her children will be "out the door as soon as they're able and capable".

Kelly said on the 'Angie Martinez IRL' podcast: "I think I am my mother's child, and I'm raising very independent children. They will be out the door as soon as they're able and capable. They're very independent."

The 'Since U Been Gone' hitmaker has also developed a very honest relationship with her kids. Kelly admits that her children have been devastated by her split from Brandon.

She shared: "I literally ask my kids every night when we're snuggling, 'Are you happy?' And if you're not, what could make you happier?"

"Sometimes they'll say - especially the past two years - a lot of it - and it kills me - and I want them to be honest so I don't ever say, 'Oh god, don't tell me that,' but a lot of times it would be like, 'You know, I'm just really sad. I wish mommy and daddy were in the same house.' And they're really honest about it. And I'm raising that kind of individual."

Kelly also explained that she's able to empathise with her kids, having been through a similar experience herself.

She said: "I just sit there and I'm like, 'I get it. I'm from a divorced family as well. I get it. That sucks. But we're going to work it out. And you are so loved by both of us'."



Kelly Clarkson

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KEANU REEVES

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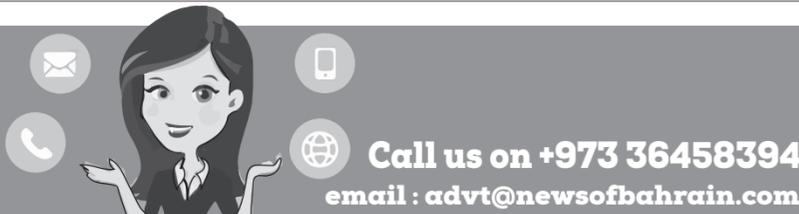
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## Verstappen shows stomach for fight as Red Bulls dominate



Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen in action during the first practice session  
AFP | Jeddah

**M**ax Verstappen showed no ill effects after a recent stomach bug yesterday as he and Red Bull team-mate Sergio Perez dominated opening practice at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

The defending double world champion clocked a fastest lap in one minute and 29.617 seconds to outpace Perez by four-tenths of a second, the champion team stamping their authority in the heat at the Jeddah Street Circuit.

Two-time champion Fernando Alonso followed his bold third place at the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix by taking third ahead of his Aston Martin team-mate Lance Stroll.

The two Mercedes, running with various upgrades, were fifth and sixth, George Russell narrowly outpacing seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton, with Carlos Sainz seventh for Ferrari.

Pierre Gasly of Alpine was eighth ahead of Alex Albon, in his improved Williams, and Yuki Tsunoda, 10th for Alpha Tauri.

Charles Leclerc was 11th in the second Ferrari.

Hamilton ruffled some at Mercedes Benz when he declared this year's machine was 1.5 seconds per lap slower than Red Bull in race trim, a deficit the team were seeking to overhaul.

"He's shaking the tree and he wants a reaction," said the 1996 world champion Damon Hill on Sky Sports.

With an air temperature of 28 degrees Celsius and the track at 44, Sainz led the early pace-setters, on soft tyres, before Alonso, also on softs, and then Hamilton, on hards, took over.

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

Last year's winner Verstappen, who delayed his arrival in the kingdom as he recovered from the bug, got straight down to work with a fastest lap of one minute 29.617 seconds

After five minutes, everyone had been out except for Verstappen and Stroll, still recovering from his pre-season wrist injuries.

Perez showed that Red Bull were not being left out when he went top after 15 minutes, a second clear of Albon, with a lap in 1:31.486.

For a short spell, Alonso and Perez traded fastest laps before Verstappen, recovered from his stomach bug, swept to the top on his second lap in 1:30.494, trimming it 1:30.062 to move almost half a second clear of the Aston Martin.

After half an hour, it was Verstappen ahead of Alonso, Perez and Russell, with the two Ferraris, both using newly-installed power units, eighth and ninth, more than a second off the Dutchman's pace even before Verstappen extended his gap at the front to seven-tenths.

With five minutes remaining, Stroll ran off at high speed but avoided the barriers. Lando Norris, running a new engine in his McLaren, was shown a black-and-white flag for failing to follow the instructions of the race director.

## Shami, Rahul fire India to victory in ODI opener against Australia

AFP | Mumbai

**M**ohammed Shami's bowling figures of 3-17 and an unbeaten 75 by KL Rahul helped India beat Australia by five wickets in the first one-day international yesterday.

Australia were bowled out for 188 in 35.4 overs after a dramatic collapse following opener Mitchell Marsh's 65-ball 81 at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

In a tricky chase, India were in trouble at 39-4 before Rahul stayed calm and put on key partnerships including an unbeaten 108-run stand with Ravindra Jadeja, who made 45, to achieve victory in 39.5 overs.

The hosts lead the three-match series 1-0 with the two teams warming up for the 50-over World Cup later this year in India.

Bowlers ruled in the ODI opener with Shami and Mohammed Siraj taking three wickets each to make Australia slide from a strong 129-2 after being invited to bat first.

The Australian innings turned on its head after Marsh, who is playing as a specialist batsman after recovering from an ankle injury, departed in the 20th over.

He put on 72 runs for the sec-



India's KL Rahul (L) and Ravindra Jadeja celebrate after winning the match

ond wicket with skipper Steve Smith and smashed 10 fours and five sixes to take the wind out of the Indian bowlers who hit back with wickets.

Marsh reached his fifty with a boundary and another four got Australia past 100 before he fell to Jadeja in his attempt to go after the left-arm spinner and got caught.

Australia suddenly lost their way as Shami with help from Jadeja and Siraj ripped through the rest of the Australian order.

Josh Inglis, who donned the wicketkeeping gloves after Alex Carey was ruled out sick, looked good in his knock of 26 before

being bowled by Shami. Shami then sent back Cameron Green (12) and Marcus Stoinis (5) to break the back of the opposition batting.

Australia's pace spearhead hurt India early in the chase with three his wickets after fellow quick Stoinis took down left-handed opener Ishan Kishan lbw for three.

Starc, a left-arm quick, then struck on successive deliveries to send back Virat Kohli (4) and Suryakumar Yadav (0) - both lbw.

Rahul, who recently lost his place to Shubman Gill in the final two tests against Australia

**BETTER YOU KNOW**

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after an extended batting slump, played out the hat-trick ball but Starc got Gill out for 20.

Rahul and skipper Hardik Pandya, who made his debut as ODI captain in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, put on 44 runs.

Pandya fell to Stoinis on 25 but Rahul stood firm with the left-handed Jadeja, who hit the winning runs.

Rahul reached his 13th ODI fifty and then changed gears as he hit Adam Zampa for a four and six as India won with more than 10 overs to spare.

The second ODI is on Sunday in Visakhapatnam.

## Conway hits 78 as New Zealand dig in on opening day against Sri Lanka

AFP | Wellington

**D**evon Conway's blistering 78 helped hosts New Zealand race to 155-2 against Sri Lanka at the end of a rain-delayed opening day of the second Test yesterday in Wellington.

Conway fell short of a hundred as he was caught and bowled by Dhananjaya de Silva, who dived low to his right to get both hands on a superb catch, to end a thrilling 108-ball knock.

First-Test hero Kane Williamson was unbeaten on 26 alongside Henry Nicholls on 18 when bad light stopped play at the Basin Reserve after Sri Lanka won the toss and put New Zealand in to bat in blustery conditions.

"I was gutted to get out when I did, I had put in all the hard work," Conway said.

"Those are the ones you want to kick on and make the most of it on day one... We just have to focus on tomorrow now."

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New Zealand's Devon Conway bats during the match

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DEVON CONWAY

by a damp start. Heavy overnight rain delayed

the toss until after lunch. Latham fell for 21 around the halfway point of the day's curtailed proceedings when he spooned a Kasun Rajitha delivery to deep square, into the hands of Prabath Jayasuriya.

Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne opted to give his bowlers an early opportunity to use a green wicket to attack the New Zealand batters.

Conway responded by smashing 13 fours in a fiery knock.

Sri Lanka made one change from the team that lost the first Test on the final ball in

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Christchurch, with wicketkeeper Nishan Madushka making his debut in place of Niroshan Dickwella.

New Zealand were forced into a single switch with seamer Doug Bracewell playing his first Test since 2016, replacing Neil Wagner, who tore a hamstring in the first Test.

It is the first time Bracewell has played a Test match alongside his cousin Michael.

# Tawaareq wins Bahrain Gold Cup

Adrie De Vries saddles feature race winner for Victorious and Fawzi Nass at REHC

● **Immortal claims Owners Cup, sponsored by stc, Rebel At Dawn clinches stc Cup**

● **Returnofthemac and Malakye win stc Pay Cups, Echo Through Time and Sinatra each clinch stc Bahrain Cup**

TDI | Manama

Tawaareq lifted the Bahrain Gold Cup (sponsored by stc) yesterday in the eighth and feature event at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

Saddled by Adrie De Vries, the five-year-old gelding won the 10-furlong, BD10,000 race in one minute 59.960 seconds for owners Victorious and trainer Fawzi Nass.

Finishing behind Tawaareq was Zagato, who was a close second for Al Mohamediya Racing, Nass and Liam Keniry; while Goemon came third for MKAR



Winners from yesterday's events

Racing, Haider Ebrahim and Abdulla Faisal.

Seven other races were held yesterday as part of a packed card at REHC.

In the day's penultimate event, Immortal claimed the Owners Cup, also sponsored by stc, offering a BD7,000 total prize.

Abdulla Faisal was the winning jockey for MKAR Racing-owned, Haider Ebrahim-trained five-year-old, who completed the race's 10-furlong distance in 2:04.621.

Al Tariq was the runner-up for Abdulla Fawzi Nass, Fawzi



**Yesterday's meeting was the penultimate event of the REHC's 2022/2023 season. The final meeting of this campaign takes place today with eight races on schedule**

Nass and Adrie De Vries, while Battle of Talas came third for Al Adiyat Racing, AM Smith and Gerald Mosse.

Meanwhile, Rebel At Dawn clinched the stc Cup in the sixth race of the day for Al Adiyat Racing and AM Smith, while saddled by Abdulla Faisal.

The five-year-old winner powered to first place across five furlongs in 59.044s to claim the lion's share of the BD6,000 prize. Instinctive Move was second for Al Adiyat Racing, AM Smith and Gerald Mosse, while Nationwide came third for Vic-



Action from yesterday's races

torious, Fawzi Nass and Husain Makk.

Also yesterday, Returnofthemac and Malakye won the stc Pay Cups.

Returnofthemac triumphed in the fifth race for Al Mohamediya Racing, Osama Hashim and Ali Husain, while Malakye took first in race four for Al Jasmi Stable, Bader Al Abed and Marcialis Jaures.

Elsewhere, Echo Through Time and Sinatra each clinched an stc Bahrain Cup.

Echo Through Time won for Al Adiyat Racing, AM Smith and Gerald Mosse, while Sinatra triumphed for L & L Racing, AM Smith and Hussain Asghar.

The Al Roudha Cup was won yesterday by Al Krush 1786 for Al Roudha, Hussain Aldailami and Abdulla Faisal.

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## Najma oust Manama, Ahli rout Sitra

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Title contenders Al Najma and Al Ahli were both victorious last night in the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Najma defeated defending champions Manama 92-89 while Ahli made easy work of Sitra 99-71.

Both winners have already secured their berths in the ensuing round-of-six playoffs, which is scheduled to begin shortly. That will determine the Golden Square semi-finals.

In Najma's win, after Hussain Shaker buried a three-pointer to tie the game at 88-all, Nick Ward fired in a baby hook-shot with 48 seconds to play to give their team the slim, two-point advantage.

Manama's Mohammed Ameer then made one of two free-throws, but then Mohammed Buallay sank his own pair of charities with 10 seconds left to extend Najma's lead to 92-89. After a timeout, an Ahmed Salman three-point attempt clanked off the rim and Najma were able to

close the game out.

Ward finished with a monster 37 points for Najma in their big win, which was their 13th in 19 games. Mohammed Hussain added 17, Buallay 16 and Ali Jaber 12.

Ahmed Aldurazi had 25 points and Hasan Nowrooz 24 for Manama, who suffered their fifth loss and ended their regular season campaign with 15 wins.

In Ahli's triumph, they raced out to a commanding 32-18 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back, enjoying a biggest lead of 39 points.

Wayne Chism and Hesham Sarhan both had 20 points in the contest, with Chism grabbing 22 rebounds. Ali Aqeel chipped in with 16 markers, while Elias Abdulla had 13. Maitham Jameel had just nine points but dished out eight assists for Ahli, who improved to a 15-4 win-loss record with a game to play.

For Sitra, Mohamed Abdulla and Abbas Fadhel Jasim each scored 17 as they suffered their 15th loss in 19 tries.



Al Najma's Mohammed Hussain looks to drive past Manama's Hasan Nowrooz during their game last night

## Ten Hag targets more cup success with Man Utd

AFP | London

Erik ten Hag said winning the League Cup had whetted Manchester United's appetite for more silverware as he prepared his team to face Fulham in the FA Cup quarter-finals.

United beat Newcastle at Wembley last month to end a six-year trophy drought and are also through to the last eight of the Europa League, where they will face Sevilla.

"Of course, it is huge motivation," said Ten Hag. "We all really enjoyed Wembley, we all really enjoyed winning a trophy and it has to be the fuel for the next one, get pushed by that idea, and that has to bring extra energy to beat Fulham."

Marcus Rashford again stole the headlines on Thursday with the winner in the second leg against Real Betis, taking his tally for the season to 30 goals for club and country.

Nineteen of those have come since the World Cup and Ten



Manchester United's manager Erik ten Hag (C) looks at Facundo Pellistri (L) as Diogo Dalot prepares for a throw-in (file photo)

Hag said the England forward had improved during the season.

"He was also not in the best shape when he started the season but the way of playing gives him a base," the United boss said yesterday.

"And then he brings his skills in and his attitude and mentality, and that is bringing him a lot of progress and that brings the team a lot of joy and gives Marcus a lot of goals and us a lot of wins."

## Martinez includes Ronaldo in squad for opening Euro qualifiers

AFP | Lisbon

Cristiano Ronaldo was yesterday included in the first Portugal squad announced by new coach Roberto Martinez, for Euro 2024 qualifying matches against Liechtenstein and Luxembourg.

The 38-year-old "is very important for the team," the Spanish coach stressed during a press conference in which he unveiled his squad of 26.

"I do not look at the age," said Martinez.

Portugal will face Liechtenstein on March 23 in Lisbon before travelling to Luxembourg on March 26.

Martinez said his first squad "is important because it is the



Portugal's forward #07 Cristiano Ronaldo leaves the field after losing to Morocco 1-0 in the 2022 World Cup quarter-final (file photo)

starting point" for Euro 2024.

Ronaldo, whose international career began in August 2003 in a friendly against Kazakhstan, holds the world record for men's international goals with 118.

**Ronaldo has represented Portugal in every international competition since Euro 2004, collecting a European championship winners' medal in 2016**

History suggests that, if he returns to the starting line-up, he will boost his total in the next two matches, at least against Luxembourg.

Portugal have played Liechtenstein seven times, winning six and drawing one, a World Cup qualifier in 2004 which Ronaldo started but did not

finish. They have outscored Liechtenstein 35-3 but Ronaldo has never scored against the Principality.

Portugal have faced Luxembourg 19 times, winning 17 and losing just one, outscoring them 59-8. Ronaldo has hit nine of those, his most against any international team.

Ronaldo has represented Portugal in every international competition since Euro 2004, collecting a European championship winners' medal in 2016.

His quest to add a World Cup medal in Qatar last year, started well as he became the first player to score in five editions when he converted a penalty in a win against Ghana.

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## HH Shaikh Nasser leads 40km children's race



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa leads the race

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Captain of the Royal Endurance team, participated in the children's race which featured His Highness' children, including HH Shaikh Sheema bint Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HH

Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The race was part of the Nasser bin Hamad Endurance Championship, organised by Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), and sponsored by Bapco, Bahrain Jewellery Centre and Technogym.

HH Shaikh Nasser was keen to lead the participants in the 40km race.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa underlined that this race comes as part of the plan set out to encourage the new generation to practice this historic sport in order to help them hone their skills and develop their capabilities.

HH Shaikh Nasser hailed the

wide participation in this race which underscores the popularity of this sport in Bahrain.

His Highness crowned his children who participated in the race as well as several participants.

The main race of the Championship will take place today, covering a distance of 120km and is expected to see enormous participation.



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa leads the race

## Dar Kulaib lose podium place in West Asia volleyball



Dar Kulaib's Mohammed Yaqoob attacks the net against the opposing double block

● **Bahraini representatives settle for fourth place following narrow five-set loss to Police SC of Qatar**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's Dar Kulaib missed out on the bronze medals last night in the first West Asia Men's Club Volleyball Championship, which wrapped up in Amman, Jordan.

The Kingdom's representatives went down fighting in five sets to Police SC of Qatar in a tightly contested game for third place.

The Bahrainis led in the contest 2-1 but could not close things out in the fourth set and eventually the tie-breaker. They lost with a 2-3 (19-25, 25-23, 25-17, 17-25, 16-18) score line.

It was a disappointing ending to the competition for Dar Kulaib, who made a promising start, winning three of their

four preliminary round games and then taking their quarter-final.

They thus finished a solid fourth in the tournament, which featured some of the best clubs from across the region.

Bahrain international star Mohammed Yaqoob scored 24 points and tried to carry his team, but it was not enough. Mahmoud Abdulwahed added 20, while Abdulla Mohammed finished with 10 points.

Coached by Brazilian tactician Leandro Kakaroto, Dar Kulaib also relied on Nasser Anan, Ali Habib, libero Husain Sultan and Argentinian professional Juan Barrera. Ayman Isa, another key player, suffered an injury during the match.

Dar Kulaib were the lone Bahraini side in the tournament, which was organised and run by the West Asia Volleyball Association.

The Bahrainis now shift their focus to the Golden Square semi-finals of the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

# Najma fall short in Gulf handball title bid

Bahrainis go down fighting in hugely thrilling gold medal game against Kuwait SC

● **Najma concede go-ahead goal to Kuwait SC's Angel Hernandez with less than a minute left**

● **Egyptian national team star Hassan Kaddah's potential leveller stopped by Kuwait goalkeeper**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's Al Najma went down fighting last night in the gold medal game of the 39th Gulf Clubs Men's Handball Championship, which came to a close in the Kingdom.

The home side and last year's champions bowed to Kuwait SC 27-29 in a hugely exciting and tightly contested final, played at a packed Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town.

Najma could not capitalise on their massive crowd support and had to settle for the tournament's silver medals.

Meanwhile, Sharjah of the UAE claimed bronze after defeating Al Arabi of Qatar 32-29 in the game for third place.

Following both contests, the top three teams were presented their respective trophies and medals in an awarding ceremony. General Sports Authority CEO Dr Abdulrahman Askar and Bahrain Handball Association president Ali Issa handed over the awards to the players and officials.

The final was close throughout, with neither team able to build a significant lead.

The Kuwaitis maintained a slim advantage in the first half and after an Ahmed Alahmer



Najma's Hassan Mirza goes for goal against Kuwait SC

goal for Najma right before the break, the Bahrainis trailed by just a single goal, 14-15, heading into the locker rooms.

After the re-start, Mohammed Habib gave Najma a 19-18 lead 10 minutes in. Goalkeeper Mohammed Abdullhussain later made a key save and Najma were able to go up 24-22 with just over 10 minutes to go, but then the Kuwaitis managed to level the proceedings once more and the match remained tied heading into the closing stages.

Kuwait's Angel Hernandez then scored to give them a 28-27 lead with less than a minute left on the game clock. Najma tried valiantly to reply to keep their title hopes alive on the ensuing possession, but Egyptian national team star Hassan Kaddah's effort with 10 seconds to go was stopped by the Kuwait goalkeeper Mohammed Amer, and then Saleh Ali raced out to

a fastbreak conversion to seal the win and peg the final score. Meanwhile, Bahrain's Al Ahli clinched fifth place in the championship after defeating Al Ahli Sidab of Oman 30-24 in their final classification contest.



Kuwait SC players celebrate during the awarding



**Bahrain's other entrant in the tournament, Al Ahli, clinched fifth place overall after defeating Al Ahli Sidab of Oman 30-24 in their final classification contest**

Al Safa of Saudi Arabia claimed seventh overall following a 32-24 win over Al Salmiya of Kuwait.

Najma won last year's Gulf handball crown after defeating Saudi outfit Mudhar in the tournament final in Kuwait City.

It was the sixth time the Bahraini side claimed the coveted championship. Their triumph last year ended a two-decade title drought, as their previous victories came in 2001, 1998, 1990, 1985 and 1984.