

Bahrain crowned Team of the Year

The third edition of the BRAVE International Combat Week came to a close in a spectacular fashion for Team Bahrain, which maintained their number one spot in the MMA world and was crowned the Team of the Year in the IMMAF Awards. **P16**

OP-ED 8 America needs a national epiphany on gun control

THE DAILY **tribune**



Katy, Dua pull of an 'outrageously sweaty show' in Mumbai! 14 CELEBS

BUSINESS 10 Aramco valuation set at up to \$1.7 trn

LIC (INTERNATIONAL) IN BAHRAIN FOR 30 YEARS AT YOUR SERVICE
 39936618
 bah.lic@licinternational.com
 www.licinternational.com
 Download the LIC mobile application on Google Play and App Store

ARRIVING SOON
GRAND DECEMBER PRIZE
\$1 MILLION
 DRAW DATE: 25TH DEC, 2019
 Deposit today!
 MyHassad
 @aubahrain 17 221 999
 3422 1999 ahliunited.com
 البنك الأهلي المتحد
 ahli united bank
 Licensed as a conventional retail bank by the CBB

New President for Sri Lanka
 Colombo

Sri Lanka's former war-time defence chief Gotabaya Rajapaksa has won a presidential election that has split the country along ethnic lines.

Official results showed Mr Rajapaksa, 70, took 52.25 per cent of the vote. His rival Sajith Premadasa had already conceded.

Mr Rajapaksa was the clear victor in Sinhalese majority areas while Mr Premadasa scored better in the Tamil-dominated north.

The election is Sri Lanka's first since the deadly Easter Sunday attacks.

Prez campaign kicks off
 Algiers

Algeria's presidential campaign officially kicked off yesterday with five candidates vying to replace the country's longtime leader, who was pushed out in April amid sustained protests.

Two former prime ministers, Ali Benflis and Abdelmadjid Tebboune, are among those running in the Dec 12 election to succeed former President Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

Light showers



Signalling the beginning of a new season, the Kingdom last night experienced light showers. The Meteorological Directorate forecasts an unsettled weather with probability of scattered rain-showers, thundery at times, for Monday. The Works Ministry is in its best efforts to tackle rain-related chaos.

Hundreds arrested in Iran crackdown

Tehran

Iran's supreme leader yesterday threw his support behind a decision to hike petrol prices, a move that sparked nationwide unrest in which he said "some lost their lives."

A policeman was killed in the western city of Kerman-hshah in a clash with armed "rioters", the second confirmed death since protests erupted across Iran on Friday.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei blamed "hooligans" for damaging property despite widespread anger at the increases and as Iranians suffer from the country's economic woes.

Several people were also wounded and dozens arrested in two days of demonstrations that saw motorists block highways and others attack and set fire to public property.

The United States supports the Iranian people in their peaceful protests against the regime that is supposed to lead them.

STEPHANIE GRISHAM

In a speech aired on state television, Khamenei said "some lost their lives and some centres were damaged".

The White House on Sunday condemned Iran for using "lethal force" against the demonstrators.

"The United States supports the Iranian people in their peaceful protests against the regime that is supposed to lead them," White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said.

Protests rage in Iraq

Protesters regain control of third bridge in Baghdad

● Protesters made a barricade of old cabinets, trash cans and metal sheeting on the bridge while security forces took positions behind blast walls.

● The unrest has shattered the relative calm that followed the defeat of Islamic State in 2017.

Baghdad

Iraqi protesters regained control of a third bridge leading to Baghdad's Green Zone on Sunday, taking further ground in the biggest wave of anti-government demonstrations in decades.

Security forces used tear gas and stun bombs to prevent protesters from getting right across Ahrar Bridge in central Baghdad, part of a weeks-long



Burning tyres block a road in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

attempt to disrupt traffic and reach the Green Zone housing government ministry and embassies.

Protesters made a barricade of old cabinets, trash cans and metal sheeting on the bridge while security forces took positions behind blast walls installed to prevent protesters from crossing to the other side. Protesters

300 people have been killed since the start of mass unrest in Baghdad and southern Iraq in early October.

who choked on the tear gas were evacuated by tuk-tuk, a Reuters cameraman said.

On Saturday, Iraqi demonstrators reoccupied part of adjacent Sinak Bridge and a nearby tall building in Baghdad that security forces had pushed them away from a week before. They have held a third bridge, Jamhuriya, since October 25.

More than 300 people have been killed since the start of mass unrest in Baghdad and southern Iraq in early October, the largest demonstrations since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Protesters are demanding the overthrow of a political class seen as corrupt and beholden to foreign interests.

In Basra in the south, dozens of protesters burned tires and briefly blocked some roads on Sunday, before police managed to restore control and reopen them, police said.

The unrest has shattered the relative calm that followed the defeat of Islamic State in 2017.

The protesters have been energised by support from Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali Al Sistani, in his sermon on Friday.

Mr Al Sistani called for the government to change the electoral law as demanded by protesters, which he said would restore public confidence in the system and give voters the opportunity to bring "new faces" to power.



02 GIPF to showcase India realty investment options

03 Employees accused of embezzling BD1.5 million, acquitted by court

04 New project to create 600 car parking spots at SMC

210 fils (includes VAT)



6 084010 110021 >