

Bahrain greets Qatar leadership

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, on the anniversary of its National Day.

HRH Prince Salman sent two similar cables to HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Thani, the Deputy Amir of Qatar, and His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar.

MP Janahi health stable after accidental fall



MP Mohammed Janahi

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MP Mohammed Hussein Janahi is currently receiving treatment at Ibn Al-Nafees Hospital after suffering an accidental fall inside his home.

According to MP Janahi, the incident occurred yesterday afternoon, resulting in injuries to his hand and leg, as well as bruises on his chest and a nosebleed.

He underwent urgent medical procedures, including stitching of wounds to his hands and feet, and remains under hospital care for further treatment and examinations.

The lawmaker said the medical team is closely monitoring his condition and that he will undergo additional tests and CT scans.

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‘Guiding light’

His Majesty King Hamad honours fallen servicemen on Commemoration Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, paid tribute to the courage, loyalty, and patriotism of Bahrain’s fallen servicemen during the Commemoration Day ceremony at Al Sakhir Palace.

He described their sacrifice as a lasting source of pride and inspiration for generations to come.

“Their sacrifices will always be remembered and serve as a guiding light for future generations,” HM the King said in a statement.

“Commemoration Day is a national occasion to honour those who gave their lives in defence of Bahrain’s security, stability, and sovereignty.”



Dedication

HM King Hamad also acknowledged the dedication of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and security personnel, commending their unity, determination, and noble mission in safeguarding the nation.

He praised the families of the fallen servicemen as exemplary



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HM KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES

role models of resilience and patriotism, and highlighted the solidarity of Bahraini citizens in honouring the fallen and supporting their families

His Majesty offered prayers for the fallen servicemen and wishing Bahrain continued security, progress, and prosperity.

The ceremony was attended by His Royal Highness Prince

Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, along with senior officials, military officers, and families of the fallen servicemen.

Upon His Majesty’s arrival, he was received by His Excellency Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander in Chief of the BDF; H.E. General Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Commander of the National Guard; and H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior.

The event included a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, a single artillery salute, and a moment of silence. Military honours were rendered, accompanied by a performance of the Fallen Service-

men’s Salute by the military band.

**Tribute**

The Royal Bahraini Air Force also conducted a flyover in tribute to the fallen servicemen.

Shaikh Adnan bin Abdulla Al Qattan, President of the Sharia Department at the Cassation Court and Imam of Al Fateh Mosque, delivered a commemorative sermon and prayer, honouring the heroism of the fallen servicemen and praying for Bahrain’s continued security, unity, and prosperity.

During the ceremony, the National Guard Commander rendered a salute to His Majesty, followed by the symbolic watering of a palm tree representing eternal life.

The event concluded with the playing of the Royal Anthem.

Prepare for cold months

Bahrain is set to welcome much-awaited winter season

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Winter in the Kingdom of Bahrain will officially begin on Sunday, December 21, 2025, according to astronomical calculations.

This year, a rare coincidence occurs as the Islamic months of Rajab, Shaaban, and Ramadan of 1447 AH will all fall during the winter season.

Astronomical researcher Mohammed Reda Al Asfoor explained that the first day of Rajab coincides with the start of the astronomical winter, while the end of Ramadan aligns with the end of winter and the beginning of spring, which also coincides with Eid al-Fitr on Friday, March 20, 2026.

“The beginning of Rajab marks the countdown to the blessed month of Ramadan, which this year will be entirely during the winter season,” Al Asfoor said.



Chilly mornings, comfortable evenings on the way

He described the winter solstice, which occurs on December 21 at 6:03pm, Bahrain time, as the day when the sun reaches its southernmost point in the

sky. “It will be the shortest day and longest night of the year, after which the sun begins its gradual northward movement,” he said.

Colours of unity



To mark the State of Qatar’s 54th National Day, prominent landmarks and buildings across Bahrain were illuminated in the colours of the Qatari flag, maroon and white, reflecting the longstanding ties between the two nations.

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## HM King hails depth of Bahrain-UAE ties



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa emphasised that the fraternal and distinguished relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates are deep-rooted historical ties, embodied in the sincere stances shared by the two countries. He expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, for the gracious gesture and genuine sentiments reflected in naming one of Abu Dhabi's prominent parks after His Majesty, accompa-

nied by celebrations held in conjunction with the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne. HM the King also conveyed appreciation for the celebrations by the UAE in solidarity with Bahrain on its National Day, noting that these gestures reflected deep mutual respect and a shared destiny between the two nations. His Majesty wished the UAE continued security, prosperity, and progress, and expressed hope that Bahrain-UAE relations will continue to serve as a model of constructive cooperation.

# Symbolic greeting

Dubai Immigration marks Bahrain National Day with special passport stamp

● Document bearing phrase 'Bahrain is the heart and eye'

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The General Directorate of Identity and Foreigners Affairs in Dubai marked the National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain by welcoming arriving travellers with a special passport stamp bearing the phrase "Bahrain is the heart and eye." The initiative reflects the deep-rooted fraternal and historical ties between the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Bahrain. The gesture underscores the enduring bonds of love, mutual appreciation, and long-standing cooperation that unite the two brotherly nations and their peoples. Activities The welcoming initiative featured a range of activities designed to enhance the arrival experience and reflect the spirit of the occasion. Bahraini flags were displayed



Special stamp welcomes travellers in celebration of Bahrain National Day

at passport control counters, a dedicated arrival lane was designated, and airport staff wore national scarves. Mascots "Salem" and "Salama" joined in greeting travellers, while smart gates were illuminated in the colours of the Bahraini flag. Souvenirs were also distributed, symbolising the strong human connection and spirit of brotherhood that has characterised UAE-Bahraini relations across various stages. Proud Lieutenant General Moham-

med Ahmed Al Marri, Director General of the General Directorate of Identity and Foreigners Affairs in Dubai, said the Directorate was proud to share in the national celebrations of Bahrain. He noted that the relationship between the two countries is firmly rooted in brotherhood, understanding, and joint action, serving as a model of cooperation among sister nations. Lt-Gen Al Marri added that Dubai Immigration remains committed to ensuring every traveller's arrival marks the beginning of an exceptional ex-

Bahraini flags were displayed at passport control counters, a dedicated arrival lane was designated, and airport staff wore national scarves. perience, emphasising a people-first service model that positions Dubai as a bridge of love and communication between peoples. Commitment Meanwhile, Major General Talal Ahmed Al Shanqiti, Assistant Director General of the Airports Affairs Sector at Dubai Immigration, said the initiative reflects the Directorate's commitment to delivering an integrated arrival experience that recognises the human and cultural dimensions of national occasions. He stressed that airports represent a traveller's first point of contact with Dubai, making it essential that the arrival experience conveys the values of respect, celebration, and the spirit of brotherhood that unite the UAE with its sister nations.

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## Pride, gratitude for Kingdom's fallen heroes

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The Council of Representatives and Shura Council expressed deep pride and gratitude for the sacrifices made by the Kingdom's fallen heroes in defence of Bahrain, its people, and the interests of the Arab and Islamic nations. This came as the Kingdom held the Commemoration Day, observed annually on December 17 in implementation of the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. They commended the care and directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in

honouring the sacrifices of servicemen, including the establishment of the Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen to support the families of fallen personnel from the Bahrain Defence Force, the Ministry of Interior and the National Guard. The Council of Representatives emphasised that Commemoration Day represents an enduring national chapter, written through the great sacrifices of brave men, and will remain a source of pride in Bahrain's history and a motivation for dedication, service, and achievement for the nation and its citizens. The Shura Council paid tribute to the fallen heroes who

gave their lives in service of the nation, fulfilling their national duty with sincerity and dedication, and embodying the highest values of sacrifice in military, security, and humanitarian fields to safeguard Bahrain's security, stability and achievements. It noted that Commemoration Day will remain a deeply rooted national occasion in the collective conscience, and a day to express gratitude to the fallen personnel of the Bahrain Defence Force, the Ministry of Interior and the National Guard, who carried out their duties with steadfast faith and sincere loyalty in defence of the Kingdom's security, stability, and progress.

## Artworks celebrate Indian traditions and culture



His Excellency Vinod K. Jacob, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, viewed the vibrant artworks created by students of Bahrain Indian School, showcased in the Consular Hall and reflecting the rich colours and traditions of Indian culture.



# ‘Source of pride’

His Highness Shaikh Nasser honours fallen servicemen on Commemoration Day

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The sacrifices of Bahrain’s fallen servicemen will remain a source of national pride and a guiding example for future generations. This was emphasised by Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Command-

er, during the Commemoration Day ceremony yesterday. The event, held in the presence of His Highness Colonel Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Guard’s Special Operations, senior officers, non-commissioned officers, members of the Royal Guard, and a number of Bahrain Defence Force officers, marked a solemn tribute to those

who gave their lives in defence of the Kingdom.

### Occasion

“Commemoration Day is a national occasion of lasting significance that embodies the highest values of sacrifice, honouring the heroism of Bahrain’s fallen servicemen who gave their lives in defence of the country, its leadership and its people,” HH

“The great sacrifices made by Bahrain’s fallen servicemen will remain present in the conscience of the nation and serve as a testament to their courage, bravery, and dedication in performing their national duty

LIEUTENANT GENERAL HIS HIGHNESS SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR AND ROYAL GUARD COMMANDER

Shaikh Nasser said. “Their sacrifices will remain a source of pride and a guide for future generations.” Highlighting the Kingdom’s commitment to the families of the fallen, HH Shaikh Nasser noted: “Under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and with the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, we provide care and support to the families of fallen servicemen, appreciating their sacrifices and protecting their rights.” He added: “The great sacri-

fices made by Bahrain’s fallen servicemen will remain present in the conscience of the nation and serve as a testament to their courage, bravery, and dedication in performing their national duty.”

### Dedication

HH Shaikh Nasser also underscored the ongoing dedication of Bahrain’s personnel across military and security sectors, saying: “Our personnel continue on the same path, with determination and strong will, to

protect the nation and defend its achievements in all circumstances.” “Commemoration Day will remain a symbol of national unity and a renewal of the pledge to continue working sincerely to preserve Bahrain’s security and stability,” he emphasised. The ceremony served not only as a tribute to Bahrain’s fallen heroes but also as a reminder of the enduring values of loyalty, bravery, and national service that continue to guide the Kingdom’s armed forces.



HH Shaikh Nasser, in the presence of HH Shaikh Khalid, attends Commemoration Day ceremony

# ‘Forever role model of sacrifice, selflessness’



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa attends the glorious occasion

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His Excellency Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa attended an event to mark the Commemoration Day at the Special Security Force headquarters. Upon the arrival of H.E. the Interior Minister, accompanied by the Chief of Public Security Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan, the annual event began with recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Afterwards, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah and senior officers performed a salute to the martyrs, and

then the police band played the “Martyr’s Call”. After reciting the prayer for the martyrs, he proceeded to the memorial to recite “Surah Al-Fatiha” for the souls of the martyrs. **Tribute** The Interior Minister paid tribute to the martyrs of duty for their noble and ultimate sacrifices for the nation, which remain a guiding light on the path to the future. He expressed his gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, for his gracious ges-

ture in designating December 17 as the Accession Day and the Commemoration Day. **Pride** H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah emphasised that on this special occasion, all should remember with pride the martyrs of duty. He said that they are the heroes of security, a source of loyalty and devotion, and they are forever the role model of sacrifice and selflessness. “We pray for God’s mercy upon them and offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation to their families,” the Minister said.



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# A joyful celebration

## Ardha performance



His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate, attended the Ardha performance and celebration organised by the residents of Khalifa City. The event was attended by His Excellency Brigadier Hamad Mohammed Al Khayat, Deputy Governor, as well as a number of dignitaries, community figures, and residents of the governorate. This comes as part of a series of national events and celebrations organised by the Southern Governorate.

## Bahrain-Kuwait relations



The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the State of Kuwait hosted a reception to mark the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebration of its National Day and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession to the throne, along with the accompanying national events. The reception was attended by Sheikh Fahad Yusef Saud Al Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of the State of Kuwait; Abdullah Ali Al Yahya, Minister of Foreign Affairs; a number of ministers and senior officials; ambassadors of other countries; business figures; and Bahraini citizens residing in Kuwait. On the occasion, H.E. Salah Ali Al Maliki, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the State of Kuwait, highlighted the strength of the longstanding relations between Bahrain and Kuwait, noting their positive impact on advancing shared interests and cooperation between the two countries and peoples.

## Bahrain-Syria ties



His Excellency Waheed Mubarak Sayyar, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Syrian Arab Republic, hosted a dinner marking the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebration of its National Day and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession to the throne, along with the accompanying national events. The event was attended by officials from the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates and heads of diplomatic missions accredited in Damascus, who extended their congratulations to the Kingdom of Bahrain on the national occasions.

## BIA welcomes visitors



Bahrain International Airport (BIA), managed and operated by Bahrain Airport Company, welcomed visitors arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain to attend celebrations on the occasion of Bahrain's National Day and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession to the throne and the accompanying national events. BIA received arriving passengers in a festive atmosphere through a range of activities reflecting traditional heritage and authentic Arabic hospitality. These celebrations are part of the airport's participation in the Kingdom's holidays.

## Pride in achievements



The Bahrain Charity Association marked the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Days and the 26th anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, along with the accompanying national occasions, in a celebratory national atmosphere reflecting pride in the Kingdom's achievements under its wise leadership. The celebration was attended by Dr. Hassan Ibrahim Kamal, Secretary-General of the Association, Mr. Hussein Boukhamas, Director of the Association, and Suad Al-Dhaheer, Deputy Director, in addition to a number of staff members and volunteers. Participants exchanged greetings on this cherished national occasion, expressing their pride in the progress and development achieved by the Kingdom across various sectors.

## Bahrain-Turkiye friendship



The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Republic of Türkiye hosted a reception to mark the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebration of its National Day and the 26th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession to the throne, along with the accompanying national events. His Excellency Bassam Ahmed Marzouq, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Türkiye, conveyed congratulations to HM the King and to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, wishing the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity. The reception was attended by senior Turkish officials, heads of diplomatic missions accredited in Ankara, and representatives of various sectors.

## Pak-Bahrain Unity Fest celebrations



The Pakistan Club Bahrain commemorated the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day with a dignified and celebratory event held as part of the ongoing Pak-Bahrain Unity Fest 2025 series. The highlight of the day was a ceremonial cake-cutting held at the Pakistan Club premises, symbolizing unity, friendship, and shared prosperity between the peoples of Pakistan and Bahrain. The cake-cutting ceremony was led by the Chairman of the Pakistan Club Bahrain, Mr. Mohammad Afzal Bhatti, alongside the Executive Board Members of the Club. The occasion was further honored by the presence of His Excellency Mr. Saqib Rauf, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Kingdom of Bahrain, who attended as the Chief Guest. In recognition of his continued support and engagement with the Pakistani community in Bahrain, Following the formal proceedings, the celebrations extended into a series of sporting activities organized throughout the day.



## Mazaya monthly instalment cap cut to BD427 for all beneficiaries



MP Khalid Buanaq

Mohammed Darwish  
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Mazaya housing finance scheme will cap monthly instalments at BD427 for all beneficiaries, after the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning said the reduced ceiling is not limited to any one group.

In a reply to MP Khalid Buanaq, the ministry said the cap has been lowered by BD100 from BD527 to BD427, with state support continuing through to the end of the repayment period without being reviewed if a beneficiary's pay rises.

The ministry said the Cabinet, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, backed the change after budget studies put the overall cost at up to BD825 million.

### Decision

It said the decision keeps state support in place for citizens who had already reached the former ceiling, with an estimated BD100 a month in continued support for those cases.

The ministry also said it has raised monthly support for citizens who took early retirement for reasons beyond their control, reducing what is taken from them each month.

Two cases have been dealt with through rescheduling instalments and increasing the level of government support, it added.

### Support

Figures from the ministry's studies show 77 per cent of beneficiaries pay an average monthly instalment of BD173, while the average monthly support paid for people in that



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group is BD345.

The ministry said most of the support goes to this largest group, with the state covering 75 per cent of the gap between the maximum deduction and the actual amount deducted, while the citizen's share is set at 25 per cent.

The ministry said it drew up the studies after requests from MPs and looked at raising support by finding extra funds outside its approved 2025–2026 budget.

### Demand

On satisfaction, the ministry pointed to continued demand for Mazaya finance despite new options added since 2022 and a wider range of purposes.

It also said it receives weekly reports on cases sent through the Tawasil suggestions and complaints system, and carries out regular surveys, publishing results on its channels as part of a government programme on customer service.

## Car imports up 5.4% through

Mohammed Darwish  
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More new vehicles moved through Khalifa bin Salman Port this year, with 41,013 cars and other vehicles recorded in the first 11 months of 2025, up from 38,926 over the same stretch last year, a rise of 5.4 per cent.

Data issued by the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications shows the port handled 2,087 more vehicles than it did between January and November 2024, tracking higher import and export activity through the terminal.

The monthly totals swung across 2025. January was the busiest month, with 5,365 vehicles, while May recorded the lowest figure at 2,453.

Across the year so far, the monthly average stands at about 3,729 vehicles, compared with 3,539 in 2024, matching the 5.4 per cent increase.

### Record

Movement in the last quarter has sat in a fairly narrow band, between about 3,000 and 4,500 vehicles a month, with higher numbers recorded in November and December.

The rise in vehicle traffic came alongside gains in other port measures over the same period, with commercial containers up 8.5 per cent and general cargo up 25 per cent.

Khalifa bin Salman Port is a main route for vehicle imports into Bahrain and nearby markets, handling private and commercial cars as well as heavy equipment.

# Emergency strategy

MP proposes new Parliament committee on long-term planning for disasters and crises

Mohammed Darwish  
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A draft change to Parliament's rulebook has been sent for review after a proposal to create a new standing committee on strategic planning and disasters.

Speaker Ahmed Al Musallam referred the proposal, which would amend parts of Decree-Law No. 54 of 2002 on Parliament's rules of procedure. It was submitted by MP Maryam Al Dhaen.

Her proposal sets up a permanent specialised committee called the Strategic Planning and Disasters Committee, made up of five members.

Its work would cover reviewing and developing strategic and development projects, and preparing legislative plans and wider strategies to deal with disasters, emergencies and crises in line with national goals.

Parliament should be a key partner in putting together, studying and developing strategic plans as global challenges and crises increase

MP MARYAM AL DHAEN

### Priorities

The committee would also assess risks, set priorities and run awareness work with the relevant bodies.

The scope listed in the proposal includes wars, epidemics, food and water security, and natural disasters.

In an explanatory memo-



randum, Al Dhaen said global shocks, including the Covid-19 pandemic, showed a need for a dedicated committee to examine medium- and long-term plans and judge their quality and effect.

### Readiness

She said the change would improve readiness for nat-

ural disasters and other emergencies, and strengthen cooperation between the legislative and executive branches.

The lawmaker added that Parliament should be a key partner in putting together, studying and developing strategic plans as global challenges and crises increase.

## Arab forum on disaster preparedness



The Kingdom of Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and with the support and follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, places the highest priority on strengthening the civil protection system and reducing disaster risks, both at the national level and within the framework of joint Arab action. This was emphasised by His Excellency Lieutenant General Adel bin Khalifa Al Fadhel, Deputy Minister of Interior, as he participated in the proceedings of the First Regional Forum on Early Warning and Disaster Preparedness, hosted by the League of Arab States, with the attendance of Their Excellencies and Honours ministers, representatives of Arab countries, and relevant regional and international organisations. He noted that Bahrain is honoured to chair the Arab Coordination Mechanism for Disaster Risk Reduction, reflecting its institutional development, qualitative programmes, and effective regional and international partnerships in this field.

## Open dialogue



The National Committee for Childhood organised a dialogue forum titled "Towards a Generation Participating in Decision-Making" at Sharifa Al Awadhi Children and Adolescents Club. The event brought together children and adolescents for an open dialogue with committee members and a select group of specialists in child protection, education, youth affairs, and human rights.

## Arab extraordinary session



The Kingdom of Bahrain's Parliamentary Division delegation participated in the 40th Extraordinary Session of the Executive Committee of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) in the Arab Republic of Egypt. The delegation included Ahmed Abdulwahid Qarata, Second Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives and member of the Executive Committee of the AIPU; MP Zainab Abdulameer Khalil, Deputy Head of the delegation; MP Hisham Abdulaziz Al Awadhi; MP Khalid Saleh Buanaq; and MP Jameel Mulla Hassan. Qarata emphasised that the Bahrain-Saudi Arabia relations continue to advance, building on their longstanding ties and comprehensive coordination, supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.





# How Bahrain is rethinking patient recovery

Amana Healthcare outlines new model for extended recovery care

## ● Bahrain's first post-acute facility

## ● Adult rehabilitation care in focus

## ● Technology-enabled recovery model

**Mahir Haneef**  
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Bahrain's healthcare system is set to undergo a quiet but structural shift with the launch of the Kingdom's first post-acute rehabilitation facility, designed to move patients out of acute hospitals and into specialised long-term recovery care.

Amana Healthcare Bahrain will cater to adult patients currently occupying beds at major government hospitals, including Salmaniya Medical Complex, the Bahrain Defence Force Hospital and King Hamad University Hospital, addressing a gap that has not previously existed in the local healthcare system.

"The Amana Healthcare facility is going to be the country's very first post-acute rehabilitation facility," said Dr Mohamed AlSaati, Chief Strategy & Transformation Officer, M42 Global Patient Care and Chief Executive Officer of Amana Healthcare Bahrain. "These patients require extended clinical care, and instead of keeping them in the acute hospital, we are able to shift them from those facilities into the Amana healthcare facility."

By enabling patients who no longer need acute intervention to continue their recovery elsewhere, the facility is expected to ease pressure on government hospitals while improving continuity of care

for patients requiring longer clinical support.

### Patient pathways

Dr AlSaati explained that the Bahrain facility will focus exclusively on adult patients and will initially serve three distinct groups.

"The adults that we are looking at fall into three different types of patients," he said. "These include patients who come from the ICU and require ventilation support, those who have been in hospital for a very long period of time and need to continue receiving medical care within a hospital setting, and those who require intensive inpatient rehabilitation, typically stroke patients or those who have undergone an orthopaedic procedure."

The model is intended to ensure that recovery continues within a clinical environment tailored specifically to rehabilitation rather than

acute treatment.

### Technology integration

Technology will play a central role in how care is delivered at the new facility, with digital systems embedded into everyday clinical practice.

"We need to embed

AI, technology and digital tools within the care delivery system," Dr AlSaati said. "We are going to have an integrated electronic medical record system, and we are also deploying AI technology to save clinicians time from having to prescribe or document clinical notes."

He added that the system is designed to automatically capture physician-patient conversations and integrate them directly into the electronic medical records, reducing administrative workload and allowing clinicians to spend more time on patient care.

### Measuring success

Rather than focusing solely on capacity, Amana Healthcare plans to define success through patient outcomes and international

benchmarks.

"We will start to capture all of the clinical outcomes, whether that is recovery times, complications or risks," Dr AlSaati said. "Because what we are serving here are the patients, we need to make sure that the outcomes we are achieving are on par not with local standards, but with international standards."

The facility is expected to begin accepting patients in December, initially on a limited scale, before expanding operations early next year.

### Building local talent

While Amana is bringing expertise from its operations in Abu Dhabi, Dr AlSaati said the long-term goal is to develop Bahraini healthcare professionals and administrators within the organisation.

"Ultimately, our goal is to nurture as much Bahraini talent in this institution as possible," he said. "Because this type of service does not currently exist in the market, we are bringing expertise from Abu Dhabi, and those colleagues will be heavily involved in training the next generation of healthcare talent."

Over time, he said, the facility expects an increasing proportion of both clinical and administrative roles to be filled by Bahraini nationals.

### Regional vision

Amana Healthcare operates more than 600 beds across facilities in Abu Dhabi, while the Bahrain facility will initially have 100 beds, with plans to expand further after operations stabilise.

"The global need for post-acute care is exponentially growing," Dr AlSaati said. "Bah-

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rain will be 100 beds, and we are looking to expand that further, and potentially take this distinctive clinical service to other markets, including Saudi Arabia and Kuwait."

For Bahrain, the facility marks a shift in how recovery is managed, moving patients beyond acute treatment and into structured, technology-enabled rehabilitation designed to improve outcomes while freeing up critical hospital capacity.

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DR MOHAMED ALSAATI, CHIEF STRATEGY & TRANSFORMATION OFFICER, M42 GLOBAL PATIENT CARE AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AMANA HEALTHCARE BAHRAIN

## Warner Bros rejects Paramount bid, sticks with Netflix

AFP | New York, United States

Warner Bros. Discovery yesterday rejected a hostile takeover bid by Paramount launched last week to trump plans by streaming giant Netflix to acquire the Hollywood giant and owner of CNN.

In a statement, Warner Bros said the terms of the Netflix merger were better, while the Paramount offer "once again fails to address key concerns that we have consistently communicated... throughout our extensive engagement and review of their six previous proposals."

"We are confident that our merger with Netflix represents superior, more certain value for our shareholders," it said.



Netflix shocked the industry on December 5 by announcing it had sealed an agreement to buy the film and television studio and HBO Max streaming busi-

ness for nearly \$83 billion, the entertainment industry's biggest consolidation deal this decade.

Three days later, Paramount -- whose CEO is David Ellison,

the son of Larry Ellison, an ally of President Donald Trump -- launched an all-cash tender offer valuing the entertainment giant at \$108.4 billion.

But Warner Bros on Wednesday described the Paramount offer as risky, saying it was backed up by "an unknown and opaque revocable trust" and involved "no Ellison family commitment of any kind," among other factors.

Warner Bros. Discovery also stressed the dependence of the Paramount offer on foreign investors -- \$24 billion of the financing is from Middle East sovereign wealth funds -- which will require further regulatory scrutiny.

"Our deal structure is clean

and certain, with committed debt financing from leading institutions," Netflix co-CEOs Ted Sarandos and Greg Peters, wrote in a letter to Warner Bros shareholders, according to Business Insider.

"There are no contingencies, no foreign sovereign wealth funds, and no stock collateral or personal loans," they added.

Trump has repeatedly weighed in on the bidding war, saying Netflix's deal "could be a problem" as it would leave Netflix with a huge market share of the film and TV industry.

He later said that he wanted to ensure CNN gets new ownership as part of the Warner Bros. Discovery sale, targeting the outlet he has long blasted for

airing critical news coverage that he repeatedly refers to as "fake news."



Warner Bros. is one of the oldest continuously operating film studios in the world, founded in 1923, and it changed cinema history in 1927 by releasing *The Jazz Singer* -- the first feature-length film with synchronised dialogue, which effectively ended the silent-film era.



# EU lawmakers give final approval to 2027 **Russian gas ban**

A large majority of lawmakers voted in favour of the ban

● Long-term pipeline contracts will be banned from September 30, 2027

● LNG long-term contracts will be prohibited from January 1, 2027

● Operators will face financial penalties for infringements

AFP | Strasbourg, France

The European Parliament yesterday voted to introduce a ban on all imports of Russian gas by the end of 2027, as the EU seeks to choke off funds feeding Moscow’s war chest.



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen

A large majority of lawmakers voted in favour of the ban during a plenary session in Strasbourg, clearing the last key hurdle for the measure to be officially adopted.

“This is historic: the EU is

taking a giant step towards a new era free of Russian gas and oil,” said Ville Niinisto, a Finnish lawmaker and one of the text’s chief sponsors.

“Russia can never again use fossil fuel exports as a weapon

against Europe.”

Aimed at breaking a reliance the bloc has struggled to end despite the invasion of Ukraine, the legislation was adopted with 500 votes to 120, with 32 abstentions.

Under it, long-term pipeline contracts -- considered the most sensitive because they can run for decades -- will be banned from September 30, 2027, provided storage levels are sufficient, and no later than November 1, 2027.

For liquefied natural gas (LNG), long-term contracts will be prohibited from January 1, 2027.

Short-term contracts will be phased out earlier: from April 25, 2026 for LNG and June 17, 2026 for pipeline gas.

Operators will face financial penalties for infringements.

The law must still get a final

Russia’s natural gas pipeline network is so extensive that, at its peak, Russian gas once heated nearly one in three European homes, flowing through pipelines that together stretch far enough to circle the Earth several times.

sign-off from member states -- but that is considered largely a formality.

## EU’s Mercosur trade deal hits French, Italian roadblock

● The pact to create the world’s biggest free-trade area is backed by Germany and many of the European Union’s 27 nations

● The deal would allow the EU to export more vehicles, machinery, wines and spirits to Latin America

● Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni broke cover on Wednesday and said Rome was not ready

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

EU plans to seal a vast trade deal with South American bloc Mercosur this week were



Members of the European Parliament during a plenary session at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France

thrown into disarray yesterday as Italy joined France in demanding more time to sign off on it.

Twenty years in the making, the pact to create the world’s biggest free-trade area is backed by Germany and many of the European Union’s 27 nations, keen

to diversify trade in the face of US tariffs.

The deal would allow the EU to export more vehicles, machinery, wines and spirits to Latin America, while facilitating the entry of South American beef, sugar, rice, honey and soybeans into Europe.

Fearing negative fallout for its agricultural sector, France has long been a holdout, but had failed to muster enough support to block the accord -- until now.

With just days to go, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni broke cover on Wednesday and said Rome was not ready.

“It would be premature to sign the deal in the coming days,” she told parliament, arguing that some of the safeguards Italy wants to protect its farmers were still to be finalised.

The European Commission was expecting member states to give the deal their approval in time for EU chief Ursula von der Leyen to fly to Brazil to sign the deal with Mercosur partners Saturday.

That is now in doubt, though a commission spokesman said EU leaders will discuss the matter at a summit in Brussels Thursday -- as thousands of farmers converge on the city in protest.

Talks “could get pretty heated”, a European diplomat said,

speaking on condition of anonymity.

Paris had already thrown a spanner in the works by calling this week for a delay to the vote, demanding robust safeguard clauses, tighter import controls and more stringent standards for Mercosur producers.

President Emmanuel Macron told a cabinet meeting Wednesday that France would “firmly oppose” the European Union forcing through the deal.

‘Refundable ticket’?

Key power Germany as well as Spain and the Nordic countries strongly support the Mercosur pact, eager to boost exports as Europe grapples with Chinese competition and a tariff-happy administration in the White House.

Spanish Agriculture Minister Luis Planas described the deal as “crucial” this week while the German government said its signing was “urgently necessary”.

## Crude prices surge after Trump orders Venezuela oil blockade

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Oil prices surged on Wednesday after US President Donald Trump ordered a blockade of “sanctioned” oil tankers heading to and leaving Venezuela.

Both Brent and WTI contracts jumped more than 2% before paring gains.

“The big news is the oil-price rally after President Donald Trump announced an oil blockade on Venezuela,” said Forex.com analyst Fawad Razaqzada.

“The news lifted shares in energy stocks in Europe -- the likes of BP and Shell helping the UK’s FTSE 100 to outperform,” he added.

Shares in both companies were up around two% in after-

### Key figures at around 1430 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ 0.1% at 48,170.24 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ less than 0.1% at 6,803.94
New York - Dow:	▲ 0.1% at 23,135.61
London - FTSE 100:	▲ P 1.5% at 9,832.58
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.2% at 8,087.19
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.1% at 24,050.58
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.3% at 49,512.28 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▲ 0.9% at 25,468.78 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 1.2% at 3,870.28 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1730 from \$1.1747 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3349 from \$1.3422
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 155.62 yen from 154.80
Euro/pound: UP at 87.87 pence from 87.52	
Brent North Sea Crude: UP 1.5% at \$59.80 per barrel	
West Texas Intermediate: UP 1.5% at \$55.96 per barrel	

noon trading in London.

The gains for crude pared some of the 2.7% in losses suffered Tuesday after the US president said a deal to end the war in Ukraine was closer than ever.

Such a development could ease sanctions on Russian oil, adding to oversupply concerns already weighing on the market.

But Razaqzada noted there are reports that the Trump administration is preparing further sanctions on Russia’s oil sector in the event Russian President Vladimir Putin rejects a Ukraine peace deal.

Stock indices opened higher on Wall Street, while Europe and Asia were mixed.

London’s stock market rallied as the pound faltered on

expectations of cuts to Bank of England interest rates, after data showed UK inflation falling faster than forecast.

Britain’s annual inflation rate slowed to 3.2% in November, cementing expectations that the Bank of England will cut its main interest rate on Thursday and again on more than one occasion in 2026.

Analysts had expected inflation to have cooled only slightly to 3.5% from 3.6% in October.

Eurozone inflation remained at 2.1% in November, hovering just above the target set by the European Central Bank, slightly revised official data showed Wednesday.

The ECB is expected to hold interest rates steady Thursday

**Hydrogen plays part in global warming: study**  
AFP | Paris, France

Hydrogen has long been touted as a possible solution to the climate crisis, but it could also be a small part of the problem, a study warned yesterday.

Advocates of hydrogen hope it can be produced and used on a large scale in transport and heavy industries in the future, providing a clean alternative to fossil fuels as it only emits water vapours.

But the research published in the journal Nature found that hydrogen has played a part in rising temperatures by helping methane, a potent greenhouse gas, stay longer in the atmosphere.

Emissions of hydrogen rose between 1990 and 2020, contributing a fraction of a degree -- or 0.02C -- to the nearly 1.5C increase in average temperatures since the pre-industrial period, the research found.

“We need a deeper understanding of the global hydrogen cycle and its links to global warming to support a climate-safe and sustainable hydrogen economy,” said Stanford University scientist Rob Jackson, the paper’s senior author.

The study, by an international consortium of scientists known as the Global Carbon Project, found that the increase in hydrogen emissions is mostly due to human activity.

Its rise is linked to the increase in methane emitted by fossil fuels, livestock and landfills, the researchers said. The two molecules are intertwined: methane produces hydrogen when it breaks down in the atmosphere. While hydrogen itself is not a pollutant, it indirectly contributes to warming by absorbing natural deterrents that destroy methane, a potent greenhouse gas that has a shorter lifespan than carbon dioxide. “More hydrogen means fewer deterrents in the atmosphere, causing methane to persist longer and, therefore, warm the climate longer,” said the study’s lead author, Zutao Ouyang, an assistant professor of eco-system modelling at Auburn University in Alabama.



News in brief

◆ **German lawmakers** yesterday approved about 50 billion euros (\$59 billion) in military purchases, the government said, as Berlin accelerates a defence spending ramp-up to face the threat posed by Russia. The extensive list of procurement projects ranged from missiles for air defence systems to armoured medical vehicles, satellite systems and new uniforms. "We are sending a signal to the (NATO) alliance and our partners: Germany is leading the way," the defence ministry said in a statement. "We are fulfilling our obligations to the alliance and accepting our responsibility for security and peace in Europe." After Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Germany dropped a long-standing pacifist tradition and started ramping up spending to overhaul its long underfunded armed forces.



German MPs approve 50 bn euros in military purchases

◆ **UK police** to arrest those chanting 'globalise the intifada'

◆ **People publicly** chanting pro-Palestinian calls to "globalise the intifada" will be arrested, UK police warned Wednesday, saying the "context had changed" in the wake of Australia's Bondi Beach attack. The announcement by the police forces of London and the northwest English city of Manchester swiftly prompted accusations of political repression by some campaigners. The move follows father-and-son gunmen

killing 15 people Sunday at a Hanukkah festival on the Sydney beach and an October attack on a Manchester synagogue on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. "We know communities are concerned about placards and chants such as 'globalise the intifada'," the UK capital's Metropolitan Police and Greater Manchester Police said in a joint statement vowing to "be more assertive".

◆ **Sudan's paramilitary** Rapid Support Forces destroyed and concealed evidence of mass killings they committed after overrunning the Darfur city of El-Fasher, a new report has found. Yale University's Humanitarian Research Lab (HRL), which has used satellite imagery to monitor atrocities since the RSF's war with the army began, said on Tuesday the group "destroyed and concealed evidence of its widespread mass killings" in the North Darfur state capital. The RSF's violent takeover of the army's last holdout position in the Darfur region in October led to international outrage over reports of summary executions, systematic rape and mass detention. The HRL said that in the aftermath of the takeover, it had identified 150 clusters of objects consistent with human remains.

RSF destroying evidence of atrocities in Sudan: report



SPOTLIGHT

Former Harvard morgue manager sentenced for selling body parts



Former Harvard Medical School morgue manager Cedric Lodge shields his face with a printout of the indictment

AFP | Washington, United States

A former morgue manager at the prestigious Harvard Medical School was sentenced Tuesday to eight years in prison for stealing and selling body parts donated for scientific research, the US Justice Department said. Cedric Lodge, 58, pleaded guilty in May to trafficking the stolen remains, which include internal organs, brains, skin, hands, faces and dissected heads, from 2018 through at least March 2020. He was fired from the university in May 2023, Harvard has said. Investigators said Lodge and his wife, Denise, took body parts from the school near Boston to their home in Goffstown, New Hampshire, as well

as locations in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, "without the knowledge or permission of his employer, the donor, or the donor's family" before shipping them to buyers in other states. Denise Lodge, 65, was sentenced to one year in prison, the Justice Department said in a statement. "Today's sentencing is another step forward in ensuring those who orchestrated and executed this heinous crime are brought to justice," said Wayne A. Jacobs, special agent in charge of the FBI's Philadelphia field office. The Justice Department said many of the human remains sold by Lodge were subsequently resold at a profit. Several of those buyers have been sentenced to jail time or were awaiting sentencing, the statement said.

Police charge Bondi killer with terrorism, 15 murder counts

Naveed and his father Sajid Akram opened fire on a Jewish festival

- Among the victims were a 10-year-old girl, two Holocaust survivors and a married couple
- Two homemade Islamic State flags were found in a car
- Naveed had also been charged with 40 counts of causing grievous bodily harm

AFP | Sydney, Australia



Mourners gather at a tribute at the Bondi Pavilion in memory of the victims of a shooting at Bondi Beach, in Sydney

Police charged alleged Bondi gunman Naveed Akram with terrorism, 15 counts of murder and a litany of other crimes yesterday after Australia's deadliest mass shooting in decades.

"Police will allege in court the man engaged in conduct that caused death, serious injury and endangered life to advance a religious cause and cause fear in the community," New South Wales state police said. "Early indications point to a

terrorist attack inspired by ISIS, a listed terrorist organisation in Australia," they said in a statement, using another name for the Islamic State group. Authorities say Naveed and his father Sajid Akram opened fire on a Jewish festival at Sydney's

famed Bondi Beach on Sunday evening, killing 15 people and wounding dozens more. Among the victims were a 10-year-old girl, two Holocaust survivors and a married couple shot dead as they tried to thwart the attack. Naveed was critically wounded by police during the shooting, and local media reported he woke from a coma on Tuesday night. Sajid Akram was killed in a shootout with police. Police said Naveed had also been charged with 40 counts of causing grievous bodily harm to a person with intent to murder, as well as public display of the symbol of a prohibited terrorist organisation. Two homemade Islamic State flags were found in a car registered to Naveed and parked near the beach. Naveed remains in hospital and will face court by audiovisual link on Wednesday, police said.

Trump has 'alcoholic's personality,' chief of staff says in bombshell interview

AFP | Washington, United States

Donald Trump said Tuesday he stood by his chief of staff Susie Wiles after she said the US president had an "alcoholic's personality" in an astonishing interview with Vanity Fair. Wiles also called Vice President JD Vance a "conspiracy theorist," branded tech tycoon Elon Musk an "odd, odd duck," and gave juicy opinions on other Trump administration figures in the lengthy piece. Trump has previously described Wiles, the first female White House chief of staff, as the "ice maiden" and credited her for her role in driving forward his second presidency behind the scenes. But the 68-year-old Wiles now finds herself firmly in the headlines after the Vanity Fair story, which the magazine said was based on a series of interviews with veteran political journalist Chris Whipple over the past year. Wiles dismissed the article as a "disingenuously framed hit piece," accusing the magazine of trying to "paint an overwhelmingly chaotic and negative narrative" about Trump's team. "Significant context was disregarded and much of what I, and others, said about the team and the President was left out of the story," she wrote. Trump himself told the New York Post that Wiles was right to describe him as having an alcoholic's personality -- even though he is teetotal. "You see, I don't drink alcohol. So everybody knows that -- but I've often said that if I did, I'd have a very good chance of being an alcoholic. I have said that many times about myself, I do. It's a very possessive personality," Trump said. He added that Wiles had "done a fantastic job." Vanity Fair quoted Wiles -- whose own father, the NFL announcer Pat Summerall was an alcoholic -- as saying that Trump has "an alcoholic's personality," and "operates (with) a view that there's nothing he can't do. Nothing, zero, nothing." In the wide-ranging series of interviews, Wiles said she was "not an enabler" to

Trump, who has unleashed an unprecedented display of presidential power since his return to power in January, adding "I'm also not a bitch." 'Conspiracy theorist' But she was forthright about Space X and Tesla boss Elon Musk's role as head of the cost-cutting Department of Government Efficiency in the first months of Trump's term. Describing billionaire Musk as a "complete solo actor" and "avowed" ketamine user, she criticized DOGE's shutdown of the USAID international aid department. "No rational person could think the USAID process was a good one," Vanity Fair quoted her as saying. Wiles hailed what she called a "core team" of Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller but said Vance had been "a conspiracy theorist for a decade" regarding the Jeffrey Epstein scandal. Trump's chief of staff had barbed comments for Attorney General Pam Bondi, saying Bondi "completely whiffed" on the promised release to right-wing influencers of documents about convicted sex offender Epstein. She called Russ Vought, the headline chief of the White House Office of Management and Budget, a "right-wing absolute zealot," Vanity Fair said. The magazine said Wiles gave revealing insights into Trump's policies on key domestic and foreign policy issues too. She said she had a "loose

agreement" with Trump to end the "score settling" against his political enemies after 90 days, even as he has continued to target his foes with calls for their prosecution. On Ukraine, Wiles said that Trump believes Russian President Vladimir Putin "wants the whole country," despite Washington's push for a peace deal. Top Trump cabinet members lined up to defend Wiles and lash out at the Vanity Fair piece. Vance said in a speech in Pennsylvania that he and Wiles had "joked in private and in public" about him believing conspiracy theories. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said on X that there was "absolutely nobody better!" White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters outside the West Wing that Wiles was "incredible" and accused Vanity Fair of the "bias of omission."



Vanity Fair famously declines to name a "Person of the Year" -- unlike many magazines -- because its editors say the title would contradict the publication's core idea: that fame and power are fleeting, performative, and often undeserved.



Battle of the Trebia: Hannibal's Carthaginian army heavily defeats Roman forces on Italian soil during the Second Punic War

Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan renames his empire "Yuan" (yuán), marking the start of the Yuan Dynasty of China



First fleet of the Dutch East India Company under Admiral Steven van der Haghen departs for the East-Indies

World's first full scale nuclear power plant, for peacetime use only, begins to generate electricity at the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania

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Our world faces a growing crisis of trust - between nations, within societies & across communities. We need a renewed commitment to dialogue, diplomacy & the principles of the @UN Charter. Let's re-commit to the hard work of building peace & trust within & among nations.

@antonioguterres

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Extremely grateful to HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq Al Said, Oman's Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs for the warm welcome at Muscat airport. We also had a great interaction, exchanging perspectives on India-Oman friendship.

@narendramodi

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Susie Wiles is by far the most effective and trustworthy Chief of Staff that my father has ever had. When Susie took over my father's political operation after J6, people forget how many "Republicans" were treating him like a pariah.

@DonaldTrumpJr

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From trade to energy and our own defence capabilities. Europe's era of independence must be unstoppable

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# Trump imposes full travel bans on **seven more** countries, Palestinians

Restrictions now on nearly 40 number of countries

● Says banning foreigners who "intend to threaten" Americans

● Syrians were banned days after two US troops and a civilian were killed

● Palestine, Syria, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone and South Sudan affected

AFP | Washington, United States



U.S. President Donald Trump (L) guides Rabbi Levi Shemtov (R) onto the stage during a Hanukkah Reception with U.S. President Donald Trump in the East Room of the White House

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday sharply expanded a travel ban by barring people from seven more countries including Syria, as well as Palestinian Authority passport holders, from entering the United States.

The latest move brings to nearly 40 the number of countries whose citizens face restrictions in coming to the United States solely by virtue of nationality, with Trump also tightening rules for routine travel from Western nations.

It comes as Trump, who has long made hostility to immigration a signature issue, orders mass deportations and takes an increasingly strident tone against non-white new Americans. The White House in a proclamation said it was banning foreigners who "intend to threaten" Americans.

Trump also wants to prevent foreigners in the United States who would "undermine or destabilize its culture, government, institutions or founding principles," the proclamation said.

Syrians were banned days after two US troops and a civilian were killed in the war-

torn country, which Trump has moved to rehabilitate internationally since the fall of long-time ruler Bashar al-Assad.

Syrian authorities said the perpetrator was a member of the security forces who was due to be dismissed for "extremist Islamist ideas."

The Trump administration had already informally barred travel for Palestinian Authority passport holders as it acts in solidarity with Israel against the recognition of a Palestinian state by other leading Western countries including France and Britain. Other countries newly subjected to the full travel ban came from some of Africa's poorest countries -- Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone and South Sudan -- as well as Laos in southeast Asia.

In a series of new actions, Trump also imposed partial travel restrictions on citizens of other African countries including the most populous, Nigeria, as well as Ivory Coast and Senegal, which qualified for the World Cup set to be

played next year in the United States as well as Canada and Mexico.

The Trump administration has promised to let in athletes for football's signature competition, but has made no such promises for fans of blacklisted countries.

Other countries slapped with partial restrictions were from Africa or largely Black nations in the Caribbean -- Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Dominica, Gabon, The Gambia, Malawi, Mauritania, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe -- plus the Polynesian country of Tonga. Angola, Senegal and Zambia have all been prominent US partners in Africa, with former president Joe Biden hailing the three for commitment to democracy.

Trump had already banned the entry of Somalis. Other countries remaining on the full travel ban are Afghanistan, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Myanmar, Sudan, and Yemen.

## Putin says Russia will 'certainly' achieve its goals in Ukraine



Ukrainian rescuers work to extinguish a fire in a damaged residential building following an air attack in Zaporizhzhia

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin said yesterday Moscow would "certainly" achieve its goals in the offensive in Ukraine, including seizing the territories it claims are its own, amid a flurry of international diplomacy to end the war.

"The goals of the special military operation will certainly be achieved," Putin told a meeting with defence ministry officials in Moscow, using the Kremlin's wording for the nearly four-year offensive.

"We would prefer to do this and eliminate the root causes of the conflict through

diplomacy," he said, vowing to seize the Ukrainian lands Russia claims to have annexed "by military means" if "the opposing country and its foreign patrons refuse to engage in substantive discussions."

His hawkish comments come as Ukraine on Monday hailed "progress" made on the question of future security guarantees for Kyiv, after two days of talks with US President Donald Trump's envoys in Berlin.

But according to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, differences remain on the question of what territories Ukraine would have to cede to Russia.

## Air power in motion



Two US Marine Corps MV-22 Ospreys depart at Mercedita International Airport in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Aircraft movements and coordinated exercises were observed throughout the day as part of heightened regional military readiness linked to ongoing operations at US military bases and maritime security efforts in the Caribbean. President Donald Trump administration is conducting a military campaign in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific, deploying naval and air forces for what it calls an anti-drugs offensive.

## Palestinians retrieve belongings from West Bank camp before home demolitions

AFP | Nur Shams, Palestinian Territories

Dozens of residents from the West Bank's emptied Nur Shams refugee camp returned yesterday to retrieve belongings ahead of the Israeli military's demolition of 25 residential buildings there.

Early this year, the military launched an ongoing operation it said was aimed at rooting out Palestinian armed groups from camps in the northern occupied West Bank -- including Nur Shams, Tulkarem and Jenin.

Loading furniture, children's toys and even a window frame onto small trucks, Palestinian residents hurried Wednesday to gather as much as they could under the watchful eye of Israeli soldiers, according to an AFP journalist at the scene.

Troops performed ID checks



Palestinian women react as a man collapses as they gathered at the entrance of the Nur Shams Palestinian refugee camp, in the Israeli-occupied northern West Bank

and physical searches, allowing through only those whose houses were set to be demolished.

Some who were able to enter salvaged large empty water tanks, while others came out with family photos, mattresses and heaters. More than 32,000 people remain displaced from the now-empty camps, where Israeli troops are stationed, according to the UN's agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA.

Mahmud Abdallah, who was displaced from Nur Shams and was able to enter a part of the camp on Wednesday, said he witnessed for the first time the destruction that had taken place after he was forced to leave.

"I was surprised to find that there were no habitable houses; maybe two or three, but they were not suitable for living," he said.



# Italy says EU plan on Russian assets ‘cannot be forced’

EU chief is pushing a plan to use frozen Russian central bank assets

● Italy said do not agree with the method used

● Belgium fears the scheme could open it up to Russian reprisals

● Attempts to reassure the Belgian government have so far failed

AFP | Rome, Italy

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni yesterday said an EU plan for financing Ukraine using frozen Russian assets “cannot be forced”, ahead of a Brussels summit expected to focus on the issue.

“These are complex decisions that cannot be forced,” Meloni told parliament in a speech before the European Council meeting on Thursday and Friday.

“Italy obviously considers the principle that Russia should be the first to pay for the recon-



Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni is welcomed by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz at the Chancellery in Berlin

struction of the nation it has attacked to be sacrosanct, but this result must be achieved on a solid legal basis.”

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen

is pushing a plan to use frozen Russian central bank assets to provide Kyiv a 90-billion-euro loan over the next two years -- but that move faces fierce op-

position from Belgium, which hosts most of the funds.

Belgium fears the scheme could open it up to Russian reprisals and is insisting on

rock-solid guarantees from other EU countries that they will share any legal and financial liabilities.

Attempts to reassure the Belgian government have so far failed to break the deadlock, setting up a potentially marathon round of wrangling at the summit.

In theory other EU leaders could override Belgium and ram the initiative through with a weighted majority -- but that would be a nuclear option that few see as likely for now.

Meloni said that Italy had given its support for the plan “even though we do not agree with the method used”.

She called for “clarity regarding the possible risks associated with the proposed use of the liquidity generated by the immobilisation of assets, particularly those relating to reputation, retaliation or new, heavy burdens on national budgets”.

Russia fired a shot across the bows last week, with its central bank announcing it was suing the Belgium-based Euroclear financial group which holds fro-

zen assets.

Meloni said it would be “short-sighted to focus our attention on a single holder of frozen Russian sovereign assets, namely Belgium, when other partner nations also have assets frozen in their respective financial systems”.



The European Union currently holds and has immobilised around €210 billion of Russian central bank assets – one of the largest blocks of a foreign nation’s reserves ever frozen within another jurisdiction – as part of sanctions over Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

# All about Trump’s \$10 billion BBC lawsuit

AFP | London, United Kingdom

US President Donald Trump has filed a defamation lawsuit against the BBC, seeking \$10 billion in damages over a misleading edit of his 2021 speech before the US Capitol riot.

Here’s what we know about the row:

## Why Florida?

Trump filed the lawsuit in a federal court in Miami, Florida, the state where he is a legal resident and where he has filed previous lawsuits against US media outlets.

His lawyers argue that many of the scenes in the Panorama documentary -- which aired in Britain in October 2024 -- were shot in Florida, including around Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort.

He was too late to file a libel claim in the UK, which generally has a one-year time

limit to bring such cases.

What are the arguments?

The documentary spliced together two separate sections of Trump’s speech on January 6, 2021 in a way that made it appear he explicitly urged supporters to attack the Capitol, where lawmakers were certifying Joe Biden’s 2020 election win.

The lawsuit alleges that the edit was a deliberate attempt to give a “false, defamatory, deceptive, dis-

paraging, inflammatory, and malicious depiction” of Trump to try to “interfere and influence” the 2024 presidential election.

They say it harmed Trump’s reputation as a “politician, leader, and businessman”, even though he went on to win the election and his team was apparently unaware of the broadcast for about a year.

## Can Trump win?

While the BBC has previously apologised for its “mistake”, it insists there is no basis for

a defamation case and said on Tuesday it would fight the lawsuit.

The broadcaster contends that the documentary did not air in the United States and its streaming platform cannot be accessed outside the UK.

Trump is arguing that people in Florida would have been able to view the documentary through the use of VPNs and the broadcaster’s US distributor.

But Canadian company Blue Ant, which owns the rights to the documentary outside the UK, told AFP on Tuesday that “none” of its buyers “have aired it in the US”.

## Legal experts say the BBC has a strong case.

“Defamation cases are difficult to win,” University of Richmond law professor Carl Tobias told AFP, noting a 1964 Supreme Court ruling that “requires plaintiffs to prove actual malice, which is an onerous

proof burden”.

Trump has launched several recent legal actions against media companies, including CNN and The New York Times, but these have not yet gone to court.

The BBC could choose to settle, but Mark Damazer, a former BBC Radio 4 controller, said it would be “damaging” to the BBC’s reputation not to fight the case.

## Could it cost the British public?

British taxpayers largely fund the cash-strapped broadcaster through an annual licence fee that is mandatory for anyone in the country who watches television.

Some commentators in the UK have speculated that the legal costs of fighting or settling the defamation case could result in an increase to the £174.50 pound (\$234) annual licence.

In December 2024, ABC News agreed to pay \$15 million in a defamation case brought by

Trump. In July, CBS forked out \$16 million to settle another case.

## Why it’s bad timing for the BBC

The lawsuit coincides with the launch in the UK of a politically sensitive review of the BBC’s Royal Charter, which outlines the corporation’s governance.

The current charter ends in 2027 and will need to be renewed, with the BBC’s funding model and editorial priorities up for debate.

It also comes as the broadcaster seeks a replacement for outgoing director general Tim Davie who announced his resignation over the edit.

In the decade to 2020, the BBC’s income overall fell by about 30 percent in real terms, Davie said last year.

Last month, lawmakers revealed that the BBC is losing more than £1 billion a year from households evading the licence fee.



# Bhutan pledges \$1 bn cryptocurrency for ‘mindfulness’ city

AFP | Thimphu, Bhutan

Bhutan said yesterday it will invest \$1 billion from national cryptocurrency reserves to develop a “Mindfulness City”, which it hopes will become an economic hub for the tiny Himalayan nation.

Buddhist-majority Bhutan, squeezed between giants India and China, champions a

policy of prioritising “Gross National Happiness” over growth.

But that has not helped the government deal with widespread unemployment, forcing thousands of young people to leave the country.

As part of broader efforts to reverse that trend by soliciting foreign investment, the landlocked kingdom in 2023

announced much-hyped plans for its “Gelephu Mindfulness City” (GMC), a special economic zone close to the Indian border.

Carbon-negative Bhutan has also aggressively promoted hydropower projects, earning substantial revenue by exporting electricity to energy-hungry India.

At the same time it has

utilised the cheap power for its own drive to mine cryptocurrency, especially bitcoin.

“I must ensure that every Bhutanese is a custodian, stakeholder, and beneficiary of GMC,” King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck announced Wednesday in a speech to mark the country’s national day.

“To support this policy, I am

announcing today the allocation of up to 10,000 BTC (bitcoin), valued at approximately \$1 billion. This commitment is for our people, our youth, and our nation.”

The king in 2023 said Gelephu will be a “Mindfulness City, encompassing conscious and sustainable businesses, inspired by Buddhist spiritual heritage”.

Bhutan’s GDP per capita is

around \$3,718, according to the World Bank.

Its state-run Druk Holding and Investments (DHI) invested \$539 million -- nearly a fifth of the total GDP -- to establish cryptocurrency operations in 2021-2022, according to the World Bank.

It has since developed sizeable crypto holdings, although the exact value is not public.



Over 300 Players Compete in Landmark 4th National Day Chess Festival



The 4th National Day Chess Festival 2025 concluded on a high note, cementing its status as one of the Kingdom's premier sporting events. Attracting over 300 participants, the festival was organized by the Al Oruba Club in collaboration with Arjun's Chess Academy, held under the esteemed patronage of the Bahrain Chess Federation. The tournament featured intense competition across three main categories: FIDE Rapid, FIDE Blitz, and a dedicated Junior division. The event underscored the rapidly growing popularity of chess in Bahrain, providing a professional platform for both seasoned grandmasters and emerging local talents. The highlight of the festival was the exceptional performance by Tissir Mohamed, who secured the top spot in both the FIDE Rapid and FIDE Blitz categories. In the Rapid division, Ayyad Husain and Mero Aghiad followed in second and third place, respectively. The Blitz category saw a slight shift in the rankings, with Mero Aghiad clinching the runner-up position and Ayyad Husain finishing third. The Junior category showcased the bright future of the sport in the Kingdom. Hudson A. emerged as the champion, followed by Sriram Palaniappan in second place and Navaneet Sreekanth in third.

'Heart Bahrain' Celebrates 8th Anniversary with Grand 'Heart Fest' in Salmaniya



Heart Bahrain, a prominent organization active in the social, cultural, and charitable sectors of the Kingdom, celebrated its eighth anniversary with an event titled "Heart Fest." The celebrations, held at the K City Hall in Salmaniya, were attended by hundreds of community members and distinguished guests. The event was graced by H.E. Mohammed Hussain Al Janahi, Member of Parliament who served as the Chief Guest. Other guests of honor included renowned percussion artist Meelakalaratnam Santhosh Kailas and prominent social worker K.T. Salim. The festivities commenced with the rendition of the national anthems of both India and Bahrain. Cultural Extravaganza The first segment of the program featured a vibrant fashion show involving both children and adults. This was followed by a series of musical and dance performances that enlivened the atmosphere. Official Ceremony and Honors The official session was presided over by Heart Group Admin member Vijeesh, while Prajila Prajeesh delivered the welcome address. The vote of thanks was proposed by Sabitha Sabu. The event was hosted by Sabu Pala, Sreenath, and Anurdeva. The final segment of the fest featured captivating cultural performances by Heart Bahrain members and children, which won the hearts of the attendees.

Maithri Bahrain Marks National Day with Tubli Labor Camp Workers



As part of the Bahrain National Day celebrations, Maithri Bahrain shared moments of joy with workers at a labor camp in Tubli. During the celebratory event, food and drinking water were distributed to hundreds of workers residing in the camp. The program was presided over by Maithri Bahrain President Salim Tayyil, and General Secretary Sakeer Hussain delivered the welcome address. Chief Coordinator Sunil Babu shared the National Day message, emphasizing solidarity with the expatriate workforce.

Vatel Bahrain Celebrates National Day with Heritage and Cultural Festivities



Vatel Bahrain Hospitality College hosted a vibrant celebration at its headquarters to mark the Kingdom's National Day and the anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession to the throne. The event was attended by the college administration, faculty, students, and graduates. The celebration featured diverse heritage and cultural activities, including the traditional "Argha" dance and musical performances. These activities aimed to introduce the college's international student body to Bahrain's rich cultural legacy. General Manager H.E. Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa extended his warmest congratulations to His Majesty the King and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. He emphasized that the event fosters a sense of citizenship and pride among students. He reaffirmed Vatel's commitment to preparing qualified national cadres to lead the hospitality sector, supporting the Kingdom's vision for tourism-driven economic growth.

Gurudeva Social Society Celebrates Bahrain's 54th National Day with Fervor



The Gurudeva Social Society (GSS), based in Salmaniya Kanu Garden, celebrated Bahrain's 54th National Day with great enthusiasm. The festivities commenced at the society premises with Chairman Saneesh Koorumlil hoisting the national flag. The ceremony was attended by General Secretary Binuraj Rajan, Vice Chairman Satheesh Kumar, and other members of the Board of Directors. A significant highlight of the event was the rendition of the Bahraini National Anthem by the children of the society, which added a sense of solemnity and pride to the occasion. Families and children of the society members participated actively in the celebrations. As part of the event, sweets were distributed to all attendees, marking the joy of the national milestone.

New Indian School Celebrates Bahrain's 54th National Day with Grandeur



The New Indian School (NIS), Bahrain, celebrated the Kingdom's 54th National Day with immense patriotic fervor. The campus was transformed into a vibrant sea of red and white as students and staff gathered to pay tribute to their second home. The festivities commenced with a flag-hoisting ceremony led by Chairman Dr. Jaan M. T. Thottumalil, followed by a solemn rendition of the national anthem. Principal Dr. K. Gopinath Menon and Vice Principal Mr. P. Mohan addressed the assembly, emphasizing the role of education in fostering cultural unity and mutual respect. A major highlight of the day was a spectacular human formation of the Bahraini national flag, created by students, alongside an energetic flash mob. Kindergarteners charmed the audience with their "Bahrain in Our Hearts" theme, while senior sections performed traditional Arabic fusion dances, skits, and patriotic songs.





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SHAMZAY ILYAS INTERIOR DECOR W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN(DECOR), suitably qualified applicants can contact 37152892 or AAAHMADALI679@GMAIL.COM

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# West Indies hope Christmas comes early in must-win New Zealand Test

Early Christmas dinner lifts morale ahead of Mount Maunganui Test

● West Indies trail series 1-0

● Secret Santa boosts morale

● Green pitch may favor seam bowling

AFP | Mount Maunganui

Captain Roston Chase hopes that a bonding session over an early Christmas dinner will give the West Indies the festive spirit to beat New Zealand in the must-win third and final Test starting Thursday at Mount Maunganui.

The visitors trail 1-0 after being thrashed by nine wickets last week in Wellington and have not won in their previous seven Tests.

The first Test at Christchurch was drawn.

“Guys had some time to reflect,” Chase said yesterday of the heavy defeat at the Basin Reserve.

“We had a bit of a chat and we had a team bonding session, a Christmas dinner. Just enjoying each other’s company.”

The players ran a Secret Santa, with Chase receiving an Adidas tracksuit and a blender.

“My guy was Jayden Seales and I bought him a Prada cologne,” said Chase, getting into the Christmas spirit.

The weather has not been quite in keeping with the buoyant mood.

Heavy rain has battered the ground in recent days, hampering preparation of a pitch that usually suits spinners.

Chase called the unusually green Mount Maunganui wicket “a bit shocking” after an initial assessment.

“Looking at it I don’t think there will be much spin,” Chase said.

“I think seam will be more dangerous on this wicket.”

Fast bowler Ojay Shields will



West Indies' Roston Chase (R) with teammate Justin Greaves walk from the field (file photo)

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ROSTON CHASE

miss the Test through injury, with batter Alick Athanaze returning to the XI in his place.

Chase said he backs his four remaining seam options to do the job, and that he is prepared to bowl more overs of spin if the pitch does indeed take turn.

He’ll also lean heavier on all-rounder Justin Greaves, who Chase suggested could be a “complainer” at times, but always gave his all with the ball.

Greaves scored 202 not out in the first Test to rescue the West Indies from defeat.

“He will say stuff and act like he doesn’t want to put in that

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The team’s bonding included a Secret Santa. Captain Roston Chase received an Adidas tracksuit and a blender, while he gifted fast bowler Jayden Seales a bottle of Prada cologne

extra effort,” said Chase.

“But when he gets there and I call on him, he’s always more than willing to work.”

## Question marks

New Zealand captain Tom Latham said his team are yet to settle on their line-up, with the same question marks about the pitch.

Either 37-year-old spinner Ajaz Patel or 24-year-old uncapped seamer Kristian Clarke will play, depending on the shades of green Latham sees on Thursday morning.

“The games that we’ve played here in the past, we’ve tended to see that spin’s played a little bit more of a part than what it has around the country at different venues,” he said.

“So we are going to have a look at it in the morning whether we do go with that extra spin option.”

Latham said he was confident in either player, as he praised the experience Patel brought to the squad and the form Clarke had shown in first-class cricket.

Clarke has a first-class bowling average of 32 and scored his first List A century this season.

Patel has 85 Test wickets, including being just the third person in Test history to claim 10 wickets in an innings -- 10-119 against India in Mumbai in 2021.

Patel has never taken a wicket in New Zealand.

# Manchester United ‘wanted me to leave’, claims Fernandes

AFP | London

Manchester United captain Bruno Fernandes told Portuguese media the Premier League club had wanted to sell him this summer after receiving interest from Saudi Arabia.

But the 31-year-old claimed manager Ruben Amorim still had him in his plans and that convinced him to stay at Old Trafford.

“My passion and empathy for the club were the same, but there comes a point where money becomes more important to them than you,” Fernandes told Canal 11, a channel owned by the Portuguese Football Federation, on Monday.

“The club wanted me to leave. I said it to the directors and I think they didn’t have the courage to make that decision because the coach wanted me.

“But if I had said I wanted to leave, even if the coach wanted me to stay, the club would have let me go.”

Fernandes, who has 103 goals in 307 appearances for Man Utd in all competitions since arriving in 2020, was also reported-



Bruno Fernandes reacts during a match

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

Fernandes has scored 103 goals in 307 United appearances, making him one of the club’s most prolific midfielders since 2020

ly hurt by the club hierarchy’s willingness to part ways with

him. “The feeling I got from the

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BRUNO FERNANDES

club was, ‘if you leave, it’s not so bad for us’. That hurt me a little,” he said, according to comments reported on the website of Portuguese sports daily A Bola.

The playmaker said he had considered a move to Saudi Arabia, following in the footsteps of compatriot Cristiano Ronaldo who made the move to the kingdom in 2023 after his acrimonious departure from Old Trafford.



# Emotional Carey slams ton to give Australia upper hand in third Test

Wicketkeeper's maiden Ashes hundred guide Australia to 326-8 in Adelaide

- Steve Smith miss match due to illness
- Usman Khawaja makes defiant 82 after surprise recall
- Jofra Archer takes 3-29 in a tireless spell

AFP | Adelaide

An emotional Alex Carey slammed a majestic 106 on his home ground and Usman Khawaja hit a defiant 82 yesterday to put Australia in the driving seat of the third Ashes Test against England.

Batting after captain Pat Cummins won the toss as temperatures topped 36 Celsius at Adelaide Oval, the hosts were 326-8 at stumps on day one after the shock of Steve Smith being ruled out with illness.

Mitchell Starc was not out 33 and Nathan Lyon yet to score.

“To make a hundred here in front of home fans and family was special,” an emotional Carey told Australian TV.

As he celebrated his maiden Ashes ton, Carey gestured towards the sky in a nod to his father Gordon, who died from cancer in September.

“I guess you know as well why I was looking to the heavens. I’m trying not to tear up. But, no, it was great.”

The wicketkeeper’s wife Eloise was spotted in tears by



Australian batsman Alex Carey celebrates scoring a century

TV cameras as he celebrated.

“To have, mum, brother, sister, Eloise, the kids (here), it was a special moment,” Carey added.

A tireless Jofra Archer ended with 3-29 on a tough day for England’s bowlers in the field.

“I thought it was a good performance from our bowlers, the heat took us a bit by surprise,” said England bowling coach David Saker.

“The boys toiled away.

“(Archer) had a point to prove, he sustained his pace and bowled at the stumps, and he

was well supported.”

**Khawaja reprieve**

Australia lead the five-Test series 2-0 and will retain the Ashes if they win or draw, after back-to-back eight-wicket thumpings in Perth and Brisbane.

Smith, who has more than 10,000 runs, had been feeling unwell in the lead-up but was on Tuesday named in the side.

He was on the field during the morning warm-up but left 20 minutes before the toss shaking his head.

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KNOW WHAT

Carey gestured to the heavens after his century, a tribute to his father who died in September. TV cameras captured his wife Eloise in tears during the emotional celebration

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ALEX CAREY

then Pat Cummins (13), and latterly Starc, who once more showed his prowess with the bat.

Carey hit eight fours and a six in his third Test century, bringing up the milestone in front of family, friends and 56,298 fans -- the biggest cricket crowd ever at the venue.

**Archer burst**

A blistering first over after lunch from Archer had left Australia reeling at 94-4.

He removed Marnus Labuschagne for 19 with his first ball after the interval.

Two deliveries later Cameron Green was gone, with Brydon Carse collecting catches at mid-wicket to dismiss both.

Inglis and Cummins fell in the final session to Tongue and Carse respectively.

Players from both teams wore

black armbands as a mark of respect to the victims of the Bondi Beach mass shooting.

A moment of silence was held before the game with security tightened and flags flying at half-mast.

At the start, Weatherald raced to 18 off 27 balls but his gung-ho approach cost him against the pace of Archer, who fired down a bouncer and induced a top edge to wicketkeeper Jamie Smith.

Head followed next over for 10, with Zak Crawley taking a sensational instinctive catch low to his left off Carse.

Khawaja, on five, was fortunate to survive when Harry Brook dropped a sitter at second slip and went on to bring up his 28th Test 50 to big cheers.

Carey had a life on 52 when Carse put down a difficult chance in the covers and the 34-year-old made the most of it before falling when he top-edged Jacks to Smith just before the close.

## Maresca relishes support of Chelsea fans after difficult week

AFP | London

Enzo Maresca said he appreciated the backing of Chelsea’s fans after they sung his name during Tuesday’s 3-1 win at Cardiff in the League Cup quarter-finals.

Chelsea moved into the semi-finals thanks to Alejandro Garnacho’s double and a Pedro Neto strike after David Turnbull equalised for League One leaders Cardiff.

The Blues didn’t have it all their own way in a hard-fought clash, but reaching a third semi-final in 18 months provided further evidence of Maresca’s impact since he arrived from Leicester in 2024.

It was a well-timed victory after Maresca claimed following Saturday’s 2-0 win over Everton that the previous 48 hours had been his worst at Stamford Bridge because he and his team lacked “support” from “many people”.

The Italian’s rant had fuelled speculation he was criticising the club’s co-owners Todd Boehly and Behdad Eghbali and sporting directors Laurence Stewart and Paul Winstanley.

It has been suggested that Maresca was unhappy with the failure of Chelsea’s hierarchy to publicly support him amid



criticism of his rotation policy during the team’s recent dip in form.

The win over Cardiff was only their second in six games in all competitions.

But Maresca, who led the Blues to Club World Cup and UEFA Conference League glory earlier this year, was serenaded by Chelsea’s travelling supporters, who sang his name throughout the Cardiff match.

“I’m just happy, we’re going to play another semi-final and I think it’s what the fans deserve,” Maresca said after making a point of marching across the pitch to acknowledge the fans at the final whistle.

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It was a great moment, I appreciate, always thankful. In some moments when you don’t win games, they have been not happy, but it’s normal. But overall, the fans have always been there

ENZO MARESCA

the full support of his players after they battled to subdue spirited Cardiff following the Blues manager’s risky decision to make 11 changes, including resting England forward Cole Palmer.

Maresca was also without teenage winger Estevao, who will miss Saturday’s Premier League clash at Newcastle with a “small muscle problem”.

“These are the kind of games that I fall in love even more with the players because you cannot imagine how easy it is to slip, to slide, because they are tricky games,” Maresca said.

“Every season there are teams that they lost against, you know, League Two or League One. You need to pay attention, you need to do the right things.”

## Snicko operator admits error that led to Carey’s Ashes reprieve



England bowler Josh Tongue (R) appeals for a decision against Australian batsman Alex Carey (L)

AFP | Adelaide

The operator of the Snicko technology being used in the Ashes has admitted an error led to a reprieve for Australia’s Alex Carey on the first day of the third Test in Adelaide yesterday.

The wicketkeeper top-scored for the home side with 106 in their total of 326-8 but had a lucky escape when he was on 72.

England called for a review after their appeal for caught behind off Josh Tongue’s pace bowling was turned down by umpire Ahsan Raza.

The stump microphones

picked up a clear sound, with the soundwave spiking, but the replay showed the noise before the ball passed Carey’s bat and TV umpire Chris Gaffaney upheld the on-field decision.

Carey, who went on to reach his third Test century, suggested to reporters after the day’s play that he believed he had hit the ball.

BBG Sports, the company that owns Snicko, used to help match officials review decisions made by on-field umpires, accepted responsibility for the mistake, which came when Australia were 245-6 in the 63rd over.



# Arab Cup title awaits Jordan or Morocco

Atlas Lions Face Hashemites in Doha

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Jordan will aim to lift their first major international trophy tonight at Lusail Stadium when they face Morocco in the FIFA Arab Cup 2025 final, capping an exhilarating tournament in Doha, Qatar. The title match, scheduled for a 7pm kick-off, brings together two of the competition's most impressive performers: Jordan boast the tournament's most potent attack, while Morocco have been the stingiest defense, conceding only once so far.

The Jordanians' rise over the past two years has been remarkable. Runners-up at the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023 and qualifiers for their first-ever FIFA World Cup in 2026, the Hashemites are now one win away from crowning what many are calling a "golden generation" with silverware.

Head coach Jamal Sellami has guided Jordan through a flawless campaign. They topped Group C with wins against the UAE, Egypt and Kuwait, before sneaking past Iraq and Saudi Arabia with identical 1-0 scorelines in the quarter-finals and semi-finals. Central to their success has been Ali Olwan, the tournament's topscorer, whose goals have propelled Jordan to the brink of history. Jordan have scored the most goals in the tournament with 10, but their attack will be put to its sternest test against Morocco's resolute backline.

The Moroccans, meanwhile, arrive in the final equally confident under head coach Tarik Sektioui, bidding to



Morocco's players line up before the semi final

claim a second Arab Cup title after lifting the trophy in 2012. Also qualified for the FIFA World Cup 2026, the Atlas Lions have shown depth and composure throughout the tournament despite missing several Europe-based stars. World Cup semi-finalists in 2022, Morocco reinforced their credentials

with a 3-0 semi-final win over the UAE. Karim El Berkaoui, second only to Jordan's Ali Olwan in the scoring charts, has been instrumental in spearheading their attack.

Earlier in the day, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will contest the third-place playoff at Khalifa In-



Jordan's Ali Olwan (L) and Nizar Al Rashdan (R) celebrate a goal

ternational Stadium, with kick-off set for 2pm.

Both sides aim to bounce back from semi-final disappointment. Saudi Arabia, already qualified for the FIFA World Cup 2026, will look to sharpen their composure in the final third after being frustrated by Jordan. The UAE will be

eager to end the year on a high after exiting the Arab Cup at the semi-final stage earlier this week and missing out on World Cup qualification in November.

With Arab supremacy on the line, the final promises compelling football and a fitting conclusion in Doha.

## World no. 1 Alcaraz ends 'incredible ride' with coach Ferrero

AFP | Paris

Men's tennis world number one Carlos Alcaraz announced yesterday he is splitting from his coach Juan Carlos Ferrero after seven hugely successful years together with assistant coach Samuel Lopez taking over.

Alcaraz has won six Grand Slams among his 24 tour level titles under the guidance of fellow Spaniard Ferrero, including this year's French and US Opens.

Alcaraz, 22, ends this year as world number one having claimed eight tournaments during the season including his dramatic victory over Jannik Sinner in Paris.

"It is very difficult to write this post," Alcaraz said on social media with photos of the pair hugging.

"After more than seven years together, 'Juanki' and I have decided to end our story together as coach and player.

"Thank you for making the dreams of a child become reality," Alcaraz added.

Alcaraz began working with 45-year-old Ferrero, a former



Carlos Alcaraz talks with Juan Carlos Ferrero (R)

world number one, in August 2018, when he was a teenager.

As a player, Ferrero won the 2003 French Open and was runner-up in New York later in the year before becoming a coach working alongside Alexander Zverev in 2017.

Alcaraz won his first Grand Slam at Flushing Meadows in 2022 before clinching Wimbledon and the French Open, to mark a change in men's tennis following years of dominance by Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal

and Novak Djokovic.

His first success at New York sent the then 19-year-old to the top of the world rankings for the first time, becoming the second youngest man to do so, behind Lew Hoad in 1953.

### 'Nostalgia'

Alcaraz has never made it further than the quarter-finals of the Australian Open, with the main draw of the first Grand Slam of next year starting on January 18.

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CARLOS ALCARAZ

"We started this journey when I was barely a kid, and throughout all this time you've been by my side on an incredible ride, on and off the court," Alcaraz said.

"And I've enjoyed every step with you immensely.

"Now change is coming for both of us, new adventures and new projects.

"I'm at peace knowing we left everything out there, that we gave everything for one another," he added.

The Ferrero tennis academy said Lopez will step up to take over as coach.

## FIFA announces \$60 World Cup tickets after pricing backlash



AFP | Paris

World Cup organisers unveiled a new cut-price ticket category on Tuesday after a backlash by fans over pricing for the 2026 tournament in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Football's global governing body FIFA said in a statement that it had created a limited number of "Supporter Entry Tier" fixed at \$60 for all 104 matches, including the final.

It said the plan was "designed to further support travelling fans following their national teams across the tournament".

FIFA said that the \$60 (51 euro) tickets would be reserved for fans of qualified teams and would make up 10 percent of each national federation's allotment.

Fan group Football Sup-

porters Europe (FSE), which last week called prices "extortionate" and "astronomical", responded by saying the FIFA was offering too little.

"While we welcome FIFA's seeming recognition of the damage its original plans were to cause, the revisions do not go far enough," FSE said in a statement on Tuesday.

Last week, FSE said ticket prices were almost five times higher than in 2022 in Qatar, describing FIFA's pricing for 2026 as a "monumental betrayal of the tradition of the World Cup".

"If a supporter were to follow their team from the first match to the final it would cost them a minimum of \$6,900," it said at the time, adding that World Cup organisers had promised tickets priced from \$21 in a bid document released in 2018.

## Sri Lanka hire fielding coach Sridhar ahead of T20 World Cup

AFP | Colombo

Sri Lanka have hired former Indian fielding coach R. Sridhar to do the same job for them ahead of the men's T20 World Cup starting in February,

the board said yesterday.

The 55-year-old Indian will also help Sri Lanka's team for the upcoming home series against Pakistan and England, Sri Lanka Cricket said.

He will be on a three-month

contract, SLC said, noting that he is already familiar with the national team, having conducted a 10-day specialised fielding programme earlier this year.

In October, Sri Lanka expanded their coaching team with

the induction of Julian Wood, known for his power-hitting programme, and spin specialist Rene Ferdinands.

Sri Lanka's former skipper Sanath Jayasuriya continues as head coach.