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Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

602644

(Second dose)

474844

Value of local product exports increases



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BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

3903112

ACTIVE CASES

11155

DEATHS

594

DISCHARGED

152361

NEW CASES

997

CRITICAL

92

210 fils (includes VAT)



Yemen fighting rages on

At least 70 from government forces and Houthi rebels have been killed in the past 24 hours

85 wounded on both sides

AP | Sanaa

Fighting between forces of Yemen's internationally recognised government and Houthi rebels raged in the provinces of Marib and Taiz, killing at least 70 fighters on both sides, officials said yesterday.

The increase in violence came over the past 24 hours and at least 85 others were wounded, military officials from the two sides said.

The Iranian-backed rebels in February renewed their offensive on the oil-rich province of Marib, an anti-Houthi stronghold held by the internationally recognised government.

But they have not made substantial progress amid fierce resistance and heavy losses, mostly the result of airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition countering the advance.

The attack on Marib stirred up violence in other areas, including government-held Tazi province, which is besieged by the Houthis. Clashes also took



Yemen government forces hold a position against Houthi rebels in Marib

place in the province of Hajjah and the port city of Hodeida.

The officials said at least 42 fighters were killed in Marib and 28 in Taiz. Most of the dead were rebel fighters, they said.

The military officials from both sides spoke on the condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to talk to the media.

Abdu Abdullah Magli, a spokesman for the Yemeni

Armed Forces, said they staved off Houthi attacks over the weekend in the district of Sorouh in Marib, and reclaimed territory from the rebels.

The Houthi offensive on Marib has threatened to worsen the already severe humanitarian crisis in Yemen. The province is sheltering about a million Yemenis who have fled Houthi offensives elsewhere in the country.

The rebels have also stepped up their cross-border attacks by missiles and explosive-laden drones on Saudi Arabia. It's an apparent attempt to pressure the Saudi-led coalition to stop its airstrikes on the rebels in Marib and elsewhere in Yemen.

The intensified fighting and attacks on Saudi Arabia have come amid an international and regional diplomatic push to end the conflict.

Eleven dead, 98 injured after train derails in Egypt Cairo

Eleven people were killed and 98 injured yesterday in a train accident in Egypt's Qalioubia province north of Cairo, the health ministry said in a statement.

The train was heading from Cairo to the Nile Delta city of Mansoura when four carriages derailed at 1:54 pm (1154 GMT), about 40 kms (25 miles) north of Cairo, Egyptian National Railways said in a short statement.

The cause of the accident is being investigated. More than 50 ambulances took the injured to three hospitals in the province.

Bahrain extends condolences

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The Kingdom of Bahrain extended its deepest condolences to the government and people of Egypt over the train accident in Qalioubia province.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed Bahrain's sympathy with Egypt, wishing the injured speedy recovery.

HM King and HRH Prince Salman thanked by Japan Emperor

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from Emperor Naruhito of Japan in response to HM's birthday congratulations.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also received a cable of thanks from Emperor Naruhito, in reply to HRH's congratulations on his birthday.

Kuwait Premier cable of thanks



Kuwait Prime Minister

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received a cable of thanks from the Prime Minister of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah, in reply to HRH's condolences following the passing of Sheikhha Nouria Ahmad Al Jaber Al Mubarak Al Sabah.

HM King hails historic Bahraini-Saudi relations



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received the Saudi Minister of Interior, HRH Prince Abdulaziz. Later, HRH Prince Salman hosted an Iftar banquet in honour of HRH the Minister of Interior and his accompanying delegation.

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa took pride in the deep-rooted historic and fraternal relations binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well their leaders and brotherly peoples.

He commended the honourable Saudi stances, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, in support of Bahrain, embodying solid historic ties, which are based on fraternity and solidarity between the two brotherly countries and peoples.

HM the King made the statement yesterday as he received, at Sakhir Palace, Saudi Interior

Minister His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, who conveyed to HM the King, greetings from Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, who wished the people of Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

The Saudi Minister congratulated HM the King on the Holy Month of Ramadan, wishing His Majesty, the country and its people many happy returns.

HM the King welcomed the Saudi Minister, extending his greetings to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and HRH the Crown Prince. He

wished the brotherly Saudi people further progress and prosperity, stressing the importance of such brotherly visits in strengthening joint cooperation and coordination between the two countries.

HM the King hailed the dedicated efforts of King Salman to further bolster joint Bahraini-Saudi relations, commending the pioneering Saudi role to strengthen the pillars of security, stability and peace in the region and protect the interests of its countries and peoples.

HM the King and the Saudi Minister of Interior reviewed the current developments unfolding in the region, in addition to issues of common interest.

Focus on ways to reinforce joint security performance



General Shaikh Rashid with the Saudi Interior Minister

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Ways to reinforce joint security performance and stability to protect national accomplishments and regional security were discussed during last night's first meeting of the Bahraini-Saudi Security and Military Committee.

The committee is one of the five panels of the Saudi-Bahraini Coordination Council, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence.

The meeting was co-chaired by Saudi Interior Minister His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

The security and military coordination committee reviewed topics decided by the council. It announced recommendations and initiatives, including reinforcing cyber-

security cooperation and facilitating goods and trucks traffic procedures through the borders and the issuance of visiting visas for visitors between the two countries.

The meeting discussed implementing the one-point system in each country to facilitate the crossing of travellers through the King Fahad Causeway.

The crossing of citizens of both countries at air borders and the e-linkage of traffic fines and building electronic capabilities between operations rooms of the Interior Ministries of both countries was also discussed.

Both sides expressed their appreciation of the achieved outcomes of the meeting, asserting the importance to continue with joint security and military work for the best interests of the two countries and the achievement of the inspirations of the leaderships of both countries to support and develop various ties.

The meeting's results and initiatives will be referred to the preparatory committee to study them and refer the suitable ones to the council to decide the required procedures.

Value of local product exports increases

Up by 18% to reach BD684 million during the first quarter of 2021, according to iGA foreign trade report

● Value of imports up by 3% during first quarter of 2021

● Trade balance records deficit totalling BD442 million

● Total value of re-exports down by 20% to reach BD185 million

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Bahrain's value of exports of national origin has increased by 18% to reach BD684 million during the first quarter of 2021, up from BD580 million for the same period of the previous year.

The value of imports increased by 3%, reaching BD1.312 billion during the first quarter of 2021 compared with BD1.272 billion for the same quarter the previous year.

This was according to the Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) foreign trade report of the first quarter of 2021, encompassing data on the balance of trade, imports, exports



Bahrain exports BD684 million worth of products

(national origin), and re-exports.

The trade balance, difference between exports and imports, recorded a deficit totalling BD442 million during first quarter of 2021 compared with BD460 million for the same quarter of the previous year, an improvement of 4%. The top 10 countries in terms of the value of exports of national origin purchased from Bahrain accounted for 80% of the total value, with the remaining countries accounting for 20%. Saudi Arabia ranked first

among countries receiving Bahraini exports of national origin, importing BD153 million from Bahrain. The UAE was second with BD76 million and the US third with BD71 million.

Agglomerated iron ores and concentrates emerged as the top products exported during first quarter of 2021 with BD150 million, unwrought aluminum alloys was second with a value of BD106 million, and aluminum wires (not alloyed) third with BD42 million.

According to the report, the top 10 countries accounted for 72% of the value of imports, with the remaining countries accounting for 28%.

Brazil ranked first with BD175 million, followed by China with BD162 million and the UAE with BD102 million.

Non-agglomerated iron ores and concentrates was the top product imported into Bahrain with a total value of BD169 million, while aluminum oxide was



second with BD93 million, and four-wheel drive cars third with BD49 million.

The total value of re-exports decreased by 20% to reach BD185 million in the first quarter of 2021, compared with BD233 million for the same quarter of the previous year.

The top 10 countries accounted for 89% of the re-exported value, while the remaining countries accounted for the 11%.

The UAE ranked first with BD61 million, followed by Saudi Arabia with BD49 million, and Oman with BD19 million.

Four-wheel drive cars were the top product re-exported from Bahrain with BD26 million, agglomerated iron ores and concentrates were second with BD22 million, and apparatus for electrical control third with BD13 million.

Ramadan call: Comply with health regulations

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Primary Healthcare Centres Chief Executive Dr Jalila Sayed Jawad has affirmed the importance of adhering to all precautionary measures during the Holy Month of Ramadan to protect the health and safety of the community and curtail the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Dr Jawad praised the great support accorded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the medical professionals and workers at the front lines.

She also lauded the national efforts of Bahrain taskforce, under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, which won international praise in dealing with the pandemic and providing optimum health care for citizens and residents.

Dr Jawad stressed the importance of complying with the regulations and decisions issued by the National Taskforce for Combating Coronavirus (COVID-19).

She urged everyone to avoid big family gatherings during Iftar, stressing the need to boost social awareness on the risks of such gatherings in raising the caseload and transmitting infection to people with chronic and latent disease.

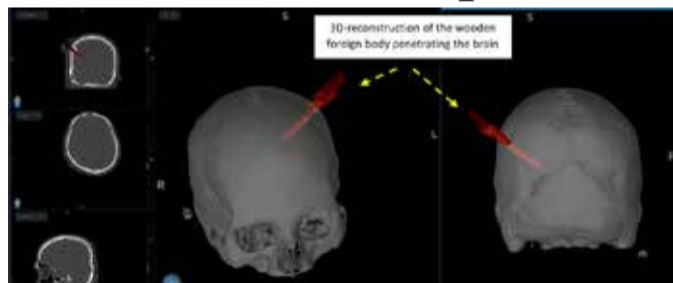
She called on all to continue adhering to the precautionary measures like wearing face masks, social distancing, disinfection and cleaning hands and staying indoors and going outside only when necessary.

She noted that combating the virus requires real commitment and cooperation as well as social responsibility of all members of the community.

Dr Jawad praised the massive turnout for the national vaccination campaign, which will contribute to curbing the spread of the virus and dealing successfully with the pitfalls of the pandemic.

She stressed the Kingdom's advanced status in rapidly conducting the vaccination campaign for citizens and residents, calling on all to register for the vaccine to attain full recovery from the pandemic.

SMC team performs successful brain operation



The 3D reconstruction of penetrating brain injury

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Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) neurosurgeons have safely removed a sharp wooden object left sticking out of a 40-year-old man's head following an attack.

The team who performed the successful emergency four-hour mini-craniotomy was led by consultant Dr Joseph Ravindran and assisted by Dr Mohamed Jawad and Dr Mena Mikhail.

"The wooden stick was removed through a mini-craniotomy, an opening in the skull with a diameter limited to 3-4 cm. This allowed minimal manipulation of the foreign object, ensuring that it leaves through the same track it entered without further dam-

age," said Dr Ravindran.

Thanks to the multidisciplinary team's efforts of SMC, with the patient undergoing intensive

neurorehabilitation, he was discharged with postoperative follow-up revealing complete recovery and no associated complications.

Dr Ahmed Al Ansari, CEO of Government Hospitals, applauded the skillful and unwavering commitment of SMC staff to patient care.

"SMC continues to provide optimum care, ensuring citizens' and residents' rights to receive the best health services. We will continue to provide and strive for the development of our surgical services according to the capabilities made available for us," Dr Al Ansari said.

Industry Minister receives Bahrain's Ambassador to US



Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani received Bahrain's Ambassador to the US, Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa. The Minister lauded the outstanding efforts exerted by the Ambassador to bolster cooperation, highlighting the Ministry's appreciation of all efforts aimed at enhancing the kingdom's economic relations with the US. Minister Al Zayani stressed the importance of joint meetings and exchanged visits between officials from the two countries. He highlighted the government's keenness to enhance its economic relations with all countries, including the US. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation to the minister for his constant communication and keenness to develop cooperation.

Khonji Mosque soon to rise

Diyar Al Muharraq announces the start of construction work this month in the northern part of Deerat Al Oyoun project

● Its plan will include the establishment of a large yard for parking and a hall belonging to the mosque to hold social events

● The Islamic and modern styles will also merge to form Islamic geometric decorations that adorn both the dome and the minaret

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Diyar Al Muharraq, one of the largest real estate development companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is starting this month the construction of a new mosque in the northern part of the Deerat Al Oyoun project, which will be named Khonji Mosque.

This is in line with the company's endeavours to provide the people of the city of Diyar Al Muharraq with all the facilities that reflect the model of an integrated modern city.

The construction of the mosque has been prepared as part of the master plan for Diyar Al Muharraq, and it supports efforts to provide facilities appropriate for the residents' lifestyle, with the construction of integrated mosques.

The mosque is expected to



An artist's impression of the Khonji Mosque

serve more than 500 houses in the area, and its plan will include the establishment of a large yard for parking and a hall belonging to the mosque to hold social events.

The Khonji Mosque will be built on a spacious area of about 1,000 square metres, which will allow it to receive 615 worshippers at one time. The design of the mosque will be characterised by an Islamic architectural character, and its walls will be decorated with simple Islamic motifs with distinctive recesses that give it a modern character.

The Islamic and modern

styles will also merge to form Islamic geometric decorations that adorn both the dome and the minaret, so that the Khonji Mosque is distinguished by its originality and beauty, with its unique architectural designs from every aspect.

Eng. Ahmed Ali Al Emadi, CEO of Diyar Al Muharraq, said: "We thank God Almighty that in this blessed month we have enabled to announce the commencement of the construction of this mosque. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to those who donated the material costs to build this project.

"We look forward to completing the construction of the Khonji Mosque in April of next year. We are also confident that the completion of the construction of this mosque will contribute to meeting the needs of the Diyar Al Muharraq community and attract more residents looking for a fully-fledged community."

Adaa Contracting for Building Solutions will start construction of the mosque, which will contribute to keeping pace with Diyar Al Muharraq's aspirations to provide distinctive worship facilities to serve residents and visitors alike.

Diyar Al Muharraq is one of the largest integrated residential cities in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This comes alongside the unique blend provided by Diyar Al Muharraq of residential, commercial, entertainment and health facilities that root the model of an integrated and future modern city.



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The number of worshippers the Khonji Mosque can receive at one time

Training course on damaged aircraft recovery



The training course participants with BAC and BASC officials

● BAC and BASC employees complete training programme

● Focus on how to implement operations safely, orderly and quickly

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The team of recovering damaged aircraft at Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) has completed an inten-

sive training course aimed at enhancing its readiness to deal with all emergency situations.

At the end of the course, BAC Chief Executive Muhammad Yusef Al Binfalal and Bahrain Airport Services Company (BASC) counterpart Salman Al Mahmid presented graduation certificates to the participants.

The training programme included a set of theoretical and practical training materials that provide participants with the necessary skills to deal with various affected aircraft scenarios, control the situation, and limit any impacts that may lead to disruption of airport operations.

The aircraft recovery team includes 19 BAC employees and two members of the BASC team.

Al Binfalal stressed the importance of this course, which provides an opportunity for all of its affiliates to learn how to remove aircraft that may be exposed to technical malfunctions or accidents from the runway or corridor so as not to hinder the airport operations; and the fastest, safest and most secure means to avoid any secondary damage to the infrastructure of the airport or aircraft.

"The rapid removal of damaged aircraft that impedes the airport's normal activities is a

shared responsibility between the airport operators and the airline," said Al Binfalal.

"In an effort to facilitate this complex process, Bahrain Airport Company continues to review its operations and procedures to improve its capabilities, as well as to cooperate closely with airlines in developing effective plans to remove the affected aircraft, which ensures that any potential accidents are dealt with the utmost speed, calmness and effectiveness. At the same time, the impact on airport operations is minimised." Aircraft recovery operations are a challenge yet having an effective framework and a dedicated team of skilled experts helps them to implement them safely, orderly and quickly.

The training session also provided an opportunity to identify areas in need of improvement in the capabilities of the airport recovery team, equipment and operations.

Conducting such training courses and benefiting from their results is a necessary pillar to upgrade all emergency response equipment at Bahrain International Airport.

Bahraini man convicted of investment fraud

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A Bahraini man was sentenced to five years in prison for conning a high-ranking GCC personality out of BD3 million after convincing him that he would invest the money for him in properties.

The High Criminal Court found the accused, in his 40s, did not have the required licenses from the Central Bank of Bahrain and he was already held guilty in similar cases before.

It also fined him BD100,000 and ordered him to pay BD3 million to the victim.

According to court files, the victim's lawyer reported to the Anti-Economic Crime Department that the defendant was working in one of the international banks and he owned several construction companies, which were all deleted by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism several years ago.

"He offered to my client the chance to invest in the real estate. He introduced him to several people, stating that they were his partners in investment. As a result, my client made six transfer transactions at a total amount of BD3 million," the lawyer said, revealing that the two started making transactions in 2011.

"He gave him some of the profits reaching BD85,000 until he stopped transferring any money."

The defendant was reportedly convicted in money laundering cases. He allegedly conned several other people.

Modernising Bahrain irrigation systems

Mohamed Hassan Al Mahroos Company signs exclusive partnership agreement with Toro

● It also becomes exclusive distributor in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia of Toro's smart water-saving technologies

● The US-based company specialises in the field of irrigation of gardens, green spaces, agricultural projects, golf courses and artificial lakes

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Mohamed Hassan Al Mahroos Company has announced the signing of an exclusive partnership agreement with American company Toro, the world leader in the manufacture of modern irrigation equipment.

Al Mahroos Company will now be the exclusive distributor in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia of Toro's products and provider of modern and advanced irrigation systems as well as smart water-saving technologies, which are based in the US.

Toro is one of the largest companies specialised in modern irrigation technologies in the world, which has accumulated experience in the field of irrigation of gardens, green spaces, agricultural projects, golf courses and artificial lakes.

Since its inception in 1914, Toro has been recognised as the first supplier of farm tractors in the US, and has now become the leading global provider of innovative irrigation solutions, including garden maintenance

M H Al Mahroos BSC(c) Announces Partnership with Toro, leading irrigation systems in KSA & Bahrain



Al Mahroos Company and Toro representatives hold talks online

mechanisms, green landscaping, management and operation of infrastructure construction, and the development of all solutions in the field of irrigation.

The company's customer base extends to more than 125 countries around the world, and provides a wide range of products to service a wide range of golf courses, government institutions, farm owners and contractors.

Toro has several advanced irrigation systems, most notably the Sentinel System, which ensures communication via radio, optical fibers or cables to provide centralised irrigation control.

It also provides modern irrigation services with high accuracy while saving time and facilitating the irrigation process for all customers.

Commenting on the new partnership, Talal Al Mahroos, Executive Director of Al Mahroos, said: "We are pleased to sign this strategic partnership agreement with one of the most prestigious international companies that continues to lead in harness-



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ing the latest technologies in developing modern irrigation systems, which in turn meet the needs of customers and various projects, such as gardens, agriculture and other green areas in order to serve the goals of preserving the environment and its resources.

"Muhammad Hassan Al Mahroos is proud to be the exclusive



Residential & Commercial Irrigation

supplier of Toro products and solutions for modern irrigation systems and smart programs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Bahrain. This reflects our keenness to adopt its policy of providing the finest applications and automated equipment to contribute to the implementation of large projects in both kingdoms, in which we aspire to provide pace with the aspirations of the region in taking advantage of the latest engineering and technical mechanisms in order to increase our ability to reduce time and effort."

Mohamed Ghaddar, Regional Sales Director of Toro, Middle East and Africa, said: "We are delighted with the new partnership with Al Mahroos in both the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Bahrain. Through this partnership, we

will strive to serve the aspirations and goals of Al Mahroos by making use of our modern technologies in irrigation, and we look forward to cooperating with the company to provide the best and most advanced solutions in the field of irrigation systems and water management.

"For more than 10 decades since its inception, Toro has strived to reduce environmental impacts and maximise the efficiency and production of resources in its operations, products and services to customers, in a way that ultimately increases environmental protection. Investing in innovation and developing new products is an integral part of our strategy by providing alternative energy solutions, smart applications and automated technologies, thus providing various advantages, such as less time and effort in addition to lower costs."

NIHR pays field visit to Jau Correction and Rehabilitation Centre

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has dispatched a delegation to the Jau Correction and Rehabilitation Centre to ensure the inmates' rights are protected and proper health care is served.

NIHR was informed about the report issued by the General Directorate of Reformation and Rehabilitation on Saturday, which indicated that a limited number of inmates had blocked corridors, refused to go inside their cells and violated instructions over the past days, resulting in hindering provided services, including calls and

healthcare for other inmates, as well as in disturbing work procedures.

In line with its human rights and oversight role, and wide-ranging powers vested in it as per the law, NIHR immediately sent a team to the Centre to inspect the buildings that witnessed these procedures, meet a number of its officials, and watch the video recording of the incident.

Following its entry into the buildings and the cells, meeting with a number of randomly-selected inmates, as well as meeting with the Centre's doctor to talk about the general

health status of the inmates, the NIHR's delegation found that the human rights and health situation of inmates is generally reassuring.

It said that what is being raised about their being beaten and transferred to an unknown location is inaccurate, indicating that all inmates were present in the buildings.

In a statement, the NIHR expressed its deep concern over the allegations aimed at creating a state of uncertainty among the inmates' families, stressing that dealing with inmates at the Centre is done in accordance with a legal and civilised way,

as well as with a high degree of self-restraint.

The NIHR urged inmates to cooperate with it in case there are any legitimate requests related to their rights, noting that the actions they had carried out during the past three weeks had deprived the rest of the inmates of their right to enjoy health care and communicate with their families, according to the centre's regulations, and that some of those deeds may put them in danger.

The NIHR affirmed its commitment to transparency, responsibility, credibility, and the promotion of human rights.

Citizens to benefit from healthy economy



Minister Humaidan meets LMRA's Board of Directors online

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It is important to stimulate the national economy to create more quality job opportunities for citizens.

This was emphasised by Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Muhammad Ali Humaidan who noted that the Bahrain would be the first choice for employment.

Humaidan, also Labour Market Regulatory Authority's Chairman of the Board of Directors, chaired LMRA's Board of Directors remote meeting.

The Minister noted that cooperation is a necessity between the three production parties to achieve the government's vision and aspirations for "creating sustainable economic and social security" in Bahrain.

He said that LMRA continues

to support the existing cooperation with the authorities related to the labour market, and in this way it carries out its role in support of the stability and balance of the labour market, finding solutions that meet the needs of the national economy and giving it flexibility that enhances its competitiveness and its ability to adapt to different circumstances.

The authority works to implement a package of projects and procedures regulating the market in coordination with representatives of the productive sectors, including business owners and workers.

He noted the executive management's keenness to increase the effectiveness, productivity and high pre-preparedness of electronic work, which contributed to the continuation of its work mechanisms with the same capacity and efficiency.

No ban on selling energy drinks to minor

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The Shura Council yesterday rejected a draft parliamentary law aimed at banning the sale of energy drink products to people below 18 and preventing distribution for free to consumers or selling them in restaurants and canteens.

It also rejected move to prohibit promotion or advertisement of energy drink products.

The Health Ministry said that preparing a draft law to separately regulate the issue of reducing the consumption

of energy drink products is not consistent with the good legislative policy.

Energy drinks are widely promoted as products that increase energy and enhance mental alertness and physical performance. Next to multivitamins, energy drinks are the most popular dietary supplement consumed by teens and young adults.

In fact, the global energy drink market continues to grow. It was worth \$39 billion in 2013 and is forecast to reach \$61 billion by 2021.



Energy drinks may promise a boost, but experts are increasingly concerned that their cock-

tails of ingredients could have unintended health risks.

A study published recently in the Journal of the American Heart Association found that caffeinated energy drinks altered the heart's electrical activity and raised blood pressure.

Some of the popular energy drinks on the market today contain extremely high levels of B3 (niacin) and B6, which in excess, are known to also cause gastrointestinal problems, skin conditions, liver toxicity, nerve damage, and even blurred vision.

First virtual Royal investment summit in Mena in May

● Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Duaij bin Khalifa al Khalifa Private Office is bringing together the region's leaders to share their expertise and navigate the challenges.

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Leaders from all over the region and beyond will converge virtually for a Royal Investment Summit hosted by Sheikh Abdulaziz Bin Duaij Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa Private Office next month.

The two-day event on May 25th and 26th will feature 40 innovators from around the world to discuss innovative solutions and investment propositions.

Organisers said they are collaborating with more than 200 Family Offices in the region and worldwide to select industry pioneers.

Furthermore, the event will connect participants with top clients and highlight prospects on a regional and international scale to raise money and build relationships for future opportunities.

It will feature a spotlight on Bahrain and provide insight on AI & Machine Based learning, Cryptocurrency & Blockchain, Financial Technology, Healthcare & Tech, Cybersecurity, E-commerce, Banking & Finance, AgriTech, and Venture Capital.

Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Duaij bin Khalifa al-Khalifa said: "The Royal Investment Summit will bring visionaries together in one platform, and shed light on the challenges, perspectives, and learnings and road ahead for the global

economy when it comes to the main and impactful sectors."

He also welcomed more entities and visionaries to join the summit.

The Royal Investment Summit, Sheikh Abdulaziz said, is an ideal opportunity for UHW Private Investors, Royal Family members, Prominent Business Owners, Holdings, worldwide, to evaluate the best investment opportunities.

Sponsors include Microsoft, Microsoft for Startups, VISA, Al Rashid Group, Liht Organics Cosmetics, Cyber Chasse Inc, Al Tamimi & Co, R&P Consulting, Fuel Venture Capital, CENTRED wellness, Nexus, and more.

The list of speakers includes Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Daij bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, founder and chairman of the Royal Investment Summit and head of the Sheikh's office, and Sheikh Hind bint Salman Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain International Federation of Women Business and Professional Professions and Dr Jassim Hajji, President of the Artificial Intelligence Society in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Simone Carminati; Chief Business Development CE Group - Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait, and more.

Bitcoin slumps 14% as pullback from record gathers pace

● Turkey's central bank banned the use of cryptocurrencies for purchases on Friday

● Despite the sudden selloff, bitcoin is still up 89% so far in 2021

Reuters

Bitcoin, the world's biggest cryptocurrency, fell as much as 14% to \$51,541 yesterday, reversing most of the big gains it made over the past week.

Bitcoin was last trading down 10% at \$53,991 as of 1320 GMT, a whopping \$12,000 below record highs set on Wednesday. Smaller rival Ether, the coin linked to the ethereum blockchain network, dropped 10% to \$2,101.

Data website CoinMarketCap cited a blackout in China's Xinjiang region, which reportedly powers a lot of bitcoin mining, for the selloff.

Luke Sully, CEO at digital asset treasury specialist Ledgermatic, said in an email that people



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"may have sold on the news of the power outage in China and not the impact it actually had on the network."

"The power outage does expose a fundamental weakness;

that although the Bitcoin network is decentralized the mining of it is not," Sully added.

Some widely-followed blockchain analysts on Twitter pointed to a sharp drop in "hash rate" due to the outage.

Hash rate refers to the volatility index that measures the processing capacity of the entire Bitcoin network, and it determines the power required by miners to produce new Bitcoins.

"Typically shocks to hash rate do not cause price drops. A hash rate reduction slows transactions, which ironically makes it harder to move coins to exchanges for sale. The re-

cent price drop is well within the bounds of typical volatility, it is noise not signal," said Edan Yago, co-founder at Bitcoin-based decentralised finance protocol Sovryn.

The retreat in Bitcoin also comes after Turkey's central bank banned the use of cryptocurrencies for purchases on Friday.

Edward Moya, senior market analyst at OANDA, said cryptocurrencies had been ripe for a pullback.

"The market has become overly aggressive and bullish on everything," said Edward Moya. "It could have been any bearish headline that could have triggered this reaction."

Many cryptocurrency markets operate 24/7, setting the stage for price swings at unpredictable hours. Historically, retail and day traders have driven the moves.

Despite the sudden selloff, bitcoin is still up 89% so far in 2021, driven by its mainstream acceptance as an investment and a means of payment, accompanied by the rush of retail cash into stocks, exchange-traded funds and other risky assets.

Air Force One subcontractor GDC countersues Boeing

Reuters

Air Force One subcontractor GDC Technics countersued Boeing Co on Friday seeking at least \$20 million after the largest US airplane manufacturer canceled contracts for work on the aircraft that carries the US

president. Boeing said in its suit filed April 7 that Texas-based GDC failed to complete interior work on the two heavily modified 747-8 Air Force One planes and is "roughly one year behind schedule in meeting its contractual obligations," read more

GDC's counterclaim argues it is



"Boeing's mismanagement of the completion of two Air Force One presidential aircraft, not delays caused by GDC, that has caused a delay in the completion of those aircraft."

Boeing chose to utilize existing aircraft for the two replace-

ment Air Force One aircraft rather than new planes, GDC said. "Because of its problems with engineering, programme management, and its own financial difficulties, Boeing has fallen behind in the project schedule for the aircraft."

Major Gulf markets end mixed; blue-chips buoy Egypt

Reuters

Major Gulf stock markets ended mixed yesterday, with Qatar registering sharp losses following a surge in the previous session when it removed a cap on foreign ownership, while blue-chip Egyptian shares boosted the main index.

Saudi Arabia's benchmark index finished up 0.6%, extending gains from the previous day, with Saudi Telecom Company rising 1.7%, while Al Rajhi Bank was up 0.3%.

Meanwhile, Saudi and Iranian officials held direct talks this month in a bid to ease tensions between the two foes, a senior Iranian official and two regional sources said, as Washington works to revive a 2015 nuclear pact with Tehran and end the Yemen war.

The Qatari index retreated 1.3%, with petrochemical firm Industries Qatar losing 2.3%,



Closing Bell

SAUDI	▲ 0.6% to 10,048
ABU DHABI	▼ 0.1% to 6,124
DUBAI	▲ 0.1% to 2,636
QATAR	▼ 1.3% to 10,761
EGYPT	▲ 2.1% to 10,358
BAHRAIN	▲ 0.1% to 1,478
OMAN	▼ 0.7% to 3,684
KUWAIT	▼ 0.2% to 6,520

while Commercial Bank slid 3.6%.

In the previous session, Qatar's index saw its biggest intraday gain in over a year after its cabinet approved a bill to allow non-Qatari investors to own up to 100% of listed companies' capital.

The cabinet also decided to keep central bank liquidity support for local banks based on need as the country faces a second wave of coronavirus

infections.

Dubai's main share index edged up 0.1%, helped by a 1.8% rise in Emaar Properties.

Emaar Properties, Dubai's largest listed real estate developer, will go ex-dividend on Tuesday.

The managing director of Emaar said earlier this month that the company had first-quarter sales of 6 billion dirhams, up from 2.5 billion dirhams a year earlier.

In Abu Dhabi, the benchmark gave up early gains to close 0.1% lower, hit by a 0.7% fall in the country's largest lender First Abu Dhabi Bank.

Outside the Gulf, Egypt's blue-chip index advanced 2.1%, with 25 out of 30 stocks in the index gaining including top lender Commercial International Bank, which was up 3.2%.

Exchange data showed foreign investors were net buyers of the stocks.

Italy risks missing Recovery Plan deadline due to EU concerns

Reuters

Italy risks missing an April 30 deadline for submitting a final version of its Recovery Plan to the European Commission because Brussels is not satisfied with several aspects of the drafts presented so far, two sources close to the matter said.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Mario Draghi firmly denied that the deadline would be missed. "The plan will be presented on April 30," he said.



Mario Draghi

An Economy Ministry spokesman said "our aim remains to present it on April 30". A delay would be a blow to Draghi, who took office two months ago tasked with fine-tuning the plan prepared by the previous government. All 27 European Union countries have been working on their national plans which spell out how each government wants to spend its share of the EU's 750-billion-euro (\$900 billion) Recovery Fund joint borrowing scheme.

LuLu's Italian food promo brings Mediterranean goodness to Ramadan table

TDT | Manama

Stock up for a healthy and tasty Ramadan this week at LuLu Hypermarket's popular 'Let's Eatalian' promotion of authentic Italian food prod-

ucts and top-quality ingredients. Starting 19 April and running until 25 April 2021, the promotion showcases the best of Italian ingredients.

For those with a sweet tooth, there are some seriously deli-

cious sponge cake, Italian chocolate, fruit jams, sugar-topped puff pastry from well-known brands and Italian apples and kiwi fruit at special prices. Italian kitchen staples such as balsamic vinegar, olive oil, organic

pasta and high-quality cheese as well as ready-to-go pesto pasta sauce will also be in the spotlight.

Tasty treats

This time, there are also de-

lightfully tasty treats such as vegetable burgers and vinegar cream to add a stylish riff to your cooking.

There will also be specialty items such as high-quality sea-salt, infused extra-virgin olive

oil and other essentials.

The 'Let's Eatalian' promotion is organised in collaboration with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Trade Agency - Trade Promotion Section of the embassy in Manama.

News in brief

Syria to hold presidential elections on May 26 - parliament

◆ Syria will hold its presidential election on May 26, the country's parliament said yesterday. The door for nominations will be open as of Monday for 10 days. Syrians abroad will vote on May 20.



◆ The United States has ordered its non-essential staff in Chad to leave the African country as rebel fighters approached the capital on Sunday after early election results showed President Idriss Deby on course to extend his three-decade rule. Deby, who seized power in 1990 at the head of an armed rebellion, is a staunch ally of France and the United States in the fight against Islamist militants in the arid Sahel region. "Due to their growing proximity to N'Djamena and the possibility for violence in the city, non-essential US government employees have been ordered to leave Chad by commercial airline," the US state department said in a statement. The British government on Saturday urged its citizens to leave because, it said, two

US embassy to withdraw staff as Chad rebels advance



armed convoys from the rebel Front for Change and Concord in Chad (FACT) were advancing towards the capital.

◆ Russia said yesterday Czech accusations that Russian spy services were behind an explosion in an ammunition depot were unfounded and absurd and it would retaliate for Prague's expulsion of 18 Russian embassy staff. The Czech Republic said it had informed NATO and European Union allies about suspected Russian involvement in the blast, which killed two people, and the matter would be addressed at an EU foreign ministers' meeting today.

Russia says it will retaliate hard against Czechs over diplomat expulsions



◆ Germany will not let down its Afghan staff as the international military mission in the country winds down after nearly two decades of war, Defence Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer pledged yesterday. "I feel it is Germany's sincere duty to not leave these people without protection now that we will permanently withdraw," the defence ministry in Berlin said on Twitter, quoting extracts from an interview with German news agency DPA. US President Joe Biden and NATO on Wednesday announced that they would withdraw the roughly 10,000 foreign troops still in Afghanistan by Sept. 11. Germany is the second-largest contingent with about 1,100 troops. The withdrawals have raised concerns that Afghanistan could erupt into full-scale civil war, providing al Qaeda space in which to rebuild and plan new attacks on US and other targets. The German forces currently employ about 300 Afghans as interpreters and in other jobs, according to the defence ministry in Berlin.



Germany will not abandon Afghan staff, minister says

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	32,365,687	580,808	141,727,940
2 India	15,040,130	178,557	
3 Brazil	13,900,134	371,889	Deaths
4 France	5,260,182	100,593	
5 Russia	4,702,101	105,582	3,028,511
6 UK	4,387,820	127,270	
7 Turkey	4,212,645	35,608	Recovered:
8 Italy	3,870,131	116,927	
9 Spain	3,407,283	76,981	120,282,574
10 Germany	3,144,855	80,563	
11 Poland	2,688,025	62,032	New cases
12 Argentina	2,677,747	59,164	
13 Colombia	2,636,076	67,931	+441,002
14 Mexico	2,304,096	212,228	
			New deaths
			+5,194

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	215,484		12,694		162,714	
Saudi Arabia	404,970	+916	6,823	+13	388,702	
UAE	497,154	+1,930	1,554	+4	479,566	
Kuwait	255,860		1,440		239,027	
Oman	176,668		1,821		156,845	18,002
Qatar	195,757		376		173,257	22,124

Reuters

Raul Castro, who is retiring from high public office, for most of his life toiled in the shadow of his older brother, Fidel Castro. Yet he also played a key role in Cuba's 1959 leftist revolution and the preservation of Cuban socialism.

While Fidel was the charismatic leader who rallied Cubans to defend the revolution and defy the United States, Raul, 89, built the military into a formidable fighting force that saw off enemies including a US-backed invasion at the Bay of Pigs.

Later, after the fall of former benefactor the Soviet Union sent Cuba into an economic tailspin and left it politically isolated, he launched market-style reforms to its centralized economy and sought to normalize relations with Western powers.

But he leaves office amid an economic crisis that has caused shortages of even basic goods and is threatening the universal access to quality health-care and education hailed by supporters of Cuban socialism as among the most important achievements of the revolution.

Former US President Donald Trump unraveled a detente Castro reached with his predecessor Barack Obama and tightened the decades-old US trade embargo. The rollout of internet has fueled internal dissent.

Still, some thirty years after the end of the Cold War, Cuba remains one of the last Communist-run countries in the world.

"Always preferring the supportive role to his brother and carrying out that role brilliantly, Raul eventually had to take on Fidel's leadership himself



Raul backed Fidel in his revolution against the US-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista since the beginning in 1953, when they led a failed assault on the Moncada military barracks. Later he demonstrated his leadership in the guerilla uprising in the Sierra Maestra mountains that finally overthrew Batista.

at a time when the revolution showed every sign of faltering," said Hal Klepak, a Canadian historian living in Havana who wrote a book on Raul's military life.

"That it is still there, wounded and shaken but still there, in the face of massively powerful forces out to destroy it, is no small part a result of his leadership."

In the early years of Cuba's one party system, he was known as an iron-fisted ideologue who was involved in the summary trials and executions of Batista supporters, and later the imprisonment of thousands of political prisoners.

He also built a rag-tag bunch of guerillas into a feared army that fought "anti-imperialist" wars abroad, most notably in Angola where Cuban soldiers helped defeat South African troops.

An early admirer of communism, it was Raul and Ernesto "Che" Guevara, the Argentine-born doctor turned Marxist revolutionary, who persuaded Fidel to seek sup-

port from the Soviet Union.

But he was also quick to launch reforms to move Cuba away from a Soviet-style command economy after the fall of the Berlin Wall plunged the Caribbean island nation into economic crisis.

First he established thriving enterprises within the armed forces - which now control much of the economy.

Then he pushed for broader reforms upon becoming president in 2008, expanding the private sector, seeking to decentralize state institutions and opening the economy to greater foreign investment.

"He deserves merit for having opened this door although later it ran into many problems with implementation and achieved fairly modest results," said Ricardo Torres, a professor of economics with the Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy at the University of Havana.

In addition to his historic detente with Obama, Castro improved relations with the European Union.

"Raul's 12 years in power will be remembered for the transformative policies he attempted to carry out despite concerted opposition from regime hardliners," said Brian Latell, a former CIA analyst who has written books on both brothers.

Latell noted that the US rapprochement in 2014 happened despite opposition from his brother, who died two years later.

Castro also sought to strengthen the institutions of a system originally focused on a single leader and the so-called historic generation of guerrilla fighters, to ensure a smooth handover of power to a younger generation of party cadres.

He introduced age and term limits on leaders and oversaw the approval of a new constitution in 2019 that contributed to decentralizing power. In 2018 he had handed the presidency to a protege, Miguel Diaz-Canel, and reduced his public appearances.

His retirement from the even more powerful position of Cuban Communist Party first secretary, expected to be made official on Monday, will end six decades of rule by the Castro brothers.

Addressing party members last week, he said he will remain a footsoldier for the revolution "until the end of my days".

Cuba's Raul Castro leaves the political stage, his legacy yet to be written



Navalny a doctor's daughter

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny

● Prison authorities say they have offered Navalny proper medical care but that the 44-year-old opposition politician has refused it

Reuters

The daughter of hunger-striking Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny called on Russian authorities yesterday to allow a doctor to treat her father in prison, a day after a group of medical professionals warned he is at risk of kidney failure.

Navalny, a fierce opponent of Russian President Vladimir Putin, started refusing food on March 31 in protest at what he said was the refusal of prison authorities to provide him with proper medical care for acute back and leg pain.

Prison authorities say they have offered Navalny proper medical care but that the 44-year-old opposition politician has refused it

Pakistan PM says should be same



The group Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLB)...

AFP News

Western governments should treat people who insult the Prophet Mohammed the same as those who deny the Holocaust, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said Saturday.

Speaking after a week of violent protests in Pakistan by a radical Islamist party outraged by French government support for magazines publishing cartoons of Mohammed, Khan said insulting the prophet hurt Muslims around the world.

"We Muslims have the greatest love & respect for our Prophet," he tweeted. "We cannot tolerate any such disrespect & abuse."

1770

British explorer Captain James Cook first sights Australia

1775

American Revolution begins in Lexington, Massachusetts. The "Shot Heard Round the World" took place in Concord later that day

1909

Joan of Arc receives beatification by the Roman Catholic Church



1982

Fidel Castro resigns from the Communist Party of Cuba's central committee after 45 years of holding the title.

Navalny needs doctor, says fighter



Navalny attends a court hearing in Moscow, Russia



In this file photo taken on Sept. 8, 2019, Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, with his wife Yulia, right, daughter Daria, and son Zakhar pose for the media after voting during a city council election in Moscow, Russia.

the BBC, Russia's ambassador to Britain accused Navalny of attention-seeking.

"He will not be allowed to die in prison, but I can say that Mr. Navalny, he behaves like a hooligan, absolutely," Ambassador Andrei Kelin said in the interview, which was recorded on Friday and aired on Sunday. "His purpose for all of that is to attract attention for him."

Navalny has said prison authorities are threatening to put him in a straitjacket to force-feed him unless he abandons his hunger strike. Russia jailed Navalny for 2-1/2 years in February for parole violations he said were fabricated. He was arrested in January when he returned to Russia from Germany, where he had been recovering from a nerve agent poisoning attack he blamed on Putin.

The team of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny yesterday called for massive protests across Russia next week to help save the life of the hunger-striking opposition leader, who doctors warn could die in a matter of days.

fail, which could lead to cardiac arrest.

A group of actors, writers, historians, journalists and directors, including Jude Law and J.K. Rowling, wrote an open letter to President Vladimir Putin on Friday urging him to ensure Navalny gets medical care.

A group of opposition regional lawmakers also called on Putin on Saturday to make sure Navalny is properly treated.

In a television interview with

and insisted on being treated by a doctor of his choice from outside the facility, a request they have declined.

"Allow a doctor to see my dad," Navalny's daughter Dasha, a student at Stanford University, wrote on Twitter.

A medical trade union with ties to Navalny said on Saturday he was in critical condition, citing medical tests that it said showed that Navalny's kidneys could soon

NASA's Mars copter flight could happen today



NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter, with all four of its legs deployed, is pictured before dropping from the belly of the Perseverance rover in March 2021

AFP | Washington

NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter could make its first flight over the Red Planet as soon as Monday, the US space agency reported, following a delay of more than a week due to a possible technical issue.

The mini-helicopter's trip will mark the first-ever powered, controlled flight on another planet, and will help NASA reap invaluable data about the conditions on Mars.

"NASA is targeting no earlier than Monday, April 19, for the first flight of its Ingenuity Mars Helicopter," the space agency reported Saturday.

Data will return to Earth "a few hours following the autonomous flight," which would take off at approximately 3:30 am (0730 GMT), NASA said.

Ingenuity's first trip was initially set for last Sunday, but was delayed after a potential issue emerged during a high-speed test of the four-pound (1.8 kilogram) helicopter's rotors.

NASA calls the unprecedented helicopter operation highly risky: The flight is a challenge because the air on Mars is so thin -- less than one percent of the pressure of Earth's atmosphere.

The helicopter arrived on Mars attached to the underside of the Perseverance rover, which touched down on February 18.

After the helicopter's flight, Ingenuity will send Perseverance technical data on what it has done, and that information will be transmitted back to Earth.

The helicopter mission is to be the equivalent on Mars of the first powered flight on Earth -- by the Wright brothers in 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. A piece of fabric from that plane has been tucked inside Ingenuity in honor of that feat.



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The forest ecosystem has changed so dramatically that not even the reindeer that have learned to survive on these lands since the ice age can live in the landscape that this type of forestry creates". A not-so flattering portrait of Sweden you seldom see.

@GretaThunberg

02



Wear a mask.

- Stay socially distanced.
- Wash your hands.
- Get vaccinated.

Now is not the time to let up in the battle against COVID-19 -- we have to fight this to the end.

@POTUS

03



Reviewed preparedness to handle the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Aspects relating to medicines, oxygen, ventilators and vaccination were discussed. Like we did last year, we will successfully fight COVID with even greater speed and coordination.

@narendramodi

04



Invite you to pray for the population of eastern Ukraine. I truly hope that an escalation of the tensions might be avoided and, instead, that actions capable of promoting reciprocal trust and which foster reconciliation and peace might be undertaken.

@Pontifex

Days insulting Mohammed as denying Holocaust



(P) was banned Thursday after days of violent protests

The group Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) was banned Thursday after days of violent protests during which four policemen were killed.

The radical party has orchestrated a months-long campaign for the expulsion of the French ambassador to protest against President Emmanuel Macron's defence of the cartoons' publication.

The French embassy in Islamabad on Thursday recommended its nationals leave Pakistan, a call that appears to have gone largely unheeded.

"I... call on Western govts who have outlawed any negative comment on the holocaust to use the same standards to penalise

those deliberately spreading their message of hate against Muslims by abusing our Prophet," Khan tweeted.

Denying the Holocaust is illegal in several European countries -- including Germany and France -- and offenders can be jailed.

Khan suggested the government had not banned the TLP because it disagreed with TLP's motivation, but rather its methods.

"Let me make clear to people here & abroad: Our govt only took action against TLP under our anti-terrorist law when they challenged the writ of the state and used street violence & attacking the public & law enforcers," he said. "No one can be above the law and the Constitution."

Myanmar shadow government wants ASEAN crisis talks invite



The coup in Myanmar has sparked mass protests against the military junta

Yangon (AFP)

Myanmar's shadow government yesterday urged Southeast Asian leaders to give it a seat at the table during crisis talks next week, and not to recognise the military regime that seized power in a February coup.

Junta leader Min Aung Hlaing is expected to join a special ASEAN summit on Myanmar on Saturday in Jakarta -- his first official overseas trip since the putsch that ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The army has moved to quell mass protests against its rule, killing at least 730 people according to a local monitoring group.

Min Aung Hlaing's invitation to the meeting of the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations has drawn scorn from activists who have urged foreign leaders not to formally recognise the junta.

Moe Zaw Oo, deputy minister of foreign affairs for the parallel "national unity government" -- formed Friday by ousted lawmakers mostly from Suu Kyi's party, as well as ethnic-minority politicians -- said ASEAN had not reached out to them.

Macron says 'clear red lines' should be drawn with Russia - CBS

Reuters | Paris

World powers should draw "clear red lines" with Russia and consider possible sanctions against Moscow when they're crossed, French President Emmanuel Macron told US news network CBS in an interview.

"We have to define clear red lines with Russia," Macron said, according to a video excerpt of the interview to be aired later on Sunday.

"This is the only way to be credible. Sanctions are not sufficient in themselves but sanctions are part of the package," he said, adding that he also agreed with US President Joe Biden's willingness to open a dialogue with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a time of festering tensions.

Macron's remarks departed from France's previous stance on Russia and shifted the country closer to its US ally.

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Livin' on a prayer: Champion Pakistan Quran reader in full voice

Hassan Ali Kasi was recently named champion of an international online qari competition hosted by Afghanistan

● Ali Kasi was tutored in the Quran by his father, and his recitation skills quickly earned him recognition at national level

● Boys who complete their studies can go on to become teachers or lead prayers at mosques around the world

AFP | Islamabad

To master the art of Quran recitation, 21-year-old Hassan Ali Kasi had to follow a strict regime of yoga, hours of rehearsing vocal scales -- and a total ban on biryani.

His dedication is paying off, and he was recently named champion of an international online qari competition hosted by Afghanistan, where he was up against men from 25 other countries.

Revered in Pakistan, qarīs are professional reciters of the Quran, called upon to lead prayers at mosques and also to teach the Muslim holy book to students.

They are in particularly high demand during Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting currently being observed around the world.

"It was a job of the prophets," Ali Kasi told AFP in the capital, Islamabad.

"One of the very first elements of preaching was recitation. It is as old as Islam."

Qaris require perfect Arabic pronunciation, a difficult feat in Pakistan where Urdu is the national language.

A finesse of rhythm and intonation produces the slow, melodic sound similar to the distinctive adhan, or call to prayer, delivered through loudspeakers



x Hassan Ali Kasi, a qari or professional reciter of the Quran, practices yoga as part of his training regime in Islamabad

from the top of mosques five times a day.

Recitations during competitions can last for 15 minutes, so Ali Kasi practises yoga to help

with breath control, and vocal exercises to strengthen his voice.

"A qari should be able to recite for a minimum of 50 seconds without taking a breath," said Ali

Kasi, an Islamic Studies student at a university in the capital.

"The throat is very sensitive, a qari should avoid cold water and fatty food as it produces too much mucus, which causes abrasion when you touch high notes," he cautioned.



Hassan Ali Kasi, a qari or professional reciter of the Quran, recites verses from the Muslim holy book in Islamabad



Hassan Ali Kasi, a qari or professional reciter of the Quran, practices yoga as part of his training regime in Islamabad

He was tutored in the Quran by his father, and his recitation skills quickly earned him recognition at national level where he won numerous awards before making it onto the international stage.

'The voice is a gift from God'

Many qarīs emerge after being taught at religious schools known as madrassas, where young boys are taught to memorise the Quran -- often with little understanding of the Arabic language and also at the expense of other subjects.

Boys who complete their studies can go on to become teachers or lead prayers at mosques around the world -- even if they earn little money from it.

"One has to be meticulously hardworking," said Abdul Qudus, from the Wafaq-ul-Madaris al-Arabia, the country's largest group of madrassas.

"The voice is a gift from God, but one has to polish it."

He said hundreds of prayer leaders in the Middle East are madrassa graduates, while oth-

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HASSAN ALI KASI

ers are now teaching the Quran online to Pakistanis living overseas in Europe or America.

Ali Kasi, who spends hours practising verses ahead of competitions, said quality teachers were the key to his winning voice.

"When you follow a good qari, you can spread your voice across the world," he said.

YOU KNOW WHAT
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Ramadan cooking

Berber Skillet Bread

Ingredients

For the garlic starter

2/3 cup (104 grams) plus 1/2 cup (70 grams) regular semolina flour (pasta flour)
3/4 cup (85 grams) all-purpose flour
2 garlic cloves, peeled

For the bread

2 2/3 cups (400 grams) extra-fine semolina flour
1/2 teaspoon (1 1/2 grams) dry yeast
2 1/2 teaspoons (15 grams) fine salt
1/3 cup (52 grams) regular semolina flour or all-purpose flour, for handling the dough
Moroccan Almond-Argan Butter, for serving

Method

For the garlic starter

Make the starter: In a glass or ceramic bowl, combine 2/3 cup semolina flour with the all-purpose flour. Gradually stir in 3/4 cup water to make a wet dough. Mix in garlic, cover, wrap in a towel and leave in a warm place, like an unheated oven, for a day.

Uncover the starter, add 1/4 cup water and the remaining 1/2 cup semolina flour, and mix. Cover, wrap in a towel, and leave for 12 to 24 hours. The starter will get a crusty top and blossom underneath. Scoop out 1/2 cup starter and discard the rest, including garlic cloves (otherwise, as it continues to ferment, the smell would drive you out of your home).

Make the bread: In a food processor fitted with the metal blade, combine extra-fine semolina flour, the 1/2 cup of starter, the yeast and salt. Pulse once or

twice. Add 1 cup warm water and process for 15 to 20 seconds to knead. Let rest 10 minutes. Pulsing food processor, trickle in another 1/4 cup water. Sprinkle a work surface with flour and turn dough onto it. Cover with an upside-down bowl for 10 minutes. Cut 4 1-foot squares of waxed or parchment paper and sprinkle with flour. Divide dough in four and put each piece on a piece of a floured paper, turning to coat. Press each into an 8-inch circle. Cover with kitchen towels and let rise 1 hour.

For the bread

When ready to cook, gently flatten each disk, then prick the tops all over with a fork. Heat an 8- or 10-inch nonstick skillet or griddle (or two, if you have them) over medium-high heat. Sprinkle the pan's surface with flour, then pick up a dough round and flip it into the pan, paper side up. Peel off the paper



and adjust the heat so that the bread sizzles gently. When it is browned and blistered on the bottom, about 5 minutes, flip the bread out onto a plate, then slide it back into the pan to cook the other side. Cook about 2 minutes, shaking the skillet often to prevent sticking. When browned, firm and fragrant, slide onto a platter and serve immediately, or cover with a towel to keep warm while you cook the remaining breads. Serve with Moroccan almond-argan butter.

Greenwood bags brace as Man Utd sink Burnley



Mason Greenwood shoots to score
AFP | London

Manchester United moved within eight points of Premier League leaders Manchester City as Mason Greenwood's double inspired a 3-1 win over Burnley, while Eddie Nketiah's last-gasp goal gave Arsenal a 1-1 draw against struggling Fulham yesterday.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side are unlikely to catch City, but Greenwood's late winner puts a little pressure on their bitter rivals with six games left.

Greenwood had opened the scoring early in the second half at Old Trafford before James Tarkowski equalised moments later.

Greenwood's second made him the joint-top scoring teenager in Premier League history for United, level with Wayne Rooney on 15 goals.

Edinson Cavani grabbed the third goal in stoppage-time as second placed United won six consecutive Premier League games for the first time since January 2019.

Although they have probably left it too late to overhaul City, United are on course for a second place finish and could still win the first silverware of

15 goals have been scored by Mason Greenwood to become the joint-top scoring teenager in Premier League history for Manchester United, level with Wayne Rooney

Solskjaer's reign.

They face Roma in the Europa League semi-finals after easing past Granada in the quarter-final second leg on Thursday. United were beaten in three of their opening six league matches this season but have lost only one of their subsequent 26.

Amid talk of United being one of six Premier League teams who have agreed to join a proposed European Super League that would replace the Premier League, Solskjaer's team looked far from elite in a scrappy first half.

They were fortunate not to fall behind in the opening minute when Chris Wood's header was disallowed for offside after keeper Dean Henderson failed to reach Matt Lowton's cross.

Verstappen wins at Imola after Hamilton blunder

Max Verstappen wins Emilia Romagna Grand Prix thriller as Lewis Hamilton recovers to beat Lando Norris to second

● World champion recovers from slide to finish second

AFP | Imola

Max Verstappen kept his cool to claim a chaotic rain-hit Emilia Romagna Grand Prix yesterday as seven-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton recovered from a rare mistake to sneak in second.

Red Bull driver Verstappen muscled past pole sitter Hamilton on the first corner at Imola to set up his impressive first win of the season.

"I surprised myself. We worked really hard to make that better. In these tricky conditions we did a great job," the delighted Dutch driver said.

Lando Norris in a McLaren took third ahead of Charles Leclerc for Ferrari at the F1 giant's 'home' track close to their Maranello HQ.

The outcome of a compelling second leg of the Formula One season confirmed Verstappen's stature as a formidable obstacle to Hamilton's quest for an unprecedented eighth drivers' crown.

After winning the season-opener in Bahrain and put-



Max Verstappen (centre) overtakes Lewis Hamilton in the wet on lap one of the Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix

ting in the fastest lap yesterday Hamilton leads Verstappen by a mere point - 44 to 43 - ahead of the Portuguese Grand Prix next time out.

Drama in the race itself had been on the cards as rain drenched the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari in the run up to lights out, sparking mayhem.

Aston Martin mechanics had to scramble to douse flames on the rear brakes of Lance Stroll's car, their counterparts at Mercedes got to work repairing a puncture on Valtteri Bottas' car, as Fernando Alonso's Alpine underwent a nose job after the two-time former champion hit a wall.

Drivers then stood under umbrellas during a passionate

rendition of the Italian national anthem. As the last note faded, the Italian AirForce's Arrows squadron executed an immaculate and deafening flyby over the circuit.

Once racing got underway Verstappen's silky smooth getaway proved decisive, the Dutchman leading out of the first corner, more or less untouched from here to the chequered flag by the mayhem in his wake.

A high-speed crash concerning Bottas and George Russell in a Williams forced the race to be red-flagged as debris was cleared off the old Imola circuit.

Red flags

The pair collided at over 300kmh on lap 34, both drivers

BETTER YOU KNOW

A high-speed crash involving Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas and George Russell in a Williams forced the race to be red-flagged as debris was cleared off the Imola circuit

shaken as their wrecked cars were lifted off the track.

Russell was furious, remonstrating with Bottas before the Finn had even got out of his car, slapping his helmet.

The air was filled with four-letter expletives as the pair let off steam.

Once back in the pits Russell tweeted: "Thanks for all the messages. I'm fine, just disappointed."

The red flags appeared a lap after an uncharacteristic slip-up from Hamilton saw the Mercedes world champion hurtle off the circuit into a gravel pit when placed second on a treacherous rain-hit track.

Casimero faces Cuban legend Rigondeaux

TDI | Manila

Filipino Johnriel Casimero will have his hands full when he goes up against future Hall of Famer, Cuban legend Guillermo Rigondeaux, in a unification fight on August 14.

The fast-rising star Casimero will put his World Boxing Organization (WBO) 118-pound bantamweight title on the line and Rigondeaux his World Boxing Association (WBA) regular belt. The venue will be announced later.

The fight has finally materialized after reports surfaced that the two have mutually expressed their desire to clash in the ring.

Rigondeaux called out Casimero in December and the three-division world champion readily accepted.

The 32-year-old Casimero knows if he gets past the 40-year-old Rigondeaux, Naoya Inoue of Japan has no excuses left to avoid him.

Casimero, who owns a 30-4 record on top of 21 KOs, has been calling out Inoue, the unified IBF and WBA super champion, several times but it has not transpired yet due to various reasons.

The Casimero-Inoue bout was reset twice as Hall of Fame promoter and Top Rank chief Bob Arum eventually matched up Inoue against Jason Moloney of Australia.

They were supposed to meet last April 25 at Mandalay Bay



Casimero's skills and bravado will be tested against Rigondeaux

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JOHNRIEL CASIMERO

Events Center in Las Vegas, but that card was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Here it is, bosses. A really big fish. Hopefully, my haters will appreciate it. Watch out for it," Casimero posted on social media.

Casimero has made it known that he is very confident that he would emerge victorious if the fight comes to fruition. He wants to retire the Cuban fighter.

The Filipino will come into the fight riding high on crest of a six-match win streak with the latest coming from a technical knockout victory against Ghanaian Duke Micah in Sep-

tember last year, marking his first fight amid the COVID-19 pandemic on a high note.

Rigondeaux last saw action in February last year, scoring a split decision victory over Liborio Solis of Venezuela to climb at 20-1 slate with 13 KOs

His lone defeat came from former Ukrainian champion Vasyl Lomachenko in December 2017.

In Rigondeaux, the hard-hitting Casimero will encounter a highly skilled but aged champion.

The left-handed Rigondeaux (20-1, 13 KOs, 1 NC) will end an 18-month layoff. He outpointed Solis (30-6-1, 14 KOs, 1 NC) by split decision, a 12-round title fight last year at PPL Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Casimero, a three-division champion, has won six straight bouts by knockout since fellow Filipino Jonas Sultan (16-5, 10 KOs) defeated him by unanimous decision in their 12-rounder in 2017 in Cebu City, Philippines.

Skater Martinez seeks help for Winter Olympics

TDI | Manama

Filipino figure skater and Winter Olympian Michael Christian Martinez is officially back on ice but he badly needs help.

The 24-year-old athlete and the country's lone two-time Winter Olympian is bidding to qualify for the 2022 Winter Olympics set from February 4 to 20 in Beijing, China.

He is currently launching a fund-raising drive to support his campaign and make his third appearance in the prestigious quadrennial competition.

The Filipino figure skating star admits he currently needs financial support "to help out with the training expenses."

Martinez, who took a break from the sport in the last couple of years, said he's "officially back on ice".

"My team and I have organized a fundraising campaign called MICHAEL MARTINEZ - Road to 2022 Winter Olympics to help out with the training expenses for the reason that I currently don't have sponsors yet," Martinez wrote in a Facebook post.

"So I am humbly reaching out to you to join me on my journey towards the 2022 Winter Olympics and bring recognition once again to the Philippines."

A member of his team, Geofried Viz, created a GoFundMe drive with a goal of reaching \$50,000 to help Martinez sustain his training expenses in the US as he targets to become the



Martinez hopes to make the Philippines proud again

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MICHAEL CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ

first Southeast Asian to win a Winter Olympics medal.

"Figure skating is a very expensive sport," wrote Viz, noting that they're spending around \$13,000-\$16,000 a month for coaching, ice rental, doctor and chiropractor, athletic training supplies, medication, accommodation, food, among others.

Viz added that Martinez - who competed in his second Olympics in the 2018 Pyeongchang Games - struggled to find more sponsors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The post was also verified by the figure skating star as he reposted it in his Instagram stories.

Martinez made history as the first Southeast Asian to compete in the Winter Olympics during the 2014 Sochi Games.

He currently trains with Russian coach and former Winter Olympian Nikolai Morozov, who has mentored some of the best figure skaters in the world championships and Olympics.

Only 17 years old during his historic 2014 Sochi Games stint, Martinez - who learned how to skate in a shopping mall - was also the youngest figure skater then in the male event.

In the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, the Muntinlupa native ended his Winter Olympics campaign with a score of 55.56, recording 26.04 points in the technical elements and 29.52 points for the presentation with zero deductions. He failed to advance to the free skate round after finishing 28th out of 30 participants.

Champions of the drag strip crowned!

BIC awards 2021 champions of Bahrain Drag Racing Championship following season's fifth and final round in Sakhir

● Five drivers secure their 2021 titles in final meeting of the season at BIC

● Eleven champions in all come away with their trophies in their respective categories

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The roster of champions in the 2021 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship was completed over the weekend, following the staging of the season's fifth and final round at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

The title winners not only took home their respective first place trophies, but also came away with a highly coveted Wally, which is a prestigious, globally renowned award presented only to champions of National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)-sanctioned events around the world.

Securing their crowns in the curtain-closing meeting at the world-class Sakhir drag strip were Ali Abdulla in the Index 10.5 class, Hamdan Al Kaabi in the Index 9.0, Jehad Al Jamal in the Super Street Bikes category, Ali Bahram in the Index 8.5 Bikes and Fadi Abu Jamus in the Street Fight Bikes class.

They joined the six other champions who had already secured their respective 2021 titles heading into the campaign closer. They included Bahraini



Super Street V8 champion Hussain Mohammed celebrates on the champions' podium

Racing's Khalid Al Balooshi in the Pro Mod class, Bapco Motorsport's Hani Ali in the Index 8.5 category, Obaid Al Balooshi in the Competition 4.5 class, Hussain Mohammed in the Super Street V8, Mahmood Mohammed in the Outlaw 4 and Nawaf Almannai in the Outlaw 6 category.

All the champions were presented their hardware in an awarding ceremony held at the end of the fifth round.

A number of the new titlists were able to close out their seasons in style with wins over the weekend.

Round five winners

Nawaf Almannai was one of them. He took first place in the Outlaw 6 category after defeating Yousif Al Zayani in the final. Almannai had an elapsed time of 4.542 seconds at a top speed of 224.56kph.

Hussain Mohammed in the

Super Street V8 category was another. He took yet another win after beating Ali Al Joder in their deciding head-to-head.

Obaid Al Balooshi also wrapped up his campaign in first place after beating Ebrahim Abbas in the Competition 4.5 final.



The Pro Mod car of Bapco Motorsport's Hani Ali in action on the strip



Super Street Bikes champion Jehad Al Jamal with his Wally trophy on the champions' podium

Al Balooshi had a winning pass of 4.665s at 224.56kph.

Hani Ali also triumphed in the last round, but it was in the Pro Mod class where he overcame a tough challenge from Tariq Hadi, clocking a mark of 3.790s at 318.71kph.

Hamdan Alkaabi won the last battle in the Index 9.0 category with a 9.051s time at 234.03kph, beating Tariq Mohammed to take the top podium step.

Meanwhile, among the other round five winners at BIC, Salman Mahmood claimed first place in the Outlaw 4 class, where he beat Ali Nooraddin with a pass of 8.110s at 277.75kph in their decisive elimination run.

Abdulrahman Askar won the Index 10.5 category where he beat Abdulla Ghaloom with a 10.611s pass at 194.47kph; while Hussain Almahroos claimed the Index 8.5 category victory, where he clocked a time of 8.690s at 241.36kph to beat Hussain Abduljalil.

Elsewhere, Hasan Salman took first place in the Street Fight Bikes after beating category champion Fadi Abu Jamus in the final elimination with a run of 9.733s at 239.74kph; Ali

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The Wally is drag racing's most prestigious trophy. It stands more than one-foot tall with a classy brass finish. It was affectionately named the "Wally" in honor of the late NHRA founder Wally Parks. The trophy remains one of the single biggest motivators for high-performance enthusiasts who compete in NHRA events around the world

Basilar won the Index 8.5 class with an 8.557s pass at 8.557s at 246.28kph; and Mishari Al Turki took the Super Street Bikes win against title-holder Jehad Al Jamal with a 7.812s time at 89.51kph.

The 2021 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship was organised and run by BIC, in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor Federation, the Bahrain Drag Racing Club and the Bahrain Motorcycle Club.

Each event was held with no spectators in attendance, and with strict health protection measures in place, in line with government regulations and guidance.

Najma through to Khalid bin Hamad Handball Cup semis

TDI | Manama

Back-to-back league champions Al Najma barged into the semi-finals of the inaugural Khalid bin Hamad Handball Cup early yesterday morning following a resounding 38-26 victory over Al Ettihad.

Najma had a 16-9 lead at the interval but were able to extend their advantage in the second half en route to securing the big win.

Mahdi Saad and Ali Eid top scored for the victors with six goals apiece, while Ko-



Al Najma player Komail Mahfoodh looks to score against Al Ettihad in their quarter-final game

mail Mahfoodh and Hassan Al Fardan added another five goals each.

Najma are next to face off with Bahrain Club in the final four. Bahrain Club advanced to the semis with a 23-18 win over Samahej.

The two other quarter-final games are between Al Ahli and Al Ettifaq and Al Shabab and Barbar.

The semi-finals of the competition may be rescheduled after Shabab's game with Barbar has been postponed until further notice.

The tournament is being held under the patronage of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first vice-chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee president His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain win silver in FIBA Esports Open

● Bahrainis lose 0-2 to counterparts from Saudi Arabia in best-of-three championship series

TDI | Manama

Bahrain narrowly missed out on the gold medals yesterday in the FIBA Esports Open III, played online using the NBA 2K21 video game platform.

The Bahrainis had to settle for the silver medals in the competition's Middle East Conference after losing to Saudi Arabia 0-2 in the best-of-three championship round.

The nationals first bowed to their Gulf rivals 60-100 in a game one blowout, before falling 59-76 despite a tougher challenge in their second game.

The two losses wrapped up their campaign in the open, which included two wins in the preliminary stage and a 2-1 victory in the semi-finals to set up their match-up with the Saudis.

Bahrain's team in the tournament featured game characters including "||-Rodman-||", controlled by Jassim Ali, "Clutch-69gamer" (Hussain Alban-



Action from Bahrain's first game against Saudi Arabia yesterday

6 teams battled it out in the South East Asia, Africa and Middle East Conferences; while North and Central America had eight sides apiece. South America had seven teams while 28 played in the Europe Conference

Rodman_LL-Rodman" (Ali Alshawaikh).

The FIBA Esports Open III came to a close yesterday after seeing 60 national teams from around the world take part over three days of action. The online tournament comprised six regional conferences.

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