

Karunaratne's  
ton leads Sri Lanka  
to victory

Captain Dimuth Karunaratne scored 122 as Sri Lanka chased down 268 for the loss of just four wickets to win the first Test against New Zealand at Galle yesterday and take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series. **P16**

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## Bahrain will join efforts to protect maritime routes

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, received at Al Safriya Palace yesterday, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, General Kenneth F McKenzie, Commander of the US Central Command, currently on a visit to the Kingdom.

HM the King welcomed General McKenzie, hailing strong strategic



His Majesty receives General McKenzie in the presence of HRH the Crown Prince.

relations and decades-long partnership binding the two friendly countries, based on mutual confidence, respect and joint co-ordination.

HM the King commended steadily-growing military and defence cooperation to achieve mutual goals and aspirations, hailed the pivotal role of the US Adminis-

tration, in cooperation with allied and friendly countries, to maintain regional stability and consolidate international security and peace. His Majesty hailed the efforts

exerted by General McKenzie to expand joint military and defence co-operation between the two friendly countries.

HM the King confirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain's participation in the joint effort to preserve the safety of international maritime navigation and secure international corridors for trade and energy in the region.

HM the King and General McKenzie exchanged views regarding regional and international developments, particularly latest developments in the region.

## Jordan criticises Israel

Amman

Jordan has stepped up its diplomatic pressure on Israel, demanding that they do not change the status quo at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque.

Zaid Lozi, director-general of Jordan's Foreign Ministry, summoned Israeli Ambassador to Jordan Amir Weissbrod to protest Israel's actions in Jerusalem.

According to Petra News, Lozi told the envoy that recent remarks by Israeli Public Security Minister Gilad Ardan over changing the status quo at Al Aqsa Mosque are unacceptable.

Lozi added that the mosque is a place of worship for Muslims only.

## Boris to visit European capitals

London

UK's Boris Johnson will visit European capitals this week on his first overseas trip as prime minister, as his government said yesterday it had ordered the scrapping of the decades-old law enforcing its EU membership.

Johnson will travel to Berlin on Wednesday for talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and on to Paris Thursday for discussions with French President Emmanuel Macron, Downing Street confirmed on Sunday, amid growing fears of a no-deal Brexit in two and a half months.



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# NaMo wave blows in

Kingdom all set to welcome Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit the Kingdom on August 24-25, the Indian External Affairs Ministry announced yesterday.

Mr Modi will arrive in the UAE on August 23, from where he will travel to the Kingdom, it is learned.

The Indian Prime Minister will hold talks with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

His Majesty will also host a banquet dinner in honour of Prime Minister Modi.

The Indian Prime Minister will also launch the renovation project at Shri Krishna Temple in Manama.

Mr Modi, who is the First Indian Prime Minister to visit the Kingdom, will address a public gathering in Manama.

In the meanwhile, thousands registered their names to participate in the public gathering, where Mr Modi will address the members of Indian community.

The registration process is ongoing and those who are interested to attend the event can log on to indian-pminbahrain.com.

The venue for the event has not been finalised.

India enjoys close and friendly relations with Bahrain, rooted in ancient trade and cultural links and people to people contacts and underpinned by regular exchange of high level visits.

India-Bahrain bilateral trade has been on the rise for the last few years, reaching about \$1.3 billion in 2018-19. Further about 350,000 Indian nationals, the largest expatriate community in Bahrain has been contributing to the development of Bahrain.

The presence of over 3,000 Indian-owned/joint ventures in Bahrain indicates the intense economic engagement between the two countries. The visit will provide an opportunity to further cement our mutually beneficial bilateral ties with Bahrain.

## Gibraltar rejects US warrant to seize tanker

● **The US warrant said the tanker, its oil cargo and \$995,000 were subject to forfeiture based on violations.**

London

Gibraltar on Sunday rejected a US request to block the release of the Iranian oil tanker it seized last month, saying it could not comply because it was bound by European Un-

ion law.

A federal court in Washington issued a warrant for the seizure of the tanker on Friday, one day after Gibraltar authorities said the vessel was free to leave.

It was detained for six weeks over suspicions it was transporting oil to Syria, in violation of EU sanctions. In the warrant, the US warrant said the tanker, its oil cargo and \$995,000 were subject to forfeiture based on violations of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and bank fraud, money laundering and terrorism forfeiture statutes.

But Gibraltar said on Sunday that Eu-



The Iranian flag flies aboard the oil tanker Grace 1, which has been renamed Adrian Darya 1.

ropean laws did not provide grounds for complying with the warrant.

"The Central Authority's inability to seek the Orders requested is a result of the operation of European Union law and the differences in the sanctions regimes applicable to Iran in the EU and the US," the Gibraltar government said in a statement.

"The EU sanctions regime against Iran - which is applicable in Gibraltar - is much narrower than that applicable in the US."

Hamid Baedinejad, Iran's ambassador to the UK, said the ship was expected to set sail on Sunday night after two engineering teams were sent to Gibraltar.