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Bahrain International Airshow in November next year

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The sixth edition of the Bahrain International Airshow will take place next year at Al Sakhir Air Base, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



HH Shaikh Abdulla

The three-day show will be from the 9th to 11th of November 2022, said HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Personal Representative. BIAS, in the past editions, had succeeded in attracting major civil and military aviation com-

panies. BAE Systems (Britain), Lockheed Martin (USA), Leonardo Company (Italy), Bell Helicopter (USA), Thales (France) and Coleman (USA) are some of the companies that agreed to take part in BIAS 2022.

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Abu Dhabi cancels COVID-19 entry testing



Dubai

Abu Dhabi will cancel COVID-19 testing requirements to enter the emirate for travellers from the UAE starting today, the United Arab Emirates' state news agency WAM said yesterday. The UAE's capital had restricted entry into the emirate to those with a negative PCR test. Earlier this month, Abu Dhabi removed the need to quarantine for all vaccinated travellers arriving from international destinations.

'Tragic mistake'

Drone strike killed civilians & children, not suicide bomber, apologises Pentagon

● One of the victims is Ahmadi of Nutrition and Education International

● US General calls the attack "righteous"

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The United States military released a rare apology yesterday for its "tragic mistake" that killed ten civilians, including seven children, in Kabul last month.

The civilians, Pentagon had said, were killed in an August 24 drone strike meant for an Islamic State Suicide bomber, who posed an imminent threat to US-led troops at the airport.

The strike came three days after an IS suicide bomber killed 13 US troops and scores of Afghan civilians who had crowded outside the airport gates, desperate to secure seats on evacuation flights after the Taliban swept to power in the capital.



General view of a residence house destroyed after a rocket attack in Kabul, Afghanistan

The US military had also launched a drone strike in eastern Afghanistan that, it said, killed two Islamic State militants. That strike is not under review.

Following the attacks, reports had emerged almost immediately that the drone strike in a neighbourhood west of Hamid Karzai International Airport had killed civilians, including children.

Video from the scene showed the wreckage of a car strewn

It is unlikely that those killed were members of the local Islamic State affiliate, ISIS-Khorasan, or posed a threat to US troops. The Pentagon was considering reparations

GENERAL FRANK MCKENZIE, THE HEAD OF US CENTRAL COMMAND, MARINE CORPS



around the courtyard of a building.

A spokesman for new Taliban rulers, Zabihullah Mujahid, said at the time that the attack killed seven people and that the Taliban was investigating.

Rare apology

While it is rare for senior Pentagon officials, including the defence secretary, to apologise personally for civilians killed in military strikes, the US military does publish reports on civilians killed in operations.

A top US general, however, described the attack as "right-

eous". General Frank McKenzie, the head of US Central Command, Marine Corps, said at the time he had been confident it averted an imminent threat to the forces at the airport.

"Our investigation now concludes that the strike was a tragic mistake," McKenzie told reporters.

He said he now believed it unlikely that those killed were members of the local Islamic State affiliate, ISIS-Khorasan, or posed a threat to US troops. The Pentagon was considering reparations, McKenzie said.

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No plans for US, Iran to meet at UN next week



United Nations

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has no plans to meet with his new Iranian counterpart next week at the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations in New York, US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said yesterday.

Indirect talks between Iran and the United States in Vienna on reviving a 2015 deal, aimed at curbing Iran's ability to develop a nuclear weapon, stopped in June. Tehran has said its nuclear program is for peaceful energy purposes only.

Iran's hardline president, Ebrahim Raisi, took office in August and his Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian is due to travel to New York for the UN General Assembly.

"We have been engaged with the Iranians in Vienna, and those discussions will continue," Thomas-Greenfield, told reporters.

COVID gets the Cats

Lions, tigers recovering after COVID infection at Washington Zoo

Reuters | Washington

Big cats at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington are on the mend after all of them caught the coronavirus last week.

The Zoo's chief veterinarian



said the lions and tigers probably got COVID-19 from an asymptomatic zookeeper, and it spread to the big cat population - all nine of them.

He said the zoo had noticed the big cats were sick because the lions and tigers were barely

getting up to move and not eating well.

"It came on a little bit insidious," said Dr Donald Neiffer, the chief veterinarian.

"I believe last Thursday we had a single animal who was a little inappetent... but it's not

something that requires us to jump right on it."

After testing the cats and getting them on different COVID-19 treatments for the symptoms, they are now coming back around and should be fine soon.

