

Bahrain set up Serbia friendly

Senior men's national football team to take on FIFA World Cup 2022 participants in exhibition match at the National Stadium in Riffa on November 18 | P12

Cardi B feels like a walking 'marketing plan' for rivals

Sudden crypto drop sends bitcoin to three-week low



Putin warns risk of 'catastrophe' at Ukraine nuclear plant

Reuters

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron that the shelling of the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine, which he blamed on Kyiv, could result in a large-scale

disaster.

Moscow and Kyiv have accused each other of shelling Europe's largest nuclear power plant, which was captured by Russia in March but is still run by Ukrainian technicians. Only two of the facility's six reactors are working.

"Vladimir Putin, in particu-

lar, stressed that the systematic shelling of the territory of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant by the Ukrainian military created the danger of a large-scale catastrophe that could lead to radiation contamination of vast territories," the Kremlin said in a readout of the call, which it said had been initiated

by Macron.

The Kremlin said that Putin and Macron had stressed the importance of sending a delegation from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to the plant as soon as possible.

Putin confirmed Russia's readiness to provide IAEA in-

spectors with the necessary assistance, according to the Kremlin.

Ukraine's nuclear power operator said on Friday it suspected Moscow was planning to decouple the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant from Ukraine's grid, a complex operation that Kyiv says could cause a disaster.

Saudi King Salman thanks HM King, HRH Prince Salman

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received cables of thanks from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

King Salman thanked HM King and HRH Prince Salman for their condolences over the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulrahman bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

NIHR launches fellowship research programme

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The ninth edition of the fellowship research programme in human rights has been officially launched.

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) is holding the programme for trainees from the University of Bahrain, as well as the "Forsa", scheme which is run by the Ministry of Labour.

Iran nuclear deal closer to reality?

● Reports says the deal will be announced soon

● Allows Iran to sell 50 million barrels of Oil within 120 days of signing

● Removes several crippling sanctions

TDT | agencies



Missiles are seen at an underground missile site of Iran's Revolutionary Guards

Western countries and Iran are getting " tantalisingly " closer to signing the renewed version of the 2015 nuclear deal, reports said, which will now allow Iran to ship 50 million barrels of oil per day within 120 days of signing.

Reports say the EU and Iran are aiming to realise the deal in four phases over two 60-day periods.

However, the IAEA's demand for more cooperation from Iran into the traces of man-made nuclear particles found at several



Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium is now at 60% enrichment, its highest ever and a huge leap from the 3.67% limit set out by the 2015 deal, formally called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or JCPOA. The level required to be able to make a bomb is 90%. Commercial enrichment for energy use is between 2% and 3%.

Iran sites years ago continues as one of the main sticking points. Tehran wants it to shut down, something the agency itself, as well as Western governments, are opposed to. Another is the US designation

of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), as a "foreign terrorist organisation."

The US and the deal's other signatories - France, the United Kingdom, Germany, China and Russia, are collectively known

as the P5+1.

The US had expressed its readiness to quickly seal the agreement if Iran accepts the "final text" proposal submitted by European Union last week.

Reportedly, the proposal stipulates lifting sanctions on 17 Iranian banks and 150 economic institutions on the day of signing the deal.

The deal, if signed, also requires Iran to immediately reverse the measures it took to advance its nuclear technology.

Another clause, reportedly, allows Iran to export 50 million barrels of oil per day within 120 days of signing the agreement.

The deal also allows the release of \$7 billion of Iran Funds held in South Korea.

Besides, the US will have a pay a fine if it withdraws from the agreement again.

Last week's attack on author Salman Rushdie and the indictment of an Iranian national in a plot to kill former national security adviser John Bolton had given the Biden administration new headaches as it attempts to negotiate a return to the 2015 nuclear deal.

Hezbollah chief vows 'escalation' if Lebanon does not get maritime rights

Reuters | Beirut

The head of Lebanon's Hezbollah said yesterday the outcome of nuclear talks in Vienna would have no impact on maritime talks aimed at delineating Lebanon's border with Israel. "Whether a nuclear deal with Iran is signed or not, if the US mediator does not give Lebanon what it asked for in terms of its rights, we are heading towards an escalation - we are heading towards a problem," said Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in a televised speech, without elaborating.

American appeals money laundering conviction in UAE

Reuters | Dubai

US citizen and civil rights attorney Asim Ghafoor has appealed to a United Arab Emirates court his conviction for money laundering, his lawyer said yesterday, a week after he was released from detention there and returned to the United States. Ghafoor last week paid a fine and was subsequently freed after the Abu Dhabi court upheld an earlier conviction but revoked a jail term.

Back to history

Low water levels on Danube reveal sunken WW2 German warships

Reuters | Prahovo, Serbia

Europe's worst drought in years has pushed the mighty river Danube to one of its lowest levels in almost a century, exposing the hulks of dozens of explosives-laden German warships sunk during World War Two near Serbia's river port town of Prahovo.

The vessels were among hundreds scuttled along the Danube by Nazi Germany's Black Sea fleet in 1944 as they retreated from advancing Soviet forces, and still hamper river traffic during low water levels.

However, this year's drought - viewed by scientists as a conse-



Wreckage of a World War Two German warship is seen in the Danube in Prahovo, Serbia

quence of global warming - has exposed more than 20 hulks on a stretch of the Danube near Prahovo in eastern Serbia, many

of which still contain tonnes of ammunition and explosives and pose a danger to shipping.

"The German flotilla has left

behind a big ecological disaster that threatens us, people of Prahovo," said Velimir Trajilovic, 74, a pensioner from Prahovo who wrote a book about the German ships. Workers in the local fishing industry are also at risk, including from Romania which lies just across the river.

Months of drought and record-high temperatures have snarled river traffic on vital arteries in other parts of Europe, including Germany, Italy and France. In Serbia, the authorities have resorted to dredging to keep navigation lanes on the Danube open.

By Prahovo, some of the hulks have narrowed the navigable



In March, the Serbian government invited a tender for the salvage of the hulks and removal of ammunition and explosives. The cost of the operation was estimated at 29 million euros (\$30 m).

section on this stretch of the Danube to just 100 metres (330 feet) from 180 metres.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED
10242317

ACTIVE CASES
4063

DEATHS
1513

DISCHARGED
663571

NEW CASES
301

CRITICAL
2



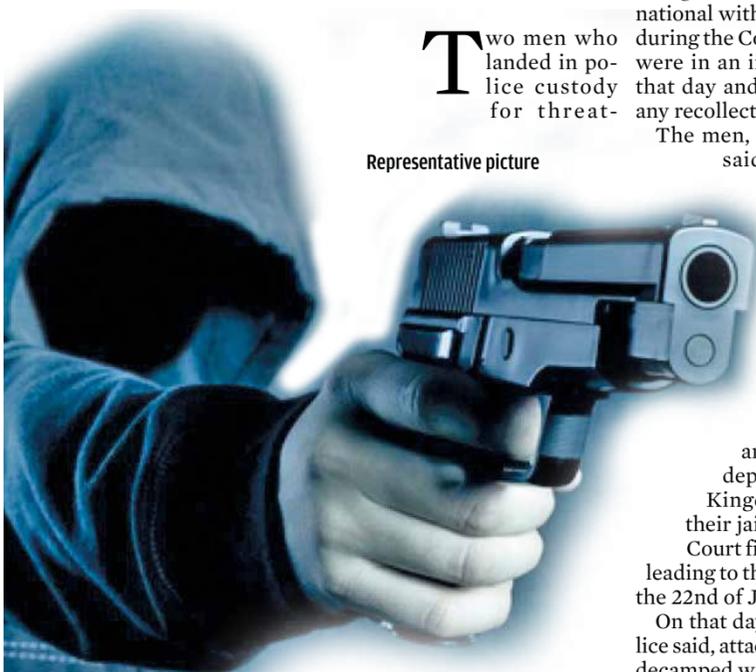
Robbery with **fake gun**: Suspects tell court they don't remember anything

Court awards five years in jail for two men, orders deportation

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Two men who landed in police custody for threat-

Representative picture



ening and robbing a Bahraini national with a toy gun claimed during the Court trial that "they were in an inebriated state on that day and hence don't have any recollection of their acts."

The men, African nationals, said this as prosecutors read out the charges levelled against them during the trial.

The High Criminal Court awarded them each five years in jail and also ordered to deport them from the Kingdom at the end of their jail terms.

Court files say the incident leading to the trial occurred on the 22nd of June this year.

On that day, the suspects, police said, attacked the victim and decamped with money from his

”
I was near an ATM machine in Sanad when the first defendant drew a knife while the second defendant pointed a gun to my face

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I thought it was a real gun at that time. So, out of fear for my life, I asked as they did, but still, they managed a blow on my waist before fleeing from the scene

and handed over the BD50 I had in my wallet as one of them dealt a blow on my waist.

"They then ran away, leaving me," the victim told the court.

Cops said they launched an investigation soon after receiving a complaint.

"We reviewed CCTV footage from cameras at the spot and on the way to identify the suspects.

"We were also successful in identifying and tracking the suspects.

At first, the first suspect landed in our custody. He then guided us toward the second suspect.

"Both the men also confessed to their crimes when confronted with solid evidence," police said.

"We also retrieved from them the knife and the gun, which turned out to be a toy model.

Police said they also retrieved BD7.1 from the knife-wielding suspect and BD21 from the jacket of the man who pointed the gun at the victim.

wallet. Police said the men, one of them pulled out a gun, which later turned out as a toy, and another a knife, to threaten the victim.

Recalling the terrifying moments, the victim told prosecu-

tors, "As I was standing near an ATM in Sanad, these men rushed towards me."

"One of them suddenly drew a knife threatening to attack me, as the other man trained his gun on my face.

"I was shocked and terrified

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Indian Community Relief Fund yesterday organised "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" commemorating 75 years of Indian Independence at MCSC labour camp. Piyush Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, interacted with workers

Man arrested for setting own house on fire gets 3 years in jail



Representative picture

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A 30-year-old man who intentionally burned down the apartment he was living in received a three-year jail term.

The man was found guilty of the offence during a trial at the High Criminal Court.

The Court said the man is guilty of setting the apartment on fire, which gutted it and endangered the lives of other tenants living in the same building.

A tenant living in the same building who found thick plumes of black smoke billowing out of the apartment reported the incident to the police.

"I rushed towards the apart-

ment to save him. After reaching there, I found that the man was injured and bleeding from his legs.

"I also called 999 to alert firefighters," the man told prosecutors.

Civil Defence Officers reached the scene immediately and doused the blaze before spreading to nearby apartments.

An investigation later confirmed the fire as human-made.

Medical examination proved that the man was under the influence of drugs and deliberately set the apartment alight while smoking.

The public Prosecution charged him with arson and endangering lives.

Our solar future just got brighter

20-year contract on offer for solar rooftops, EV charging stations, carpark shades and more

● **Ministry of Electricity and Water Affairs launches tender for 72 MWac project**

● **Local and international companies are invited**

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Bahrain has already punched above its weight economically when it comes to the question of utilising renewable resources.

Solar One, Bahrain's first solar panel company, which has already contributed over two megawatts of solar to the Kingdom's energy mix, stands testament to this success.

The project realised in 2017 was just the beginning of the sea of changes to follow.



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From that humble beginning, Bahrain's renewable journey has progressed a lot and is further accelerating to bring carbon emissions to net zero by 2060.

The latest in this journey is a decision to develop 72 MWac, rooftop, grid-tied solar PV power plants and EV charging stations

in Sakhir.

Israeli solar projects

The decision also follows an announcement by two Israeli companies that they are launching renewable energy projects in Bahrain and six other Arab countries. Reports say Enlight

Renewable Energy and NewMed Energy will set up, develop, finance, and operate projects in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Morocco, and Egypt. The projects will focus on solar and wind power production and energy storage.

The 72 MWac project, however, will be solar, according to a tender launched offering a 20-year contract by the Ministry of Electricity and Water Affairs.

Both local and international players could participate in the BOOM (build, own, operate, and maintain) project. However, the primary bidder of an individual company or a consortium must be a local company (including GCC) and registered in Bahrain or GCC countries.

Bahrain International Circuit, University of Bahrain, Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre, and Al Dana Amphitheatre will benefit from the project.

How to apply?

Those interested in becoming a part of the project should obtain tender documents and submit proposals through the Bahrain Tender Board website.

Submit bids before the 16th of October 2022, with a BD5,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Who are eligible to participate?

Those who have commissioned at least ten grid-tied solar PV projects on a turnkey basis (out of which at least five are Solar PV car park projects) in the last three Years (2019 - 2021) in any country globally are eligible.

Besides, they should have commissioned at least 40 MWac grid-tied solar PV projects on a turnkey basis in the last 3 Years (2019 - 2021) in any country globally.

Yasser bin Ebrahim Hu-

maidan, Bahrain's Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs, said, "The launch of this tender comes as part of the Kingdom's wider vision to adopt a circular carbon economy, with the aim to bring carbon emissions in Bahrain to net zero by 2060 in line with its national commitments to protect the environment and combat climate change."

"As affirmed in the National Economic Recovery Plan, Bahrain aims to achieve sustainable economic development that serves future generations."

The Kingdom's Economic Recovery Plan catalyses over US\$30 billion of investments in strategic projects, creating new investment opportunities in infrastructure and priority sectors across the Kingdom. In planning these strategic projects, Bahrain is committed to the best international standards necessary to ensure minimal environmental impact.



Bahrain aims to increase the share of renewable energy in the total energy mix by 5%, equivalent to about 250 megawatts by 2025 and 10%, equivalent to about 710 megawatts by 2035.

Renewable energy targets	2025		2035	
	MW	GW	MW	GW
Wind	50	125	300	750
Solar	200	340	400	680
Biogas	5	13	10	26
Total	255	478	710	1456

Source: Sustainable Energy Unit of Bahrain

Honduras

Honduras has the highest solar energy capacity share of total consumption at 14.8% and Israel as the second-highest at 8.7%, just above Germany's.

What is the biggest problem with solar energy?

Intermittency. One of the biggest problems that solar energy technology poses is that energy is only generated while the sun is shining. That means nighttime and overcast days can interrupt the supply.

NBR to review, boost regulatory framework, mull digitisation opportunities

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The National Bureau for Revenue is planning to enhance its regulatory framework for potential future digitisation opportunities.

A tender launched says NBR wants to hire a vendor to review Bahrain's existing legal framework and instruments.

Vendors should recommend and help NBR prepare potential enhancements to the regulatory framework.

To qualify for commercial evaluation, bidders should score at least 70% of the marks in technical evaluation.

If interested, make bids before the 21st of September 2022, with a BD4,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Need two 4-stroke boat engines

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Works Ministry is purchasing two new boat engines for Maritime Control Department, for which it has launched a tender.

As per the tender, the requirement is for two four-stroke 300 horsepower en-

gines.

The engines, Works Ministry said, are for organising fishing expeditions as per granted licenses.

Interested suppliers should bid before the 31st of August 2022, with a BD220 bond and BD15 tender fees.

BTEA leasing plot in Bahrain Bay Beach

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Bahrain Tourism & Exhibition Authority has launched a tender for leasing "Plot A" in Bahrain Bay beach.

The plan, BTEA tender says, is to create a new leisure eco-tourism project there.

BTEA tender invites proposals from companies expe-

rienced in developing Beach management and operation.

Bidding companies should have a minimum of 2 years of experience in beach management and managing tourism activities.

Make bids before the 11th of September 2022, with a BD5,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.



Bapco launches tender for outsourcing internal audit

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Bapco Retail Company is outsourcing internal audit services from the 1st of January 2022 to the 31st of December 2022.

The "request for proposal for the provision of internal Audit services" is for a year, says a tender.

Auditors should assess adequacy, effectiveness, gov-

ernance, risk management and control processes, including determining the extent of adherence to controls by staff responsible for the function.

Tender documents are available on the Bahrain Tender board website.

Bids should reach the board before the 12th of September 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

Tender launched for Manama Souq Development "Design & Supervision"

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Plans to develop Manama Souq are progressing fast, with Bahrain Tourism & Exhibition Authority getting the project on the tender.

The tender document says BTEA is looking forward to hiring highly qualified companies for Manama Souq Development "Design & Supervision".

The authority requires the highest quality equipment, venue setups and logistical



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attributes.

Those interested should bid before the 4th of September 2022, with a BD2,500 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Capital municipality is renting advertising locations



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Capital Municipality has invited bids for rental and operation of 33 advertising locations - Megacom type- in the capital governorate.

A tender says the municipality is offering the locations for five years.

An investor will pay the cost of advertising and releasing them to institutions and companies.

Separately, the Capital Municipality has launched another tender for the rental and operation of 30 megacom ads. The tenders require submitting bids before the 7th of September 2022, with a BD4,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

11 suffers smoke inhalation burns as fire rips through a house in Sanabis

Civil Defence officers rescue a man trapped in the blaze-hit building, investigation ongoing

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Eleven members of a family in Sanabis suffered smoke inhalation injuries and were rushed to nearby hospitals

after a fire gutted their house in Sanabis Thursday evening.

First responders said one person was trapped in the house following the fire but was brought out safely by Civil Defence Force

officers.

Firefighters said they reached the scene soon after receiving an alert.

Three fire tenders, police and several firefighters rushed to

the scene and battled the fierce flames that engulfed the home. The conditions of the people who are in hospitals are not known.

Residents nearby told Tribune

they saw thick smoke billowing through multiple windows as people ran down the street for safety.

Images from the scene showed fire tenders lining the narrow street that police officers cordoned off to prevent onlookers and for smooth rescue efforts.

Traffic in the vicinity was interrupted after closing the street in both directions.

Witnesses said Civil Defence Forces managed to bring the fire under control quickly.

Firefighters also conducted cooling measures to prevent the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings.

National Ambulance crew members gave first aid to some of the people who suffered injuries on the spot and transported others to hospitals.

● **Three fire tenders, police and several firefighters rushed to the scene and battled the fierce flames**

● **Fire reported on Thursday evening**

Unconfirmed reports said the house belongs to one of the men who got convicted with two others for a bomb attack that killed three police officers, including one officer from the United Arab Emirates, in 2014.

The General Directorate of Civil Defence said that an investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.



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INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the six months ended 30 June 2022 Retail Bank, Bahrain

INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2022

Bahraini Dinars 000's	30 June 2022 (reviewed)	31 December 2021 (audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and balances at central bank	30,271	60,094
Due from other entities of the Head Office	40,379	11,356
Deposits and amounts due from banks	2,675	2,232
Loans and advances to customers	367,153	383,815
Investment securities	144,376	145,412
Property, equipment and software	4,893	5,020
Interest receivable and other assets	39,575	57,221
TOTAL ASSETS	629,322	665,150
LIABILITIES AND HEAD OFFICE FUNDS		
Liabilities		
Due to other entities of the Head Office	7,081	35,559
Deposits and amounts due to banks	13,093	9,169
Customers accounts	526,121	519,518
Interest payable and other liabilities	50,925	67,865
Total liabilities	597,220	632,111
Head Office funds		
Head Office assigned capital	10,743	10,743
Accumulated losses	(13,050)	(17,030)
Other reserves	34,409	39,326
Total Head Office funds	32,102	33,039
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND HEAD OFFICE FUNDS	629,322	665,150

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Six-month period ended 30 June 2022 (reviewed)

Bahraini Dinars 000's	2022	2021
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	30,143	(63,327)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,812)	(2,819)
Cash used in financing activity	(31)	(13)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE PERIOD	26,300	(66,159)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	31,759	130,340
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	58,059	64,181

INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS Six-month period ended 30 June 2022 (reviewed)

Bahraini Dinars 000's	2022	2021
Interest income	11,968	13,197
Interest expense	(665)	(1,672)
Net interest income	11,303	11,525
Fee and commission income	5,488	4,690
Fee and commission expense	(1,829)	(1,301)
Net fee and commission income	3,659	3,389
Net trading income	2,199	2,117
Other income	35	38
Total operating income	17,196	17,069
Staff costs	5,666	5,644
Depreciation and amortisation	358	340
Premises and equipment costs	225	308
Other expenses	7,845	7,033
Total operating expenses	14,094	13,325
Profit before impairment losses	3,102	3,744
Net reversal / (charge) for impairment losses	878	(969)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	3,980	2,775

INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Six-month period ended 30 June 2022 (reviewed)

Bahraini Dinars 000's	2022	2021
Profit for the period	3,980	2,775
Other comprehensive (loss) income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Equity instruments - Net fair value movement during the period	(217)	22
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Net fair value movement during the period	(4,512)	508
Change in expected credit loss against debt instruments	(188)	(119)
	(4,700)	389
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	(4,917)	411
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	(937)	3,186

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE FUNDS Six-month period ended 30 June 2022 (reviewed)

2022	Head Office assigned capital		Other reserves		Total
	Head Office assigned capital	(Accumulated losses)/ Unremitted profit to the Head Office	General reserve	Fair value reserve	
At 1 January 2022	10,743	(17,030)	34,056	5,270	33,039
Comprehensive loss for the period	-	3,980	-	-	3,980
Profit for the period	-	-	-	(4,917)	(4,917)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(4,917)	(937)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	3,980	-	(4,917)	(937)
At 30 June 2022	10,743	(13,050)	34,056	353	32,102
2021					
At 1 January 2021	10,743	(21,021)	34,056	6,064	29,842
Comprehensive income for the period	-	2,775	-	-	2,775
Profit for the period	-	-	-	411	411
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	411	411
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	2,775	-	411	3,186
At 30 June 2021	10,743	(18,246)	34,056	6,475	33,028

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Man caught with 248 heroin pills in stomach gets life

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A drug mule caught from Bahrain International Airport during an attempt to smuggle 248 heroin-filled capsules in his stomach has been jailed for life.

Police said the man, an Asian national, landed in the Kingdom from Pakistan.

He acted suspiciously during check-in procedures and remained nervous when approached by customs officers.

"We then escorted him to the red lane and checked his baggage extensively but spotted nothing suspicious."

The suspect also denied carrying illegal goods during interrogation. However, the signs of physical discomfort the man showed, prompted investigators to subject him to an x-ray scanning.

Scan results revealed that the man was carrying 248 capsules in his stomach.

A chemical examination later confirmed the capsules had heroin.

Later, when confronted with the evidence, the suspect, cops

said, confessed to smuggling capsules.

He told investigators he was getting an undisclosed amount for working as a drug mule.

The public Prosecution charged the man with smuggling heroin and consuming drugs.

As per the court order, officials will deport him at the end of his jail terms.

This, however, is not the first time customs officers in the Bahrain International Airport arrested people with drugs hidden in their stomachs.

Tribune had reported several such events recently, where police had arrested smugglers with drug-filled capsules in their guts.

In one such incident reported towards the end of July, the High Criminal Court had awarded a life term to a man for smuggling 110 drug-filled capsules in his stomach.

In a similar incident reported earlier, the High Appeals Court had confirmed a five-year jail term awarded to a man caught smuggling more than 100 drug capsules in his stomach.

Sudden crypto drop sends bitcoin to three-week low

Reuters | Singapore

Cryptocurrencies fell sharply yesterday, with sudden selling dragging bitcoin to a three-week low.

Bitcoin fell as much as 7.7% to \$21,404 over a few minutes during the European morning, at around 0640 GMT. It recovered slightly then continued its downward trajectory to trade around \$21,400 at 1138 GMT, down 8.2% on the day.

Ether also dropped around the same time and was last down 8.8% at \$1,685.

The reason for the drop was not clear.

"It's not showing the pattern of a flash crash, as the assets didn't immediately rebound sharply but sank even lower in the hours that followed," said Susannah Streeter, senior in-



Representations of cryptocurrencies

vestment and markets analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown.

"It seems likely that this was as a result of a large sale transaction."

Streeter said it appeared the cryptocurrency cardano had

been the first to move, followed by bitcoin and ether, and then others such as the altcoin dogecoin.

Cryptocurrencies have fallen dramatically so far this year, as Federal Reserve rate hikes

and ultra-high inflation prompt investors to ditch riskier assets.

Craig Erlam, senior market analyst at Oanda, said bitcoin's failure to recover its losses "suggests there is substance to the move".

Such sharp moves are common in the highly volatile cryptocurrency market. On June 15, bitcoin plunged more than 15% as investors were spooked by the collapse of a so-called stablecoin, TerraUSD, and a major crypto lender freezing customer withdrawals.

Friday's move put bitcoin on track for its worst day since the June meltdown.

"Speculating in cryptocurrencies is extremely high risk and is not suitable for the vast majority of people," Hargreaves Lansdown's Streeter said.

UAE bourses in red on weak oil, growth worries



Investors speak in front of a screen displaying stock information at the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, United Arab Emirates

Reuters

Closing Bell

ABU DHABI ▼0.1% to 10,083

DUBAI ▼0.3% to 3,420

Dubai's main share index led stock markets in the United Arab Emirates lower yesterday, as oil prices fell on concerns about a global economic slowdown.

Crude prices, a key driver of the Gulf's financial markets, slipped after two days of gains and were heading for weekly losses, also under pressure from a strong dollar.

Dubai's main share index (.DFMGI) fell 0.4%, with top lender Emirates NBD (ENBD.DU) down 1.4% and sharia-compliant lender Dubai Islamic Bank (DISB.DU) down 0.7%.

The index still managed to eke out a weekly gain of 0.7%, however.

Abu Dhabi's index (.FTFADGI) ended five weeks of gains with a weekly drop of 1.6%,

although it only inched 0.1% lower on Friday.

Telecoms firm e& (ETIS-ALAT.AD), formerly known as Emirates Telecommunications, retreated 1.1%, while a 0.3% rise in conglomerate International Holding Co (IHC) (IHC.AD) helped support the broader index.

Shares of IHC, the most valuable company on the Abu Dhabi bourse with a market capitalisation of around \$167 billion, have risen by more than 120% so far this year.

IHC, which straddles sectors from healthcare and real estate to IT and utilities, made 70 acquisitions worth 10 billion dirhams (\$2.72 billion) this year.

China sentences tycoon Xiao Jianhua to 13 years, fines his company \$8.1 billion

Reuters | Beijing

A Shanghai court yesterday sentenced Chinese-Canadian billionaire Xiao Jianhua, not seen in public since 2017, to 13 years in jail and fined his Tomorrow Holdings conglomerate 55.03 billion yuan (\$8.1 billion), a record in China.

Xiao and Tomorrow Holdings were charged with illegally siphoning away public deposits, betraying the use of entrusted property, and the illegal use of funds and bribery, the Shanghai First Intermediate Court said.

It added the punishment was mitigated because both had admitted their crimes and cooperated in recovering illegal gains and in restoring losses.

China-born Xiao was last seen whisked away in a wheelchair from a luxury Hong Kong hotel in the early hours with his head covered, a source close to the tycoon told Reuters at the time.

Xiao and Tomorrow have "severely violated a financial management order" and "hurt state financial security", the court



People walk past the building with the listed address of Tomorrow Holdings' Beijing office, China

said, with the tycoon additionally fined 6.5 m yuan for the crimes.

From 2001 to 2021, Xiao and Tomorrow gave shares, real estate, cash and other assets to government officials totalling more than 680 m yuan, to evade financial supervision and seek illegitimate benefits, the court said.

In July 2020, nine of the group's related institutions were

seized by Chinese regulators as part of a crackdown on risks posed by financial conglomerates.

Among the nine firms were four insurers - Tianan Property Insurance Co of China, Huaxia Life Insurance Co, Tianan Life Insurance Co and Yi'an P&C Insurance Co - as well as New Times Trust Co and New China Trust Co. The other three were Chengtong Securities,

Guosheng Securities and Guosheng Futures.

The court said that from 2004, Xiao and Tomorrow controlled multiple financial institutions and internet financial platforms, including the failed Baoshang Bank, via multiple layers of indirect shareholders and anonymous ownership.

It said Xiao used the illegal gains for the acquisition of financial institutions, securities trading and overseas investment. But it acknowledged his attempts to make amends.

"Xiao Jianhua has taken commendable actions, so he was given a mitigated punishment in accordance with the law," it said.

When asked about Xiao's right to consular access as a Canadian citizen during a regular briefing on Friday, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said that because Chinese law does not recognise dual nationality, Xiao was not entitled to such rights.

India's Adani Power to buy DB Power for \$879 million

Reuters | Bengaluru

Adani Power Ltd (ADAN.NS) said yesterday it will buy thermal power plant operator DB Power for an enterprise value of 70.17 billion rupees (\$879.14 million) as India's largest private thermal power producer looks to expand operations.

DB Power owns and operates a thermal power plant in the central Indian state of Chhattisgarh and the deal will help

Adani expand its operations in the state.

Adani Power is a unit of billionaire and Asia's richest person Gautam Adani's conglomerate Adani Group.

DB Power has long- and medium-term power purchase agreements for 923.5 megawatt of its capacity, backed by fuel supply agreements with Coal India Ltd (COAL.NS) and has been operating its facilities profitably, Adani Power said.

Oil rises about \$1/bbl on prospect of subdued US rate hikes

● Both crude benchmarks on track for 1% weekly loss

● Fed has 'a lot of time' before next rate decision, Barkin says

● OPEC chief optimistic on demand

Reuters | New York

Oil prices rose about \$1 a barrel yesterday after the US Federal Reserve signalled a more subdued rate hike path that helped to ease fears about an economic slow-



Crude oil storage tanks are seen from above at the Cushing oil hub, in Cushing, Oklahoma

down that would weaken crude demand.

Brent crude futures gained 96 cents, or 1%, to \$97.55 a barrel by 12:20 p.m. EDT (1620 GMT). U.S.

West Texas Intermediate crude was up 1.24, or 1.4%, at \$90.52 a barrel.

Both benchmark contracts were headed for weekly losses

of less than 1%.

U.S. central bank officials have "a lot of time still" before they need to decide how large an interest rate increase to approve at their September policy meeting, Richmond Federal Reserve President Thomas Barkin told reporters on the sidelines of a conference.

The Fed is now balancing its rate hike path with uncertainty over any impact on the economy, Barkin also said.

"With the Fed's signalling that they're going to more reactive, like Barkin said, that allows for economic activity to hold at a higher level than it otherwise would have and translate into better demand prospects for oil," said John Kilduff, a partner at Again Capital LLC.

Haitham Al Ghais, the new secretary general of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, told Reuters he was optimistic about oil demand into 2023.

OPEC is keen to ensure Russia remains part of the OPEC+ group, Al Ghais said ahead of a Sept. 5 meeting.

Supplies could tighten again when European buyers start seeking alternative supplies to replace Russian oil ahead of European Union sanctions that take effect from Dec. 5.

"We calculate the EU will need to replace 1.2 million barrels per day of seaborne Russian crude imports with crude from other regions," consultancy FGE said in a note.

Data earlier this week showed U.S. crude inventories fell sharply as world's top producer exported a record 5 million barrels of oil a day last week, with oil companies finding demand from European nations looking to replace Russian crude.

Putting a ceiling on rising prices, in a sign of easing oil supply tightness, the price gap between prompt and second-month Brent futures has narrowed by about \$5 a barrel since the end of July to under \$1.

"Global recession and demand destruction are front and centre of current concerns given weak data out of the US, euro zone and China. Signs of slowing economic growth are pervasive and could dent oil demand," PVM analysts said.

News in brief

Lula keeps big lead over Bolsonaro in new Brazil presidential poll

◆ A new poll ahead of Brazil's

presidential election in October shows former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva maintaining a significant lead over Jair Bolsonaro, but the right-wing incumbent is gaining ground. Forty-seven percent of those surveyed by the Datafolha consulting firm said they intended to vote for Lula, the 76-year-old leftist leader, in the first round election on October 2, the same result as last month's poll. That represents a 15-point lead over the far-right Bolsonaro (32 percent), which is slightly narrower than the 18-point gap last month, but a significant jump over the 21-point spread in May.



Lula da Silva at a campaign event.

◆ New Zealand police are

Bodies of two children found in suitcases bought at auction in New Zealand

investigating the suspected murder of two children whose remains were found in suitcases bought at an online auction for an unclaimed locker last week. Police launched a homicide inquiry in Auckland last week after the remains were found by a family going through the contents of a storage locker they had purchased unseen. The two children were aged between 5 and 10 years and had been dead for some time, police said in a statement on Thursday. The suitcases had been in storage for some time, they added, without providing details.



Police examining suitcases.

China court sentences Chinese-Canadian billionaire Xiao to 13 years in prison

◆ A Shanghai court said yesterday

that it had sentenced Chinese-Canadian billionaire Xiao Jianhua to 13 years in prison and fined his Tomorrow Holding conglomerate 55.03 billion yuan (\$8.09 billion). The Shanghai First Intermediate Court said that Xiao and Tomorrow had "severely violated financial management order" and "hurt state financial security".



◆ Three men have been indicted in

3 charged in prison death of notorious Boston mobster Whitey Bulger

connection with the 2018 killing of notorious Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger, who was beaten to death in a West Virginia prison, federal prosecutors said. Fotios "Freddy" Geas, 55, Paul "Pauly" DeColohero, 48, and Sean McKinnon, 36, were charged on Wednesday with conspiracy to commit first degree murder by the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of West Virginia, according to a statement. The three were imprisoned at Hazelton prison in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia, where the 89-year-old Bulger was also serving out his life sentence for a string of brutal crimes.



Three men charged in the Bulger case.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths
1 USA	95,065,403	1,064,207
2 India	44,298,864	527,206
3 France	34,299,686	153,427
4 Brazil	34,223,207	682,074
5 Germany	31,725,160	146,214
6 UK	23,460,787	187,018
7 S. Korea	21,861,296	25,813
8 Italy	21,581,917	174,447
9 Russia	19,000,055	383,362
10 Turkey	16,671,848	100,400
11 Japan	16,161,801	35,955
12 Spain	13,306,301	111,906
13 Vietnam	11,376,571	43,103
14 Australia	9,870,724	13,155

Global tally
599,316,028
Deaths
6,467,703
Recovered:
573,349,521
New cases
+617,377
New deaths
+1,244

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	812,397	+97	9,273	+1	799,354	3,770
UAE	1,007,742	+703	2,341	+1	986,102	19,299
Kuwait	118,531	+813	721	+7	109,916	7,894
Oman	397,231		4,260		384,669	8,302
Qatar	421,532		681		415,462	5,389

Myanmar junta chief says military open to negotiations with Suu Kyi after her trial

Reuters | Bangkok

Myanmar's military chief said yesterday the junta is open to negotiations with ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi to end the crisis sparked by its coup after her trials in a junta-run court have concluded.

Suu Kyi, 77, has been detained since the generals toppled her government in a coup on Feb-



Protesters walk through a market with posters of ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi at Kamayut township in Yangon

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JUNTA CHIEF MIN AUNG HLAING

ruary 1 last year and plunged the Southeast Asian nation into chaos. She has been jailed for 17 years for a clutch of charges and faces decades more in prison if convicted on a raft of other charges she is battling in a closed junta court. "After the legal processes against her according to the law are finished we are going to consider (negotiations) based on her response," junta chief Min Aung Hlaing said in a statement.

Xi, Putin to attend G20 summit in Indonesia's Bali this November

Reuters | Jakarta

Chinese and Russian leaders Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin will attend the G20 summit on the resort island of Bali this November, a longtime adviser to the Indonesian president said yesterday.

Andi Widjajanto, former cabinet secretary and unofficial adviser to President Joko Widodo, who is popularly known as Jokowi, told Reuters the two leaders would join the summit. "Jokowi told me that Xi and Putin are both planning to attend in Bali," Widjajanto, who heads the National Resilience Institute, told Reuters.

On Thursday, Jokowi told Bloomberg News that both leaders had given him their assurances. Indonesian presidential officials did not respond to requests for confirmation of



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing (file photo)

told the news agency Putin plans to attend the meeting in person. The Chinese foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. A Kremlin spokesman declined to comment to Bloomberg, but another official familiar with the situation

Huge complex of 500 standing stones found in Spain

Reuters | Madrid

A huge megalithic complex of more than 500 standing stones has been discovered in southern Spain which could be one of the largest in Europe, archaeologists told AFP Thursday.

The stones were discovered on a plot of land in Huelva, a province which flanks the southernmost part of Spain's border with Portugal, near the Gadiana River.

Spanning some 600 hectares (1,500 acres), the land had been earmarked for an avocado plantation.

But before granting the permit, the regional authorities requested a survey in light of the site's possible archaeological significance -- and revealed the presence of the stones.

"This is the biggest and most diverse collection of standing stones grouped together in the Iberian peninsula," said Jose Antonio Linares, a researcher at Huelva University and one of the project's three directors. It is likely that the oldest standing stones at the La Torre-



Side view of a menhir and stone platform at La Torre-La Janera megalithic site near Huelva

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JOSE ANTONIO LINARES, A RESEARCHER AT HUELVA UNIVERSITY

La Janera site were erected during the second half of the sixth or fifth millennium BC, he said.

"It is a major megalithic site in Europe," he said.

At the site, they found a large number of various types of megaliths, including standing stones, dolmens, mounds, coffin-like stone boxes called cists and various enclosures.

"Standing stones were the most common finding, with 526 of them still standing or lying on the ground," said the researchers in an article published in Trabajos de Prehistoria, a prehistoric archaeology journal in the Iberian Peninsula.

North aid o

North Korea tells South

● Kim Jo Yong, the powerful sister of the North Korean leader says the country will not 'barter' away its 'honour'

Reuters | Seoul

The sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said her country will never accept South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's "foolish" offer of economic benefits in exchange for denuclearisation steps, accusing Seoul of recycling proposals Pyongyang already rejected.

In a commentary published by state media yesterday, Kim Yo Jong stressed that her country has no intentions to give away its nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles program for economic cooperation, saying "no one barter its destiny for corn cake."

She questioned the sincerity of South Korea's calls for improved bilateral relations while it continues its combined military exercises with the United States and fails to stop civilian activists from flying anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets and other "dirty waste" across their border.

She also ridiculed South Korea's military capabilities, saying the South misread the launch site of the North's latest missile tests on Wednesday, hours before Yoon used a news conference to urge Pyongyang to return to diplomacy.

US judge says some evidence

Reuters | West Palm Beach

A US judge said he is leaning toward releasing some of the evidence presented by the US Justice Department to justify its search of Donald Trump's Florida home last week, in a case pitting news organizations against federal prosecutors.

Despite objections by the Jus-



Judge Reinhart's order seemed to mark a victory for news outlets, who appeared in federal court in West Palm Beach to persuade the judge that the public interest in the affidavit outweighs the benefits of keeping it sealed

1597

1st Dutch East India Company ships return from the Far East

1619

1st known African Americans in English North America (approx. 20) land at Point Comfort (Fort Monroe), Virginia. They are then sold or traded into servitude



1741

Alaska first sighted by Danish explorer Vitus Bering at head of Russian expedition

1993

Oslo Peace Accords signed, after secret negotiations in Norway, followed by a public ceremony in Washington, D.C. the following month

Korea dismisses Seoul's offer as 'foolish' repeat

North Korean president to 'shut his mouth' after offer of economic aid for denuclearisation



Kim Yo Jong, sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, delivers a speech during the national meeting against the coronavirus, in Pyongyang

"It would have been more favourable for his image to shut his mouth, rather than talking nonsense as he had nothing better to say," she said about Yoon.

South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles inter-Korean affairs, expressed "strong regret" over Kim Yo Jong's comments, and Yoon's office called for Pyongyang to show "self-restraint" and "think deeply" about Seoul's offer.

"This attitude from North Korea will not only threaten peace on the Korean Peninsula but result in further difficulties for the North by worsening its international isolation and economic situation," Lee Hyo-jung, a Unification Ministry spokesperson, said during a briefing.

Kim Yo Jong last week had threatened "deadly" retaliation against the South over the COVID-19 outbreak in the North, which it dubiously claims was caused by leaflets and other objects dropped from balloons launched by southern activists.

Yoon during a nationally televised speech on Monday proposed an "audacious" economic assistance package to North Korea if it takes steps to abandon its nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles program. The offers of large-scale aid in food and health care and modernizing electricity generation systems and seaports and airports weren't meaningfully different from previous South Korean proposals rejected by the North, which is speeding the de-

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KIM YO JONG

velopment of an arsenal Kim Jong Un sees as his strongest guarantee of survival.

Kim Yo Jong, one of the most powerful officials in her brother's government who oversees inter-Korean affairs, said Yoon displayed the "height of absurdity" with his offer, saying it was realistic as creating "mulberry fields in the dark blue ocean."

She said South Korea's words and actions would only incite "surging hatred and wrath" from North Koreans and insisted Pyongyang has no immediate plans to revive long-stalled diplomacy with Seoul. "It is our earnest desire to live without awareness of each other," she said.

Inter-Korean ties have worsened amid a stalemate in larger nuclear negotiations between North Korea and the US that derailed in 2019 because of disagreements over a relaxation of crippling US-led sanctions on the North in exchange for disarmament steps.

There are concerns that Kim Yo Jong's threats last week over the leafletting portends a provocation, of which the possibil-

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ities may include a nuclear or missile test or even border skirmishes. The United States and South Korea kick off their biggest combined training in years next week to counter the North Korean threat. The North describes such drills as invasion rehearsals and has often responded to them with missile tests or other provocations.

During Wednesday's news conference, Yoon expressed hope for meaningful dialogue with the North over his aid-for-disarmament proposal. Maintaining a reserved tone, Yoon said his government has no plans to pursue its own nuclear deterrent and doesn't desire political change in Pyongyang that's brought by force.

Finnish PM takes drugs test after party video causes stir



Prime Minister of Finland Sanna Marin holds a news conference

Reuters | Helsinki

Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin said yesterday she had taken a drugs test following the publication of video footage this week that showed her partying with friends, and vowed she had never used illegal drugs.

Marin, 36, also said her ability to perform her official duties had remained unimpaired on the Saturday night in question and that she would have left the party had she been required to work.

Video clips of Marin partying with well-known Finnish influencers and artists began circulating in social media this week and they were soon published by several media outlets in Finland and abroad.

"In recent days, there have been quite grave public accusations that I was in a space where drugs were used, or that I myself used drugs," Marin told a news conference.

"I consider these accusations to be very serious and, though I consider the demand for a drug test unjust, for my own legal protection and to clear up any doubts, I have taken a drug test today, the results of which will come in about a week."



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



It is very emotional for me to see grain being loaded again on ship in Odesa. This ship also carries hope for the world's most vulnerable people and countries. #WorldHumanitarianDay @antonioguterres

02



#TeamEurope is the largest donor of humanitarian aid in the world. For 30 years, EU aid workers have helped alleviate the suffering of millions. They brought food when it was scarce. They brought hope when it was dim. I'm proud of each of them. #WorldHumanitarianDay @vonderleyen

03



For decades, the tax code has allowed big corporations to avoid paying their fair share in this country. Not anymore under the Inflation Reduction Act. @VP

04



Today, on #WorldHumanitarianDay, I salute my @WHO & @UN colleagues, as well as partners & all aid workers worldwide, who are working tirelessly under the most difficult circumstances to provide support & care. You have my deep admiration. #ItTakesAVillage to help people in need. @DrTedros

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As he leans toward releasing evidence for Trump search



A vehicle with flags in support of Donald Trump drives outside of the Paul G. Rogers Federal Courthouse

Justice Department, US Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart said he believes "there are portions of the affidavit that could be unsealed," referring to the sworn statement laying out the evidence for why there was probable cause to search Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort.

He ordered the Justice Department to file a redacted version of the affidavit under seal by noon next Thursday, but said prosecutors will be given the opportunity to appeal if they don't agree with his proposed version.

Reinhart's order seemed to mark a victory for news outlets, who appeared in federal court in West Palm Beach on Thursday to persuade the judge that the public interest in the affidavit outweighs the benefits of keeping it sealed.

The search marked a significant escalation in one of the many federal and state investigations Trump is facing from his time in office and in private business. The Republican former president has suggested he might run for the White House again in 2024, but has not made any commitment.

Brazil's Bolsonaro gets in spat with heckler

AFP | Sao Paulo

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro got into an altercation Thursday with a social media personality who questioned and insulted him, grabbing the man by the shirt and arm after he called the leader a "bum.."

Video of the incident outside the presidential residence shows Bolsonaro clutching the heckler in an apparent attempt



A video grab shows Jair Bolsonaro trying to snatch the heckler's phone

to grab his cell phone as the man filmed himself criticizing the far-right leader.

News site G1, which published the video, identified the man as Wilker Leao, a self-described lawyer, army corporal, politics junkie and military enthusiast with 127,000 followers on TikTok.

The incident happened outside the Alvorada Palace in Brasilia as a grinning Bolsonaro, looking casual in an untucked, short-sleeve blue shirt, greeted supporters who crowded around his waiting motorcade to take pictures with him.

Filming with his phone, Leao approached the president and asked why he had entered an alliance with a corruption-stained group of parties known as the "Centrao" and signed legislation restricting plea bargains, often used in anti-graft investigations.

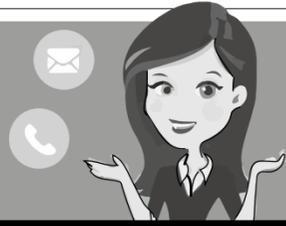
An unidentified person pulled Leao away and threw him to the ground. Undeterred, Leao approached again, calling the president -- who had gotten in his car -- a "coward," "bum" and "the Centrao's sweetheart."

Bolsonaro then exited the car and appeared to make a grab at Leao's phone.

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Bolsonaro has had earlier confrontations, often with the press. In 2020, he told a journalist, "I want to punch you in the mouth" and once suggested he'd like to shoot supporters of the rival Workers' Party

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Strikes bring London's transport network to a halt



Commuters queue for buses outside Victoria Underground station

Reuters | London

London's transport network ground to a halt yesterday as train and bus workers held strikes over pay and conditions, the latest in a summer of labour market disputes as double-digit inflation eats into wages.

All London Underground and Overground train lines were suspended or part suspended and dozens of bus routes in the west of the city were disrupted, Transport for London (TfL) said.

Tens of thousands of workers from the wider national rail network walked out on Thursday and will do so again on Saturday.

Commuters across the country have already endured disruption from rail strikes this year, organised by unions demanding pay and conditions for their members that better reflect the soaring cost of living caused by energy price-driven inflation.

We don't want to be in a 1970s vicious circle where you end up with salaries increasing, inflation increasing and so on and so forth. You never get out of this

UK TRANSPORT SECRETARY GRANT SHAPPS

Data showed inflation at 10.1% in July, the highest since February 1982, as rising energy costs resulting from Russia's invasion of Ukraine hit consumers directly through their household bills, and indirectly through rising food prices.

That has led to a standoff between firms, who say rising costs and falling demand limit their room to negotiate, unions who say their workers cannot afford to live and the government, which is worried that big wage increases may fuel inflation.

New Zealand flood recovery estimated to take 'years'

AFP | Nelson

A New Zealand city devastated by flooding will take years to recover, the mayor said on Friday, as hundreds more homes were evacuated.

The Pacific nation has been lashed by wild weather with the Nelson-Tasman district on the South Island bearing the brunt after 75 centimetres (29 inches) of rain reportedly fell over three days.

Several streets in the city of Nelson were flooded after the local river, the Maitai, burst its banks.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese said the damage to roads and the city's infrastructure will "take



A view of the Maitai river after it burst its banks in Nelson

years, not months" to repair.

She added that it was "critical" Nelson's residents conserve water as the city's supply was

disrupted by a landslide that damaged the main line from the local reservoir.

On a visit to witness the dam-

age, New Zealand's Minister for Emergency Management Kieran McNulty pledged \$200,000 (\$125,000) of aid and confirmed more than 400 homes have now been evacuated in Nelson, where a state of emergency remains in place.

He added that flooding and landslides have made 60 homes potentially uninhabitable.

McNulty told reporters one of the most striking things he saw was a street on a housing development "where the road had just been washed out, (leaving) a crater deeper than I am tall".

Nelson resident Paul Maskell said a neighbour alerted him to the rising water on his street.

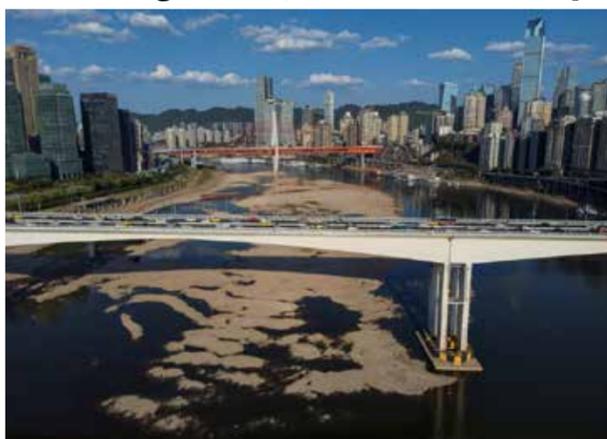
China issues first national drought alert, battles to save crops in extreme heatwave

Reuters | Shanghai

China has issued its first national drought alert of the year as authorities battle forest fires and mobilise specialist teams to protect crops from scorching temperatures across the Yangtze river basin.

The national 'yellow alert', issued late on Thursday, comes after regions from Sichuan in the southwest to Shanghai in the Yangtze delta have experienced weeks of extreme heat, with government officials repeatedly citing global climate change as the cause. The alert is two notches short of the most serious warning on Beijing's scale.

In one of the Yangtze's important flood basins in central China's Jiangxi province, the



A view of bridges that cross over the partially dried-up Jialing river

Poyang Lake has now shrunk to a quarter of its normal size for this time of year, state news

agency Xinhua said on Thursday.

As many as 66 rivers across

66 rivers across 34 counties in the southwestern region of Chongqing have dried up

34 counties in the southwestern region of Chongqing have dried up, state broadcaster CCTV said yesterday.

Rainfall in Chongqing this year is down 60% compared to the seasonal norm, and the soil in several districts is severely short of moisture, CCTV said, citing local government data.

celebs

Angelina Jolie says Brad Pitt became a 'monster' on infamous 2016 plane fight, new docs reveal

Fox | Los Angeles

Angelina Jolie said her ex-husband Brad Pitt was "becoming a monster" when he allegedly flew into a drunken rage during a 2016 fight on a plane that left their children scared, according to explosive FBI documents recently obtained by People magazine.

Jolie, 47, told authorities that Pitt "ranted" on the private flight from France to Los Angeles in front of their six children and "mimicked the behavior of a monster," screaming at them, People reported.

The kids were "shell-shocked" during the Sept. 14 blowup, said Jolie, who added that she was "frozen, scared and didn't know what to do" in the moment, according to the documents.

Pitt, 58, allegedly pounded the jet's ceiling, shook her and shoved her into a wall. She said she felt "like a hostage."

Angelina Jolie

When it looked "like he was going to attack" one of their children, who had called him a "prick," she admitted that she put her arm around his neck and squeezed.

The "Girl, Interrupted" star told officials that Pitt poured beer on her, spilled wine on the floor and caused approximately \$25,000 in damage to the jet. Both parties reported injuries.

Days later, the actress filed for divorce.

Authorities investigated the allegations after receiving an anonymous tip - but chose not to pursue charges against the "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" star, according to People.

Earlier this year, Jolie filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) law-

suit under the pseudonym Jane Doe to obtain the FBI report related to the alleged assault, which was first confirmed by journalist Eriq Gardner of Puck.

A source close to Pitt said Jolie only requested the documents to revive the ugly incident and inflict pain on her ex-husband.

Pitt and Jolie have been in possession of the report for years, the source told People.

The Hollywood heavyweights finalized their divorce in 2019 but have continued to battle over custody and a French winery the pair bought together in happier times.

Pitt accused Jolie in a lawsuit of selling her stake in Chateau Miraval to a Russian oligarch behind his back to wound him.

The resurrection of

the FBI report is the latest strike, the source said.

"It's wave after wave of attempts to hurt him," the source added. "What are the motivations of a person to take up court time and public resources in filing an anonymous FOIA request for material they have had for years? There's only one: to inflict the most amount of pain on her ex. There is no benefit to this. It is harmful to the children and the entire family."

Pitt and Jolie have both publicly spoken about the disintegration of their marriage.

The Academy-Award winner told the Guardian that she didn't take her decision to split from Pitt lightly.

"It took a lot for me to be in a position where I felt I had to separate from the father of my children," she said, adding, "There's a lot I can't say."

In an interview with GQ Style in 2017, Pitt lamented, "It is a drag to have certain things drug out in public and misconstrued."



Brad Pitt

Angelina Jolie told officials that Brad Pitt caused approximately \$25,000 in damage to the jet

Cardi B feels like a walking 'marketing plan' for rivals

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Cardi B believes other artists feed off her name and reputation.

The chart-topping rap star - who is one of the best-selling musicians in the world - claims she's become a walking "marketing plan" for some of her rivals.

Cardi, 29, wrote on Twitter: "This week just prove what we been saying for years..... Im part of people marketing plan. I refuse to help if I don't get pay [money-bag emoji] (sic)"

The 'WAP' hitmaker - who is married to fellow hip-hop star Offset - subsequently retweeted a post that emphasised her original point.

The post read: "No because why everytime someone is trying to sell something they try to start with you randomly . Rappers, tik tokers , wrestlers , politicians Imaooo. Make them pay up !!!!! (sic)"

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CARDI B

Cardi has more than 23 million Twitter followers and is often outspoken on social media.

But Cardi previously insisted that she was happier before she started making money as a rapper.

The 'Bodak Yellow' hitmaker - who has Kulture, four, and Wave, 11 months, with Offset - said: "One positive thing is that, my family, whatever they want, they get. Everything that I want to buy, I can get. I don't have to worry so much about my future."

Cardi B



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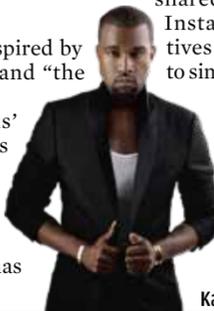
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Kanye West reveals 'biggest inspiration'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kanye West is inspired by "the children" and "the homeless".

The 'Jesus Walks' rapper - who has North, nine, Saint, six, Chicago, four, and three-year-old Psalm with ex-wife Kim Kardashian - has



Kanye West

shared a cryptic note on Instagram urging creatives of all types to look to similar places for ideas.

He wrote: "Look to the children... Look to the homeless... As the biggest inspiration for all design."

Earlier this week, Kanye caused

controversy with another of his Instagram posts.

The 44-year-old rapper shared a fake newspaper cover which claimed Pete Davidson - who has been the subject of a number of his online rants after he struck up a romance with Kim - had died, days after the 'Saturday Night Live' star was revealed to have split from the SKIMS founder.

Olivia Colman needs to work to pay bills

Celebretainment | Los Angeles



Olivia Colman

Olivia Colman admits she has to keep working to pay her mortgage.

The 48-year-old actress might be an Oscar winner and star of multiple blockbusters and series, but she doubts her family would be able to survive for long if she cut back on work. Speaking to Yours magazine,

Olivia - who has three children with her husband Ed Sinclair - said: "I would love to do slightly less in a year, but that would involve being paid different amounts."



Tom Holland

Tom Holland goes on a social media detox for mental health

IANs | Los Angeles

'Spider-Man: No Way Home' star Tom Holland is on a social media detox. The actor returned to Instagram only to reveal he was taking a social media break to focus on his mental health.

Tom had been absent from digital platforms and came back to make a couple of important announcements, reports Deadline. Holland shared a video on his official Instagram account and said he had been struggling for about an hour trying to come up with the words he was going to use.

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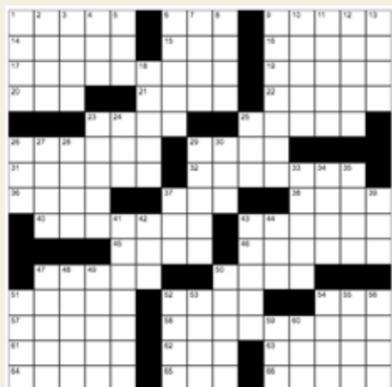
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How to play

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Yesterday's solution

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'Relieved' Raducanu back swinging freely ahead of US Open defence



Emma Raducanu in action
Reuters | Cincinnati

Emma Raducanu will head into her US Open title defence in just over a week relieved that she is swinging freely again and playing the same brand of attacking tennis that took her to a maiden Grand Slam title last year.

The 19-year-old put in ruthless performances at the Cincinnati Open to beat former major winners Serena Williams and Victoria Azarenka before exiting the tournament with a loss to world number eight Jessica Pegula.

"This week was a great step for me," she told reporters on Thursday. "In the past year it's probably like the first tournament or like one of the few tournaments that I have actually, like started going for my shots more."

"This week I kind of just was like, 'look, I'm just going to try, I don't care if I make errors, like it's fine, but I'm just going to like overhit if anything'. I'm pretty proud of how I did this week, and I think it's a great step to move forward."

Britain's Raducanu was a 150th-ranked qualifier when she went on to lift the US Open title last year without dropping a set. She has not won a tour-

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name since.

Raducanu, who reached a career-high ranking of 10th last month, said she was tired of just trying to play defensively and realised that she would not succeed at the top level by just pushing the ball around.

"It is definitely like relieving, because I feel like I'm swinging with the same sort of freedom as I probably had, like, more similar to last year," added Raducanu.

"So it feels really good. I think that I can really take it as a positive week, and I actually feel like I'm heading in a good direction again."

The main draw of the US Open starts on Aug. 29.

Bahrain begin Asian handball title defence

Kingdom's rising stars to lock horns with Uzbekistan in opening-night match of ninth Asian Men's Youth (U19) Handball Championship

● Bahrain names final 19-player roster for tournament

TDT | Manama

Bahrain are all set to kick off their title-defence in the ninth Asian Men's Youth (U19) Handball Championship starting tonight when they face off with their counterparts from Uzbekistan.

The game is scheduled for a 7pm start and it will be the final fixture of a five-match opening day in the tournament at the Khalifa Sports City arena in Isa Town. At 11am, South Korea face Iran, followed at 1pm by Qatar taking on the UAE. At 3pm, Saudi Arabia play Iraq and then at 5pm Japan play Kuwait.

All are welcome to attend the matches and cheer on the teams. Bahrain have named their final 19-player squad for the competition.

Coached by Mohammed Al Maraghi, the youth national team roster includes Ali Abdulkarim Abbas, Noah Syed Redha Hashem, Mohammed Yusuf Yaqoob, Ali Redha Hamadah, Jaafar Abdulshaheed, Ahmed Taleb Ibrahim, Mohammed Abdulla Issa, Sayed Ali Hassan Al Wadaei, Hussain Majed, Sayed Hussain Fadhel, Qassim Mirza, Elyas Mohammed Ali Nasser, Hussain Abdul-



Bahrain's youth national handball team...all set for title-defence

la Al Hayki, Mohammed Shamlu, Sayed Mahmood Al Falahi, Ali Ahmed Al Madani, Mustafa Ahmed Al Shehab, Mohammed Al Marzooq and Abbas Hussain Abbas. The 11-nation championship has been organised by the Bahrain Handball Association in cooperation with the Asian Handball Federation.

It also acts as a qualifying competition for next year's 10th International Handball Federation Men's Youth World Championship, with the top five teams booking their tickets.

As part of the lead-up to the tournament's start, the official technical meeting was held yesterday, with the participating teams presenting the uniforms they will be playing in during

the event.

Bahrain are in Group A for the preliminary round alongside Iran, India, South Korea and Uzbekistan. Group B features Japan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, Iraq and Kuwait.

The Bahrainis are the two-time defending champions in the event, having won the title in the previous two editions held in 2016 and 2018. The 2020 tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following their game tonight against Uzbekistan, the nationals next face off with South Korea tomorrow evening, and then return to the court on Wednesday against India following a two-day break. The nationals wrap up the preliminaries

against Iran on Friday.

Following the opening phase, the top two teams from each group advance directly to the semi-finals, while the remaining teams will play in the classification games.

Bahrain won the 2016 competition, which was also held in the Kingdom, after defeating Japan in the final. South Korea were the bronze-medallists. In the 2018 tournament in Amman, Jordan, the nationals were once again triumphant, defeating Japan in the gold medal game, while Chinese Taipei finished third.

Bahrain are tied with Qatar and South Korea with the most wins in the tournament at two apiece.

Medvedev advances while Swiatek sinks in Cincy

AFP | Cincinnati

Top-ranked Daniil Medvedev advanced to the ATP and WTA Cincinnati Masters quarter-finals on Thursday while women's world number one Iga Swiatek was upset by American Madison Keys.

Top seed Medvedev kept Denis Shapovalov winless against world number ones with a 7-5, 7-5 victory while Poland's Swiatek lost 6-3, 6-4 to 2019 Cincinnati champion Keys, who needed five match points to finish off the shock triumph.

Shapovalov, who lost in an hour and three-quarters, has dropped all eight career matches he has played against the elite echelon.

Medvedev moved into a quarter-final against 11th seed Taylor Fritz after the American stopped number six seed Andrey Rublev 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 7-5.

"It was a fight today, definitely not easy," said Medvedev, who clinched the top US Open seeding when Rafael Nadal lost here in the second round.

"The match was pretty tight, played at a great level. My goal was to stay in every point possible and try to put pressure on him if I had the chance."

Medvedev secured late breaks in both sets as he matched his volatile Canadian opponent.

Medvedev and Fritz have nev-



Daniil Medvedev returns a shot during his match against Denis Shapovalov

“I got a lot of break opportunities. Broke first in the first set. Served pretty well even in the game where I lost my serve. In general, happy with my level and looking forward to the next matches”

DANIIL MEDVEDEV

er played.

"We trained together at the start of the season before the ATP Cup," Medvedev said. "He won Indian Wells, he's a Mas-

ters champion. I need to be at my best to try and beat him."

Unseeded Keys was thrilled with her defeat of Swiatek, against whom she had lost two prior matches.

"I had a couple of games with a couple of match points," Keys said. "She beat me pretty badly last time so I'm happy to get the win."

Swiatek never found an ace and was broken five times as she fought back in vain after standing one game from defeat.

It was the second week in a row that the Pole, who put together a 37-match win streak this season, lost in a Masters third round. She suffered the same fate in Toronto seven days

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earlier.

Keys plays on Friday against Wimbledon winner Elena Rybakina, who advanced to the last eight 6-2, 6-4 over Alison Riske-Amritraj.

Also ousted was Estonian second seed Anett Kontaveit, who fell to China's Zhang Shuai 2-6, 6-4. Top-ranked American Jessica Pegula ended the run of US Open champion Emma Raducanu 7-5, 6-4, sending the Briton onto the practice courts before the August 29 start of her Grand Slam title defence.

Raducanu will head to New York with a 15-18 record since her 2021 title triumph and will drop from the top-10 after failing to reach the quarter-finals.

Zarco tops practice for Austrian MotoGP

AFP | Vienna

Frenchman Johann Zarco set the fastest time in the first two free practice sessions of the Austrian MotoGP yesterday.

Zarco, who rides for Pramac Ducati, was 0.024 seconds faster than Australian Jack Miller on a factory Ducati, with another Pramac rider Jorge Martin at 0.029.

Zarco topped qualifying for the last race at Silverstone but then crashed out on lap five. "Happy with this first day,"



Johann Zarco in action

said Zarco after the session, adding that he had given himself insurance in case the forecast rain arrives during the third practice session on Saturday.

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Bahrain set up Serbia friendly

Senior men's national football team to take on FIFA World Cup 2022 participants in exhibition match at the National Stadium in Riffa on November 18

● **Friendly match is first confirmed for Bahrain since qualifying for AFC Asian Cup 2023 last June**

● **Serbian national team set to arrive in Kingdom on November 15 ahead of exhibition game**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's senior men's national football team have lined up an international friendly match against FIFA World Cup 2022 participants Serbia later this year.

This was announced yesterday by the Bahrain Football Association.

The game is scheduled for November 18 and it will be played at the National Stadium in Riffa. It is scheduled for a 7pm kick-off.

The match is the first confirmed for Bahrain since they successfully qualified for



An image released by the Football Federation of Serbia announcing their friendly in Bahrain this November



The game is one of the most high-profile fixtures for Bahrain's national team in recent years, as it pits them against a top-ranked side from Europe—the Serbians are currently 25th in the FIFA World Ranking, while Bahrain are 85th

the AFC Asian Cup 2023 in June. It will be part of their preparations for upcoming competitions.

For the Serbians, the game will be leading up to their campaign in the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar, where they have been drawn in Group G for the first round alongside Brazil, Switzer-

land and Cameroon.

The match is one of the most high-profile fixtures for Bahrain in recent years, as it pits them against a top-ranked national team from Europe. The Serbians are currently 25th in the FIFA World Ranking, including 14th amongst all teams in the Union of European Football Associations.

Bahrain are 85th, 12th amongst all squads in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

According to the Football Federation of Serbia, their delegation will depart for the Kingdom on November 15. Following their match against the Bahrainis, they will travel to Doha on November 19.

Aside from their match with Bahrain, the Serbians are expected to play two more games in the League of Nations before the start of the FIFA World Cup. Serbia will host Sweden on September 24, before playing Norway in Oslo three days later.

The friendly with Serbia will be the second for Bahrain under head coach Helio Sousa against

leading European opposition. The nationals also faced Ukraine in May of last year.

Earlier this year, Bahrain were one of 11 nations to secure their AFC Asian Cup 2023 berths from the third and final round of qualifying.

From the six groups in that stage, all six winners and the five best runners-up made it through. The others to qualify were Jordan and Indonesia from Group A, Palestine from Group B, Uzbekistan and Thailand from Group C, India and Hong Kong from Group D, Malaysia behind Bahrain from Group E, and Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan from Group F.

They joined the 13 who had already claimed their places from the second round of qualification, namely Japan, Syria, Qatar, South Korea, Australia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, China, Iraq, Oman, Vietnam and Lebanon.

All 24 teams will feature in next year's AFC Asian Cup, which will be played at a yet-to-be-determined venue after China withdrew as hosts.

PSG coach denies bad blood between Neymar and Mbappe



PSG's Kylian Mbappe (R) and Neymar (L) take part in a training session

AFP | Paris

Paris Saint-Germain coach Christophe Galtier said yesterday there is no bad blood between star forwards Kylian Mbappe and Neymar.

Neymar insisted on taking the team's second penalty against Montpellier last Saturday after Mbappe had missed the first.

Mbappe did not celebrate after Neymar converted the spot-kick.

Galtier called the apparent differences between the two an "epiphenomenon", suggesting the spat was not a symptom of any deeper problem.

"We saw each other quickly the next day to iron out all that, to say what we had to say to each other," said Galtier told a press conference ahead of Sunday's Ligue 1 visit to Lille.

"We had a very pleasant week at work. Everyone worked well. I enjoyed all the sessions this week and this epiphenomenon disappeared very

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CHRISTOPHE GALTIER

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Galtier said after the game that instructions "had been respected" regarding penalty takers.

"There was a precise order in this game, Kylian as number one and 'Ney' as number two."

Other potential penalty takers include Lionel Messi and Sergio Ramos, said Galtier, adding that it was "important for our strikers to score goals, to keep the confidence".

Bahrain wrap up on-court preparations for Asian volleyball

TDI | Manama

Bahrain wrapped up their on-court preparations for the 21st Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship with a tightly contested 1-3 (23-25, 25-23, 14-25, 21-25) loss against their counterparts from Japan last night at the Bahrain Volleyball Association arena at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

The game was the final warm-up for the national team ahead of the start of the continental competition on Monday.

They are scheduled to have rest today and tomorrow following a week of intensive preparations, which included their friendly games.

Meanwhile, the participating



Action from Bahrain's friendly last night against Japan

national teams from across Asia are continuing to arrive in the Kingdom, with the last delegations expected to reach Bahrain by today.

The Chinese national team

touched down on Thursday night, while South Korea and Thailand arrived in separate flights yesterday.

Seventeen nations from across the continent are taking

part in the event.

Bahrain are in Pool A for the preliminary round alongside Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia. Pool B features Iran, Japan and India; Pool C includes South Korea, Qatar and Kuwait; Pool D features Thailand and the UAE; Pool E includes Iraq, Australia and Bangladesh; and Pool F comprises China, Chinese-Taipei and Pakistan.

Kazakhstan were also supposed to take part and were drawn in Pool D, but have withdrawn.

The opening stage is scheduled to continue until Wednesday, after which a drawing of lots for Classification one to 12 (top two teams from each pool) will be conducted.

Casemiro wants to leave Real Madrid as Man Utd close in

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti confirmed yesterday Casemiro is keen to leave the European champions as Manchester United close in on the Brazilian international.

According to the BBC and The Athletic, United are set to pay an initial 60 million euros (£51 million, \$61 million) plus a further 10 million euros in add-ons for the 30-year-old.

"I spoke with him this morning. He wants to try a new challenge, a new opportunity and I and the club understand that," said Ancelotti.

"For what Casemiro has done for this club and the person that he is, we have to respect his wishes. Now there are negotiations, nothing is official and he



Carlo Ancelotti, Head Coach of Real Madrid, chats with Casemiro after the UEFA Super Cup Final 2022 (file photo)

remains a Real Madrid player, but his desire is to leave.

"If that happens and there is an agreement, we have the resources to replace him."

Casemiro has won three La Liga titles and five Champions Leagues during nine years at Madrid as he formed a formidable midfield trio with Luka



Modric and Toni Kroos.

However, his place in Ancelotti's preferred starting line-up has come under threat by the signing of Aurelien Tchouameni this summer for a fee that could rise to 100 million euros.

United are badly in need of new recruits after a miserable start to Erik ten Hag's reign has left them bottom of the Premier

League for the first time in 30 years.

The Red Devils will reportedly make Casemiro one of the top earners in the Premier League with a four-year deal at Old Trafford along with a club option to extend that contract by an extra season.

A lack of new signings has been one of the issues blamed for embarrassing defeats to Brighton and Brentford with Lisandro Martinez, Christian Eriksen and Tyrell Malacia the only additions to Ten Hag's squad so far.

Worse could still be to come for United with Liverpool up next at Old Trafford on Monday.

Even if talks progress smoothly in the coming hours, Casemiro will not be registered in time to feature in that match.