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From space to trade

HRH CP, PM's Japan visit unlock fresh opportunities

● Bahrain and Japan deepen ties with landmark agreements across key sectors

● Bilateral relations strengthened through high-level talks

● Bahrain and Japan chart new horizons with strategic partnerships

TDT | Manama

Space collaboration, digital transformation, and air transport were among the key areas of focus as His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, began an official visit to Japan.

The deals came as HRH the CP, PM held talks with His Majesty Emperor Naruhito, His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Fumihito, His Excellency Shigeru Ishiba, the Prime Minister of Japan, and other senior officials, in addition to leading business figures.



During a meeting with HE Shigeru Ishiba, HRH the CP, PM affirmed that Bahrain-Japan relations continue to grow stronger with the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty Emperor Naruhito. HRH noted that this support has opened new horizons in bilateral relations, particularly in priority sectors, and stressed Bahrain's commitment to unlocking mutually beneficial opportunities.

HRH the CP, PM also praised Japan's preparations for Expo 2025 Osaka, describing the event as a platform for inno-

vative solutions to global challenges. The meeting further highlighted the importance of consolidating cooperation to generate opportunities that benefit both nations and their peoples, alongside discussions on regional and international developments and global peace efforts.

Later, HRH the CP, PM and the Japanese Prime Minister witnessed the signing of several agreements before attending a dinner banquet in honour of the Bahraini delegation.

Separately, HRH the CP, PM held discussions with His Maj-

esty Emperor Naruhito at the Imperial Palace, His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Fumihito at the Akasaka Imperial Residence, and with a delegation from the Japan Association of Corporate Executives (Keizai Doyukai). Talks were also held with HE Takeshi Iwaya, Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, and senior officials attended the meetings.



In 2024, Japan imported goods from Bahrain worth about US\$426 million. The largest portion of this was mineral fuels, oils and distillation products, which alone accounted for over US\$220 million.

The deals signed

Bahrain and Japan sealed a series of co-operation agreements across key sectors during high-level meetings in Tokyo.

Space

The Bahrain Space Agency and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) will partner on joint projects, R&D, training, and knowledge exchange. The deal was signed by Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Hiroshi Yamakawa, President of JAXA.

Civil service

The Civil Service Bureau and the Japan International Co-operation Center (JICE) agreed to cooperate in human resources management for the public sector. The agreement was signed by Dr. Al Zayani and Yamana Kenji, Senior Vice President of JICE.

Digitisation

The Information and e-Government Authority (IGA) inked a deal with Japan's Digital Agency to exchange expertise in e-government and digital transformation. Dr. Al Zayani and Masaaki Taira, Japan's Minister for Digital Transformation, signed the agreement.

Intellectual property:

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Japan Patent Office will collaborate under the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programme. The deal was signed by HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and Futoshi Yasuda, Deputy Commissioner of Japan Patent Office.

Air transport:

A consultation document on air transport services and direct flights was signed by HE Ahmed Al Doseri, Bahrain's Ambassador to Japan, and Miyazawa Koichi, Director General of Japan's Civil Aviation Bureau.

HRH CP, PM and Emperor Naruhito stress stronger ties

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets HM Emperor of Japan

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Majesty Emperor Naruhito of Japan yesterday discussed opportunities to further strengthen and expand ties between the two kingdoms during a meeting at the Imperial Palace.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, also attended the meeting.

HRH the CP, PM conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to His Majesty the Emperor, along with HM the King's wishes for con-



tinued progress and prosperity for Japan.

In turn, His Majesty Emperor Naruhito extended his greetings to His Majesty the King and expressed his wishes for further prosperity for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

HRH the CP, PM underscored the importance of building on the bilateral partnership to create opportunities that enhance the distinguished relationship between the two nations.

HRH also commended Japan's advancements across various sectors, expressing appreciation for its significant efforts in hosting and preparing for Expo 2025 Osaka, and extended best wishes for the Expo's success.



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad al-Khalifa and Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba applaud as Bahrain's Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid al-Zayani (2nd L) and Hiroshi Yamakawa (2nd R), president of Japan's Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), shake hands during a signing ceremony for a memorandum of cooperation in aerospace, at the prime minister's office in Tokyo

Unified efforts key to regional security

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Bolstering regional security and stability requires strengthening and unifying international efforts, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed.

HRH the CP, PM emphasised Japan's integral role in supporting development across multiple levels, noting that shared aspirations and partnerships across diverse fields continue to shape Bahraini-Japanese relations.

The remarks came during a discussion with His Excellency Takeshi Iwaya, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

HRH the CP, PM also highlighted the importance of enhancing bilateral coordination and nurturing opportunities that advance the interests of both nations and their peoples.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and senior officials also attended the meeting.



Expand Bahrain - Japan expertise exchange

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, called for further strengthening the exchange of expertise between Bahrain and Japan to enhance cooperation and advance the achievement of common goals and interests.

HRH the CP, PM made the remarks during talks yesterday with a delegation from the Japan Association of Corporate Executives (Keizai Doyukai).

On this occasion, HRH the CP, PM highlighted the wide-ranging partnerships between Bahrain and Japan, particularly

in the industrial, trade, and economic sectors. HRH further emphasised that promoting private sector collaboration is central to strengthening economic ties between the two kingdoms.

These strong relations, HRH the CP, PM affirmed, reflect the shared commitment of both countries to mutual development.

The discussions also covered global economic developments and topics of common interest.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, along with senior officials, also attended the meeting.



Crown Prince affirms strategic cooperation

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed that the strength of Bahrain-Japan relations lies in strategic cooperation and close coordination between the two kingdoms.

HRH the CP, PM stated that, with the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty Emperor Naruhito of Japan, bilateral ties continue to strengthen.

HRH the CP, PM made the

remarks during a meeting with His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Fumihito of Japan at the Akasaka Imperial Residence.

During the meeting, HRH the CP, PM discussed opportunities for future partnerships, regional and international developments, and issues of common interest with His Imperial Highness.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, and senior officials also attended the meeting.



Don't Hesitate— Help is a **call** away

MoE tells schools to call ambulance during emergencies

- The ministry lists 12 urgent cases, including heart issues, heavy bleeding, burns, and allergies.
- Schools must alert parents, file reports, and ensure a staff member stays with the injured.
- An internal team of staff should handle procedures and send incident forms to the education directorate

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In the unfortunate event of a student or staff member suffering severe injuries or a medical emergency, schools must call an ambulance immediately. This is according to a new circular issued by the Ministry of Education for the 2025/26 academic year. The directive aims to keep school communities safe and



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ensure urgent care is delivered to those in need. When to call?

The ministry lists 12 cases that require an ambulance without delay:

- Heart problems
- Serious wounds or injuries
- Heavy bleeding
- Trouble breathing or choking
- Fainting
- Compound fractures
- Falls from height
- Severe burns
- Childbirth on school premises
- Death at the scene
- Severe allergic reactions (e.g., nut allergy)

- Any other condition needing urgent medical attention

What schools should do

Schools should immediately call an ambulance and inform the parent or guardian. The injured person should be moved to a safe spot, and first aid given where possible until paramedics arrive. Staff should also check the student's health record for medical history and notes from the guardian. A member of the administrative or teaching staff must remain with the injured person until professional help reaches the school.

Internal team

Each school should have an internal team of administrative and teaching staff trained to follow the procedure. A "school incident" form must be sent to the education directorate as soon as an incident occurs, with an initial notification form attached for cases requiring ambulance intervention. If the parent or guardian has not arrived by the time the ambulance reaches the school, a staff member must accompa-



The first modern ambulance system was developed in the late 19th century by the French during wartime, but today's advanced ambulances can function as mobile intensive care units, equipped with life-saving equipment like defibrillators, ventilators, and even portable ultrasound machines.



ny the injured person to hospital. The guardian should be informed, and the school must remain in touch to follow up on the person's condition.

Quiet hours for building work

Muharraq Council Approves Draft Law



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Muharraq's municipal council has endorsed a draft amendment to the Law Regulating Buildings (Decree-Law No. 13 of 1977) that would allow the municipality to set specific days and hours when construction, demolition, and excavation are prohibited in residential areas. The draft, originating from a Shura Council proposal, would empower the municipality to determine the schedule for such bans and to permit exceptions based on local conditions. The government said it supports the initiative and is preparing a new building

law for the Kingdom. The forthcoming law will outline licensing procedures, project requirements, and obligations to follow during construction, including rules on digging, backfilling, and infill, aimed at protecting residents and enhancing safety standards. The amendment seeks to shield neighbourhoods from noise and disruption while allowing councils to decide suitable hours for bans and exceptions. An explanatory note highlights that the change gives municipalities greater flexibility to manage building activity in residential areas without halting work and aligns with existing municipal laws and similar regulations in the region.

Bahraini melodies captivate at Expo 2025 Osaka



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The Police Band made a notable international impression during its participation in Expo 2025 Osaka. Following the directives of General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, the band delivered performances that fused traditional police music with authentic Bahraini folk melodies, highlighting Bahrain's rich cultural heritage and artistic excellence. The high-level shows reflected the band's skill and

professionalism, presenting a vivid image of the Kingdom on the global stage. Their performances won praise from Japanese audiences, demonstrating both creativity and mastery. Major General Mubarak Najem, Commander of the Police Band, lauded the ongoing support of the Interior Minister, noting his dedication to advancing the band's artistic standards and expanding its international presence. He added that such international engagements foster the exchange of expertise, particu-



larly alongside leading military bands from across the world.

Man jailed for knife-point robbery of lift technician set to appeal

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A man sentenced to three years in prison for robbing a lift technician at knife-point will have his appeal heard next Monday by the High Criminal Court of Appeal.

According to court records, the suspect forcibly took the victim's mobile phone, car key, and perfume.

The incident occurred around 1pm while the technician was performing maintenance in a

When the technician returned, he found his bag open and its contents disturbed. The same man was nearby holding the perfume. He then drew a small folding knife, pointed it at the technician, and demanded the phone and car key, which he had seen earlier.

building. On the third floor, he left his bag containing personal items, including a bottle of perfume, outside the lift. A masked man approached, questioned him, and, after the technician explained his work, the man left

temporarily.

When the technician returned, he found his bag open and its contents disturbed. The same man was nearby holding the perfume. He then drew a small folding knife, pointed it at

the technician, and demanded the phone and car key, which he had seen earlier. The suspect instructed the technician to raise his hands, searched his pockets, and demanded the phone's passcode.

Fearing for his safety, the technician complied. The assailant checked the phone's photos, WhatsApp, and email, then ordered the victim to face the wall before fleeing via the stairwell with the stolen

items.

The technician immediately used a second phone to call the police. Officers arrived, conducted a search, and arrested a man matching the description. Authorities recovered the folding knife, stolen perfume, and mobile phone, as well as a toy pistol. A records check revealed the suspect had prior convictions.

The first-instance court sentenced him to three years in prison and ordered the knife confiscated. The appeal is scheduled for next Monday.

Couple awarded BD 30,000 after medical error; appeal rejected

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The Constitutional Court has dismissed a claim by a private hospital and a medical consultant, leaving intact a civil judgment ordering them to pay a couple BD 30,000 after a medical error caused the wife's uterine rupture. The Court also ordered the applicants to cover legal costs. The hospital and consultant had requested that the Court rely on precedents from other constitutional cases to overturn the earlier decisions.

The case began when the couple sought pregnancy treatment at the hospital. The consultant recommended in-vitro fertilisa-

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three months, complications arose: the wife's uterus ruptured, causing heavy bleeding. She was rushed to Salmaniya

Medical Complex in a critical condition, underwent life-saving surgery, and later required a hysterectomy.

Following the incident, the couple filed a complaint with the National Health Regulatory Authority. Its panel found serious professional errors by both the doctor and the hospital, resulting in severe harm: the wife's loss of fertility, risk to her life, financial costs of fertilisation and treatment, and the loss of the three embryos.

Based on these findings, a civil court ordered the doctor and hospital to pay the couple BD 30,000. With the Constitutional Court's dismissal of the latest claim, the civil judgment stands and will proceed accordingly.

Isa bin Salman Trust, Almoayyed Foundation partner to boost education



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man of the Board of Trustees member of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

The Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust has partnered with the Yousif and Aysha Almoayyed Foundation to strengthen community collaboration and support educational initiatives.

Ali Habib Qassim, Board member of the Trust, said the agreement reflects its commitment to quality education and empowering Bahraini youth, guided by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, Chair-

Masha'el Almoayyed, Chairperson of the Almoayyed Foundation, expressed pride in supporting the Trust's efforts to provide scholarships and educational opportunities.

Masha'el Al Qutami, Acting Secretary General of the Trust, noted that the partnership reinforces the Trust's mission since its 2013 founding and its ongoing support for ambitious Bahraini students.

Personal Data Protection Authority participates in 47th Global Privacy Assembly in South Korea

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The Personal Data Protection Authority participated in the 47th Global Privacy Assembly (GPA), hosted in the city of Seoul, South Korea, from September 15 to 19.

Bahrain's delegation was led by Saud Hassan Ali Al Nusuf, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to South Korea, and included Assistant Advisor Wael



Anis, Abdullah Al Hajri, and Nada Bader.

The participation reflects the Authority's commitment

to further developing partnerships with counterpart organisations and keeping up to date with leading global practices

in privacy governance and data protection.

The conference, held this year under the theme "Artificial Intelligence in Our Daily Lives: Data and Privacy Issues", reviewed international experiences in regulating AI uses, developing data protection policies and legislation, and enhancing international cooperation to address shared challenges.



The Indian Club Aavani 'Onam Fiesta 2025' was officially inaugurated on Thursday, kicking off the week-long cultural fiesta. Ramzan Muhammed - the winner of popular TV reality show 'D4 Dance' (Season 1) & a Dancer was the Chief Guest for this event. The lighting of the lamp and the flag hoisting ceremony was followed by Cinematic dance competition 'Dance Dhamaka 2'. The Cinematic dance competition 'Dance Dhamaka 2' was held in two categories - Junior's (5yrs - 17yrs) & Senior's (Above 18yrs). A total number of 10 teams participated in this competition.



Zain Bahrain successfully launches **Apple 17** products

Manama

Zain Bahrain proudly hosted an exclusive launch event for the highly anticipated Apple 17 products, held at Zain Tower yesterday.

The launch event attracted a diverse audience of tech enthusiasts, Apple fans, media representatives, and loyal Zain customers eager to experience Apple's latest innovation. As part of the event, preorder customers were invited to collect their new iPhone devices, creating a memorable experience as they were among the first in Bahrain to own the latest smartphone.

Attendees had the opportunity to explore the latest Apple products, including the iPhone 17, iPhone Air, iPhone 17 Pro, iPhone 17 Pro Max, Apple Watch



Series 11, Apple Watch SE 3, Apple Watch Ultra 3, and AirPods Pro, allowing them to explore the new devices firsthand.

The new iPhone 17 features an innovative center stage front camera, a bigger and brighter new display with up to 120Hz, and the A19 chip for improved performance. Available in five



beautiful colors: black, lavender, mist blue, and sage.

iPhone Air

Completing the lineup, the iPhone Air is the thinnest iPhone ever made. It is more durable

and sky blue

iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max

iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max set a new benchmark as the most powerful iPhones ever, with a striking new design powered by the A19 Pro chip that unlocks the best-ever performance, advanced camera systems, and battery life in an iPhone. Available in three beautiful new finishes: cosmic orange, deep blue, and silver.

Zain also offers an extended two-year warranty on new iPhone 17 devices and iPhone Air along with optional mobile insurance covering accidental damage, burglary, and theft to ensure complete peace of mind.

Stocks steady, dollar up as Donald Trump and Xi talk

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets steadied and the dollar mostly rose yesterday at the end of a week marked by central bank decisions, as attention turned to a call between US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping.

Wall Street's three main indices were flat or slightly higher in late morning trading, coming off record closes Thursday thanks to another surge in the share prices of technology giants.

Europe's main indices ended the day little changed or slightly lower.

"The key event today is the scheduled phone call between US President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping," Sam Cornford, head of trading at broker Ballinger Group, said ahead of the discussion between the leaders of the world's two leading economies.

Shortly before European markets closed, Trump said he made progress in his call on a deal for the social networking platform TikTok, though he stopped short of announcing a deal.

"We made progress on many

Key figures at around 1530 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ at 46,127.99 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ at 6,632.74
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 0.2% at 22,507.25
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.1% at 9,216.67 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ at 7,853.59 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.2% at 23,639.41 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.6% at 45,045.81 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▲ at 26,545.10 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.3% at 3,820.09 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1743 from \$1.1785 on Thursday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3476 from \$1.3550
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.90 yen from 147.97 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 87.14 pence from 86.96 pence
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 0.8% at \$66.92 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 0.8% at \$63.09 per barrel

very important issues including Trade, Fentanyl, the need to bring the War between Russia and Ukraine to an end, and the approval of the TikTok Deal," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

He has repeatedly put off a ban under a law designed to force TikTok's Chinese parent company ByteDance to sell its US operations for national security reasons.

The call came after high-level discussions between Washington and Beijing officials in Madrid, where they addressed trade ahead of a November tariff deadline.

Trump said Friday that he would meet Xi at an Asia-Pacific summit in South Korea in just over a month, and visit China himself next year.

Trump imposed massive tariffs on China earlier this year,

causing severe disruption to the supply chains of many US firms.

While the tariffs were lowered temporarily, their lapse could trigger fresh volatility as the US economy shows signs of weakness.

Meanwhile, the British pound retreated after official data showed that UK government borrowing had reached its highest level since the Covid pandemic.

In Asia, Tokyo led losses among major indices on expectations that Japan's central bank would hike interest rates this year after leaving borrowing costs unchanged Friday.

Before the announcement, official data showed that inflation in Japan, the world's fourth-largest economy, slowed in August, with rice price increases easing following a spike that had rattled the country's government.

The week also saw a widely expected interest rate cut from the US Federal Reserve as well as reductions by the central banks of Norway and Canada.

The Bank of England left its benchmark rates unchanged.

New Fed governor says was not told how to vote by Trump

Washington, United States

Donald Trump's pick to join the US Federal Reserve said yesterday that he did not speak to the president about how to vote on interest rates ahead of the central bank's meeting this week.

In an interview with CNBC, Stephen Miran said that "the president called me to say 'congratulations.' He didn't ask me to do any particular actions. I didn't commit to doing any particular actions."

He said that he would carry out "independent analysis" based on his interpretation of the economy.

Miran was the sole dissenter to the Fed's decision this week to cut interest rates by a quarter point, instead favoring a bigger half-point reduction -- more in line with Trump's frequent demands for slashing rates.

He said he would give a "full accounting" for his economic views on

Monday.

Asked Friday about his decision, he said: "I don't see any material inflation from tariffs. I see no evidence that it's occurred."

The Fed typically holds rates at a higher level to rein in inflation, and policymakers had kept rates unchanged for most of the year as they monitored the effects of Trump's tariffs on prices.

Miran's swift arrival to the Fed came as Trump ramped up pressure on the independent central bank with repeated calls for large rate cuts.

Miran had been chairing the White House Council of Economic Advisers prior to joining the bank, and was confirmed by the US Senate on Monday night.

He was sworn in just before the rate-setting meeting started early Tuesday.

He told CNBC that he hopes to persuade some Fed colleagues of his views.

Miran fills a term that ends January 31, replacing another Fed governor who resigned early.



News in brief

Hong Kong to evacuate 6,000 people
after World War II-era 450kg bomb found



◆ Hong Kong planned to evacuate thousands of residents as a bomb left over from World War II was discovered at a construction site. The police said that the bomb measured approximately 1.5m in length and weighed about 450kg, adding that they believed it remained “fully functional”. “Due to the extremely high risks involved in dismantling and disposing of the bomb, we must activate the emergency evacuation plan,” said Hong Kong Police’s district commander Andy Chan.

◆ British trip-hop group Massive Attack announced they are joining a new music industry initiative to block their music in Israel and have also asked for their songs to be removed from Spotify. The Bristol natives said they had joined “No Music for Genocide”, a collective of musicians modelled on the “Film Workers for Palestine” group, which has also called for a cultural boycott of Israel over the war in Gaza. “We’d appeal to all musicians to transfer their sadness, anger and artistic contributions into a coherent, reasonable and vital action to end the unspeakable hell being visited upon the Palestinians hour after hour,” the group wrote on Instagram on Thursday.

Massive Attack join
Israel boycott campaign



Russian FM Lavrov to meet Rubio
at UN next week: Russian state media



◆ Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will meet US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly next week, Russian state media cited Moscow’s UN envoy as saying yesterday. “They will discuss an entire range of issues, both bilateral and multilateral. There is no specific agenda yet, but a meeting is being planned,” said Russia’s permanent representative at the UN, Vasily Nebenzya, according to the RIA Novosti news agency.

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North Korea’s Kim oversees drone test, orders AI development



North Korea’s leader Kim Jong Un (L) attending the performance test of unmanned strategic reconnaissance aircraft

AFP | Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversaw a test of an attack drone and ordered greater use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the technology, state media said yesterday.

Images shared by the official Korean Central News Agency showed the unmanned vehicle taking off and then destroying a target.

State media said the exercise demonstrated the “excellent combat effectiveness of Kumsong-series tactical attack drones”, reporting Kim expressed “great satisfaction” with the result.

Drones are emerging as a “major military activity asset, raising it as a top-priority and important task in modernizing the armed forces of the DPRK,” Kim reportedly said, using the acronym for North Korea.

He also ordered “efforts to rapidly developing the newly-introduced artificial intelligence technology” as well as the “expanding and strengthening” of drone production capabilities.

Analyst Hong Min at Seoul’s Korea Institute for National Unification said Kim sees drone technology as critical to securing “great power status”.

“The drones raise concerns because they offer low-cost, high-efficiency threats: autonomous mission execution, improved accuracy and lethality, suitability for mass production, and enhanced tactical flexibility,” he added.

Lessons from Russia

Pyongyang unveiled its first attack drones last year and experts have warned its new capability in this area could be linked to its budding alliance with Russia.

Analysts also say North Korean troops sent to fight for Russia will be gaining modern warfare experience -- including how drones are used on the battlefield.

And Lim Eul-chul at South Korea’s Kyungnam University said AI could allow North Korean drones to “operate even if GPS or communications signals are jammed, relying on pre-trained algorithms”.

Israel warns Gaza of ‘unprecedented force’

Military urges civilians to evacuate south as famine-hit Gaza City faces fierce assault

● Gaza City under heavy bombardment

● Nearly 480,000 residents have fled

● Only coastal Al-Rashid road open

● 22 killed in fresh strikes yesterday

AFP | Gaza City

The Israeli military warned yesterday it would operate with “unprecedented force” in Gaza City, telling residents to flee southwards as it presses its ground offensive on the territory’s largest urban centre.

Israel has pummelled Gaza City with strikes and tank fire in its bid to seize it, nearly two years into the war that has devastated the Palestinian territory and left the Gaza City area gripped by a UN-declared famine.

The assault comes ahead of a planned move by several Western countries, including France and Britain, to recognise a Palestinian state next week at a UN summit.

The military launched its major ground offensive on Tuesday and has for days been telling residents to head south, but many Palestinians say the journey is prohibitively expensive and they do not know where to go.

The United Nations estimated at the end of August that about one million people were living in Gaza City and its surroundings.

The military yesterday said it estimated 480,000 of them have fled since late August.

Yesterday, the military’s Arabic-language spokesman announced the closure of a temporary evacuation route opened



Palestinians from Gaza City move southwards with their belongings, on the coastal road near the Nuseirat refugee camp

48 hours earlier, saying the only way south was via the Al-Rashid coastal road.

“From this moment, Salah al-Din Road is closed for south-bound travel,” Avichay Adraee, said in a post on X addressing residents of the city, referring to the main north-south artery through the Gaza Strip.

Israel had on Wednesday announced a “temporary” new route for residents to flee along the road, saying it would remain open for just 48 hours from mid-day (0900 GMT).

“The Israel Defense Forces will continue to operate with unprecedented force against Hamas and other organisations,” Adraee said on X yesterday.

“Take this opportunity and join the hundreds of thousands of city residents who have moved south to the humanitarian area.”

The Israeli military has urged Palestinians to head to a “humanitarian area” in the southern coastal area of Al-Mawasi, where

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Many Gazans are too weak, ill, or poor to walk the long journey south—some families now sleep on the evacuation route, waiting for transport amid relentless shelling and closed escape roads

it says aid, medical care and humanitarian infrastructure will be provided.

Israel first declared the area a safe zone early in the war, but has carried out repeated strikes on it since then, saying it is targeting Hamas.

Nivin Ahmed, 50, fled south from Gaza City to the central city of Deir el-Balah on Thursday, walking with seven family members.

“We walked more than 15 kilometres (nine miles), we were crawling from exhaustion,” she said.

“My youngest son cried from fatigue. We took turns dragging a small cart with some of our belongings.”

Mona Abdel Karim, 36, said she had been unable to secure transport south and had been sleeping with her family on Al-Rashid street for two nights waiting for a driver.

“I feel like I’m about to explode. We can’t walk on foot -- my husband’s parents are elderly and sick, and the children are too weak to walk,” she said.

AFP footage from Al-Rashid street on Thursday showed long lines of Palestinians heading south on foot or in vehicles piled high with meagre belongings.

Notre-Dame’s twin towers ready to thrill visitors after fire

AFP | Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron yesterday reopened the two great mediaeval towers of the Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris for public visits, one of the final steps in its immense reconstruction following a devastating fire.

The inauguration of the restored towers by Macron, who has spearheaded reconstruction efforts since the April 15, 2019 fire, comes a day before the opening weekend when the public can finally climb the 424 stairs to enjoy unmatched views of Paris.

Their reopening marks another landmark in the vast reconstruction process which is still ongoing even after the December 7, 2024 reopening of the cathe-



France’s President Emmanuel Macron looks at the gargoyles as he visits Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral

dral in a glittering ceremony attended by US President Donald Trump weeks before his own

inauguration.

The reconstruction of Notre-Dame to its former glory

marks a major success for Macron, who is politically embattled at home.

He can boast of fulfilling a promise made in the wake of the fire for the restoration to be finished within half a decade.

‘Spectacular views’

Macron was given the honour of being the first person to be given a tour round the newly-restored towers which also allows a close view of the cathedral’s famous gargoyles -- grotesque sculptures of mythical beasts that adorn its exterior walls.

“The towers of Notre-Dame reopen to the public,” Macron said on X. “The cathedral is regaining all its splendour and once again offers its spectacular views of Paris,” he said.



Paramilitary drone strike kills 75 in Sudan's Darfur

RSF pushes for dominance in western Sudan as El-Fasher siege intensifies and casualties mount

● RSF targets last army-held Darfur city

● Attack hit displaced civilians' mosque

● City under 18-month siege

AFP | Port Sudan

Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces killed 75 people in a drone strike that hit a mosque in the western city of El-Fasher yesterday, first responders said.

The RSF conducted their strike as they pressed a push to capture the last major city in the vast western region of Darfur still under army control.

The attack struck worshippers in the city's Al-Daraja neighbourhood, where civilians from the famine-hit Abu Shouk displacement camp had fled after fighters overran the camp.

"The bodies were retrieved from the rubble of the mosque," the Abu Shouk Emergency Response Room, one of hundreds of volunteer groups coordinating relief across Sudan, said on social media.

There was no immediate comment from the RSF on the incident.

El-Fasher, which has been un-



Sudanese residents gather to receive free meals in Al Fasher in Darfur region

der paramilitary siege for about 18 months, is the final state capital in Darfur still under the control of Sudan's army, which has been locked in a devastating war with the RSF since April 2023.

The city's fall would hand the RSF full territorial dominance over the region, where the UN and rights groups have already reported mass atrocities, including ethnically targeted massacres.

'Full control'

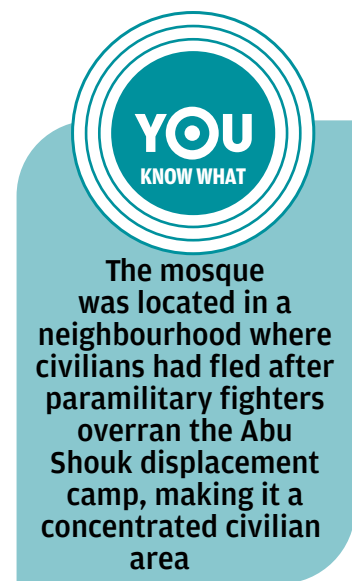
Satellite imagery released by Yale University's Humanitarian Research Lab on Thursday showed RSF forces advancing on multiple fronts, including around Abu Shouk camp and the former UNAMID peacekeeping base, now used by anti-RSF Joint Forces.

The Joint Forces, a coalition armed groups, has fought alongside the army since late 2023

after mass killings targeting the Massalit tribe in West Darfur state capital El-Geneina.

"RSF has likely captured the former UNAMID compound, Joint Forces' base of operations," Yale said, citing damage visible in satellite imagery collected between Monday and Thursday.

An RSF source, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to talk to the media, told AFP: "By around 2:00 pm (Thursday), our



forces had taken full control of the UNAMID base."

Buildings near Abu Shouk have been razed to the ground between Monday and Wednesday, according to Yale's analysis of low-resolution satellite imagery.

RSF units now control much of the famine-hit Abu Shouk displacement camp, a densely populated area just three kilometres north of UNAMID, according to eyewitnesses.

This places El Fasher airport -- the army's de facto base of operations located three kilometres (1.9 miles) south of UNAMID -- and the army's 6th Division headquarters both within direct RSF firing range.

Blasts kill at least 11 in southwestern Pakistan



Security personnel inspect a damaged vehicle

AFP | Quetta

Separate blasts in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province killed at least 11 people, officials said yesterday.

Militancy has been rising in mineral-rich Balochistan, which sits on the border with Afghanistan and Iran, and it has been met with a sweeping counter-terrorism crackdown.

A suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden car into a convoy of paramilitary soldiers in Dasht, on Pakistan's southwestern tip near Iran, on Thursday.

Two local government officials said that three troops were among five people killed. The attack was claimed by separatist group the Baloch Liberation Army.

Another blast near an Afghan border crossing in the province killed six labourers on Thursday night, local government official Imtiaz Ali Baloch said.

Separatists have been fighting a decade-long insurgency against the Pakistan military with the aim of ending discrimination against the Baloch people.

Taliban release detained elderly British couple

AFP | London

An elderly British couple detained in Afghanistan for almost eight months were released yesterday, the Taliban authorities said, after pressure built to free the pair due to fears over their health.

Taliban officials have refused to detail why Peter Reynolds, 80, and his wife Barbara, 76, were arrested in February as they were returning to their home.

"We've been treated very well. We're looking forward to seeing our children," said Barbara, in a red headscarf, standing next to her bearded husband, near a plane on the tarmac of Kabul airport.

"We are looking forward to returning to Afghanistan if we can. We are Afghan citizens," she added, after Qatar-facilitated negotiations for their release.

The couple were married in Kabul in 1970, and have spent almost two decades living in Afghanistan running educational programmes for women and children. They also became official Afghan citizens.

When the Taliban returned to power in 2021, the couple re-



Peter and Barbie Reynolds posing for a photograph at an unknown location

mained in Afghanistan against the advice of the British embassy.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdul Qahar Balkhi in a statement posted on social media said the couple were handed over to the UK's special representative to the country Richard Lindsay.

"Two British nationals named Peter and Barbara Reynolds, who had violated the laws of Afghanistan, were released from custody today following the judicial process," Balkhi added.

Images of the couple standing together with Lindsay at Kabul airport before their departure to the Qatari capital Doha were broadcast on Sky News.

"They are very relieved to be to be going home," Lindsay told the broadcaster.

The couple were first held in a maximum security facility, "then in underground cells, without daylight, before being transferred" to the intelligence services in Kabul, according to UN experts.



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Our times demand more than posturing & promises. They demand progress. The @UN General Debate next week is an opportunity we cannot miss. My message to world leaders: Get serious, bridge divides & deliver. Let this be a week of solutions.

@antonioguterres

02



At #PortoSocialForum we reaffirmed our commitment to a Social Europe. At the 23-24 October #EUCO, EU leaders will for the first time hold a debate on affordable housing — a cornerstone for social cohesion, democratic resilience and the future of the young generations.

@eucopresident

03



We want to ban imports of Russian LNG into European markets. It is time to turn off the tap. I want to be clear: Europeans will be safe this winter. Because we have been preparing for this under REPowerEU. Our efforts are paying off today.

@vonderleyen

04



I just released my AI for America roadmap, and it boils down to this: The companies driving and profiting the most from AI need to do their part to strengthen our workforce, modernize our energy infrastructure, and ensure safety.

@SenMarkKelly

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Batelco by Beyon celebrates iPhone 17 launch

Holds Padel Event and Exclusive In-Store Activities



Batelco team led by General Manager-Consumer Aseel Mattar (third from left) along with the winners



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Batelco by Beyon celebrated the launch of the iPhone 17 with a blend of sports, lifestyle, and technology. The company hosted a lively padel tournament in a

ment alongside exclusive in-store activities, reflecting the company's commitment to bringing the latest technology closer to its customers in meaningful and memorable ways. Batelco held the padel tournament at Let's Padel, Ritz Carlton with categories for men, women, and juniors. The event attracted strong participation and an energetic crowd, creating a lively and competitive atmosphere. The winners of the tournament were awarded with sought after apple prizes, adding an extra level of excitement to the competition. Simultaneously, Batelco



brought the iPhone 17 launch experience directly to its customers at its shop in City Centre. Special weekend activities included:

- eSIM Activation Booths: To support customers with the new iPhone 17, which features eSIM-only technology, Batelco set up a dedicated station at its city center store to help with smooth activations.
- Giveaways and Raffles: Customers who made purchases during the launch weekend received exclusive offers and giveaways. Additionally, cus-

tomers who pre-ordered their iPhone 17 enjoyed the convenience of having their devices delivered directly to them during the launch period, ensuring they were among the first to receive it.

Batelco's CEO Maitham Abdulla and General Manager Consumer Aseel Mattar, said: "The way we have celebrated the launch of the iPhone 17 is a reflection of Batelco's ongoing commitment to providing the latest technologies while creating meaningful experiences for our customers. By combining an engaging community event with exclusive in-store experiences, we demonstrate our commitment to building stronger



connections with our customers and ensuring they always receive exceptional service and support."

She added, "With Batelco's state of the art 5G network available across Bahrain, our iPhone 17 customers will enjoy unmatched speed and connectivity, whether streaming, gaming or staying connected on their new devices. This launch event reiterates our role in de-

living world class products, unrivalled connectivity, and engaging experiences that go beyond telecommunications."

Through this unique initiative, Batelco by Beyon once again demonstrated how innovation and lifestyle come together, making the iPhone 17 launch not just about technology, but also about community, connection, and celebration.



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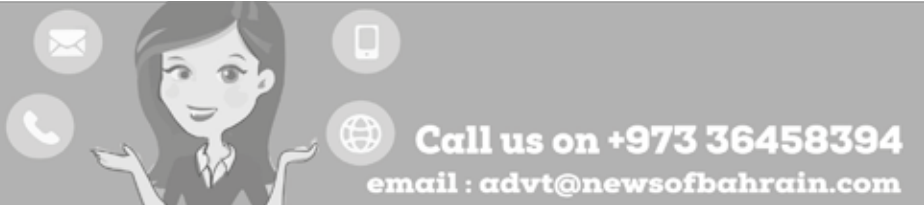
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A'ali run Al Najma ragged, Malkiya sneak past Budaiya

Brazilian stars shine for Vincius' A'ali in NPL Week 2

● **A'ali thrash Al Najma 3-0**

● **Cordoso bags a brace**

● **Al Malkiya snatch win in stoppage time**

● **Week two continues tonight with two more fixtures**

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

After losing 1-0 to Al Khaldiya in week one of the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League, A'ali bounced back in style yesterday with a 3-0 win over Al Najma at the National Stadium in Riffa, who were themselves coming off a 1-1 draw with Riffa.

The scoring began when Brazilian forward Diego Cordoso capitalized on a rushed challenge by Al Najma's keeper Omar Mohammed. The ball deflected off Omar, leaving Cordoso with an empty net to roll the ball into.

Cordoso at the Double

A'ali's second goal came courtesy of another Brazilian, Matheus Lima, who finished a perfect over-the-top ball from Robson. Lima had all the time to



Sayed Hashim Isa celebrates Malkiya's stoppage time winner

pick his spot and calmly slotted the ball home.

Cordoso completed his brace with the third goal after a well-constructed move starting from Yassine Karim down the right wing. Karim found Jassim Khuleif, whose pass put Cordoso in front of an empty net once again to finish the move.

Malkia Snatch Dramatic Win

At Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town, Budaiya came off a 1-1 draw in week one but

dropped points again, losing 2-1 to Al Malkiya, who themselves had drawn 2-2 with Hidd. All three goals came in the final ten minutes.

Brazilian Adriano Suarez opened the scoring for Budaiya with a header at the back post from a corner, despite the keeper getting a hand to it.

Malkiya equalized in the 90th minute through Mohammed Salem. Budaiya's keeper Mohammed Marhoon saved an effort from Sayed Hashim Isa, but the



Aali's Cordoso celebrate his brace

rebound fell into Salem's path, and he guided it into the bottom corner.

Moments later, the winner came deep into stoppage time in the 95th minute. Following a fast counterattack, a through ball found Salem whose initial effort was parried, leaving Sayed Hashim Isa to smash home the rebound and complete a stunning comeback.

More Action Ahead

Week two continues today

with Sitra vs Riffa at the National Stadium and Hidd vs Bahrain Club at the Shaikh Ali Bin Mohammed Bin Isa Al Khalifa Stadium in Arad. Both matches are scheduled for 4:50 PM kick-offs.

The 2025-26 Nasser Bin Hamad Bahrain Premier League continues in a double round-robin format, with the first round running through to the 11th match week starting January 8, before the second round of 11 match weeks is scheduled.

Arsenal will learn from Lewis-Skelly's Haaland taunt: Arteta

AFP | Sydney

Mikel Arteta expects Arsenal to learn from Myles Lewis-Skelly's provocative celebration against Manchester City last season when the title rivals clash at the Emirates Stadium on Sunday.

Arsenal defender Lewis-Skelly mocked City striker Erling Haaland by coping his zen goal celebration after scoring a stormy 5-1 rout of Pep Guardiola's side in February.

With Arsenal falling just short in title fights with City in 2023 and 2024, the rivalry between the clubs has grown increasingly acrimonious.

Haaland had taunted Arsenal boss Arteta by urging him to "stay humble" following a stormy 2-2 draw at the Etihad Stadium earlier last season.

Teenager Lewis-Skelly, who has not started a game for Arsenal this season, was criticised for his inflammatory celebration.

Asked if he had spoken to his players about their goal celebrations ahead of Sunday's showdown, Arteta told reporters: "Well that was done, and that's part of it."

"There have been a lot of celebrations or non-celebrations in the past from a lot of teams. The experience is to learn and

grow as well and we certainly learnt from that."

Arsenal were without Bukayo Saka, Martin Odegaard, and Ben White for their midweek Champions League win against Athletic Bilbao in Spain.

Arteta hinted Arsenal could face City without the trio after revealing they are yet to train this week.

"If there is a chance it will be after tomorrow's session because they haven't done anything yet. We will have more information tomorrow," he said.

"Everything has been modified so far for them. There are still a few things to clear and we'll have more information on whether they are part of the squad or if they have a chance to be part of the squad."

Arsenal striker Viktor Gyokeres is expected to be available after needing stitches for a head injury sustained following a clash of heads with team-mate Gabriel Magalhães.



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Swiatek made to wait as Seoul quarter-finals washed out

AFP | Seoul

Iga Swiatek's Korea Open quarter-final against Barbora Krejickova was postponed yesterday as rain washed out the day's play in Seoul.

All four singles quarter-finals were pushed back to Saturday as bad weather continued to affect the tournament, which has been hit with delays all week.

The semi-finals will take place on Saturday evening, with mostly warm and sunny weather forecast for much of the day.

Six-time Grand Slam champion Swiatek opened her campaign with a 6-3, 6-2 win over



A view of the wet court

Romania's Sorana Cirstea on Thursday.

It was the world number two's first outing since she lost in straight sets to eventual finalist Amanda Anisimova at the US Open.

Two-time major champion Krejickova advanced to the quarter-finals after beating Britain's Emma Raducanu in three battling sets.

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Balew qualifies for 5000m final

Bahrain's Last Push for Gold in Tokyo Worlds

- **Balew advances in 5000m heats**
- **Final set for championship close**
- **Naser, Yavi both win medals**

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Bahrain's Birhanu Balew booked his place in the men's 5000m final at the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025, clocking 13:41.75 to finish third in his heat yesterday. The 29-year-old edged Britain's George Mills by just 0.01 seconds to claim one of the eight automatic qualifying spots in a tightly packed field. The final is set for tomorrow at 1:47pm Bahrain time.

His heat featured some of the biggest names in long-distance running, including Ethiopia's

Men's 5000m Heat 2 - Tokyo 25			
Pos	Athlete	Country	Time
1	Biniam Mehary	ETH	13:41.52
2	Jimmy Gressier	FRA	13:41.64
3	Birhanu Balew	BRN	13:41.75
4	George Mills	GBR	13:41.76
5	Valentin Soca	URU	13:41.80
6	Grant Fisher	USA	13:41.83
7	Yann Schrub	FRA	13:42.00
8	Jakob Ingebrigtsen	NOR	13:42.15

Biniam Mehary, France's Jimmy Gressier, US star Grant Fisher, and reigning Olympic and world champion Jakob Ingebrigtsen of Norway. Mehary took the heat win in 13:41.52, followed by Gressier in 13:41.64.

Bahrain's Championships So Far

Balew is the last Bahraini in action at Tokyo 2025. Earlier this week, Winfred Yavi claimed silver in the women's 3000m steeplechase in 8:56.46, while Salwa Eid Naser secured bronze in the women's 400m with a time of 48.19 in a historic sub-48 final.

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Balew edged through his heat by 0.01 seconds

Nelly Jepkosgei also competed, running 2:02.79 in the women's 800m heats but missing out on the semi-finals.

In the 5000m semi yesterday, Balew finished approximately 53 seconds off his season and personal best of 12:48.67 set earlier this year in Paris. While advancing to the medal race confirmed his place among the world's elite, the final result reflected either tactical pacing or a lack of peak form heading into the concluding day of the championships.



Balew (C) races ahead of his competitors

Slot thanks Everton for solidarity after Jota tragedy



Diogo Jotar reacts during a match (file photo)

AFP | London

Liverpool manager Arne Slot thanked Everton for the support they showed their Merseyside rivals after Diogo Jota's tragic death in July.

Jota died at the age of 28 in a car accident in Spain, plunging Liverpool into mourning just weeks after they celebrated winning the Premier League title.

The Portuguese's final goal came in the last Merseyside derby in a 1-0 Liverpool win in April.

Everton make the trip back to Anfield on Saturday and yesterday Slot took the opportunity to praise the respect between the clubs despite their intense rivalry.

"They are a good team and there is rivalry but what I also liked and what I want to emphasise is - what they did when Diogo passed away," he told reporters yesterday.

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Despite cruising to the title last season, Liverpool transformed their squad with a record spend of nearly £450 million (\$612 million) for an English club in one transfer window.

The scale of change has shown in some disjointed performances from Slot's men, but they have still managed to win all five of their Premier League and Champions League games so far thanks to late winners in every match.

"I prefer the situation of winning the games and pointing out that we can still improve things, compared to losing games," added Slot.

Hamilton tops practice in Ferrari 1-2 as McLaren struggle in Baku

- **Leclerc and Russell finish behind**

AFP | Baku

Lewis Hamilton topped the times ahead of his Ferrari team-mate Charles Leclerc and former partner George Russell of Mercedes in yesterday's crash-hit second free practice session for this weekend's Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

As the title-chasing McLaren duo series leader Oscar Piastri and closest rival Lando Norris experienced a difficult afternoon of scrapes and suspension failures, the seven-time champion demonstrated why he had felt optimistic on Thursday.

He finished the session with a best lap in 1 minute 41.293 seconds to edge 0.074sec ahead of Baku maestro Leclerc, who is chasing a fifth consecutive pole on the intimidating street track.

Russell was third, almost half a second adrift, ahead of his team-mate Kimi Antonelli, Oliver Bearman of Haas and four-



Ferrari's British driver Lewis Hamilton drives during a practice session

time champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull.

Liam Lawson was seventh for Racing Bulls ahead of Esteban Ocon in the second Haas, Williams' Alex Albon and Norris who suffered an awkward afternoon along with teammate Piastri.

Norris, who is 31 points behind Piastri in the champion-

ship, began the day well enough clocking the best time in the morning session as the pair posted an impressive 1-2.

But it went pear-shaped when the Briton crashed in the second session, smacking the wall at Turn Four. It seemed he had damaged his car's suspension and left rear wheel and he limped back to the pits, missing

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A victory on Sunday would make Hamilton the first Formula 1 driver in history to reach 5,000 championship points

most of the action.

Piastri then brushed the wall at Turn 15, returning to the pits for a check-up.

He was released to continue but caused another scare in the McLaren garage when he locked up at Turn Two with 20 minutes remaining, a signal not only that he was pushing hard in his long run laps, but also that Baku bites any indiscretion.

In the end Piastri could only clock the twelfth fastest time, two places below Norris.

India fend off Oman to claim 21-run Asia Cup win

TDT | Manama

India survived a spirited chase from Oman to secure a 21-run victory in their Asia Cup group clash at the Zayed Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Opting to bat first, India posted 188 for eight in their 20 overs.

Sanju Samson anchored the innings with a composed 56 off 45 balls, while opener Abhishek Sharma blasted 38 from just 15 deliveries to give the start momentum. Quick cameos from Axar Patel (26 off 13) and Tilak Varma (29 off 18) pushed India close to the 190-mark



India's Shivam Dube (L) and Sanju Samson run between the wickets

despite regular breakthroughs by Jiten Ramanandi and Aamir Kaleem, who claimed two wickets apiece.

Chasing 189, Oman began steadily through skipper Jatinder Singh (32) and Kaleem, who struck a fluent 64 off 46 balls with seven fours and two sixes. The partnership between Kaleem and Hammad Mirza (51 off 33) kept the chase alive until the final overs. However, India's bowlers held their nerve, with Kuldeep Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Harshit Rana and Arshdeep Singh sharing the wickets as Oman were restricted to 167 for four.