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### SPORTS **Bahrain outclass UAE**

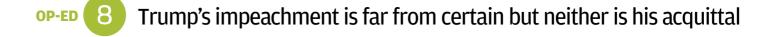
Bahrain powered to a resounding 29-18 victory over the UAE yesterday to begin their Main Round campaign on a positive note in the 2020 Asian Men's Handball Championship, being held in Kuwait.

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Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston's backstage moment at SAG Awards

## **His Majesty begins Morocco visit** Rabat

 $\mathbf{H}$ is Majesty King Ham-ad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday began his visit to Morocco.

His Royal Highness Prince Moulay El Hassan, Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Morocco, received His Majesty upon arrival in Rabat.

## Four killed in **Baghdad as** protests surge **Baghdad**

At least four protesters were killed and dozens injured on Monday as Iraqi security forces clashed with anti-government demonstrators, with the United Nations urging for calm amid heightened tensions.

In the last 24 hours, two protesters were killed in Baghdad, one in Karbala and another in Basra while 14 security forces were injured, an official from the Independent High Commission for Human Rights said.

For three months, Iraqis have been calling for an overhaul of the political system they see as corrupt. On January 13, protesters gave the government a week to meet their demands for sweeping political reforms, or the demonstrations will escalate.

In Baghdad, dozens of protesters were wounded after security forces used tear gas and live ammunition, prompting road closures.



Bahrain welcomes Libya deal reached at Berlin Conference

Number of pending cases before judiciary 'dropped 56pc' last year

Major drug ring busted

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## Last Royal Appointment!



Prince Harry talks to Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson during the UK-Africa Investment Summit in London. Prince Harry yesterday flew to Canada to reunite with Meghan Markle and son Archie Harrison after the 'last royal engagement'. See Page 6

## Man dies minutes after being turned away from private hospital

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n Asian expatriate, who suffered a cardiac arrest, died after being reportedly turned away from a private hospital in Sanad, on Sunday.

The man, in his early forties, died on way to Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), according to friends and relatives.

"We rushed him to the private hospital immediately after he suffered severe chest pain. But the hospital did not admit him, directing us to take the patient to SMC or BDF Hospital," a a hospital, which does inhuclose relative of the deceased,

"The doctors at SMC could not do much as he died on way

on social media, demanding flown home yesterday.

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strict action against the private hospital, which refused to admit a patient in critical stage.

"Hospitals are meant to serve human beings. Here is man service," a friend of the deceased, opined.

The man, who hailed from the Indian state of Kerala, was working with a private firm in Many discussed the matter the Kingdom. His body was

# Economy 'on track'

Mega projects, economic initiatives helping to boost growth, generate employment

The Cabinet reviewed the projects and programmes being implemented by the **Electricity and Water** Authority (EWA) to achieve the priorities included in the

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succeeded in reducing the deficit, maintaining positive economic growth and creating new job opportunities.

While reviewing the work and achievements of the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance in 2019. Deputy Premier, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak praised the tremendous efforts Government Action Plan. exerted by the panel to follow HH Shaikh Mohammed up on the implementation of the recommendations and resolu- for 2019-2020. tions referred to it by the Cabinet.



exerted to implement initiatives lighted topics discussed by the Balance Programme, the Gener- achieving partnership with the and launch mega projects and panel during its meetings, as al State Budget, infrastructure, private sector. economic programmes that have well as the priorities it had set economic reports and enhancing

Bahrain's competitiveness, in ad- Electricity and Water Affairs, the same period.

According to the Minister of tricity and water services.

dition to the relevant local and EWA's programmes and prointernational economic issues jects include providing strategic topped the agenda of the ministe- housing projects with electricity rial committee's meetings during and water services, developing the electrical transmission net-Among other things, the Cab- works of 220, 400 and 66 kV, inet reviewed the projects and establishing a control and monprogrammes being implement- itoring centre for electricity and ed by the Electricity and Water water networks, developing the Authority (EWA) to achieve the water transmission networks, priorities included in the Gov- developing the water transmisernment Action Plan and initi- sion network associated with the atives to consolidate financial second stage of the Al Dur pow-The priorities, based on the sustainability and economic de- er and water production plant, In this context, Deputy Pre- initiatives of the Government velopment, secure a supportive collecting the dues of EWA from he Cabinet chaired by mier and Chairman of the Min- Action Plan and Fiscal Balance environment for sustainable de- subscribers in the private sector Deputy Prime Minister, isterial Committee for Finan- Programme, cover seven themes velopment, enhance the efficien- and SMEs, checking energy in His Highness Shaikh Mo-cial and Economic Affairs and under which 27 programmes are cy of resources and energy use, buildings and facilities, improvhammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Fiscal Balance, Shaikh Khalid implemented, the Deputy Pre- in addition to implementing the ing lighting efficiency and recommended the 'positive' efforts bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, high- mier said, adding that the Fiscal Fiscal Balance Programme and placing traditional lighting lamps with energy-saving ones and the development of electronic elec-

### WEEKEND VIOLENCE

## Lebanon president to chair crisis talks

Beirut

to discuss rare violence over try.

Michel Aoun will be joined by the care-taker ministers of the inagencies in the early afternoon, reported.

his office said in a statement.

The meeting will touch on "seebanon's under-fire presi- curity developments" in a coundent is set to meet Monday try rocked since October 17 by with top security officials unprecedented protests against a political class deemed incomthe weekend that left hundreds petent, corrupt and responsible wounded in the protest-hit counfor an ever-deepening economic crisis

It will also address "measures that need to be taken to preserve terior and defence as well as the peace and stability," the statechiefs of the military and security run National News agency (NNA)



Michel Aoun

lobbed stones, firecrackers and street signs at riot police, who rity forces. fired tear gas and rubber bullets to clear a flashpoint road near parliament.

Over the most violent weekend in three months of street protests, some 530 were wounded on both sides, according to a toll compiled by AFP from figures provided by the Red Cross and Civil Defence.

Lawyers and rights groups

Demonstrators at the weekend have condemned the "excessive" and "brutal" use of force by secu-

> Human Rights Watch accused riot police of "launching tear gas canisters at protesters' heads, firing rubber bullets in their eyes and attacking people at hospitals and a mosque."

Internal Security Forces, for their part, have urged demonstrators to abstain from assaulting riot police and damaging public or private property.