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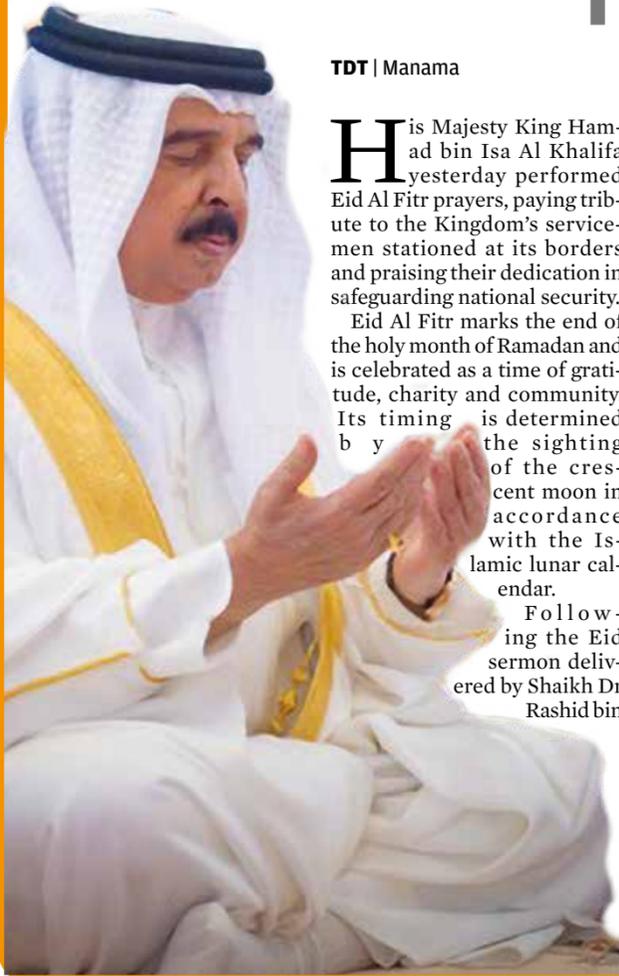
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# HM King leads Eid prayers

## Tribute paid to servicemen



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday performed Eid Al Fitr prayers, paying tribute to the Kingdom's servicemen stationed at its borders and praising their dedication in safeguarding national security.

Eid Al Fitr marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan and is celebrated as a time of gratitude, charity and community. Its timing is determined by the sighting of the crescent moon in accordance with the Islamic lunar calendar.

Following the Eid sermon delivered by Shaikh Dr Rashid bin


**Congratulations to the people of Bahrain on Eid Al Fitr, with wishes for continued prosperity, blessings and progress for the Kingdom, and honour and advancement for the Arab and Islamic nations**

HM KING

### Unity key as Eid marked amid challenges, says Al Hajeri

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Eid remains a time of joy and gratitude despite the challenges facing the Kingdom, said Shaikh Dr Rashid bin Mohammed Al Hajeri in his Eid sermon, underscoring the importance of unity, cohesion and standing firmly with the Kingdom's leadership.

The Chairman of the Sunni Endowments Council also described the recent attack

on Bahrain by Iran as a flagrant violation of norms, laws and sanctities that endangered lives and spread fear among civilians.

Shaikh Al Hajeri praised Bahrain's leadership for its efforts and highlighted the broad international support reflected in a United Nations Security Council resolution, backed by 136 countries, condemning the attacks targeting Gulf Cooperation Coun-

cil states and Jordan and calling for their immediate cessation, as well as an end to all forms of provocation or threats against neighbouring states.

He concluded with prayers for the continued success of His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as for the Kingdom's servicemen stationed in defence of its security.

HM also wished everyone a blessed Eid, expressing hope that the coming days would inspire continued achievement and contributions in service of the nation. Further, His Majesty extended his greetings to personnel of the military and security sectors, praising their dedication, discipline and vigilance in addressing regional challenges and safeguarding the Kingdom's security and stability. Attendees, in turn, conveyed their sincere congratulations and best wishes to His Majesty.

**UAE**

HM King also exchanged Eid Al Fitr greetings with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President of the United Arab Emirates, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. His Majesty the King and His Highness wished the two countries and their peoples, as well as the Arab and Islamic nations, continued progress and prosperity.

**HM visits Operations room**

Separately, His Majesty the King, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, visited a joint operations room in the Kingdom yesterday.

ammed Al Hajeri, Chairman of the Sunni Endowments Council, His Majesty exchanged Eid greetings with attendees, expressing appreciation for their kind sentiments.

The sermon opened with

praise to Allah Almighty and prayers upon Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him), his family and companions, and highlighted values of gratitude, compassion and solidarity.

His Majesty said: "Congratu-

lations to the people of Bahrain on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr. May it return with continued prosperity, blessings, and progress for the Kingdom, and with honour and advancement for the Arab and Islamic nations."

**For peace, unity**

**Civil defence extinguishes fire at company warehouse**

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Bahrain's Civil Defence successfully extinguished a fire that broke out in a company warehouse following a malicious Iranian attack, officials said.

The operation involved 20 vehicles and 62 officers and personnel, while relevant authorities immediately began their on-site investigations.



## India PM holds Eid call with HM King, condemns energy attacks

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India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday reiterated the importance of ensuring freedom of navigation and keeping shipping lines open and secure during a telephonic conversation with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Later, the Prime Minister, in a post on X, highlighted the talks as "fruitful," while conveying warm greetings on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr to HM the King and the people of Bahrain.

During the call, the leaders discussed the current situation in the West Asian region. Modi condemned attacks on energy and civilian infrastructure, underscoring their adverse impact on global food, fuel, and fertilizer security.

PM Modi also reiterated the importance of ensuring free-



dom of navigation and keeping shipping lines open and secure, highlighting the role of safe maritime routes in protecting global supply chains and enhancing regional stability.

The Prime Minister fur-

ther thanked His Majesty for his continued support for the well-being of the Indian community in Bahrain, praising the care and attention extended to the expatriate community under the King's leadership.

## US deploying more Marines to MidEast

AFP | Washington, United States

The United States is deploying additional Marines to the Middle East, US media reported yesterday, possibly signaling a coming ground operation three weeks into the US-Israeli campaign against Iran.

The reports came as Axios said President Donald Trump's administration is mulling seizing Iran's strategic Kharg Island to pressure the Islamic republic to reopen the Strait of Hormuz -- a mission that could fall to US Marines.

The Wall Street Journal said Washington is deploying between 2,200 and 2,500 Marines from the California-based USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

CNN meanwhile said thou-

**Could 'take out' Iran's Kharg Island any time: White House**

Washington, United States

The United States could "take out" Iran's Kharg island whenever it wanted, the White House said Friday, after a report that President Donald Trump's administration was considering plans to occupy or blockade the oil hub.

Axios reported that Trump was mulling an operation to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

sands of Marines and sailors were expected to deploy to the Middle East.





# Faith, unity mark **Eid** celebrations across Bahrain

● Mosques witnessed smooth organisation and orderly movement of worshippers, reflecting the efforts of authorities in ensuring a safe and comfortable environment for prayers.

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Eid Al Fitr prayers were held across mosques and prayer grounds here yesterday morning, in an atmosphere of faith, hope and optimism despite the exceptional circumstances facing the Kingdom amid the repercussions of recent regional developments.

Worshippers gathered from the early hours, filling mosques and designated open areas in a scene reflecting the community's commitment to observing religious traditions and welcoming Eid with a spirit of calm and devotion.

The prayers coincided with mild spring weather and light rainfall, which many described as a positive sign and a blessing, adding a special atmosphere to



the occasion and reinforcing a sense of hope and renewal.

During the prayers, worshippers raised their hands in supplication, praying for the continued safety and stability of Bahrain and its people, and for the well-being and success of

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

They also prayed for peace and stability across the region, expressing confidence in Bah-

rain's ability to overcome challenges through unity and solidarity.

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environment for prayers.

Following the prayers, people exchanged Eid greetings in scenes that embodied the spirit of the occasion and the values of compassion and social cohesion, highlighting the strength and resilience of Bahraini society.

Separately, the spirit of Eid was also reflected in neighbourhood gatherings across the Kingdom, where families opened their majlis to visitors in a long-standing social tradition.

A widely shared remark by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa – "Bahrain is well, as long as its people are its strength" – resonated strongly among citizens as they marked the first day of Eid with hope and optimism.

Homes and majlis were filled with visitors of all ages, as families exchanged greetings and children celebrated in festive attire, while elders gathered to share conversations and memories.

The scenes reflected deep-rooted social bonds and the enduring traditions that define Bahraini society, with gatherings serving as a space to reinforce unity and togetherness, particularly in challenging times.

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The celebrations underscored that Eid Al Fitr remains a unifying occasion, bringing together communities and renewing values of compassion, connection and resilience, even amid evolving circumstances.



The security of the GCC countries is an indivisible and interconnected system, based on the Council's charter and joint defence frameworks, the US House Foreign Affairs Committee affirmed during a meeting with the ambassadors of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Jordan. The meeting, held under Bahrain's presidency of the 46th GCC session, was chaired by Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ambassador to the United States. It was attended by several members of Congress, including Representative Gregory Meeks, Ranking Member of the Committee; Representative Mike Lawler, Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Middle East; Representative Brad Sherman, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee; and Representatives Joe Wilson and Seth Moulton, members of the House Armed Services Committee. Participants highlighted the importance of continued coordination with the United States and international partners to address security challenges, protect critical facilities, and support regional and global stability.

## BDF shoots down 141 missiles, 242 drones

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The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) has intercepted and destroyed 141 ballistic missiles and 242 drones targeting the Kingdom since the start of Iranian hostilities, the General Command announced.

The BDF praised the exceptional vigilance and combat readiness of its personnel, commending their sustained operational effectiveness in safeguarding Bahrain. The

force's performance continues to reinforce confidence that the Kingdom's skies remain secure.

The General Command urged all members of the public to exercise the utmost caution for their personal safety. Citizens and residents are advised to: Keep clear of affectional areas and any suspicious objects; refrain from filming or photographing military operations or debris sites; avoid spreading unverified informa-

tion; and consult only official and government media channels for updates, alerts, and advisories.

The General Command further emphasised that the use of ballistic missiles and drones to target civilian areas and private property constitutes a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law and the United Nations Charter. These indiscriminate attacks represent a direct threat to regional peace and security.

# Over 2,300 tonnes of meat imported

Inspections stepped up to ensure food safety during festive season



- 2,349 tonnes of meat imported; 8,107 sheep and 385 cattle brought in

- 777 laboratory tests conducted, 112 import permits issued in March

- Strict checks enforced; public urged to use licensed abattoirs

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Bahrain imported 2,349 tonnes of chilled and frozen meat, along with 8,107 sheep and 385 cattle, to meet heightened demand during Ramadan and Eid Al Fitr, a senior official said.

The figures were revealed by Asim Abdullatif Abdullah, Assistant Undersecretary for Agriculture and Animal Wealth at the

Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, during an inspection visit to review food safety measures.

As part of intensified efforts, the Kingdom conducted 777 laboratory tests between March 1 and 15, while 112 import permits were issued, he said.

The official stressed that veterinary quarantine facilities

play a key role in ensuring the safety of meat imports and protecting food security and public health.

"All shipments must meet strict requirements, including official health certificates, certificates of origin and approved halal certification, with additional testing conducted upon arrival before market distribution," he added.

He also underscored the ministry's commitment to food safety, warning against unauthorised slaughter and urging the public to use licensed abattoirs to safeguard public health and the environment.

## Man jailed for three years for smuggling tombak in onions

Mohammed Darwish  
TDI | Manama

A man in his forties has been sentenced to three years in prison for attempting to smuggle tombak into Bahrain by concealing it inside onions imported from an Asian country.

The High Criminal Court also ordered his deportation after serving the sentence and imposed a series of fines. The defendant was fined BD3,985, with an equivalent amount in value-added tax. Additional

**A customs officer inspecting a shipment of onions noticed their unusually large size and sent the load through an X-ray scanner.**

fines of BD19,925 were imposed on the value of the goods and evasion of customs duties, another BD19,925 in excise tax, and

a further BD19,925 fine.

The case began at the seaport when a customs officer inspecting a shipment of onions noticed their unusually large size and sent the load through an X-ray scanner. The scan revealed irregular contents inside the onions. Upon opening the sacks and cutting the onions, inspectors discovered they had been packed with tombak, a substance banned in Bahrain.

The search led to the seizure of 11,110 bags of tombak, weighing a total of 1,035 kilograms.

Authorities assessed the value of the seized goods at around BD19,925, after which the material was secured and handed over to the relevant customs department.

A customs clearance agent told the court that the defendant had contacted him regarding the onion shipment and asked about the required paperwork for import. The agent requested the shipment documents and customs authorisation, which were subsequently provided after the fees were paid.

## Grand Imam of Al Azhar condemns Iranian aggression targeting Bahrain

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received a letter from His Eminence Dr. Ahmed Al Tayyeb, Grand Imam of Al Azhar Al Sharif and Chairman of the Muslim Council of Elders.

His Eminence expressed his sorrow and strong condemnation of the continued hostile Iranian aggression targeting the Kingdom of Bahrain, de-

scribing them as treacherous acts that have terrorised civilians, caused damage to facilities, and resulted in innocent casualties.

His Eminence also conveyed to HRH his congratulations on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr, expressing his confidence in the unity and resilience of the people of Bahrain and their steadfast support for the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

## Warning for Bahrain-Saudi travelers: Pregnant woman detained after taxi driver's liquor smuggling attempt

Pradeep Puravankara  
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Expatriates traveling from Bahrain to their home countries via Dammam, Saudi Arabia, are urged to exercise extreme caution following a distressing incident involving a pregnant woman. The woman, along with another passenger, was recently detained by the Saudi authorities due to a

taxi driver's hidden smuggling attempt. The woman, who is three months pregnant, had decided to resign from her job and return to Kerala due to the current exceptional circumstances in the region. A private travel agency in Bahrain had arranged her visa, flight tickets from Dammam, and a private taxi to transport her across the King Fahd Causeway.

Unbeknownst to the passen-

gers, the taxi driver had hidden bottles of liquor in the vehicle. During a routine inspection at Saudi Customs, the contraband was discovered. Since Saudi Arabia maintains a zero-tolerance policy and strict legal framework against alcohol and drugs, the police immediately took the driver, the pregnant woman, and the fellow passenger into custody. Upon learning of the situation, prominent Bah-

rain-based social worker Fazal Ul Haq intervened. Through his timely coordination with the relevant authorities, he was able to prove the passengers' innocence.

**passengers were released**

Following the investigation, the passengers were released, while the driver remains in custody facing legal proceedings. Reports also indicate that the

vehicle used was a rental car from Bahrain, which is now likely to be confiscated by the authorities.

The travel agency has since arranged an alternative flight for the woman to return home via Dubai today. (21st March)

Social workers and community leaders have advised the expatriate community to remain vigilant. While it is natural for many to feel anxious

and seek a quick return home given the current regional tensions, travelers must ensure they use verified transport services.

"When traveling to countries like Saudi Arabia, where laws are extremely strict, one must be aware of thorough inspections. Do not fall into such traps by trusting unverified private transport," a spokesperson commented.

# Rain, hail and thunderstorms bring relief amid regional tensions

Bahrain experiences light to moderate rain as residents welcome respite

● Forecasts warn of continued unstable weather across Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE

● Traffic authorities urge drivers to maintain safety amid wet roads and gusty winds.

● Regional forecasts warn of rain, thunderstorms and strong winds across Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.

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In contrast to a once-in-500-year heatwave in the United States, countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), including Bahrain, experienced rain and thunderstorms, bringing much-needed relief to residents amid recent missile tensions.

“good omen”

Citizens and residents welcomed the weather, with many describing it as a “good omen” that combined the joy of Eid with a refreshing seasonal touch. The light rain in the early hours of Eid al-Fitr, many told the Daily Tribune, added a distinctive character to the celebrations.

The showers came alongside mild spring temperatures ranging between 20 and 25°C, moderating the atmosphere and giving the holiday a unique feel this year.

The Meteorology Department at the Ministry of Transport and Communications reported that today's weather is expected to



Street scene in Bahrain following rain

be partly cloudy to cloudy at times, with a chance of scattered rain, while daytime and evening conditions remain moderate, suitable for holiday visits and outdoor activities. Winds are expected to be easterly to north-easterly, moderate in speed and occasionally active, with high

humidity levels, reflecting the mild fluctuations experienced across the Kingdom during this period.

Exercise caution

Across Bahrain, light to moderate rain, thunderstorms, and hail were recorded in several areas, accompanied by gusty



**Civil Defence rescues eight, extinguishes fire in Amwaj residential building**

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Bahrain's Civil Defence rescued eight people and extinguished a fire in a multi-storey residential building in Amwaj, authorities said.

A 15-year-old girl suffering from smoke inhalation was transported to the hospital by the National Ambulance. Investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.



A screen grab of a Social media video shows rain atMakkah



A screen grab taken from a video posted on social media shows rain at Masjid Quba in Madinah

winds. The General Directorate of Traffic urged motorists to exercise caution, advising drivers to maintain focus, follow lanes and speed limits, keep safe distances, and avoid distractions. Authorities emphasised road safety under these conditions.

GCC

The weather pattern extended to neighbouring Saudi Arabia, where the National Center for Meteorology (NCM) forecast variable conditions across the Kingdom. Moderate to heavy rainfall is expected in Riyadh, the Eastern Province, Qassim, Makkah, Madinah, Hail, and Najran, and in the highlands of Asir, Jazan, and Al-Baha, as well as parts of the Northern Borders, Al-Jouf, and Tabuk. Active winds causing dust are forecast in Tabuk, Al-Jouf, the Northern Borders, Hail, and Qassim, while fog may form in the Eastern Province, Northern Borders, Al-Jouf, and the highlands of Asir, Al-Baha, and Makkah. Unconfirmed reports also suggested the formation of temporary desert waterfalls in parts of Saudi Arabia, especially in mountainous and wadi regions, following heavy rainfall.

The UAE is experiencing unstable weather during Eid week, with rain, thunderstorms, strong winds, and possible hail, prompting warnings that outdoor activities could be disrupted.

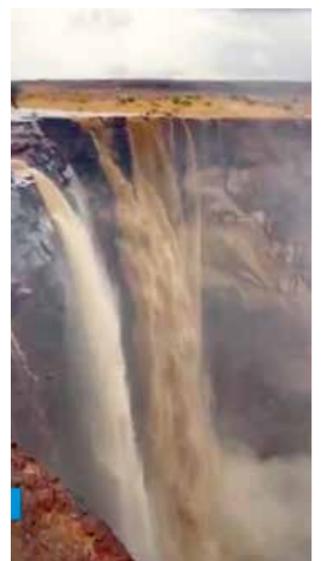
**Regional forecasts for other GCC states:**

- Qatar: Official weather X/Twitter account warns of expected rain, thunderstorms, rough seas, and strong winds.

- Oman and the UAE: Climate forecasters and social media posts indicate expected heavy rain across parts of the region in the coming days as part of a broader unsettled pattern.

- Kuwait: Weather services forecast rain and thunderstorms in Kuwait City, with possible flash flooding risks on roads.

Authorities across the region attribute the conditions to seasonal atmospheric instability and have issued alerts and safety advisories to residents, road users, and visitors, ensuring precautions are taken amid the unsettled weather during the seasonal transition.



Large waterfalls cascade across the Arabian desert following heavy rains, forming temporary streams and flood surges in areas such as Al-Ula. The phenomenon, seen, highlights the dramatic impact of rare desert storms on the arid landscape. Source: yourweather.co.uk

## Court orders tenant company to pay BD8,700 and vacate shop

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

A Manama court has ordered a tenant company to vacate its premises and pay BD8,700 in

unpaid rent, after finding that rent had not been paid for over two consecutive months.

The court also awarded 1% annual interest on each missed monthly payment from February 2024 until full settlement, BD100 in lawyers' fees, and BD5 for translation costs, while dismissing claims against the second and third defendants.

Four landlords had filed the case seeking to end the tenancy, recover arrears, and regain the property. The court noted that the tenant rented the site for BD350 a month but had

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defaulted on part of February 2024 rent and all payments from March 2024 to February 2026. The lease was undisputed, and no payments were shown.

Under Bahraini law, landlords may request eviction if rent remains unpaid for two consecutive months. The court ruled that the legal criteria for ending the lease were met, ordering the tenant company to vacate the shop.

The court clarified that the second and third defendants were not liable, as the lease was solely between the landlords and the company. It also refused to impose the contract registration fee on the tenant, citing the Property Rent Law.

## Judges ready for English cases, execution still in the works

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Bahrain's Supreme Judicial Council has been training judicial personnel to handle cases in English, the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf said, though executing English-language judgments without Arabic translation remains a step for the future.

The ministry's statement came in response to a question from Shura Council member Dalal Al Zayed, who asked whether steps would be taken to establish a specialised judicial body and a dedicated route for enforcing judgments issued



in English.

Arabic remains the official language of Bahrain's courts, the ministry said, citing Decree-Law No. 27 of 2021, which allows parties to select another language before filing a case if agreed in writing. It also

referred to Decision No. 28 of 2023, governing the use of English before courts and the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution, including the types of disputes, terms of the agreement, and rules on translation and witness testimony.

The ministry said the Supreme Judicial Council, in coordination with the Judicial and Legal Studies Institute, has prepared judicial personnel—particularly those proficient in English—for commercial disputes and contract cases. The training is part of the “Judges of the Future” programme, designed to equip judges for legal and technical developments.

Bahraini courts have already issued judgments in English, including rulings from the Court of Cassation, demonstrating the system's readiness and building trust domestically and internationally.

Regarding enforcement, the ministry said that carrying out English-language judgments without Arabic translation is part of future planning and will depend on practical needs. Currently, such rulings are executed under the Civil and Commercial Implementation Law (Decree-Law No. 22 of 2021), with no special provisions for English-language judgments.

# Stocks drop, as oil rises as Mideast war persists

● **Brent crude, the benchmark international oil contract, rose 1.2% on Friday to nearly \$110 per barrel.**

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stocks fell while oil prices pushed higher yesterday at the end of a turbulent week in which attacks on Gulf energy infrastructure rattled global markets and sparked fears of an energy shock.

Oil prices have soared following the US-Israeli war on Iran begun on February 28 but have slid back from peaks which saw Brent crude briefly close in on the \$120 mark on Thursday, up from \$60 pre-conflict.

Brent crude, the benchmark international oil contract, rose 1.2% on Friday to nearly \$110 per barrel. The main US contract, West Texas Intermediate, rose 1.9 percent to over \$97 per barrel.

Brent spiked higher on Thursday after Tehran struck a number of energy sites around the Gulf in retaliation for Israel's attack on its South Pars field.

The attacks raised the spectre that the world may have to do without the 20% of oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) that normally transit through

## Key figures at around 1630 GMT

Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 1.2% at \$109.96 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 1.9% at \$97.32 per barrel
New York - Dow:	▼ 0.5% at 45,796.12 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.8% at 6,554.83
Nasdaq Composite:	▼ 1.2% at 21,836.18
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 1.4% at 9,918.33 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 1.8% at 7,665.62 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 2.0% at 22,380.19 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 0.9% at 25,277.32 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 1.2% at 3,957.05 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	Closed for a holiday
New York - Dow:	▼ 0.4% at 46,021.43 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1560 from \$1.1583 on Thursday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3324 from \$1.3425
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 159.22 yen from 157.65 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.77 pence from 86.23 pence

the Strait of Hormuz -- which Iran has effectively shut since the start of the war -- for much longer.

Energy infrastructure continued to be targeted: Kuwait reported a fire at its Mina Al-Ahmadi refinery, a day after a direct hit on Qatar's Ras Laffan facility -- the world's largest LNG hub.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei remained defiant on Friday, saying that Iranians had dealt a "dizzying blow" to the country's enemies.

US President Donald Trump sought to calm markets on

Thursday by saying Israeli forces would not target any more of Tehran's energy infrastructure, while Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu indicated the end of the fighting could be close.

"Some calm has descended on markets after a brutal week, but fears remain elevated about how economies will respond to an inflation shock sparked by rampant energy prices," said Susannah Streeter, chief investment strategist at Wealth Club.

For Kathleen Brooks, XTB research director, "the bond market is leading the sell off today, even though gains for the oil

price are moderate compared to Thursday, and European stock markets are stabilizing.

"The bond sell-off is a problem for the global economy, particularly the UK."

After the BoE flagged inflation risks, UK 10-year bond yields surged to the highest level since the 2008 global financial crisis.

"US Treasury yields climbed to their highest level since mid-2025, with investors increasingly pricing in a more hawkish Federal Reserve amid concerns that the conflict could sustain inflationary pressures," said analyst Axel Rudolph at investing and trading platform IG.

While the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank both held interest rates steady this week, they voiced concern about the impact of rising energy costs.

Rising bond yields and the prospect of higher interest rates weighed on equity markets.

Wall Street stocks were lower in early afternoon trading. The Nasdaq was down 1.2%, with tech firms sensitive to interest rates.

European markets ended the day lower, with London's FTSE 100 sliding below the 10,000 level for the first time since early January as bond concerns mounted.

The dollar firmed against its main rivals.

## BAAA condemns Iranian attacks, pledges support for national security

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The Bahrain Accountants and Auditors Association (BAAA) has strongly condemned the recent Iranian aggression targeting Bahrain, which struck civilian, economic, and infrastructure facilities in violation of international law and state sovereignty.

In a statement, the association commended the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the efforts of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as the Bahrain Defence Force and Ministry of Interior security agencies, for safeguarding the Kingdom and countering the attacks.

The BAAA affirmed its full support for measures taken by authorities to protect national security and ensure the safety of citizens and residents, expressing confidence in the ability of state institutions to mitigate the impact of such attacks while maintaining stability.

## Trump gets approval for gold coin in his likeness

New York, United States

An advisory commission hand-picked by President Donald Trump has approved the design of a commemorative gold coin featuring his image, officials said Thursday, in a move slammed by Democratic opponents.

The US Commission of Fine Arts declined to comment when asked by AFP after several media outlets showed the proposed design in reporting on the approval.

The coin is supposed to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

One side of it shows a glaring Trump standing with his fists bunched on a desk, and the other features an eagle

perched with wings spread on what appears to be a bell.

The coin does not have a monetary value and its sale price has not been disclosed, but similar commemorative coins sold by the US Mint can cost over \$1,000.

"We are thrilled to prepare coins that represent the enduring spirit of our country and democracy, and there is no profile more emblematic for the front of such coins than that of our serving president," US Treasurer Brandon Beach said in a statement.

Beach noted that the design would differ from Trump images being planned for two other coins, a \$1 piece that would be in circulation, and a one-ounce gold one.

# How can Hormuz shipping blockage be solved?

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Here are five ways that experts say commodities could begin moving again through the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial trade route currently blocked by Iranian forces in the Middle East war.

## US-led military action

The most-talked-about option is for the US and willing allies to secure the 167-kilometre (104-mile) long passage militarily.

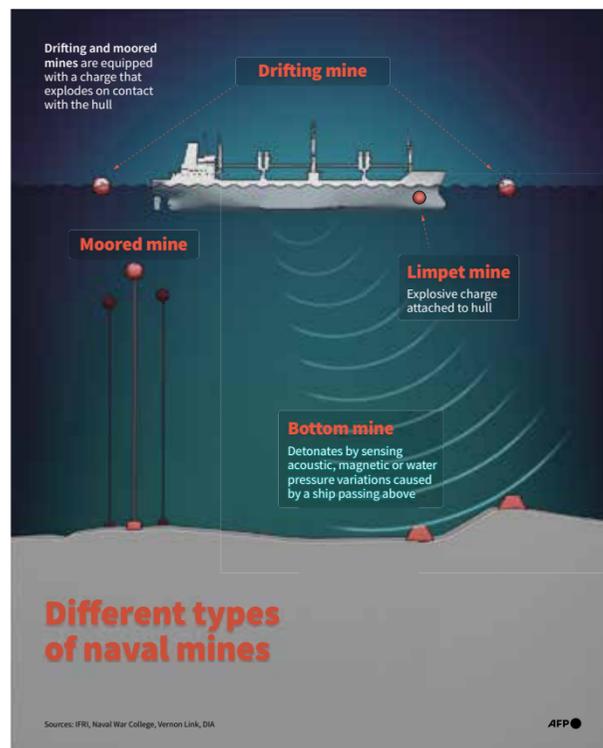
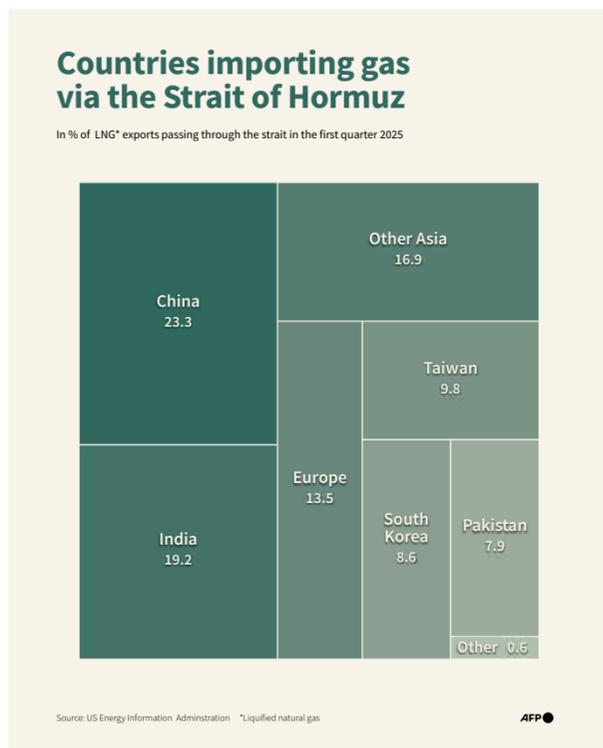
There are currently two US carrier strike groups -- naval formations built around an aircraft carrier -- in the region, the "bare minimum number of warships" required for an escort mission, Nick Childs, senior fellow at the IISS, told a seminar convened by the London-based defence think-tank.

Britain, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Japan on Thursday said they were ready "to contribute to appropriate efforts to ensure safe passage through the strait."

But it remains a daunting mission.

"This is not just a maritime issue, and escort ships will not solve the problem alone... it would need a whole wrap around it, of air capability, maritime capability, crewed, uncrewed, long-range strike, short-strike, et cetera," a UK defence official said in a briefing on Wednesday.

"It's a significant military



Her colleague Cichen Shen added there was evidence of a potential Chinese exit plan where tankers pay a "7.5 percent of hull value" insurance rate for 72 hours of coverage to transit the strait.

## Muddle through

Iran could continue to maintain a partial opening of the strait in the medium term, with opaque rules for transiting, Richard Luckyn-Malone of intelligence consultancy Herminius told the Marine Insurance London industry conference on Friday.

"Strategic ambiguity is absolutely fundamental to what they do, and it would very much serve Iran's purposes if this was where we sat," he said.

But he questioned whether "the world is actually going to sit still and accept the idea of the straits being ambiguously open for months and months."

## Wait it out

Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf warned on Tuesday that "the Strait of Hormuz won't return to its pre-war status."

"Even in the best-case scenario, going back to a fully reopened status is several months away," Luckyn-Malone said.

"There's unexploded ordnance floating around. There may be minefields... and there's going to be nervous security forces on either side."

challenge... This must be a multilateral solution," the official added. "We're not anywhere near that at the moment."

## Diplomatic off-ramp

A purely diplomatic solution remains on the table and is the preferred route for many global leaders.

Several governments are in bilateral talks with Tehran over an "emerging IRGC registration

and vetting system," said Richard Meade, editor-in-chief of maritime intelligence journal Lloyd's List -- a reference to Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

The proposed system would create an Iranian-approved "safe corridor" for ships to use, Meade told an online briefing on Thursday.

"We know that several governments -- including China,

but (also) India, Pakistan, Iraq, Malaysia -- they're all in direct talks with Tehran, coordinating vessel transits," he said.

At least nine ships have already used this corridor, which routes ships close to Iran's Larak Island for visual checks by Iranian authorities, he added.

While this offers some movement, Meade warned that "negotiated safe passage... is unlikely to dramatically increase the

trickle of tonnage".

## Take the chance

Another option is for shipowners to risk crossing the strait without dealing with Iran.

"Greek owners and operators have, typically, a higher risk appetite" and continue to move tankers through the route, Bridget Dyken, an analyst at analysis group Lloyd's List Intelligence, told the briefing.

## Drone attack causes fire at Kuwait oil refinery

AFP | Washington

Drone attacks hit Kuwait's Mina Al-Ahmadi oil refinery yesterday, causing several fires but no casualties, state media said, citing the national oil company.

"The Mina Al-Ahmadi refinery... was subjected early today to several hostile drone attacks, causing fires in some of its units," the official Kuwait News Agency said, adding that "several refinery units were shut down".

The Kuwaiti army later said that the fire was brought under control without any casualties.

"Two drones targeted one of the units in a refinery of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, resulting in a fire that was brought under control by the specialised teams, without any injuries," it said on X.

Iran has stepped up attacks on Gulf energy infrastructure in recent days, hitting refineries and the world's biggest gas hub in Qatar, as Tehran retaliated over Israeli strikes on its South Pars gas field.

In Kuwait, an army statement said air defenses were "responding to hostile missile and drone threats", while the UAE state media reported "incoming missile and drone threats from Iran".

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said in a statement carried by the Tasnim news agency that they had targeted US forces in the UAE's Al-Dhafra air base as well as sites in Israel with missiles and drones.

Saudi Arabia's defense ministry said that its forces had "intercepted and destroyed" more than a dozen drones in the country's east and another in the north.



Mourners bid farewell to the bodies of Iran's slain intelligence minister Esmail Khatib and his family during their funeral after yesterday noon prayers in Tehran

● **Iran's military threatened to hunt down US and Israeli officials and army commanders even while they were on holiday or visiting entertainment centres**

● **Israel's military said it was launching strikes in Iran's Noor region on the shores of the Caspian Sea, a day after carrying out its first strikes against Iranian targets in the body of water bordered by five nations**

● **The United States and Israel struck 16 Iranian cargo vessels in port towns on the Gulf in attacks that burnt the vessels, local media reported**

### Israel say 2,000 targets struck in Lebanon in Mideast war

AFP | Jerusalem

Israel's military said yesterday that it had struck over 2,000 targets in Lebanon since Hezbollah joined the Middle East war on Iran's side.

Lebanon was drawn into the war on March 2 when Tehran-backed Hezbollah launched rockets at Israel to avenge the killing of the Islamic republic's supreme leader.

"So far, over 2,000 terror targets have been targeted, including approximately 120 Hezbollah command posts, over 100 weapons storage facilities, and over than 130 missile launchers," the Israeli military said.

# Iran leader says enemy 'defeated'

## Khamenei claims Iran is defeating US and Israel in Nowruz message

AFP | Tehran

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei yesterday said Iran was defeating the enemies of the Islamic republic and had struck a "dizzying blow" in the war against the US and Israel, in a defiant written message to the nation for the Persian New Year, Nowruz.

The long statement, published on his Telegram channel and official Iranian media, was the latest such message from Khamenei after he succeeded his father Ali Khamenei who was killed in an airstrike at the start of the war on February 28.

But almost two weeks into his tenure, the younger Khamenei has yet to issue a video or even audio message to Iranians, with state media and officials alluding to him being wounded in the strike that killed his father.

"At the moment, due to the particular unity that has been creat-

ed between you our compatriots -- despite all the differences in religious, intellectual, cultural and political origins -- the enemy has been defeated," said Khamenei.

He described the current war against Israel and the United States as the third war that the Islamic republic has experienced over the last 12 months, after the June 2025 12-day conflict with Israel but also nationwide protests at the start of this year which Tehran blamed on Israel and the US.

By showing unity and resolve, Iranians had "dealt him (the enemy) a dizzying blow so that he now starts uttering contradictory words and nonsense," Khamenei said in the message which was also read out on Iranian state television.

He said Israel and the United States had the "illusion" that if Ali Khamenei and other military leaders were killed, they would create "fear and despair" and

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Despite leading Iran during a major conflict, Mojtaba Khamenei has yet to deliver a public audio or video address, fuelling speculation he was wounded in the strike that killed his father

"realise the dream of dominating Iran and then dividing it".

Ali Khamenei and over a dozen top security and other officials have been killed in the conflict so far.

Mojtaba Khamenei also said

Iran and its allied forces in the region were "in no way" behind attacks on Oman and Turkey during the war, instead blaming "deception by the Zionist enemy" in reference to Israel.

He accused Israel, which Iran does not recognise, of "using false-flag tactics to create division between the Islamic Republic and its neighbours" and warned "such actions may also occur in other countries".

Khamenei described the 12-day war as a "serious miscalculation" on the part of Israel, which he said had wanted to "overthrow the Islamic system" in Iran.

Mojtaba Khamenei predicted that Iranian's "unity will certainly become stronger and more solid, and your enemies will become humble and less powerful" in the coming year.

### Attack on the holy sites

Meanwhile, Israel accused Tehran of an "attack on the holy

sites" of Jerusalem, after a blast blew a crater in the Old City a few hundred metres from the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Western Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

And in Iran, the Israeli army targeted a northern region around the Caspian Sea, a popular holiday destination that has so far been largely spared attacks.

In Jerusalem's Old City, a blast was caused "Iranian missile fragments", the Israeli military wrote on X, and drew an angry response from Israel's foreign ministry.

"The Iranian attack on the holy sites sacred to all three religions reveals the madness of the Iranian regime, which claims to be religious," the foreign ministry wrote on X, calling it an "Iranian gift" for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr.

On Thursday Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu indicated that an end to the fighting could be close.



Boys walk past damaged cars parked in a neighbourhood following a strike in Rehovot on the outskirts of Tel Aviv

## Sri Lanka refused ground access to US warplanes

AFP | Colombo

Sri Lanka refused permission to the United States to station two of its warplanes at a civilian airport in the island's south in early March, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake said yesterday.

The request was turned down to maintain Sri Lanka's neutrality and ensure its territory was not used for any military purpose that could help or hinder either side, he told parliament.

The Indian Ocean nation was drawn into the consequences of

the war when US forces torpedoed an Iranian frigate off its coast in March.

"They wanted to bring two warplanes armed with eight anti-ship missiles from a base in Djibouti to Mattala International Airport from March 4 to 8, and we said 'no'," Dissanayake said.

He said the United States made the request on February 26. Iran made a similar request on the same day for three of its warships, returning from India after a naval exercise, to make a port call.

"We were still considering the Iranian request to bring the three ships to Colombo from March 9 to 13. Had we said 'yes' to Iran, we would have had to say 'yes' to the US too," he said.

"But we didn't. We are steadfastly maintaining our position of neutrality," he added, drawing applause from the 225-member legislature.

The US torpedoed one of the Iranian ships, IRIS Dena, just off the island's southern coast on March 4, killing at least 84 sailors. Sri Lanka's navy rescued 32 survivors.

1349

Black Death Massacre: Between 100 and 3,000 Jews are killed in Black Death riots in Erfurt, Germany; part of a wave of pogroms across Western Europe

1804

Napoleonic Code is adopted in France, stressing clearly written and accessible law

1871

Journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous expedition to Africa



2014

Russia formally annexes Crimea amid international condemnation



An Israeli self-propelled howitzer artillery gun fires rounds towards southern Lebanon from a position in the upper Galilee in northern Israel near the border

### Hezbollah denies UAE accusations of having network in country

AFP | Beirut

Hezbollah denied yesterday that it has a presence inside the United Arab Emirates, after Emirati authorities announced they had arrested at least five members of a “terrorist network” linked to Hezbollah and its backer, Iran.

Earlier this week Hezbollah issued similar denials that it maintained a presence in Kuwait, after Kuwaiti authorities announced the discovery of two alleged cells linked to the group, arresting a combined 26 people.

In a statement, the Lebanese militant group said it “denies the fabricated accusations made against it by the security authorities in the United Arab Emirates”.



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Warmest wishes for a blessed #EidAl-Fitr. May it bring renewed hope, compassion, and peace. Eid Mubarak

@unwomenchief

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Eid al-Fitr Mubarak. May this special day bring peace, hope, and prosperity to all those observing Eid al-Fitr. May the spirit of kindness and generosity that accompanies this Eid prevail.

@KGeorgieva

03



High energy prices are one of the biggest challenges for the competitiveness of the European Union. We must become more autonomous by using our clean home-grown sources of energy. We need to take immediate action to protect our citizens.

@eucopresident

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As the war in the Middle East continues, energy prices keep being under pressure. Today at EUCO I presented a plan to bring immediate relief where possible and structural changes where needed. We will act on all four components of electricity prices

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# Trump calls NATO allies ‘cowards’

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump yesterday branded NATO allies “cowards” for not heeding his demand for military assistance against Iran to control the Strait of Hormuz shipping route.

Trump has recently veered between saying that Washington needs no help to secure the vital waterway for oil tankers, and then lashing out at other countries for failing to help.

“Without the U.S.A., NATO IS A PAPER TIGER!” Trump posted on his Truth Social network.

“They didn’t want to join the fight to stop a Nuclear Powered Iran. Now that fight is Militarily WON, with very little danger for them, they complain about the



US President Donald Trump carries a football as he departs at the end of a ceremony

high oil prices they are forced to pay, but don’t want to help open the Strait of Hormuz, a simple military maneuver that is the single reason for the high oil prices.

“So easy for them to do, with so little risk. COWARDS, and we will REMEMBER!”

The 79-year-old Republican, a long-term skeptic of the Western military alliance, has launched a series of diatribes against NATO in recent days.

On Thursday, six major international powers, including Britain, France, Germany and Japan said they were ready to “contribute to appropriate efforts” to secure the Strait of Hormuz.

But they have not formally committed to any mission to

work in the crucial waterway -- while other allies such as Germany and Italy have ruled out doing anything before a truce in the Middle East war.

None of the countries Trump has called on to help was consulted before the US-Israeli mission started.

An effective Iranian blockade has paralyzed commercial shipping through the crucial maritime chokepoint, which in peacetime sees a fifth of global crude oil and liquefied natural gas pass through it.

Global oil prices have spiked as a result of the war, which erupted on February 28 when the United States and Israel began bombing Iran, leading Tehran to retaliate with strikes across the Gulf region.

## French foreign minister calls on Iran to make ‘major concessions’

AFP | Paris

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said yesterday on a visit to Israel that Iran must make major concessions as part of any long-term political solution following the Middle East war.

“Whatever the outcome of the ongoing military operations, it must be complemented by a political solution that produces lasting results,” Barrot told journalists in Tel Aviv.

“In this regard, the Iranian regime must be prepared to make major concessions -- a radical change of stance.”

Barrot repeated a European call for a moratorium on strikes against energy infrastructure after an Israeli bombardment of Iran’s key gasfield pushed up energy prices.

France’s top diplomat, who visited Beirut on Thursday, expressed France’s “reservations” about Israel’s ground opera-

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JEAN-NOEL BARROT

tions to fight Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

He called on Israel to seize an “historic opportunity” and hold direct talks with the Lebanese authorities, after French President Emmanuel Macron agreed to host negotiations.

“The Lebanese government has signalled its unprecedented openness to direct talks at the highest level with Israel,” he said.

Israel’s Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said he had discussed with Barrot the “scope of attacks on Israel from Lebanese territory”.

“Unfortunately, the Lebanese government and its army are not taking any meaningful action against Hezbollah, neither militarily nor in other aspects,” Saar wrote on X.

He also called on the EU to list Hezbollah “in its entirety as a terrorist organisation, not only its military wing, as several European countries already did”.

Barrot said that regional stability in the Middle East also depended on the implementation of US President Donald Trump’s peace plan for Gaza that halted two years of war in October.

## Tehran palace complex damaged by explosions: report

AFP | Tehran

Shockwaves from airstrikes on Tehran damaged several historic buildings in the Saadabad Palace complex, one of the Iranian capital’s most visited sites, state news agencies reported yesterday.

Saadabad Palace is a large former royal complex in northern Tehran that includes an extensive park with separate buildings that have been turned into museums dedicated to the country’s cultural history.

Photos and videos published by the IRNA and ISNA agencies showed debris, including shattered windows and pieces of ceiling, scattered across the floor of the Green Palace, one of the most visited pavilions.

It was built under the Pahlavi dynasty deposed in the 1979 revolution that led to the creation of the current Islamic republic.

At least two other buildings

were damaged “by the shockwaves from the explosions”, according to IRNA.

The Israeli army announced yesterday morning that it had carried out new strikes on infrastructure belonging to the Iranian authorities in Tehran.

The Saadabad Palace complex also houses residences of the Iranian president and the provincial governor, while facilities belonging to the Revolutionary Guards and the judiciary are located nearby.

The UN’s cultural agency UNESCO told AFP earlier this week that four out of Iran’s 29 World Heritage sites had been damaged during the ongoing war, which was sparked by US-Israeli attacks on February 28.

These include the Golestan Palace, a building in the historic heart of Tehran that was damaged by an explosion at the nearby Arag Square.

# Israel says struck Syrian army camps after Druze 'attacked'

AFP | Jerusalem

Israel's military said yesterday it had struck Syrian army camps in response to what it called attacks against the Druze community in the southern Sweida province, with the Syrian foreign ministry calling it "an outrageous assault".

The Israeli strikes came as war roiled the Middle East after the US and Israel attacked Iran on February 28 sparking a war that has engulfed much of the region.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) reported on Thursday that clashes broke out between government forces backed by tribal fighters against Druze factions in Sweida province, leaving at least four Druze fighters dead.

The shelling later hit residential neighbourhoods in the city of Sweida, sowing panic and fear among residents, the Observatory said.

"Overnight, the IDF struck a headquarters and weapons at Syrian regime military camps in southern Syria," the Israeli military said.

"This was in response to yesterday's events, in which Druze civilians were attacked in the (Sweida) area. The IDF will not allow harm to come to Druze in Syria and will continue to act for their protection."

The Syrian foreign ministry denounced it as "an outrageous assault on Syria's sovereignty



Lorries carrying army tanks drive along a road near the border with Lebanon in the Upper Galilee in northern Israel

and territorial integrity" and called the Israeli justification "flimsy pretexts and fabricated excuses".

The attack, it said, "constitutes an extension of the escalation policy pursued by the Israeli occupation, and a continuation of the policy of interference in internal affairs with the aim of undermining security and stability".

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said in a statement that "we will not allow the Syr-

ian regime to exploit our war against Iran and Hezbollah to harm the Druze. If necessary, we will strike with even greater force".

Clashes erupted last July in southern Syria between Druze fighters and Sunni Bedouin tribes.

The Syrian authorities said their forces intervened to stop the clashes, but witnesses and monitors accused them of siding with the Bedouin.

Israel bombed Syria during

the violence, saying it was acting to defend the minority group.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the fighting left more than 2,000 people dead, including 789 Druze civilians who were "summarily executed by defence and interior ministry personnel".

An official fact-finding committee the government later formed said on Tuesday it had documented the killing of 1,760 people.

The committee announced



that it had drawn up "a list of suspects from the (Ministries of) Defence and Interior, Druze factions, and civilians -- including Bedouins and tribes -- for serious crimes and violations".

After the overthrow of Syria's longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad in December 2024, Israel moved its forces into the UN-patrolled demilitarised zone on the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights, and has carried out hundreds of strikes in Syria as well as regular incursions.

Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa said yesterday that he was working "to keep Syria away from any conflict," saying that his government is on good terms "with all neighbouring states regionally, as well as internationally".

## Mideast war forces NATO to shift Iraq mission to Europe

AFP | Brussels

NATO's mission in Iraq has been fully relocated to Europe because of the Middle East war, the alliance said, with the last staff from a non-combat force of several hundred leaving the country yesterday.

The mission was in an Iraqi military base in Baghdad's Green Zone near the US embassy, which has been targeted several times since the start of the US-Israeli war with Iran three weeks ago.

A statement from the alliance's European command said: "NATO Mission Iraq has adjusted its posture, safely relocating all its personnel from the Middle East to Europe."

NATO's mission in Iraq provides assistance, advice and training to the Iraqi security forces involved in counter-jihadist operations, aiming in particular to prevent any resurgence of the Islamic State (IS) militant group.

The mission will continue to operate from NATO's regional command in the Italian city of Naples, the alliance said.

General Alexus Grynke-wich, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, offered thanks to the Iraqi government and allies "who assisted in the safe relocation of NATO personnel from Iraq."

## Action star Chuck Norris dead at 86: family



Actor Chuck Norris speaks with the media during a press meet (file photo)

AFP | Los Angeles

Chuck Norris, the US martial artist and Hollywood action star most famous for his role in "Walker, Texas Ranger," has died, his family said yesterday. He was 86.

"It is with heavy hearts that our family shares the sudden passing of our beloved Chuck Norris yesterday morning," the family said in a statement on Instagram.

"To the world, he was a martial artist, actor, and a symbol of strength. To us, he was a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, an incredible brother, and the heart of our family."

US media reported Thursday that Norris had been hospitalized for an undisclosed

condition while on the island of Kauai, several days after he celebrated his 86th birthday with a video of him boxing on social media and saying "I don't age. I level up."

In the statement, the family said it would like to keep the details of his passing private, adding "please know that he was surrounded by his family and was at peace."

The martial arts expert turned actor starred in a slew of action films since his acting debut with a cameo in a 1968 Dean Martin film "The Wrecking Crew."

Four years later, his epic fight with the kung-fu superstar Bruce Lee in "The Way of The Dragon" helped turn Norris into an icon on big and small screen alike.

## NASA returns moon rocket to pad, eyeing April 1 launch

AFP | Cape Canaveral

NASA on Thursday began returning its towering SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft to its Florida launch pad ahead of a planned flyby of the Moon, after completing necessary repairs.

Artemis engineers began the maneuver, which can take up to 12 hours, at 8:00 pm eastern, after which the US space agency will begin final preparations before its next launch window opens on April 1.

The immense orange and white Space Launch System rocket and the Orion vessel



NASA's Artemis II SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft, secured to the mobile launcher, stands vertical inside the Vehicle Assembly building

were to be slowly wheeled out of the Vehicle Assembly Building at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, and painstakingly moved four miles (6.5 kilometers) to Launch Pad 39B.

If the tests are satisfactory, three Americans and one Canadian will head to the Moon as soon as early April to fly around Earth's satellite.

The mission, to last about 10 days, would be a huge step towards Americans once again setting foot on the lunar surface, a goal announced by President Donald Trump in his first term.

## North Korean leader, daughter try out new tank

AFP | Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and daughter Ju Ae tried out the country's new battle tank in large-scale military drills, state media reported yesterday, in the latest sign that she was being groomed as his heir.

Photos released by state media showed a chuffed-looking Kim sitting on top of the moving tank in his trademark leather jacket as the teenage Ju Ae's head popped out of a hatch during the exercises on Thursday.

The drills at the Pyongyang Training Base No. 60 involved armoured units firing anti-tank missiles while rear sub-units



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his daughter Kim Ju Ae boarding a tank

targeted simulated enemy the way for infantry and tanks, drones and helicopters, clearing the Korean Central News Agen-

cy said.

According to KCNA, the tank possesses advanced mobility, firepower, and defensive systems, including protection against missiles and drones.

"Watching with great pleasure the tanks violently make a charge, shaking the earth, he (Kim) expressed satisfaction that the majestic scene of tanks imposingly advancing forward represents the inherent bravery and pluck of our army," the agency reported.

The drill comes amid heightened regional tensions, following recent North Korean missile tests and just-concluded springtime military exercises by South Korea and the United States.

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# Spurs face survival showdown, Chelsea need top-four surge

AFP | London

Relegation-haunted Tottenham face a crunch clash against fellow strugglers Nottingham Forest as the fight for Premier League survival reaches boiling point.

With leaders Arsenal and second-placed Manchester City meeting in the League Cup final on Sunday, the focus in the top flight switches to the congested race to qualify for the Champions League.

Here are three talking points ahead of the weekend's action:

## Tottenham set for Forest 'final'

Tottenham defender Pedro Porro admits Sunday's showdown with Nottingham Forest will feel like a final as both teams try to haul themselves out of the relegation mire.

Igor Tudor's crisis-torn side are just one point above fourth-bottom Forest, leaving them with no margin for error when Vitor Pereira's men arrive in north London.

Tottenham will slump into the relegation zone if they lose to Forest and third-bottom West Ham win at Aston Villa on Sunday.

With only eight games left to avoid the humiliation of playing in the second tier for the first time since 1977-78, Tottenham can take heart from producing their best display for weeks in a 3-2 win over Atletico Madrid on Wednesday.

It wasn't enough to save their Champions League campaign as they bowed out 7-5 on aggregate, but Porro saw signs in the Atletico game -- and last weekend's draw at Liverpool -- that Tottenham have rediscovered some rhythm just in time.

"It gives you confidence for what's going to be like a final on Sunday. We've had some bad



Tottenham's players attend a training session (file photo)

matches in the Premier League to be honest, but the last one against Liverpool, we came out with a draw so we're picking up some good feelings again," Porro said.

"It's tough, it's not easy because nobody wants to be in this position at this point."

Tottenham's current 12-game winless run in the league is their worst since 1935, while Forest haven't won in their last seven top-flight matches.

## Chelsea chase Champions League return

Eliminated from the Champions League in chastening fashion by Paris Saint-Germain this week, Chelsea cannot afford to lick their wounds for long as they aim to secure a place in next season's tournament.

The Blues were crushed 8-2 on aggregate in the last 16 after a meek 3-0 second-leg defeat in a toxic atmosphere at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

Frustrated fans sang the name of former owner Roman Abramovich and jeered Liam Rosenior's decision to take off Cole Palmer and Joao Pedro, before many flooded to the exits long before the final whistle was greeted with more boos.

Rosenior's side are sixth in the Premier League, winning only one of their last five league matches ahead of a difficult assignment at Everton on Saturday.

Chelsea need to bounce back to keep pace with fourth-placed Aston Villa, currently three points ahead of them, and fifth-placed Liverpool, who are one point above the Blues.

At present, only the top four are guaranteed to qualify for the Champions League, but fifth place is also likely to end up making the competition based on 'European Performance Spots' to be awarded by UEFA.

## Slot urges Liverpool to stay focused

Revitalised by their demolition of Galatasaray in the Champions League, Liverpool travel to Brighton on Saturday with Arne Slot insisting they must maintain the standards of that 4-0 rout.

Pressure has been mounting on Slot following Liverpool's dismal title defence and a European exit would have raised the scrutiny on the Reds boss even higher.

Liverpool's dynamic display at Anfield gave Slot a little breathing space, but he knows they must not lose focus in the battle to qualify for next season's Champions League.

"We have to try to find consistency," he said.

"We have had a lot of setbacks this season, a lot of times where we have created chance after chance without doing justice to how we performed."

# Arsenal must prove they are winners in League Cup final, says Arteta

AFP | London

Mikel Arteta said Sunday's League Cup final against Manchester City would be a defining moment for Arsenal as they seek to shed their tag of "nearly men".

The Gunners are on course for an unprecedented quadruple, nine points clear of second-placed City in the Premier League and with favourable quarter-final draws in the Champions League and FA Cup.

But after three consecutive second-placed finishes in the Premier League, Arteta acknowledged his side have to prove they can get over the line.

"It's going to be one of the defining moments because at the end of the day it is about whether you win the trophy or not," the Spaniard said yesterday.

"That is the most important thing once you get to the final. "But in order to be there you have to do a lot of things. There are a lot of things the team has done so far, but we need to prove that point, that's clear, and it has to be done on the pitch."

Arteta has transformed Arsenal's fortunes since leaving



Arsenal's English midfielder #10 Eberechi Eze (R) celebrates with teammates

his job as Pep Guardiola's assistant at City to take charge at the Emirates in 2019.

But he has won just one major trophy during his reign -- leading his team to FA Cup glory in 2020 at an empty Wembley during coronavirus restrictions.

Guardiola said in his own pre-match press conference his relationship with Arteta had changed over time, but played down talk of any friction now

they are title rivals.

The Arsenal boss said he is forever grateful for the opportunity he had to learn alongside Guardiola early in his coaching career.

"The fact we are never together and can never spend time together is important in our relationship, but it is not the most important," said Arteta.

"How I feel about him and the time we had together and what

It's going to be one of the defining moments because at the end of the day it is about whether you win the trophy or not

MIKEL ARTETA

he did for me, the inspiration he's been... that is never going to change."

Arteta hopes captain Martin Odegaard and Jurrien Timber will be fit enough for the Wembley final after missing the 2-0 win over Bayer Leverkusen in midweek due to injury.

And he refused to confirm who would start in goal.

Guardiola said James Trafford will keep his place for City instead of number one Gianluigi Donnarumma after starting all his side's domestic cup games this season.

Kepa Arrizabalaga has played most of Arsenal's cup games, but plays second fiddle to David Raya in the Premier League and Champions League.

# Vinicius, Real Madrid must prove consistency in Atletico derby

● Madrid struggle with week-to-week consistency

● Champions League wins lift morale

● Mbappe fitness and role uncertain

● Barcelona hold four-point lead

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid have a host of brilliant players, including winger Vinicius Junior, but both he and the team as a whole must prove they can play consistently on Sunday against Atletico Madrid in a La Liga derby clash.

Alvaro Arbeloa's side dispatched Manchester City in the Champions League last 16 with two victories after entering the tie as underdogs, and it could be a turning point for their whole season.

Under Xabi Alonso and then Arbeloa from January, Real Madrid have struggled to perform in a reliable fashion week-to-week.

French superstar Kylian Mbappe, who returned from a knee sprain on Tuesday against City as a substitute, pointed it out a few weeks ago.

"We have to be consistent, that's a problem we have to



Real Madrid's Brazilian forward #07 Vinicius Junior (R) runs in on goal as Manchester City's Italian goalkeeper #25 Gianluigi Donnarumma (L) looks on

solve, we can't be good one day and then the next day not, that's not what a champion team does," Mbappe said after Benfica routed Madrid in January in Lisbon.

Since then Arbeloa's side have moved up a gear, mostly in Mbappe's absence, with their best outing of the season coming in the 3-0 home win over Pep Guardiola's shellshocked Man City last week.

In the return Vinicius Junior netted twice as Los Blancos triumphed 2-1 in Manchester, with the forward returning Arbeloa's

faith in him.

The 25-year-old has upset Madrid's own fans at times this season, becoming a lightning rod for criticism, but they are behind him now after a superb start to 2026.

Madrid host rivals Atletico on Sunday at the Santiago Bernabeu, aiming to stay in touch with champions Barcelona, who currently hold a four-point lead.

Hansi Flick's side, who cruised to a 7-2 win over Newcastle in the Champions League on Wednesday, host Rayo Vallecano

earlier on Sunday.

If Madrid can build on their performances against City by beating Diego Simeone's Rojiblancos, it will give them a platform to build on after the upcoming international break.

Los Blancos face a stern test against Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarter-finals and will be well positioned in the Spanish title race, provided they emerge triumphant against Atletico.

After a run of six goals in five games, Vinicius's scoring slowed



Vinicius used his brace against Manchester City as a response to last season's Ballon d'Or taunts, turning fan mockery into motivation during Madrid's crucial resurgence

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of the last 20 meetings between Real Madrid and Atletico ended in draws

then Arbeloa could pair them in attack against Atletico.

Vinicius's goals and celebrations against Man City were an answer to the Premier League team's fans mocking him with a banner last season, referring to Rodri beating the Brazilian to the Ballon d'Or.

"Football is good for that, it always gives you another chance," said Vinicius.

Madrid have their own second chance this season, with the past fortnight defibrillating a campaign that seemed to be faltering again after back-to-back league defeats by Osasuna and Getafe.

The Atletico clash may be made easier by Simeone's side's focus being firmly on the cup competitions.

Third in La Liga, and 13 points clear of fifth place Real Betis, a top-four spot is virtually guaranteed.

Atletico will face Barcelona in the Champions League quarter-finals and Real Sociedad in the Copa del Rey final, which are their main chances of silverware this season.

## Forest survive shoot-out to reach Europa League quarters, Villa advance

AFP | London

Nottingham Forest reached the Europa League quarter-finals after Midtjylland missed all three of their penalties in the last-16 second-leg shoot-out, while John McGinn inspired Aston Villa's 2-0 win against Lille on Thursday.

Vitor Pereira's Forest won 2-1 after extra-time at the MCH Arena in Denmark to level the tie at 2-2 on aggregate.

That set up the farcical shoot-out as Midtjylland's Cho Gue-sung and Aral Simsir both hit the post before Edward Chilufya slipped and blazed over in the shoot-out.

Morgan Gibbs-White, Ibrahim Sangare and Neco Williams converted Forest's three kicks to extend the club's first European campaign since 1995-96, when they reached the UEFA Cup quarter-finals.

The Premier League strugglers will play Porto in the quarter-finals after the Portuguese outfit beat Stuttgart 2-0.

William Carvalho and Victor Froholdt netted to clinch Porto's 4-1 aggregate victory, with Stuttgart's Nikolas Narthey sent off in the closing stages.

Admitting he needed his players to be "fresh mentally and



Aston Villa's Swedish defender #03 Victor Lindelof (R) defends from Lille's French striker #09 Olivier Giroud

and physically", Pereira prioritised Sunday's vital clash with relegation rivals Tottenham as he made nine changes from last weekend's 0-0 draw against Fulham.

Forest's understudies rose to the challenge and took the lead in the 41st minute.

Climbing to meet Nikola Milenkovic's flick, Nicolas Dominguez craned his neck to loop a header over Elias Olafs-

son from six yards.

Midtjylland were breached again in the 52nd minute when Ryan Yates lashed home from 25 yards before Martin Erlic's 69th minute reply for the hosts.

"It's important, the energy and spirit is different when we win," Pereira said.

"I don't have any doubt that we have the quality. We will compete for our targets."

At Villa Park, Unai Emery's

side, defending a 1-0 first-leg lead, went ahead in the 54th minute with a perfectly executed route one move.

Emiliano Martinez launched a mammoth kick towards Jadon Sancho and his pass across the Lille penalty area was tucked away with aplomb by McGinn.

It was the Scotland midfielder's first goal since January 3 after two months on the sidelines with a knee injury.

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Leon Bailey's 86th-minute tap-in from Ollie Watkins' pass ensured Villa advanced to a European quarter-final for a third successive season.

Villa's dismal run of two wins from 10 Premier League games, including Sunday's 3-1 defeat at Manchester United, has put their bid to qualify for the Champions League in jeopardy.

Yet they have thrived in continental action and Emery remains in contention for a fifth Europa League crown after winning three times with Sevilla and once with Villarreal, while also reaching the 2019 final with Arsenal.

Villa's quarter-final opponents will be either Roma or Bologna.

## Wembanyama lifts playoff-bound Spurs, Doncic and James fuel Lakers

AFP | Los Angeles

Victor Wembanyama's game-winner lifted the San Antonio Spurs to a 101-100 triumph over Phoenix and into the NBA playoffs Thursday as the Los Angeles Lakers kept up their postseason push with an eighth straight victory.

Luka Doncic scored 60 points and 41-year-old LeBron James hit another NBA

milestone in style with a 19-point, 15-rebound, 10-assist triple-double in the Lakers' 134-126 victory over the Heat in Miami.

The Lakers' surge has seen them climb from sixth to third in the Western Conference, where second-placed San Antonio have now joined reigning champions Oklahoma City with their first playoff berth since 2019.

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# Liverpool suffer Salah blow in chase for Champions League

Slot confirms Salah unavailable for Saturday as Reds seek top-five finish in Premier League

● Mohamed Salah out with muscle injury

● Will miss Liverpool's trip to Brighton

● No timeframe given for recovery

AFP | London

Mohamed Salah will miss Liverpool's trip to Brighton on Saturday with a muscle injury -- a major blow for manager Arne Slot as he hunts a Champions League place next season.

The Egypt forward was forced off at Anfield on Wednesday after scoring in Liverpool's 4-0 victory against Galatasaray, which sealed their place in the quarter-finals of this year's Champions League.

In-form Salah, 33, has scored in three of his past four starts after an uncharacteristic lean spell.

"It's unusual," Slot said at his pre-match press conference yesterday. "As a result of that I think you can expect the outcome. So, (he's) not available for tomorrow."

Slot gave no timeframe for Sa-



Liverpool's Egyptian forward #11 Mohamed Salah (C) is greeted by Liverpool's coach Arne Slot (L) after being substituted

lah's recovery.

"The good thing for Liverpool and for us is that we go to an international break," he said. "The bad thing for Egypt is that he can't go there."

"We are hoping also with what Mo has shown in the past that he can recover faster than other players might in similar situations because he takes such good care of his body. History

has shown that he can be earlier back than some others.

"But it's only two weeks until we go again so let's hope in that period of time he can be back."

Salah, who is rarely absent



Despite his reputation for durability, Salah's rare injury comes just as he rediscovered form, scoring in three of his last four matches after a mid-season slump

through injury, is firmly back in the fold at Anfield after a dramatic fallout with Slot earlier in the season, when he was dropped for several games.

Despite his recent good form, the Egypt forward has scored just five Premier League goals this season, compared with 29 in Liverpool's title-winning campaign in 2024/25.

Slot, whose team dropped valuable points in a 1-1 draw against Tottenham last week, admitted his side were not sharp enough in attack.

"We're struggling to score goals," said the Dutchman. "Not that we don't score them, but



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ARNE SLOT

with all the chances we create, it's unbelievable that we don't score, especially looking at the quality we have up front and throughout the whole team."

Liverpool are fifth in the Premier League, two points behind fourth-placed Aston Villa, with the top five teams almost certain to qualify for next season's Champions League.

Slot's men face Manchester City in the FA Cup quarter-finals on April 4 and will meet defending champions Paris Saint-Germain in the last eight of the Champions League.

## Swiatek stunned at Miami Open by 50th-ranked Linette



Iga Swiatek of Poland returns a shot against Magda Linette of Poland

AFP | Miami

Iga Swiatek crashed out of the Miami Open second round Thursday as 50th-ranked fellow Pole Magda Linette fought back for a 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over the six-time Grand Slam champion.

Reigning Wimbledon champion Swiatek, who won the Miami Open in 2022, suffered her first opening loss at a tournament since the 2021 WTA Finals.

It's just the latest disappointment for Swiatek, who was eliminated in the quarter-finals at the Australian Open and in the WTA 1000 events in Doha and Indian Wells.

Although she was seeded second in the elite combined ATP and WTA hardcourt tournament in Miami, Swiatek dropped this week to third in the world as Indian Wells finalist Elena Rybakina moved up behind top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka.

Swiatek's compatriot Linette had to dig deep after Swiatek -- who won their last encounter 6-1, 6-1 -- raced through the opening set in 33 minutes.

But she stuck to her guns and Swiatek double-faulted to give Linette two break points in the 12th game of the second set, Linette forcing a third set with a return winner.

## Kane credits Kompany's Bayern 'evolution' as treble beckons

AFP | Munich

Harry Kane praised coach Vincent Kompany's role in Bayern Munich's evolution this campaign as a history-making season beckons for the German giants.

Nine points clear of Borussia Dortmund atop the table, defending champions Bayern host Union Berlin on Saturday heading towards another Bundesliga title.

With a German Cup semi-final against Leverkusen and Champions League quarter-finals versus Real Madrid in April, Bayern could win a third treble -- something no other European men's team has achieved.

Speaking after Bayern once thumped Atalanta for a second time on Wednesday, the England captain pointed out how early the former Manchester City captain is in his development, despite winning the Bundesliga title last season.

"In the way we play, we've learned and evolved over the last 12 months. I think a lot of people forgot it was Kompany's first year last year," Kane told reporters at the Allianz Arena



Bayern Munich's English forward #09 Harry Kane celebrates scoring (file photo)

late on Wednesday.

"We were still learning the way he wanted to play, we were still learning different ideas from him. I think we've really honed in on his ideas now, and for sure we're a better team this

year than we were last year."

Long derided for a lack of silverware, Kane said he was relishing the pressure and the spotlight big stage beckoned.

"Now it's about proving it on the big stage. We've had a fan-

tastic campaign in all competitions so far, but as we know and as we spoke about before, April and May is when it really counts.

"So we have to be at our highest level in those moments."

With 93 goals in 26 league games, Bayern are just eight short of the all-time single Bundesliga season record of 101, which they set in 1971-72.

Kane has 30 goals and is 12 short of breaking Robert Lewandowski's single-season record, set in 2020-21.

Michael Olise is also on track for a spot in the record books. The one-time Crystal Palace winger has 17 assists this campaign -- five short of beating Thomas Mueller's all-time record.

With just two losses in 41 games in all competitions this campaign, Bayern have been cruising but the Bavarian giants have not had it all their own way.

Against Union Berlin this Saturday, Bayern will be without the injured Musiala, Neuer and Davies along with Nicolas Jackson, Jonathan Tah and Luis Diaz, all of whom are suspended.