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Biden, Saudi Crown Prince may meet for first time as soon as next month



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US President Joe Biden and Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman could meet for the first time as soon as next month, CNN reported on Thursday, citing multiple sources.

Biden administration officials are in talks with the Saudis about arranging a potential in-person meeting while Biden is overseas next month, the report added.

The White House said it could not confirm if there were any plans for Biden to meet the Saudi crown prince. US national security adviser Jake Sullivan said on Thursday he discussed the issue of oil production with Saudi Arabia.

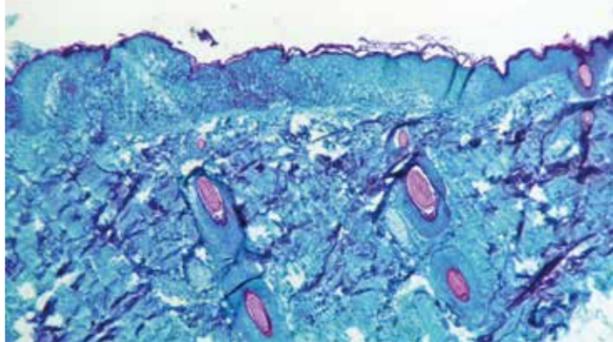
WHO calls emergency meeting as monkeypox cross 100 in Europe

Cases in UK, Spain, Belgium France and North America

Cause still unclear

Monkeypox is usually a mild viral illness, characterised by symptoms of fever as well as a distinctive bumpy rash

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A section of skin tissue, harvested from a lesion on the skin of a monkey, that had been infected with monkeypox virus, is seen at 50X magnification on day four of rash development in 1968

The World Health Organization was due to hold an emergency meeting yesterday to discuss the recent outbreak

of monkeypox, a viral infection more common to west and central Africa, after more than 100 cases were confirmed or suspected in Europe.

In what Germany described as the largest-ever outbreak in Europe, cases have now been confirmed in at least five countries - the United Kingdom, Spain

Portugal, Germany and Italy- as well as the United States, Canada and Australia.

First identified in monkeys, the disease typically spreads

through close contact and has rarely spread outside Africa, so this series of cases has triggered concern.

However, scientists do not expect the outbreak to evolve into a pandemic like COVID-19, given the virus does not spread as easily as SARS-COV-2.

There isn't a specific vaccine for monkeypox, but data shows that vaccines that were used to eradicate smallpox are up to 85% effective against monkeypox, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO)

British authorities on Thursday said they had offered a smallpox vaccine to some healthcare workers and others who may have been exposed to monkeypox.



Since 1970, monkeypox cases have been reported in 11 African countries. Nigeria has had a large outbreak since 2017 - so far this year there have been 46 suspected cases, of which 15 have since been confirmed, according to the WHO.

Russia to sign up over-40s for army

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Russian parliament is set to consider a bill to allow Russians over 40 and foreigners over 30 to sign up for the military, amid ongoing efforts to bolster war efforts in Ukraine.

The website of the State Duma, parliament's lower house, said the move would enable the military to utilise the skills of older professionals.

"For the use of high-precision weapons, the operation of weapons and military equipment, highly professional specialists are needed. Experience shows that they become such by the age of 40-45," it said.

Currently, only Russians aged 18-40 and foreigners aged 18-30 can enter into a first contract with the military.



Russian service members march during a parade on Victory Day

Russia has suffered huge setbacks and heavy losses of men and equipment in the 86-day-old war, in which Ukraine has mobilised practically its entire adult male population. Despite taking full control of the ruins of Mariupol, Moscow remains far from its objective of seizing all

of the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. The Duma said the proposed legislation would also make it easier to recruit civilian medics, engineers and operations and communications specialists.

Separately, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said on

Friday that Russia was forming 12 military units in its western military district in response to rising threats there, citing NATO membership bids by Finland and Sweden.



President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that Swedish and Finnish NATO membership posed no threat to Russia, but cautioned that Moscow would respond if the alliance boosted military infrastructure in the two countries.

Musk denies he sexually harassed flight attendant



Reuters

Tesla Inc Chief Executive Elon Musk has denounced as "utterly untrue" claims in a news report that he sexually harassed a flight attendant on a private jet in 2016.

Business Insider reported on Thursday that Musk's private company SpaceX paid \$250,000 in 2018 to settle a sexual harassment claim from an unnamed private jet flight attendant who accused Musk of exposing himself to her.

The article quoted an anonymous person who said she was a friend of the flight attendant.

Biden touts South Korean role in securing global supply chains



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BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

580,346

ACTIVE CASES

19

DEATHS

1,480

DISCHARGED

574,154

NEW CASES

414

CRITICAL

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220 fils (includes VAT)



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A different ball game

Investcorp suspend talks in AC Milan soccer club bid race

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Bahrain-domiciled asset manager Investcorp has put on



General view of AC Milan fans outside the stadium as the team bus arrives ahead of the match

hold its plans to purchase Italian soccer club AC Milan, a source with knowledge of the talks told Reuters yesterday.

The source said that in talks with Milan's owners, US fund Elliott, Investcorp "couldn't agree with them on the resolution of a certain matter".

The source declined to say what had been the stumbling block in the talks, which have been underway for over a month.

Italian newspaper Il Sole 24 Ore reported on Friday that investment firm RedBird was nearing a deal for seven times European champions AC Milan worth about 1.3 billion euros (\$1.4 billion).

That figure could rise as high as 1.8 billion euros over the com-

ing years based on a series of targets, the report added.

Spokespeople for Elliott and RedBird declined to comment.

RedBird is already an investor in Fenway Sports Group, the owner of Premier League soccer club Liverpool and the Boston Red Sox baseball team. RedBird also has a controlling stake in French soccer club Toulouse.

Investcorp had been in exclusive negotiations with Elliott on a deal last month but failed to reach an agreement, allowing RedBird to enter the fray.



Tatarstan Republic President Rustam Minnikhanov received Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) Chairman Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, who conveyed to him greetings from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. President Minnikhanov extended greetings and gratitude to HM the King for delegating the SCIA chairman to participate Tatarstan's celebrations of the on the 1100th anniversary of the official adoption of Islam by the Bulgar peoples in the Volga Basin. SCIA chairman presented to President Minnikhanov a replica of the message sent by the Prophet (PBUH) to the ruler of Bahrain and its people in the eighth Hijri year corresponding to 630 AD, upon which they entered Islam voluntarily, about 1435 years ago. Tatar President expressed keenness on further strengthening bilateral relations, praising the ancient Islamic history on the land of Bahrain, and Bahrain's contributions to the ancient Islamic civilization.



The US Ambassador Steven Bondy during a meeting with six talented Bapco employees. All the Bahraini graduates are from leading US universities, "showcasing the impact of American education on Bahrain's energy transition," tweeted @USEmbassyManama.

Industry, Commerce, and Tourism Minister and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani met with Oman's Heritage and Tourism (MOHT) Minister Salim bin Mohammed Al Mahrouqi. The meeting reviewed Bahraini-Omani relations in the tourism sector. Al Zayani stressed the importance of these meetings in enriching the tourism sector in the GCC countries and attracting international tourism markets and the initiation of inter-tourism.



Alice in Wonderland



Students of Zenobia Preparatory Girls School performed a play titled "Alice in Wonderland", with a group of Bahraini artists and officials responsible for artistic and cultural activities at the Ministry of Education. The event was part of a programme that enhances talents and creativity, especially in theatre. Students handled all roles in the play, including acting, singing, makeup, casting, photography and montage.



Ambassador of Bahrain to Belgium, Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabur Al-Doseri, participated in a meeting of the Ambassadors of the GCC countries with the delegation concerned with relations with the Arabian Peninsula in the European Parliament. The delegation was chaired by Dr Hannah Neumann and included Vice Chairperson Marc Tarabella, and the Deputy Managing Director for Middle East and North Africa at the European External Action Service of the European Union, Carl Hallergard. The meeting discussed ways of promoting GCC-European partnership in the light of current developments and the "draft of the Joint Declaration of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union on the strategic partnership with the Gulf." This came during a work lunch hosted by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, President of the current session of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Saad bin Mohammed Al Arifi.

Pedestrian killed in accident

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A pedestrian died after he was hit by a vehicle yesterday on the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Street towards Riffa.

Interior Ministry confirmed the accident in a tweet with out naming the victim.

The tweet identified the victim as an Asian national.

The ministry said competent authorities are at the accident scene.

An investigation is ongoing.



'Save soil' movement by Sadhguru to change global habits, says Al Hawaj

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"Save Soil" movement by Sadhguru would pave the way for changing global habits and practices that affect our soil, said Abdul Wahab Al Hawaj.

The First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Centre for Peaceful Coexistence was speaking during an event held recently by Al Hawaj for the Indian spiritual leader and yogi, Sadhguru.

100-day journey

Sadhguru was in Bahrain as part of his global 'Save Soil' campaign to raise awareness of dying soil and growing desertification. He is visiting 26 countries in his 100-day journey.

During his stay in Bahrain, the 64-year-old Guru met with followers, environmentalists, and the media to promote soil preservation.

The event organised by Al Hawaj was in the presence of Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, Sheikh Abdullah bin



Ahmed, Secretary-General of the Centre, Abdul Nabi Al Shula, Chairman of the Board of Direc-

tors of Dar Al-Bilad for Press and Publishing, ambassadors, led by the Indian Ambassador and a



number of dignitaries. Abdul Wahab Al Hawaj also hosted a dinner for Sadhguru

and expressed his happiness at the initiative. Al Shula said the "Save Soil"

movement would significantly impact the future of many people "if serious steps towards preserving the soil are not taken, immediately."

Source of life

Sadhguru explained his movement, its objectives and best way to conserve soil and told the meeting that soil is the main source of life.

Dr Abdullah Al Hawaj thanked Al Hawaj Group and Sadhguru for the initiative.

He said the "Save Soil" movement by Sadhguru "would help people worldwide learn about the importance of soil conservation."

Abdul Wahab Al Hawaj thanked Muhammad Mansour for his role in coordinating this visit. Al Hawaj, Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa presented a souvenir to Sadhguru.

Sadhguru is continuing his solo ride and was in Dubai on Friday. His next stop is on the 25th of this month in Muscat at Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Police extract 114 heroin capsules from man's stomach; Court to pass verdict on Wednesday

- Doctors gave the suspect laxatives to recover the drugs from his stomach
- Police spoiled the smuggling attempt following a tip-off received
- Officers disclosed the weight of the capsules as 858.2 grams



Representative picture

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A man accused of swallowing 114 capsules stuffed with heroin to smuggle the drugs into the Kingdom will learn his fate on the 25th of this month. The 30-year-old man, whose nationality stays undisclosed, was arrested at the Bahrain International Airport following an x-ray analysis. The suspect reportedly was given laxatives to recover the

drugs from his stomach, which was 858.2 grams. The High Criminal Court has completed the hearing in the case and will announce its verdict on Wednesday. Court files say police spoiled the smuggling attempt following a tip-off received. The suspect landed in police custody when officers decided to check a man, who appeared scared during the check-in process.

Officers also decided to go for an x-ray examination of the man resulting in finding several capsule-shaped objects in his stomach. During interrogation, the suspect admitted to his crime and revealed that he was delivering the drugs in return for money. **What the UN says about drug mules?** According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

The UN report points out that this medically dangerous way of transporting drugs can lead and has led to the death of persons, if and when balloons rupture within the body. Stomach acids can sometimes cause the rupture of the balloons and death is very quick.

many victims of human trafficking are used to ferry drugs across international borders. Popularly known as 'drug mules', the victims are made to swallow balloons containing illicit drugs and are then transported across borders. Once they have reached their destination, these balloons are retrieved from the victim's body. The balloons are made with multilayered condoms and are often force-fed to the victim. The traffickers use a special machine to open the condom and

put drugs into it. On many occasions, the drug mules are first given a soup laced with drugs to numb their throats. The soup is very oily and makes the balloons slide down their throat. The victim's mouth can also be sprayed with anaesthesia, enabling them to swallow up to 120 balloons. A drug mule may be forced to swallow up to one kg of illicit drugs and this painful procedure can lead to serious injuries in the throat, says the UN report. During the journey, they are given medication to inhibit bow-

el movement. Once they have reached their destination, they are fed laxatives and the balloons pass through their bodies. The UN report points out that this medically dangerous way of transporting drugs can lead and has led to the death of persons, if and when balloons rupture within the body. Stomach acids can sometimes cause the rupture of the balloons and death is very quick. The combined impact of human trafficking and drug trafficking on the victim is immense physical abuse and mental torture.

Every year, roughly three thousand people are arrested while working as "mules" smuggling drugs through the ports of entry along the US-Mexico border in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. For every mule caught, many more get through.



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Substance abuse refers to the harmful or hazardous use of psychoactive substances, including alcohol and illicit drugs. Psychoactive substance use can lead to dependence syndrome - a cluster of behavioural, cognitive, and physiological phenomena that develop after repeated substance use. Typically these include a strong desire to take the drug, difficulties in controlling its use, persisting in its use despite harmful consequences, a higher priority given to drug use than to other activities and obligations, increased tolerance, and sometimes a physical withdrawal state.

Works Ministry completes revamp of 32 sewage pumping stations

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Works ministry announced completing the rehabilitation works of 32 sewage pumping stations as part of a strategy to provide high-quality services to improve public health. The Assistant Undersecretary for Sanitation at the Minis-

try of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Fathi Abdullah Al-Farea, said the projects include the rehabilitation of 32 main and subsidiary pumping stations in various regions of Bahrain. Three stations are in Muharraq Governorate, 19 in the Capital Governorate, seven

in the Northern Governorate and three in the Southern Governorate. Al-Farea said that the project aims to raise the efficiency of the stations and ensure sustainability, limiting floods in areas as part of the sanitation efforts. Works also include equip-

ping these stations with new pumps, internal pipes, valves, electrical control panels, control systems and sensors. Tender and Auctions Board awarded the project to Al-Dur Contracting Company for Excavation and Building for BD 759,801.



Second edition of late HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Quran Award concludes

- The award ceremony was held by the Al-Noor Charity Welfare
- The award included participants from the Gulf Countries
- Shaikha Aisha bint Rashid honoured members of the jury and the winning participants.

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Under the patronage of the Honorary President of the Al-Noor Charity Welfare, HH Shaikha Lulwa bint Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the second edition of the late His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Quran



The award ceremony

Award (Women's version) has concluded. The award ceremony was held by the Al-Noor Charity Welfare at the "Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa" Hall, in the presence of Shaikha Aisha bint Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Al-Noor Charity Welfare Chairperson and Head of the Prize Standing Committee, Shaikha Lamia bint Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Al-Noor Charity Welfare members, parents of the participants and media personnel. Addressing the ceremony, HH Shaikha Lulwa bint Khalifa said that the award commemorates the efforts exerted by the late HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman to advance the nation. She thanked the participants for their keenness to memorise the holy Quran, calling for the need to promote the lofty values embedded in the Islamic

religion, including tolerance, love, peace, good morals, mercy, justice, peaceful co-existence and rejection of extremism and terrorism. Shaikha Lamia praised the initiative of HH Shaikha Lulwa bint Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa for launching and supporting the award. She paid tribute to the late HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, noting that as many as 680 participants took part in the second edition. The award included participants from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries starting from the third edition, given the supportive stances of the late HRH Prince Khalifa towards the GCC. Shaikha Aisha bint Rashid honoured, on behalf of HH Shaikha Lulwa bint Khalifa, members of the jury and the winning participants.

Housekeeping Waste Management and Cleaning Services at BIC

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The Bahrain International Circuit has launched a tender for hiring housekeeping, waste management and cleaning services.

BIC tender says it offers a three-year contract for the works at its property in BIC.

A successful contractor should sign a service level agreement with BIC.

"Tenderers should consider the nature of the works required by BIC very carefully and familiarize themselves with the areas and the scope of works to be undertaken," reads the tender description.

Those interested make bids before the 15th of June 2022, with a BD5,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

EWA wants security guards for 40 sites

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The Electricity and Water Authority needs 78 professional security guards for the authority's 40 sites.

A tender launched says the EWA is looking for the most competitive offers for the two-year contract it intends to sign.

The security guards should have a Ministry of Interior Guard Training School (GTS) Certificate and a minimum of Secondary School Level Education.

Male Security Guards should have a minimum height of 1.68 M and Age between 25-40 years.

Bidders should also confirm that they would supply the guard within one month of signing the agreement.

Bidders should submit CV's of proposed security guards.

If interested, make bids before the 1st of June 2022, with a BD4,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Posterior Cervical system for government hospitals

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Government Hospitals has launched a tender for purchasing Posterior Cervical System for its orthopaedic department.

Each item's code, manufacturer, description and quantity are detailed in the RFQ document.

Make bids before the 24th of this month, with a BD245 bond and BD15 tender fees.

Works ministry selling scrap

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning wants to sell scrap materials at its building maintenance directorate.

The scrap materials include steel, GI, Aluminium, copper and various other materials.

Make bids before the 12th of



Representative picture

June 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

65 openings for postman and post sorters @ Bahrain Post

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has launched a tender for appointing postmen and post sorters for the Bahrain post.

According to a tender launched, the ministry calls for contractors to provide Bahrain post with "65" postmen and post sorters with transportation to and from the workplace.

The tender further calls for providing a uniform for the postman and post sorters as per Bahrain Post standards.

Working hours are 8 hours a day, six days a week, from Saturday to Thursday.

"Distribution is according to residence place and as per the period for distribution applied by Bahrain Post, says the tender description.

Interested suppliers should make bids before the 1st of June 2022, with a BD4,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Bahrain's postal history dates



as far back as 1884 with the opening of the first office in Manama. The first post office opened doors in Manama under

the India Post's management. This was followed by a second office 62 years later in Muharraq.

Timeline - Major Milestones

1884	First post office opens in Manama under the India Post's management
1933	First set of stamps with Bahrain's name issued
1946	Second post office opens in Muharraaq
1948	English Post assumes responsibility for managing postal services and operations and issues British stamps with Bahrain's name.
1950	An independent post office for BAPCO opens in Awali
1953	First collection of local Bahraini stamps with a 1.5 anna denomination and bearing the picture of His Highness the late Amir Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, the Ruler of Bahrain
1966	Bahrain assumes responsibility for managing postal services and operations
1973	Bahrain becomes a member of the Universal Postal Union.
1977	Bahrain becomes a member to the GCC Post Authority
1986	Bahrain becomes a member of the Arab Postal Union and a founding member of the Gulf Postal Organisation.
2002	First collection of stamps issued with the name 'Kingdom of Bahrain'
2005	Bahrain Post develops launches new brand identity and logo

Now with a network of 12 post offices, Bahrain Post offers individuals and businesses mail and parcel delivery services.

In addition to standard postal services, Bahrain Post provides a wide range of non-postal services.



For a brief period during the Autumn of 1947, the Pakistani Government in Karachi was responsible for managing the Bahrain Post offices. Following that, the British Post took over and assumed this responsibility in 1948. During that period, the postage stamps cost 5 rupees until July 1948 when the 10 rupees postage stamps were introduced.

In 1953, the first collection of local Bahraini stamps with a 1.5 "anna" denomination were introduced. These stamps were adorned with a picture of His Highness the late Amir Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, the Ruler of Bahrain, and were used for local and international mail and hence marked the first step of Bahrain fully taking over the postal services from Britain.

EWA tender for officer helpers gets nine bids

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Electricity and Water Authority tender for hiring office helpers attracted nine companies.

Bidders are Time Recruiting manpower agency, Stargroup, Al azhar contracting est., G4S General Cleaning and Maintenance services, Durrat Al Muharraaq Cleaning & Main-

tenance, Vanish Clean, Ben Eid Towers Real Estate, Sixpence HR Solutions and Singapore Cleaning Services.

Their bids range between BHD 2,112,000 and BHD 35,294,875. Vanish Clean is the lowest bidder.

The tender was for hiring six officer helpers at the officers of the senior management in the EWA HQ for a year.

Eight bids for Hamad town sewer connection contract

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Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning's tender for a proposed sewer connection in Hamad Town area attracted eight companies.

Bidders are Santy Excavation & Construction company, Abdul Hadi Al-Afoo, Afaaq Alkhalij Excavation & Building Equipment Rental, Inter lock

Maintenance construction, Al Kooheji Technical Services, UCO Engineering, Jahecon and Arad Construction Est.

Bids range between BHD 388,955.179 and BHD 691,000,000. Abdul Hadi Al-Afoo is the lowest bidder.

The tender was for providing sewer connection to 79 properties in Block number 1205. The contract duration is 52 Weeks.

New access road to Bilaj Al Jazayer Chalets Area



Representative picture

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Bilaj Al-Jazayer Real Estate Development is seeking proposals for the construction works of a new access road at Bilaj Al Jazayer. Scope of works includes asphaltting, supply and installation of barriers, guardrails, solar streetlights, and traffic signs.

Interested contractors should make bids before the 5th of June 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

General Repair Works at Muharraaq Commercial Secondary Boys School and Al Khawarezmi Primary Boys School

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning tender for conducting the general repair works at Muharraaq Commercial secondary boys school and Al Khawarezmi Primary Boys School received eight bids.

The bids range between BHD 461,150.000 and BHD 559,570.879. Dar Al Khaleej Trading and Contracting is the lowest bidder.

The tender was for conducting civil and structural maintenance works such as internal and external painting, cracks repair, repair of ceilings and floorings, repair and replacement of doors and windows and renovation of toilets.

Mechanical works such as the development of water networks, replacement of water tanks, electrical works such as additional electrical power room, replacement of distribution boards, lights and all associat-

ed works are part of the project.

Omer Ibn Al Khatib Primary and Intermediate Boys School rehabilitation

Yet another tender by the Works Ministry for the rehabilitation of Omer Ibn Al Khatib Primary and Intermediate Boys School received two bids.

Saraya Contractors Co. (BHD 675,733.900) and Almoayyed Contracting (BHD 647,606.194) are the bidders.

The tender was for the rehabilitation of the Omer school, which was established in 1951 in Muharraaq to provide educational services to primary and intermediate students.

The existing condition of the school no longer caters for the current educational needs due to its worn-out conditions and causes safety hazards due to the structural condition of the building.

The contract duration is 10 months.

Tender for maintenance of green areas in Hidd

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Muharraaq Municipality has invited bids (public tender) for maintaining green areas in East Hidd.

Suppliers should provide materials and perform the maintenance of soft and hard landscapes, trees and palms in the streets with water, fertilizers



and pesticides.

The contract also calls for maintaining and operating irrigation tools for streets and gardens, play equipment, rubber flooring, light poles in gardens,

and removal and replacement of damaged toys.

The tender launched by the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning is offering a seven-month contract.

If interested, make bids before the 15th of June 2022, with a BD1,000 bond and BD50 tender fees.

Shifting and maintenance of portable cabins of MoE

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The Ministry of Education has launched a tender for the shifting and maintenance of portable cabins.

The ministry is offering a three-year contract.

Works include Civil and electrical works and all other related works for shifting the cabins from the location of MoE.

If interested, make bids before the 8th of June 2022, with a BD4,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Dubai ruler dissolves Dubai World financial disputes tribunal



Prime Minister and Vice-President of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum

Reuters | Dubai

Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said yesterday he had issued a decree dissolving a tribunal hearing disputes related to Dubai World, the state conglomerate that was at the centre of Dubai's debt crisis more than a decade ago.

Dubai World, which restructured \$23.5 billion in debt after the global financial crisis, said in June 2020 it had made a final payment to creditors of \$8.2 billion.

Sheikh Mohammed, who is also Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, said in a statement on his website the tribunal would continue to review pending cases and claims until Dec. 13. All future cases as well as those outstanding after Dec. 13 would be handled by specialised courts, the statement said.

Germany, Qatar sign energy partnership agreement

Reuters | Berlin

Germany and Qatar signed yesterday a declaration to deepen their energy partnership, with a focus on trade in hydrogen and liquefied natural gas (LNG), as Europe's biggest economy looks for alternative supplies amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The partnership deal foresees regular meetings and creates a working group focused on developing trade relations in LNG and hydrogen, as well as one devoted to renewable energy.

Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani was in Germany for the signing of the deal with German Economy Minister Robert Habeck, who travelled to Qatar in March, along with officials from German utilities RWE (RWE.G) and Uniper (UN01.DE).

Ex-Gucci backer Investcorp weighs setting up UAE SPAC

Investcorp is working with banks including Moelis & Coon setting up a regional SPAC that could raise as much as \$250 million

Talks are preliminary

Bloomberg

Investcorp is considering listing a special purpose acquisition company in the UAE, according to people with knowledge of the matter, boosting momentum for the Middle East's nascent blank-check market.

The Bahrain-based asset manager, which previously backed luxury brands Tiffany & Co. and Gucci Ltd., is working with banks including Moelis & Coon setting up a regional SPAC that could raise as much as \$250 million, the people said, asking



Visitors at a shopping mall in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

not to be identified as the information isn't public.

Talks are preliminary and Investcorp may still decide against listing a blank-check firm, the people added. Representatives for Investcorp and Moelis declined to comment.

The United Arab Emirates is plowing ahead with creating a SPAC market, even as Wall Street banks beat a hasty retreat from the business in the US as regula-

tory risks stack up. Poor returns and a slew of pulled deals have also weighed on what had previously been one of the financial industry's hottest fads.

A blank-check firm backed by Abu Dhabi's wealth fund ADQ and Chimera Investments is today closing the order book for the Middle East's first SPAC listing. Other deals waiting in the wings include Gulf Capital, which is looking to raise

about \$150 million, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Abu Dhabi regulators approved a legal framework for SPACs in January, while neighboring emirate Dubai has proposed its own set of rules. Saudi Arabia's bourse is still considering whether to allow the vehicles, its chief executive officer said last year.

All eyes are on the blank-check listings in Abu Dhabi as a bellwether for the trend in the wider region. In Asia, which has also sought to jump on the SPAC bandwagon, activity has declined as a result of poor investor sentiment and a weak market for listings generally.

Investcorp, which has among its shareholders Abu Dhabi sovereign fund Mubadala Investment Co., has already listed two blank-check firms in the US, one looking for targets in Europe and another in India.

Investcorp has been moving into new business areas as it tries to more than double assets

under management to \$100 billion. It has launched a Middle East infrastructure fund and another for investing in blockchain startups, while it's also in talks to buy Italy's AC Milan football team, Bloomberg News has reported.



SPACs are cash shell companies that raise money from investors in an initial public offering with the sole purpose of buying a private business within a specified time frame, typically about two years.

G7 finance leaders reaffirm FX commitment in communique

G7 says watching markets given recent volatility

Germany | Koenigswinter

Group of Seven (G7) finance leaders yesterday pledged to closely monitor markets given recent volatility and reaffirmed their commitment on exchange rates, nodding to Japan's concern over recent sharp declines in the yen.

The G7 advanced economies have an agreement that markets ought to determine currency rates, that the group will closely coordinate on currency moves, and that excessive and disorderly exchange-rate moves would hurt growth.

Japanese policymakers have said the agreement gives Tokyo leeway to jawbone, or even intervene directly in the currency market to counter sharp moves in the yen.

"We will also continue to closely monitor markets given recent volatility. We reaffirm our exchange rate commitments as elaborated in May



Attendees pose for a family photo during the G7 Summit in Koenigswinter, near Bonn, Germany

2017," the G7 finance leaders said in a communique issued after a two-day meeting that ended on Friday.

Once welcomed as giving exports a boost, a weak yen has emerged as a source of concern for Japanese policymakers, as it inflates already rising costs of imported fuels and raw materials.

Japanese Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki told reporters on Thursday Tokyo wanted the G7 to reaffirm its commitment on exchange-rate policy, as the

country struggles with the yen's slide to two-decade lows.

The dollar's broad ascent has also pushed down the euro, adding inflationary pressure to the region that is feeling the strain from the Ukraine crisis-driven surge in energy costs. While the yen has bounced back somewhat against the dollar this week as part of the US currency's broad retreat, many analysts expect prospects of steady interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve to sustain the dollar's uptrend.

BRICS-led New Development bank to set up regional office in India



A general view shows vehicles crossing Howrah bridge in Kolkata, India
Reuters | New Delhi

New Development Bank (NDB), established by the BRICS group of emerging economies, said yesterday it would set up a regional office in India for funding and monitoring infrastructure projects in that country and Bangladesh.

"The Indian Regional Office will be instrumental in enhancing NDB's engagement with borrowers and stakeholders," NDB President Marcos Troyjo said in a statement.

The regional office will be set up in Gujarat state.

NDB has so far approved 21 Indian projects, involving funding of \$7.1 billion.

On Thursday, while participating in the seventh annual meeting of NDB's board of

governors by video link, Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the bank had successfully established itself as a reliable partner for emerging market economies.

The multi-lateral development bank, launched by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa in 2015, expanded membership last year to include Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Uruguay.

The Shanghai-headquartered lender has signed off on more than 80 projects in the five original member countries. The value of the projects exceeds \$30 billion and they are in sectors from transport, water and sanitation to clean energy and digital and social infrastructure.

First edition of Mirchi Neon Run is all set to envelop Bahrain in an evening filled with fun and fitness

TDI | Manama

Mirchi, India's no. 1 city-centric music and entertainment company, has made all provisions for one of its most electrifying events, the ultimate Tanmiah Mirchi Neon Run. Powered by Megamart, this year, the event will be conducted for the first time in Bahrain. So, tie your shoelaces and get ready for a fun and fitness-filled evening full of neon entertainment.

The event will be held on the



27th of May at Water Garden City Beach, Manama, Bahrain. The tickets for Mirchi Neon Run are now available at www.wanasatime.com & Megamart Segaya,

Manama, Muharraq and Juffair. Early buyers can bag BD 7 tickets and enjoy switch entry and the privilege of getting merchandise first. From May 21st onwards, BD 10 tickets will be available for purchase.

The event will be organized in two parts. Foremost, the participants for Mirchi Neon Run will report at Water Garden City Beach at 5 PM. The 3 kms run will start from here till back to the pavilion, where participants

will get exclusive Mirchi Neon Run merchandise. The second phase will include Bahrain's leading Disc Jockeys (DJs): DJ Nirmal, DJ Glitz and DJ Rahul. As a cherry on the cake, DJ Ali Merchant will entertain the crowd with smashing hit songs.

The event includes free neon merchandise, exciting activities, lip-smacking cuisine and an all-night dance party with the best DJs of India and Bahrain.

Event-related information at

<https://www.bahrainthismonth.com/events/party/mirchi-neon-run>

Mohammed Rafi, Country Manager, Tanmiah Chicken said, "We wanted to be part of such activities which promote Fitness and what better than Mirchi Neon run which is promoting fitness with fun."

Anil Nawani, General Manager, Megamart and Macromart said: "Mirchi Neon Run is an impressive initiative that helps

bring people together for the greater good after having sustained a change in lifestyle over the past 2 years due to the pandemic, for which we applaud Radio Mirchi for taking this effort."

Sushma Athilat and Ajay Pillai, Programme and Business Head, Mirchi Bahrain, said, "The event is a wonderful opportunity for people to release stress and become a part of a healthier and happier world."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

IMPRESSIONISM IS THE NEWSPAPER OF THE SOUL
HENRI MATISSE

News in brief

Syrian man stabs wife and a man in Norway domestic dispute



A Syrian man stabbed and wounded his wife and another man in a small village in southeast Norway yesterday, police said, adding that the attack was a domestic dispute and there was no danger to others. The two victims and the attacker were all wounded in the attack, which had triggered a major response by emergency services fearing a larger incident, and one of the victims was in a critical condition, police said.

Brazil's far-right President Jair Bolsonaro renewed his attacks on the country's electronic voting system ahead of October elections in which he will face off against favorite Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Bolsonaro, lagging in opinion polls behind leftist ex-president Lula, has long sought to discredit the voting system in place since 1996, saying last year he would not recognize the election outcome unless the whole operation was replaced.

Bolsonaro in renewed attack on voting system



US says 'Hotel Rwanda' hero 'wrongfully detained'



The United States said it has determined that "Hotel Rwanda" hero Paul Rusesabagina has been "wrongfully detained" by Kigali, which handed him a 25-year prison term. Rusesabagina, who holds US permanent residence and Belgian citizenship, has denounced Rwandan President Paul Kagame as a dictator and was sentenced by a court on "terrorism" charges. "The Department of State has determined Paul Rusesabagina is wrongfully detained," a spokesperson for the agency said.

Sri Lanka appointed nine new cabinet members yesterday, among them ministers for the critical portfolios of health, trade and tourism, as the island nation battles its worst economic crisis in history. "Nine cabinet ministers of the new all-party government took their oaths before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa," a presidential news statement said. Veteran politician Ranil Wickremesinghe took over as prime minister this month to form a new cabinet after the president's elder brother, Mahinda Rajapaksa, resigned from the job.

Sri Lanka appoints nine new cabinet members



Eleven soldiers dead in attack on Burkina Faso army base



Eleven soldiers have been killed and nearly two dozen injured in an attack on a military base in eastern Burkina Faso, authorities said. Injured soldiers were taken to hospital and aerial support killed 15 attackers trying to flee after Thursday's attack in Madjoari in Kompienga province, the army said in a statement yesterday.

Slovakia scrambles to stem polluted water that turned Slana River orange

Reuters | Nizna Slana

Polluted water flowing from an iron ore mine in eastern Slovakia has turned the Slana River orange, killing fish and wildlife on a long stretch before it reaches Hungary in what is fast developing into an ecological disaster.

Slovak authorities say they are taking steps to reduce the amount of polluted water stemming from the mine, which is state owned.

But further up on the river in the Slovak village of Nizna Slana, where the mine is located, locals are in despair.

Tibor Varga, 35, a local surgeon and keen angler, has been monitoring the river since February when the pollution started and says he has witnessed the slow death of wildlife due to the river's high content of iron and zinc.

"There is no living creature underneath the pebbles, we can see only rust," he said, lifting a



Tibor Varga, a local angler and activist, searches for live animals in the Slana river

fresh sample.

"This high iron content covers the gill of the fish and... reduces the surface where the fish breathe, and they start to suffocate."

The Rudne Bane mining company said the water flowing into the river was underground water emerging from a flooded

iron ore pocket, which had been mined until 2008.

Its director Peter Zitnan told Reuters that "due to chemical reactions, some metals and other materials got into the water which flows out," adding the colour was due to a high level of iron. He said it was not a poisonous leak.

France's Macron opts for continuity in government reshuffle

Reuters | Paris

Emmanuel Macron retained his finance and interior ministers while appointing only the second woman to head France's foreign ministry, as the president reshuffled his cabinet ahead of parliamentary elections next month.

After his re-election in April, when the far right came its closest yet to taking the presidency, centrist Macron pledged to govern France "in a different way" from a first term during which his focus on economic reforms left much of the electorate dis-



Emmanuel Macron

contented.

With first COVID-19 and now surging inflation reversing some of the hard-fought gains earned by those reforms, he now needs to persuade voters he is responding to their frus-

trations in time for June's parliamentary ballot.

The three nominations - plus Macron loyalist Marc Fesneau as the new agriculture minister - would suggest the president has not opted for a wholesale overhaul of his leadership - though with women playing a more prominent role.

Retaining their respective finance and interior ministry portfolios, Bruno Le Maire and Gerald Darmanin, will be joined on the cabinet's top table by Catherine Colonna as foreign minister, the presidency announced.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths
1 USA	84,799,040	1,028,337
2 India	43,131,822	524,323
3 Brazil	30,752,226	665,491
4 France	29,315,478	147,780
5 Germany	26,051,725	138,633
6 UK	22,232,377	177,890
7 Russia	18,283,706	378,168
8 S. Korea	17,914,957	23,885
9 Italy	17,205,017	165,827
10 Turkey	15,060,112	98,918
11 Spain	12,179,234	105,642
12 Vietnam	10,706,111	43,075
13 Argentina	9,135,308	128,776
14 Japan	8,513,463	30,211

Global tally

526,138,535

Deaths

6,297,705

Recovered:

495,935,932

New cases

+594,497

New deaths

+726

Figures as of closing

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	762,164	+540	9,127	+3	746,525	6,512
UAE	904,093	+362	2,302		887,924	13,867
Kuwait	632,474		2,555		629,392	527
Oman	389,473		4,260		384,669	544
Qatar	366,851	+127	677		365,125	1,049

'We are going to die': Sri Lanka warns of food shortages

Reuters | Colombo

Sri Lanka's prime minister has warned of a food shortage as the island nation battles a devastating economic crisis and vowed the government will buy enough fertiliser for the next planting season to boost productivity.

A decision in April last year by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to ban all chemical fertilisers drastically cut yields and although the government has reversed the ban, no substantial imports have yet taken place.

"While there may not be time to obtain fertiliser for this Yala (May-August) season, steps are being taken to ensure adequate stocks for the Maha (September-March) season," Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said in a message on Twitter late on Thursday.

"I sincerely urge everyone to accept the gravity of the ... situation."

Sri Lanka is facing a dire shortage of foreign exchange, fuel and medicines, and economic activity has slowed to a crawl.

"There is no point in talking about how hard life is," said A.P.D. Sumanavathi, a 60-year-old woman selling fruit and vegetables in the Pettah market in Colombo, the commercial



Protestors stand on a water cannon vehicle as they shout slogans during a protest organised by students near the President's House

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PRIME MINISTER RANIL WICKREMESINGHE

capital, yesterday. "I can't predict how things will be in two months, at this rate we might not even be here."

Nearby, a long queue had formed in front of a shop selling cooking gas cylinders, the

prices of which have soared.

"Only about 200 cylinders were delivered, even though there were about 500 people," said Mohammad Shazly, a part-time chauffeur who said he was standing in the line for the third day to be able to cook food for family of five.

"Without gas, without kerosene oil, we can't do anything," he said. "Last option what? Without food we are going to die. That will happen hundred percent."

The central bank governor said on Thursday foreign exchange had been secured from a World Bank loan and remittances to pay for fuel and cooking gas shipments, but supplies are still to flow through.

Russia

More wounded leave

Zelenskiy says region is completely destroyed

Reuters | Kyiv

Russian forces bombarded areas of Ukraine's eastern Donbas region from land and air yesterday, destroying houses in residential districts and killing a number of civilians, Ukrainian officials said.

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said the assaults had turned the Donbas into "hell".

In the southern port city of Mariupol, scene of the war's bloodiest siege, the last heavily wounded fighters from hold-out Ukrainian units had been evacuated from their bastion, the Azovstal steelworks, their commander said.

It was not clear if the remaining defenders there had definitively laid down their arms.

The Kremlin meanwhile said it was bolstering its forces on Russia's western border, saying that moves by Finland and Sweden to join NATO were part of an increase in military threats.

As the war neared its three-month mark, the Ukrainian military said massive artillery barrages, including from multiple rocket-launchers, had hit civilian infrastructure in the Donbas region bordering Russia.

Russian aircraft had also struck targets, the general staff said in a statement.

"The Russian army has started very intensive destruction of the town of Sievierodonetsk, the intensity of shelling doubled, they

Canadians not preoccupied with constitutional change, PM says

Reuters | London

Canadians are not preoccupied with constitutional change, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told reporters as Britain's Prince Charles and his wife Camilla kicked off their Canadian tour in the eastern province of Newfoundland on Tuesday.

"When I hear from Canadians about the things they're preoccupied about, and the things they want their governments to work on, it's not about constitutional change," he said.

The three-day tour, the prince's 19th of Canada, will include the

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KNOW WHAT

Although Canada ceased being a British colony in 1867, it remained a member of the British Commonwealth, with a British-appointed governor-general acting on the monarch's behalf

1792

Mount Unzen on Japan's Shimabara Peninsula, erupts creating a tsunami, killing about 15,000; Japan's deadliest volcanic eruption

1832

1st US Democratic National Convention held in Baltimore

1927

Aviator Charles Lindbergh, in the Spirit of St Louis, lands in Paris after the first solo air crossing of Atlantic



1932

After flying for 17 hours from Newfoundland, Amelia Earhart lands near Londonderry, Northern Ireland, becoming the 1st transatlantic solo flight by a woman

Step up east Ukraine campaign

Mariupol bastion as Russian forces intensifies offensive in Donbas



An APC of Donetsk People's Republic militia stands not far from Mariupol's besieged Azovstal steel plant

are shelling residential quarters, destroying house by house," Luhansk governor Serhiy Gaidai said via his Telegram channel.

"We do not know how many people died, because it is simply impossible to go through and look at every apartment," he said.

Earlier reports had put the civilian death toll in the Luhansk area of the Donbas at 13 in the past day, with 12 of them in Sievierodonetsk, which lies on a river about 110 km (70 miles) northwest of the regional capital.

"The Donbas is completely destroyed," President Zelenskyy said on Thursday night. "It is hell there - and that is not an exaggeration."

Reuters could not independently verify the reports and Russia denies targeting civilians.

In Moscow, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said the "liberation of the Luhansk People's Republic" would be completed soon.

An industrial region, Donbas comprises the Donetsk and Luhansk areas, parts of which were already controlled by Moscow-backed separatists before the war. Shoigu said Russian troops and separatist militias were expanding their control there.

Donbas focus

Russia's focus on the Donbas follows its failure to capture the capital Kyiv in the early stages of the invasion launched by Russian President Vladimir Putin on Feb. 24.

In the weeks of warfare pitting Russia's military might against dogged Ukrainian resistance, thousands of people have been killed and whole urban areas shattered in the gravest crisis in Europe in decades.

Almost a third of Ukraine's people have fled their homes, including more than 6 million who have left the country, while others remain trapped in cities pulverised

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LUHANSK GOVERNOR SERHIY GAIDAI

by Russian bombardments.

Analysts say that while Russian forces have advanced in Luhansk, they have made less progress in Donetsk. They have also been pushed back from the city of Kharkiv, north of the Donbas and close to the Russian border.

British military intelligence said yesterday Russia is likely to further reinforce its operations in the Donbas once it finally secures Mariupol - scene of a weeks-long siege and Moscow's biggest success in a campaign of mixed fortunes.

Putin calls the invasion a "special military operation" to rid the country of fascists - an assertion Kyiv and its Western allies say is a baseless pretext for an unprovoked war.

In a sign of Russia's need to boost its war effort, the parliament in Moscow said it would consider a bill to allow Russians over 40 and foreigners over 30 to sign up for the military.

Hold out

The past week has seen Russia all but secure victory in Mariupol, with the Kyiv government order-



Service members of the Ukrainian armed forces are seen within the Azovstal Iron and Steel Works complex in Mariupol

ing the defenders of the Azovstal steelworks to stand down.

British military intelligence said as many as 1,700 soldiers were likely to have surrendered at the plant. Russian Defence Minister Shoigu put the number of those laying down their arms at about 2,000.

Ukrainian officials, who have tried to arrange a prisoner swap, have declined to comment on the number, saying it could endanger rescue efforts.

The commander of Ukraine's Azov Regiment said yesterday all civilians and wounded Ukrainian fighters had now been evacuated from Azovstal.

"The heavily wounded received the necessary assistance and they were evacuated, to be later exchanged and delivered to territory controlled by Ukraine," Commander Denys Prokopenko said in a video message.

The process of removing the dead was still under way.

"I hope that in the near future, relatives and Ukraine will be able to bury their soldiers with honor," Prokopenko said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it had registered hundreds of prisoners from Azovstal now held by Russia, but it has not given a precise number.

Western powers, who have strongly condemned Russia's actions and sought to isolate Moscow with an array of sanctions, were stepping up support for Ukraine. The Group of Seven rich nations on Thursday agreed to provide Ukraine with \$18.4 billion to make up revenues as the war wrecks its economy.

The US Senate approved nearly \$40 billion in new aid, by far the largest US aid package to date.

The White House is also working to get advanced anti-ship missiles to Ukraine to help defeat Russia's naval blockade, which has largely stopped Ukraine's food exports.

Reoccupied with constitutional as Prince Charles, Camilla start tour



Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall arrive for their Canadian 2022 Royal Tour in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

Northwest Territories and Canada's capital region, and is focused on the issues of climate change and reconciliation with indigenous peoples.

The visit is also part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations marking Queen Elizabeth's seven decades on the throne.

An opinion poll released by the Angus Reid research group in April shows a growing share of Canadians support eventually abolishing the country's constitutional monarchy, with about 51% saying it should disappear in coming generations, up from 45% in January 2020.

Although Canada ceased being a British colony in 1867, it remained a member of the Brit-

ish Commonwealth, with a British-appointed governor-general acting on the monarch's behalf.

Tuesday's events were to include a smudging ceremony - an Indigenous spiritual practice that usually involves burning medicines such as sweetgrass, cedar, sage or tobacco - and a prayer in the Heart Garden in St. John's, a site that commemorates the child victims of Canada's residential schools.

Under the auspices of Canada's federal government and in the name of the Crown about 150,000 indigenous children were forcibly removed from their families and enrolled in abusive church-run residential schools between 1831 and 1996.

Cost of living in focus as Australia's election race hits final stretch

Reuters | London

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison crisscrossed the country in a final day of campaigning, insisting he could still win Saturday's election despite polls pointing to a change of government or hung parliament.

Morrison and Labour Opposition leader Anthony Albanese targeted marginal seats across four states in the final 48 hours of the six-week campaign as data showing wages growth being outstripped by inflation

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SCOTT MORRISON



Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, right, and Australian opposition leader Anthony Albanese shake hands ahead of the leaders' debate in Sydney

and record low unemployment provided fodder for competing claims on who would best manage the economy.

An Ipsos opinion poll published by the Australian Financial Review showed Labour leading Morrison's ruling Liberal-National coalition 53% to 47% on a two-party preferred basis, where votes are ranked by preference and distributed to the highest two candidates.

But Labour's primary vote shrunk to 36% to the coalition's 35%, with minor parties and independents attracting nearly a third of voters, raising the pros-

pect of a minority government. Morrison, in a blitz of media interviews yesterday morning, said he could still win, and pointed to his economic competence.

"What I've demonstrated over these last three years - not everybody's agreed with me... and not everybody likes me - but that's not the point. The point is, who can manage the nation's finances to keep downward pressure on rising interest rates, downward pressure on cost of living?" he said on ABC News Breakfast, before campaigning in Western Australia.



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TWEETS

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4² states took Ukraine's side in the case against Russia at the International Court of Justice and intend to join the proceedings. Grateful to partners who chose the right side of history. The side of truth, international law, and justice. Together, we'll hold Russia accountable.

@ZelenskyyUa

02



Super excited to be in Brazil for launch of Starlink for 19,000 unconnected schools in rural areas & environmental monitoring of Amazon!

@elonmusk

03



In our world of plenty, I will never accept the death from hunger of a single human being. Today, I urged members of the Security Council to take action - now - to break the deadly dynamic of conflict and hunger.

@antonioguterres

04

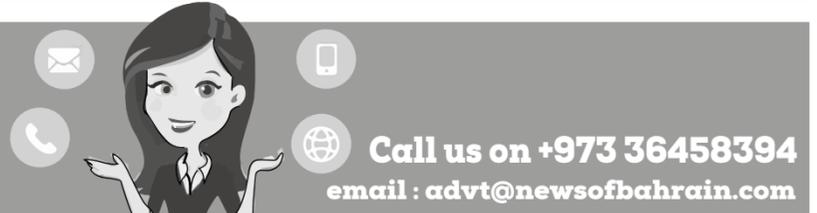


1) Inflation is increasingly broad-based as median inflation rises in many regions (2) Policy rates moving up but real rates deeply negative in many (3) Despite sizeable rate increases in Latin America inflation continues to rise. A cautionary reminder of lags in policy effects.

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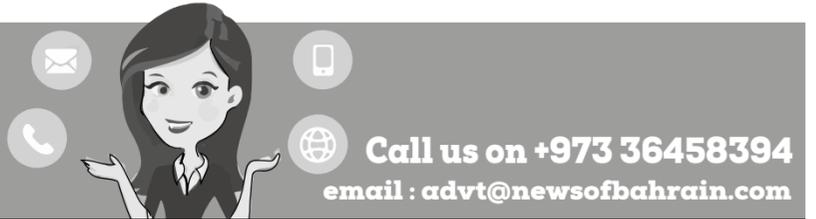
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Tesla Inc Chief Executive Elon Musk has denounced as "utterly untrue" claims in a news report that he sexually harassed a flight attendant on a private jet in 2016.

Shares of Tesla skidded more than 6% yesterday.

Business Insider reported on Thursday that Musk's private company SpaceX paid \$250,000 in 2018 to settle a sexual harassment claim from an unnamed private jet flight attendant who accused Musk of exposing himself to her.

The article quoted an anonymous person who said she was a friend of the flight attendant. The friend had provided a statement as part of the private settlement process, according to the article.

"I have a challenge to this liar who claims their friend saw me 'exposed' - describe just one thing, anything at all (scars, tattoos, ...) that isn't known by the public. She won't be able to do so, because it never happened," Musk tweeted late on Thursday.

Musk and SpaceX did not respond to Reuters requests for comment on the Business Insider story or on tweets by the billionaire.

In a statement to Reuters yesterday, Business Insider said: "We stand by our story which is based on documents and interviews and which



Elon Musk

"The attacks against me should be viewed through a political lens - this is their standard (despicable) playbook - but nothing will deter me from fighting for a good future and your right to free speech"

ELON MUSK

speaks for itself."

Business Insider quoted the friend of the flight attendant as saying that in addition to allegedly exposing himself, Musk rubbed the flight attendant's thigh and offered to buy her a horse if she would "do more" during an in-flight massage.

The flight attendant came to believe that her refusal to accept Musk's proposal had hurt her opportunities to work at SpaceX and prompted her to hire a lawyer in 2018, according to Business Insider.

First stop Samsung: Biden touts South Korean role in securing global supply chains

Reuters | Seoul

Joe Biden's first stop on his inaugural trip to Asia as US president yesterday was a massive Samsung Electronics semiconductor plant, underscoring a message of economic security with an eye on China and the war in Ukraine.

Biden landed at the US military's Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek, south of Seoul, and immediately drove to Samsung's nearby factory, the largest semiconductor plant in the world. There he greeted South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol, a relative newcomer to politics, for the first time in person.

Advanced chips for functions such as mobile, 5G, high-performance computing and artificial intelligence, have become a focal point of competition with China and concerns over global supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Economic shockwaves from Russia's war in Ukraine have further spotlighted the need to secure critical supply chains so that the US economy and national security are not dependent on countries "that don't share our values," Biden said in remarks at the plant.

"The critical component of how we'll do that in my view is by working with close partners that do share our values, like the Republic of Korea."



President Joe Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol visit the Samsung Electronics Pyeongtaek campus

"These little chips are the key to propelling us into the next era of humanity's technological development"

JOE BIDEN

Biden said the future would be written in the Indo-Pacific and now was the time for the United States and like-minded partners to invest in each other.

The two leaders toured the plant, which the White House called a model for a new \$17 billion factory that Samsung plans to build in Taylor, Texas.

"With today's visit, I hope

that Korea-US relations will be reborn as an economic and security alliance based on high-tech and supply chain cooperation," Yoon said.

He also urged Biden to provide incentives for South Korean and US businesses to invest in each other's countries.

Samsung Electronics Vice Chairman Jay Y. Lee was excused from attending an accounting fraud trial hearing yesterday in order to host the US president's tour.

Countering China's presence in the region is a key Biden theme on the trip, but South Korea is likely to strike a cautious tone in public on the topic given Beijing is Seoul's top trading partner.

South Korea is expected to be

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A semiconductor shortage last year hurt the availability of autos, kitchen appliances and other goods, causing higher inflation worldwide and crippling Biden's public approval among US voters

among the inaugural members of Biden's Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), which will be announced during the trip to set standards on labour, the environment and supply chains.

Asked about Beijing's opposition to the IPEF, Yoon told reporters earlier yesterday that joining the framework does not have to conflict with South Korea's economic ties with China.

"There is no need to see it as a zero-sum," he said. Hyundai Motor Co has been working on plans to build a new electric-vehicle manufacturing plant in the United States, and an announcement could coincide with Biden's visit.

celebs

Jennifer Lopez breaks down over 2019 Oscars snub

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jennifer Lopez says it was “hard” when ‘Hustlers’ was snubbed by the Academy Awards. The ‘Let’s Get Loud’ hitmaker had “very low self-esteem” after the 2019 Lorene Scafaria film - based on a viral New York Magazine feature about strippers who took advantage of their Wall Street clients and starred Jennifer, Constance Wu, Lili Reinhart and Cardi B - failed to be given the recognition she felt it deserved by the Oscars. In a clip in the upcoming documentary ‘Jennifer Lopez: Halftime’, the 52-year-old entertainer said: “It was hard. I just had a very low self-esteem. I had to really figure out who I was and believe in that, and not believe in anything else.” Jennifer spilled that she “really believed” the comments made about her and her abilities in the trailer for the Netflix special due to debut on June 14. She said: “I lived in the public eye, and I really believed a lot of what they said,” as a montage of criticism about her singing by Jimmy Kimmel and comments about her “butt” play in the background.” Ben Affleck - her fiance that she rekindled her relationship with after calling quits on their original engagement in 2004 - recalled a time that she asked if the negativity “bothered” her. The 49-year-old actor said: “I said to her once, ‘Doesn’t this bother you?’, and she said, ‘I expected this’” The ‘Marry Me’ star - who has 14-year-old fraternal twins Max and Emme with her ex Marc Anthony - can also be seen working on making her Pepsi Super Bowl LIV Halftime Show - that she did alongside Shakira - into something “with substance”. During a rehearsal from 2020, Jennifer said: “I’m trying to give you something with substance, not just us out there shaking our f***** a****. I want something real.”

Jennifer Lopez



Katy Perry credits Orlando Bloom with helping to ease her depression

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Katy Perry has heaped praise on her fiance Orlando Bloom for helping to ease her depression. The 37-year-old pop star - who has daughter Daisy Dove, 20 months, with the ‘Lord of the Rings’ actor - has squashed rumours she has split up with Orlando, 45, after she was spotted without her engagement ring and didn’t attend the Met Gala with her partner earlier this month. During a recent interview, the ‘Firework’ hitmaker explained how the pair complement each other, as the ‘Pirates of the Car-

ibbean’ actor is always positive and she’s “more heady” and “prone to depression”. Speaking on the ‘Dear Chelsea’ podcast, Katy said: “I always say when he walks into the room he has this joie de vivre to him and some people ask, ‘What is this guy on?’ “He’s just really got this happy, positive vibes and I’m a little bit more heady and prone to depression in some ways - and so it’s good for me to be around him because he gets me out of my head a little bit.” Katy admits that before finding ‘The One’ in Orlando and seeing what a wonderful father he is to his son Flynn, 11, whom he has with ex-wife Miranda Kerr, she didn’t plan on becoming a mom. She explained: “I wasn’t very maternal and I think that probably stems from some childhood stuff.” However, that soon changed when she met Orlando.

Katy Perry



Orlando Bloom

Rebel Wilson’s motherhood ambition prompted weight loss

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Rebel Wilson’s ambition to become a mother sparked her weight-loss efforts. The 42-year-old actress embarked on a “year of health” in 2020 after being told by a fertility doctor that she’d have a much better chance of harvesting and freezing her eggs if she shed some weight. The ‘Bridesmaids’ star - who has lost more than 80 pounds in recent years - recalled: “He looked me up and down and said, ‘You’d do much better if you were healthier.’ I was taken aback.

Rebel Wilson



Nick Jonas: Baby is a ‘gift’

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Nick Jonas’ daughter is a “gift”. The Jonas Brothers singer and his wife Priyanka Chopra welcomed baby Malti Marie into the world via surrogate in January and the 29-year-old star admitted life is “beautiful” now that he is a father for the first time. Speaking on ‘Today’ about being a new dad, Nick gushed: “Life is beautiful. “She’s a gift. We’re just so blessed.” Malti only recently returned home after spending 100 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the couple “feel blessed” that their daughter is finally home.

A source said recently: “Nick and Priyanka could not be happier to have their little girl at home with them. These past few months have been heart-wrenching but both parents did not give up hope and remained optimistic. “Malti is a little fighter and truly a miracle. Nick and Priyanka feel blessed and have been appreciative of everyone’s outpour of love and support during this time.” To celebrate Mother’s Day in the US earlier this month, Priyanka shared a picture of Malti on Instagram for the first time and revealed they had been on a “rollercoaster” with the youngster’s health.

Nick Jonas



Rihanna welcomes a baby boy with A\$AP Rocky

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Rihanna has welcomed a baby boy with A\$AP Rocky. The 34-year-old pop star - who has been dating rapper A\$AP since January 2020 - announced back in February that the couple were expecting and reportedly welcomed the baby almost a week ago. A source told TMZ: “Rihanna and A\$AP Rocky are officially parents... welcoming a baby boy to the world.” While there was no news of the name of the baby, the ‘Um-

brella’ hitmaker is said to have given birth last Friday (13.05.22) in Los Angeles, just days after she was said to have been spotted in public for the last time at a restaurant. Back in April, the Fenty Beauty founder - who has no oth-

er children - graced the cover of Vogue and insisted that pregnancy was not slowing her down and she felt more inclined to say “yes” to things. She said: “None of the dials are turned down I think I even say yes to more now because I know it will be different on the other side of this. At first I expected some magical change,

but really I remain who I am. Balance is one of my biggest challenges and always has been. And now there’s another human being coming into play, it changes what that means again. Still, I have businesses that aren’t going to run themselves. My mom handled the three of us with not even close to the amount of resources that I have, so I can absolutely do it. I’m sorry — it’s too much fun to get dressed up. I’m not going to let that part disappear because my body is changing!”

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A\$AP Rocky and Rihanna

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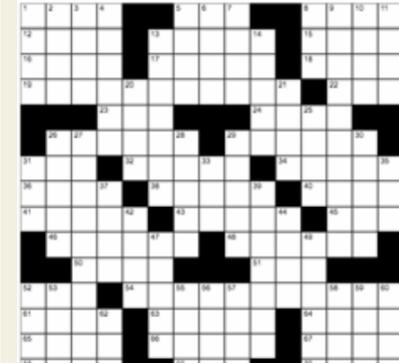
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How to play

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Yesterday’s solution

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Royal Endurance Team set for Montalcino International Endurance Championship

TDT | Manama

Under the leadership of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Captain of the Team, the Royal Endurance Team will participate on Saturday, in the Montalcino International Endurance Championship, Italy.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa will lead the Royal Endurance Team in the 160 km race. Commenting on this, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa stressed the care and interest that the equestrian sports enjoy in the Kingdom of Bahrain, especially the endurance sport, from HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, contributed to give prominence to the Royal Endurance Team in foreign forums, praising the support of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad



Royal Endurance Team during training

Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa explained that the Royal Endurance Team is proceeding according to the vision that was set and its goal is to

continue confirming the Team's position in the European arena, indicating that the Montalcino International Endurance Championship will be a great stop for the Royal Endurance Team in preparation for participating in

the next World Championship.

His Highness added: "We have many goals that we will seek to meet in the Montalcino International Endurance Championship to achieve new gains for the Bahraini endurance sport and to enhance its position in various participations. We also have a vision of promoting the Kingdom of Bahrain through the presence of the Kingdom's name in various international forums."

It's worth noting that His Highness followed the veterinary examination of the Championship in the presence of HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for the Environment, Vice President of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club and member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.

His Highness also participat-

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HH SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

ed in the weigh-in process. HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa was keen to meet the

riders after the veterinary examination.

The Championship will feature various contests, and the Royal Endurance team will take part in several races. They include the 160 km race, the 120 km race for the general public, the 120 km race for the juniors and the 100 km for the juniors.

Young jockey HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Isa Al Anzi, Mohammed Al Bastaki, Nasser Al Qahtani, Salman Isa, Youssef Al Jubouri, Khalifa Jamal and Khalifa Sabt will participate in the 120 km general public. The team will also compete in the 120 km race for juniors with Abdullah Al Ruwaie, while his compatriot Abdulrahman Khalid will participate in the 100 km race for juniors.

Victorious bus was also present in the championship village to promote the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Nadal plays down chances of 14th French Open crown

Reuters | Paris

Rafael Nadal has played down his chances of winning a record-extending 14th French Open title but said he would not be in Paris if he thought it was not possible.

The 35-year-old says he has never felt less prepared for his favourite tournament after being hampered by a rib injury and a chronic foot problem since winning the Australian Open.

Nadal withdrew from the Barcelona Open last month and lost in the third round of the Rome Masters against Denis Shapovalov.

Asked about his fitness at a news conference yesterday the record 21-time Grand Slam champion said: "It is something that I live every day with, so is nothing new for me and is not a big surprise. I am here just to play tennis and to try to make the best result possible here in Roland Garros."

"And if I didn't believe that this thing can happen, probably I would not be here."

His best result during the European claycourt season was a quarter-final run in Madrid where he lost to Spanish teenage sensation Carlos Alcaraz in three sets.

Nadal, however, has made it to Paris and he practiced with fellow Mallorcan Jaume Munar on Wednesday evening.

"I considered myself during all my tennis career one of the candidates here, because I achieve tournaments before



Rafael Nadal in action during a match (file photo)



Rafael Nadal's best result during the European claycourt season was a quarter-final run in Madrid where he lost to Spanish teenage sensation Carlos Alcaraz in three sets

here. Now on Friday, before the tournament starts, I don't think I am the favourite at all. But you never know what can happen," he said.

Nadal can only hope that his foot injury will relent for a couple of weeks, especially as his path puts him on a quarter-final collision course with world number one Novak Djokovic.

Leclerc leads practices

Charles Leclerc sets pace from Mercedes duo in second practice for Spanish GP

● Mercedes hold hope

AFP | Madrid

Formula One leader Charles Leclerc of Ferrari topped both practices at the Spanish Grand Prix yesterday while Mercedes appeared to close the gap.

Leclerc topped the time charts in both hour-long sessions. George Russell and Lewis Hamilton were next in their Mercedes, which have struggled to keep up with Ferrari and Red Bull this season. They were within 0.2 seconds of Leclerc.

Carlos Sainz clocked the fourth best time in his Ferrari, followed by defending champion Max Verstappen for Red Bull.

Leclerc leads Verstappen by 19 points after five races, but Verstappen has cut the deficit after back-to-back wins in Italy and Miami.

Teams often roll out major upgrades at the Spanish GP with a handful of races already in the bag and this well-known circuit, where teams also test in winter, is perfect for gauging progress.

Ferrari is hoping that upgrades it has brought to Spain can help it match the race speed that Red Bull has enjoyed in the last two races, when Verstappen beat Leclerc.



Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc of Monaco steers his car during practice session

"Hopefully (the upgrade) will be a good one and enough to be in front of Red Bull again," Leclerc said.

Verstappen said his team won't roll out any surprises but is planning to reduce the weight of the car.

"Our car is a bit fat so we need to slim it down," Verstappen said before getting behind the wheel yesterday.

It appears that focusing on the car's reliability is the top priority for Red Bull, after car failures kept Verstappen from finishing in Bahrain and Australia, where Leclerc won.

"(Ferrari) are coming with a few upgrades so it will be interesting to see what that gives them at the end of the day," Verstappen said. "We just need to

focus on our package. We want a clean weekend."

Before practice, Hamilton and Russell both said they were expecting Mercedes to make some gains this weekend, even if they may be hard pressed to fight for the race trophy that Hamilton has claimed for the past five years.

"I do believe there is the potential there to be at the front, we just can't unlock it right now," Hamilton said. "I'm keeping my hopes up, pure faith and trusting the team that we'll get there."

The best result this season for Hamilton, a 103-time race winner, is third place at the season opener in Bahrain. He is sixth in the standings with 36 points. Leclerc leads with 104.

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LEWIS HAMILTON

Russell has so far surprisingly outperformed the seven-time world champion in his first year with Mercedes, finishing higher than his new teammate in four of five races.

The opening practice featured the F1 weekend debuts of two drivers in testing roles. Juri Vips filled in for Red Bull's Sergio Pérez, while Nyck de Vries drove Alex Albon's Williams. Vips finished at the bottom of the table, and Vries was two spots above.

Veteran Robert Kubica also got a turn for Alfa Romeo in place of Zhou Guanyu.

It was mostly an incident-free day except for a car failure that left Valtteri Bottas out of action. He said "something's broke" as his Alfa Romeo ground to a stop in the grass. The Finn was whisked back to the paddock on the back of a scooter.

PSG coach Pochettino in the dark over Mbappe future

AFP | Paris

Paris Saint-Germain coach Mauricio Pochettino insisted yesterday he has no idea where Kylian Mbappe will play his club football next season as the striker's contract in the French capital comes to an end.

Mbappe is expected to reveal in the coming days whether he will join Real Madrid or accept a lucrative offer to stay at PSG, with an announcement potentially being made in the hours after the French champions play their final game of the Ligue 1 season at home to Metz on



PSG's Kylian Mbappe (L) is congratulated by Mauricio Pochettino (file photo)

Saturday.

"I don't know what his decision is. I think it's a personal matter for Kylian and for the club," Pochettino said at a press conference ahead of the Metz

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MAURICIO POCHETTINO

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Mbappe, who joined PSG from Monaco in 2017, last week won the Ligue 1 Player of the Year prize and comes into the final weekend of the season as the division's top scorer with 25 goals.

Rumours are swirling in France and in Spain about when he will confirm where his next contract will be.

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Bahrain add shooting, cycling medals

Kingdom's athletes clinch one silver and two bronze medals yesterday at the third GCC Games in Kuwait

● Bahrainis win silver in men's 25m rapid fire pistol teams event, bronze in men's 10m air rifle teams

● Cyclists capture bronze medal in men's team time trial

● National volleyball and futsal teams also triumph yesterday in their respective competitions

TDT | Manama

Bahrain captured three more medals yesterday as action continued in the third edition of the GCC Games in Kuwait.



Bahrain's shooters with their silver medals yesterday



Yesterday's achievements brought the nationals' medal tally at the GCC Games to 43, with 17 gold medals, 16 silver and 10 bronze



Bahrain's men's cycling team show off their bronze medals

also took a bronze medal in the men's 10m air rifle teams. They defeated Saudi Arabia 17-13.

In cycling, Bahrain's men's squad captured the team time trial bronze medal after completing the event in 50 minutes 50.34 seconds.

They were more than a minute behind gold-medallists UAE, while Kuwait took the silver medals.

Winning start

Meanwhile, Bahrain's senior men's volleyball team claimed a

winning start in their tournament at the GCC Games yesterday.

They battled back from a set down to defeat Saudi Arabia 3-1 (20-25, 25-13, 25-23, 25-13).

Ali Ebrahim and Nasser Anan were the Bahrainis' top scorers in the match, each coming away with 14 points.

Ali Alsairafi added 12 markers, while Mohamed Abdulla scored 10.

Bahrain will be looking to continue their winning ways when they take on the UAE in their second fixture this evening, scheduled for a 5pm start.

They are then back in action on Monday against Oman, which will be their final game.

Also yesterday, the Kingdom's national futsal team were triumphant.

They came away with a hard-earned 2-0 win over Oman.

Both the Bahrainis' goals were scored in the second half. Ali Alwani fired in their opener in the 32nd minute, while Salman Muhammad found the net just a minute later.

Both Alwani and Muhammad scored their first goals of the tournament for Bahrain.

Bahrain's next match in the men's futsal tournament will be tomorrow against hosts Kuwait.



Bahrain go for a double block during their match against Saudi Arabia last night

Bahrain's shooters won a silver and bronze medal, while the men's cycling team claimed a bronze.

Their achievements brought the nationals' medal tally at the Games to 43, with 17 gold medals, 16 silver and 10 bronze.

Bahrain, however, dropped to second on the six-nation medal table behind hosts Kuwait, who have 56 total medals including 21 gold, 17 silver and 18 bronze.

In yesterday's shooting events, Bahrain's shooters made it to the gold medal match in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol teams competition. But there, they lost to gold-medallist Oman 8-16.

The Kingdom's shooters then



Members of Bahrain's national athletics team, who won 17 gold medals at the GCC Games, returned to the Kingdom yesterday and were received upon their arrival by officials from the Bahrain Olympic Committee and the Bahrain Athletics Association

Bahrain qualify for West Asian beach soccer semi-finals

● Nationals defeat Saudi Arabia 3-1, with Mohammed Ashoor, Mohammed Darwish and Rashid Jamal on target

● Bahrainis end group stage unbeaten, march through to final four where they will face off with the UAE

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Bahrain's national beach soccer team scored their second successive victory in the West Asian Football Federation



Bahrain's national beach soccer team players celebrate after winning their match last night

Beach Soccer Championship 2022, being held in Jizan, Saudi Arabia.

They defeated Saudi Arabia 3-1 last night, earning them a full three points and securing their place in the tournament's semi-finals.

Scoring for the nationals in yesterday's contest were Mohammed Ashoor, Mohammed Darwish and Rashid Jamal.

They spearheaded the Bahrainis to a full six points in Group B at the end of the competition's preliminary stage, and now head into the final four as one of the favourites to make it through to the gold medal match.

The nationals are set to take on the UAE in the semi-finals.

That game will be played to-

tomorrow.

The nationals are coached by Sadeq Marhoon.

Group A comprises four teams, including Kuwait, the UAE, Lebanon and Oman.

The Bahrainis conducted an external training camp in Oman over the past few weeks in preparation for the competition.

The team's delegation in Jizan is headed by team manager Bader Shamsan, and it features a list of 13 players.

They include Ashoor, Darwish, Jamal, Mahran Maatouk, Salman Salim, Khalifa Ebrahim, Ahmed Abdurassool, Issam Flamerzi, Abdulla Abdulatif, Abbas Fadhel, Mohammed Yousef, Ali Hassanain and Mohammed Yaqoob.