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global woman of
influence award



Najla Hamad Al Fadhel
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Bahraini Najla Hamad Al Fadhel has been named the winner of the Global Woman of Influence 2025 Award, recognising her among an elite circle of international leaders and inspirational figures in leadership, awareness, and healing.

The accolade underscores the strong presence of Bahraini women on the global stage.

Al Fadhel is ranked among the top one percent of national talents in the Hope Talents database.

She holds a master's degree in international communication and diplomacy and a bachelor's degree in media and public relations.

Bahrain Post
adds e-services
to MyGov app

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has announced that, as of August 28, Bahrain Post's online services will be available exclusively through the MyGov application.

The step seeks to unify access to government e-services and enhance the efficiency of the digital transformation process, in line with users' expectations for a more seamless and integrated experience.

It aims to further improve efficiency and services.

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Bahraini women hailed for milestone contributions

HRH Princess
Sabeeka expresses pride
as SCW marks 24 years

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) President, underscored the contributions of Bahraini women to the Kingdom of Bahrain's progress.

She lauded their recognised humanitarian role in building society, and the broad horizons they have reached in achievement, creativity and innovation.

Speaking on the 24th anniversary of the SCW, HRH Princess Sabeeka expressed pride in the Bahraini women's distinguished accomplishments at the local, regional and international level.



HM the King

els, made possible by the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Congratulatory cable

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman received congratulatory cables from HRH



HRH Prince Salman

Princess Sabeeka.

In her messages, she affirmed that the Council has become a pioneering national institution, distinguished by milestones achieved by Bahraini women and a recognised presence in institutional work and strategic planning.

HRH Princess Sabeeka stressed that these gains reflect HM the King's vision to advance



HRH Princess Sabeeka

women's roles and enable their full participation across sectors of development. She highlighted government initiatives and programmes, led by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, that have strengthened women's roles in all fields and integrated their needs into national policies, further enhancing their presence and impact.

Reaffirming the SCW's man-

date, Her Royal Highness pledged continued implementation of programmes and initiatives, the forging of effective partnerships with local, regional and international institutions, and determined efforts to translate HM the King's vision into measurable outcomes — advancing Bahraini women toward greater leadership and excellence.

Steadfast support

She also noted HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's steadfast support for the SCW's work to build a comprehensive framework that empowers women and ensures the sustainability of their contributions to national development.

HRH Princess Sabeeka wished HM the King continued good health and long life to sustain his support for Bahraini women, and expressed hopes for ongoing progress and prosperity for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Winning Reform

What once stalled projects for months is now approved in days - and the world has noticed.

Global award
for Benayat

Permits cut to days

Bahrain leads in GIS

Mahir Haneef
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The Esri User Conference in San Diego, where Benayat was honoured, draws over 20,000 experts each year and is considered the Olympics of geographic technology.

What once delayed projects for months can now be done in just days. That stunning leap has placed Bahrain on the world stage, after its Building Permit Portal 'Benayat' won the Special Achievement in GIS Award in the Government and Production Sector at the Esri User Conference in San Diego.

The award, presented by US-based GIS leader Esri, recognised Benayat out of more than 100 international projects for its innovative integration of geospatial technology in government services. For Bahrain, it was more than a trophy - it

was validation that its digital governance model is among the world's best.

Cutting through delays

Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak said Benayat has transformed building permit approvals by reducing processing times by up to 90 per cent. "Approvals that once dragged on for months are now completed in one to three working days," he said, noting that the system boosted transparency, accuracy and user satisfaction.

The minister added that the achievement reflects Bahrain's



H.E. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak with H.E. Mohammed Ali Al Qaed

Economic Vision 2030 and supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals, positioning the Kingdom as a leader in innovation and digital transformation.

Information & eGovernment Authority Chief Executive Mohammed Ali Al Qaed said Be-

nayat is integrated with the Bahrain Spatial Data Infrastructure, linking to property, infrastructure and real estate records. The portal now delivers more than 15 eServices that cut paperwork, eliminate in-person visits and handle permits for additions,

which make up 40 percent of requests, at record speed.

Government entities involved in approvals have been reduced by 80 per cent, private sector specialists are now engaged in reviews, and requirements are published in a unified guide. Together, these changes have slashed bureaucracy and sped up delivery for citizens and businesses alike.

Track record

Bahrain's recognition at the Esri User Conference builds on a history of global GIS milestones. The Kingdom won Esri's SAG Award in 2011 and was ranked among the top two countries worldwide in 2012. Benayat itself has previously won the eGovernment Excellence Award in 2019 and the Bahrain Digital Content Award in 2022.

By turning a months-long ordeal into a process that takes less than three days, Benayat has not just won a global award, it has given Bahrain a blueprint for digital governance that speaks to the world.

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‘Urgent’ need

MP pushes for public-sector pay rise to cope with rising cost of living

● Last increase was 14 years ago

Mohammed Darwish
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MP Jalal Kadhem has called for an immediate rise in public-sector pay, saying grade and salary scales need a full update to match the cost of living. He said the last government pay rise was fourteen years ago. “We need an urgent, across-the-board update of grade and salary tables to keep pace with economic changes and the growing living needs of citizens and public employees,” Kadhem said.



He pointed to repeated price rises, higher costs for essential goods and services, inflation and the introduction of Value Added Tax.

Purchasing power
“These pressures have added to families’ bills and weakened

“A pay rise would lift spending power, support local trade and help overall growth, while easing social pressures from incomes falling behind living costs.”

- MP JALAL KADHEM
purchasing power,” he said. “Day-to-day living has become a heavy load on citizens. Putting matters right cannot wait. An urgent pay rise is essential to secure a decent standard of living and to meet growing family needs,” he said.

Kadhem said updating the scales would bring greater fairness among staff and lift output and work quality. “Revising the grade and salary tables will help pay keep pace with inflation and ease the strain caused by higher prices and living costs,” he said.

Pressure
He added that a pay rise would lift spending power, support local trade and help overall growth, while easing social pressures from incomes falling behind living costs. Kadhem said Parliament will continue to work on steps and laws that serve citizens and raise living standards, urging the government to act without delay.

SCW Anniversary Celebrates Progress

Annual anniversary highlights Bahrain’s model of women’s empowerment

● Institutional framework established

● Leadership support reinforced

● Gender equality made strategic

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MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen Prince and Prime Minister, helped elevate Bahraini women’s presence locally and internationally.

The annual anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), observed on August 22, has been described as a national occasion to celebrate the achievements of Bahraini women.

MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen said the SCW, created through the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, transformed women’s empowerment from individual efforts into a comprehensive, institutional model grounded in planning and future readiness.

She noted that continued support from His Majesty, along with the government led by HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown

Exceptional momentum
Al Dhaen added that the leadership of HRH Princess Sa-beeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa gave the SCW exceptional momentum, producing national strategies and initiatives that strengthened women’s roles in every sector.

She said Bahrain’s experience goes beyond participation to embedding gender balance and equal opportunities as strategic choices.

Parliamentary delegation prepares for IPU youth forum

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Bahrain’s parliamentary delegation, led by Hassan Ibrahim Hassan, Member of the

Council of Representatives, held a virtual coordination meeting to prepare for participation in the 11th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians.

The conference, organised in partnership with the Congress of the Republic of Peru, will take place in Lima from September 11 - 13 under the theme “Uniting

generations for gender equality”. Bahrain’s delegation includes Hassan Ibrahim Hassan and Ali Husain Al Shehabi, Member of the Shura Council.

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Bahrain- Uzbekistan ties

His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, highlighted the growing relations and cooperation between Bahrain and the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the Kingdom's keenness to broaden joint ties in various domains. Al Zayani was speaking as he held a session of talks with H.E. Bakhtiyor Saidov, Minister of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of his official visit to the Kingdom. The talks reviewed bilateral relations and means of developing cooperation in political, economic, investment, tourism, and cultural domains.

Trade and industry relations

His Excellency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, met with Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister, H.E. Bakhtiyor Saidov, during his official visit to Bahrain. The two sides discussed strengthening bilateral relations, especially in trade and industry, and explored investment opportunities in promising sectors. Both ministers emphasised the importance of continued cooperation, exchange of visits, and coordination on issues of mutual interest.

Bahrain-Kuwait media cooperation

His Excellency Nabeel bin Yaqoub Al Hamar, Advisor to His Majesty the King for Media Affairs, expressed pride in the distinguished level of the historic relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Kuwait across various domains, particularly in media. This came as Al Hamar received H.E. Sheikh Thamer Jabber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, the outgoing Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain. During the meeting, the Advisor commended the Ambassador's dedicated efforts, which contributed to strengthening and further developing the deep-rooted relations and boosting bilateral cooperation and coordination between the two countries.

Alive After All

Video evidence and voided embassy certificate dominate courtroom clash

- \$500k insurance claim disputed
- Embassy confirms forged document
- Court adjourns to August 26

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

A gripping courtroom battle has emerged in Bahrain over whether a 44-year-old investor is alive or dead, after prosecutors alleged he faked his own death to secure a \$500,000 life insurance payout. The High Criminal Court yesterday heard that the investor's wife and brother submitted a death certificate and related papers in 2023 to collect the policy. Investigations later revealed the certificate was forged, and the defendant, reported deceased, was still alive and not in Bahrain.

Courtroom Clash

The defense lawyer insisted the certificate was genuine, claiming it was issued by an embassy of an Asian country.

Life insurance fraud is one of the most common types of insurance scams worldwide, with staged deaths and falsified certificates ranking among the top methods.

He argued that video evidence presented in court fails to prove his client's identity, and requested more time to bring documents from the medical center where the death was said to have occurred. On the other side, Amal Lari, lawyer for the insurance company, asserted that the videos show the defendant himself, and even include a confession where he admits to forging his own death certificate. Lari added that the concerned embassy had confirmed the documents were falsified and subsequently voided. This revelation cast serious doubt on the defense's claim of authenticity and heightened the drama surrounding the case. The defendant's brother and sister-in-law are also facing charges, accused of aiding in the scheme to collect the insurance payout.

Heavy Sentences

Appeals Court upholds prison, fines, and deportation in major food fraud case

- Convictions, fines confirmed
- Branch closure overturned
- Foreign staff to be deported

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The Third High Criminal Appeals Court has upheld the convictions of company owners, managers, and 20 staff members in a major case involving expired and falsified food products, confirming hefty prison sentences, fines exceeding BD 200,000, and deportation orders for foreign workers. Maintaining prison terms ranging from two to three years against the defendants, the appeals court also confirmed fines against the companies and individuals involved. However, the court overturned an earlier order to close one of the company's branches. The investigation began af-



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ter a newly hired warehouse worker filed a complaint with Al-Khamis Police Station. He revealed he had been forced to alter expiry dates on food items and documented the process on video. Authorities seized more than 14,000 expired products, tools for tampering with labels,

and falsified goods already distributed to local markets.

Prosecution Action

The Public Prosecution detained 29 suspects, including company owners, managers, and employees. One brother was sentenced to three years



In Bahrain, food safety violations can lead not only to fines and jail but also to deportation for foreign workers once sentences are served.

in prison and fined BD 100,000, while his sibling was fined BD 101,000. A third defendant received three years in prison, and 19 staff members were sentenced to two years each. All foreign defendants will be deported after completing their terms. The two companies were fined BD 10,000 each. Assistant Attorney General Wael Rashid Buallay reiterated that food safety remains a top priority in Bahrain and warned that any violations threatening public health will be met with strict legal measures.

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Negligence That Killed

Restaurant owner jailed after safety lapses caused Arad building collapse

- Two killed, six injured
- Safety rules violated
- Acquittal overturned on appeal

Rehab Mohammad
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The Third High Criminal Appeals Court has sentenced a restaurant owner to three years in prison for negligence that caused a deadly gas explosion in Arad, overturning an earlier acquittal.

The court's unanimous ruling

found the defendant, a man in his fifties, guilty of causing the collapse of a building that killed two people and injured six others. Prosecutors said the restaurant had been operating without the mandatory Civil Defense safety certificate, in clear violation of safety regulations.

Safety violations

According to case files, the Public Prosecution launched an immediate investigation after receiving a report from Al-Hidd Police Station. Investigators found that the restaurant was using unapproved gas detection and shut-off devices, which failed to sound alarms or stop gas flow during the leak.



Scene of fatal blast

Testimonies from survivors, witnesses, and Civil Defense officials confirmed that the explosion originated from a gas leak at the restaurant. Forensic and technical reports supported these findings, linking the negligence to the deaths and injuries.

Negligence proved

The court upheld charges that the owner had caused death and injury by negligence and violated safety requirements by operating without inspection and approval. The faulty equipment, combined with the absence of required safety measures, triggered the powerful blast that collapsed the building.

The Appeals Court ordered

Housing drives personal loans to BD6.10bn

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Bahrain's retail banks lifted total loans and facilities to BD 12.477 billion by the end of the second quarter of 2025, up 1.38 per cent on the first quarter and 6.2 per cent year on year, according to Central Bank of Bahrain data.

Personal lending rose to BD 6.103 billion, an increase of 2.8 per cent on the quarter and 7.4 per cent on the year.

Housing loans led the rise, reaching BD 3.093 billion, up 1.18 per cent from the previous quarter and 2 per cent on the year, and making up 50.7 per cent of personal balances.

Deposits

Loans secured by deposits climbed 12 per cent to BD 213 million.

Salary-backed lending stood at BD 1.814 billion, down 0.06 per cent on the quarter. Credit card balances reached BD 126.5 million, up 2.3 per cent on the quarter.

Business lending eased 1.05 per cent from the first quarter to BD 5.363 billion, though it was 1.6 per cent higher than in the same period of 2024.

Government borrowing fell to BD 1.010 billion, down 13.5 per cent quarter on quarter and 12.8 per cent year on year.

Court jails five in 'CBD' case; one set to be deported

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Five men were convicted in a 'CBD' drugs case, with sentences ranging from exemption to life in prison.

The First High Criminal Court ordered the seizure of all items taken in the case and ruled that the second defendant be deported from the Kingdom. The court sentenced the first

defendant to three years in prison and a fine of BD1,000 for drug use, and also exempted him from punishment.

Fines

The second and third defendants each received 10 years and

fines of BD5,000.

The fourth defendant was exempted from the trafficking charge. The fifth defendant was given life imprisonment and fined BD5,000.

A captain with the Anti-Narcotics Directorate

said secret information pointed to the first defendant holding narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for trade and for his own use, and that he was promoting 'CBD'.

Warrant of arrest

The Public Prosecution issued a warrant for his arrest and an order to search his home.

The first defendant was detained by the second witness. He said he bought the drugs from the second defendant and had agreed to pay 40 dinars for 'CBD'. With the witness listening and supervising the call, a meeting was set in Juffair.

The second defendant was arrested there, searched, and his home was also searched.

1,000 Bahrain Expats Reunite Abroad



Inauguration of the event

- BKS hosts global gathering
- Benjamin launches new novel
- Welfare support distributed

Pradeep Puravankara
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Malayali community has come together for a major reunion overseas, with nearly one thousand people attending the annual 'BKS Harmony 2025' organised by the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) and the Bahrain Malayali Pravasi Association.

The event, which took place in Payyambalam - a tranquil coastal suburb of Kannur city



The reunion served as both a cultural showcase and a reminder of how Bahrain's expatriate organisations sustain their connections.

in Kerala, India - was led by BKS president P.V. Radhakrishna Pillai, highlighting the organisation's role in uniting Bahrain-based expatriates beyond the Kingdom. The opening was marked by the participation of

diplomats, cultural leaders and community representatives.

A highlight was the launch of Mulberry, the latest novel by author Benjamin, a former Bahrain expatriate. He was joined by prominent writers and cultural figures in unveiling the work. The reunion also featured music and dance, with performances that added a festive atmosphere.

Community welfare focus

Alongside cultural highlights, the gathering distributed treatment funds to beneficiaries, reflecting the expatriate community's ongoing commitment to welfare activities.

The reunion served as both a cultural showcase and a reminder of how Bahrain's expatriate organisations sustain their connections across borders while continuing to contribute to social causes.

MP backs tougher traffic penalties

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

MP Jalal Kadhem voiced full support for Decree-Law No. 30 of 2025, which amends parts of the Traffic Law and raises penalties for serious offences.

He described it as a "step change" in Bahrain's road rules. Kadhem said: "These amendments come in response to an urgent social need to curb road accidents that threaten the lives of citizens and residents. Tougher penalties will deter reckless behaviour such as driving at excessive speed, driving under the influence of drink or drugs, and running red lights."

He added that the decree



MP Jalal Kadhem

shows the leadership's care for protecting lives and property, and backs national efforts to

spread road awareness and disciplined driving. The new penalties include imprisonment, fines and, in some cases, vehicle confiscation.

Measures

Kadhem said these measures are aimed at raising compliance with the law and reducing accident rates.

The lawmaker urged the public to follow traffic rules and work with the authorities to keep roads safer.

He said Parliament will support initiatives and draft laws that seek to improve road safety and to meet Bahrain's aim of a safe, sustainable traffic environment.

Public safety awareness campaign



The Ministry of Interior announced that the Capital Governorate Police Directorate organised an awareness campaign at several beaches in the district, as part of its ongoing efforts to promote public safety. The campaign aimed to raise awareness among beachgoers about safety procedures and the importance of following guidelines while at the coast.

Kuwait Finance House reinforces commitment to Bahraini Talent with key senior hires

Manama

Kuwait Finance House (KFH) has announced the appointment of four distinguished Bahraini professionals to key leadership positions within the bank. These appointments underscore KFH's unwavering commitment to nurturing local talent and empowering Bahraini leaders in the financial sector, aligning with the Kingdom of Bahrain's vision to promote career advancement for its citizens.

The new appointees are Ms. Yosra Abdulla, Ms. Sara Zainalabedin, Mr. Mahmood Ghaleb Al Mahmood, and Mr. Mohamed Fathi.

Joining the Human Resources team, Ms. Yosra Abdulla has been appointed Head of Employee Experience and Engagement. With over 17 years of experience in strategic HR leadership, she has a proven track record in leading people-centric transformations and championing employee engagement.



Mr. Mahmood Ghaleb Al Mahmood

Ms. Sara Zainalabedin has taken on the role of Head of Organisational Design & Workforce Planning. She brings over 17 years of diverse experience across Talent Management, Organisational Development, and HR Operations, and holds a CIPD Level 7 Certificate in HRM. She is in charge of driving impactful strategies that



Mr. Mohamed Fathi.

attract and develop talent in alignment with organisational goals.

Joining the Corporate Banking division, Mr. Mahmood Ghaleb Al Mahmood brings 23 years of extensive experience in the banking industry, holding a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University, with deep expertise in corpo-



Ms. Sara Zainalabedin

rate and SME banking.

In his new role as Head of Cards and Acquiring within the Retail Banking Department, Mr. Mohamed Fathi has over 22 years of diverse experience across reputable financial institutions. He has a proven record of driving sustainable business growth through strategic card initiatives and data-informed



Ms. Yosra Abdulla

marketing.

Dr. Shadi Zahran, Group CEO of KFH - Bahrain, commented on the new appointments, saying: "I am personally delighted to welcome our new leaders to the KFH team. The addition of such exceptional professionals as Yosra, Sara, Mahmood, and Mohamed is a significant step in our journey of growth and

excellence. Their profound expertise and proven leadership in their respective fields are crucial as we continue to innovate and enhance our service offerings for our clients. This investment in top-tier Bahraini talent is fundamental to our strategy and reaffirms our commitment to playing a pivotal role in the Kingdom's continued success."

Dana Bukhammas, Group Head of HR Transformation & Development at KFH, also stated: "We are delighted to welcome Yosra, Sara, Mahmood, and Mohamed to the KFH family. Their collective expertise and leadership are invaluable to our organisation. These appointments are a testament to our strategic focus on investing in and empowering national capabilities. By attracting and developing the best Bahraini talent, we are not only strengthening our team but also actively contributing to the Kingdom's vision for a prosperous future led by its own citizens."

China, India pledge to resume flights as Beijing's top diplomat wraps up visit

AFP | Beijing, China

China and India announced they would restart direct flights in a string of diplomatic breakthroughs, state media reported Wednesday, as Beijing's foreign minister wrapped up a visit before heading to Pakistan.

Following Wang Yi's trip to

India, Beijing and New Delhi also agreed to advance talks on their disputed border, resume tourism visa issuance and boost trade between the neighbouring countries.

In talks on the border issue with Indian national security adviser Ajit Doval, the two sides agreed to "explore the possibility

of advancing boundary demarcation negotiations" and vowed to reopen three border trade markets, according to a Xinhua report Wednesday.

Modi will travel to China later in August -- his first visit since 2018.

Wang is now due in Pakistan, one of China's closest partners



in the region.

"Both India and Pakistan are China's important neighbours. We are willing to enhance friendly cooperation with both countries, and hope that differences between these two countries can be han-

dled properly", foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said at a regular press conference Tuesday.

Wang is due in Pakistan until Friday and will meet with Dar for the sixth round of China-Pakistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue, China's foreign ministry said Tuesday.

Batelco by Beyon expands reward offering with the launch of Jawaher deals in partnership with Savur

Manama

Batelco by Beyon is delighted to announce the launch of Jawaher Deals, the newest enhancement to its customer centric Jawaher loyalty programme. Building on the success of the programme launched in 2023, Jawaher Deals brings even more value to Batelco customers through a range of exciting exclusive offers.

To bring Jawaher Deals to life, Batelco by Beyon has partnered with Savur, a leading Bahraini provider of loyalty and rewards solutions. Through this strategic collaboration, Batelco customers will gain access to an enriched portfolio of discounts and benefits across a wide variety of lifestyle categories. The agreement was officially signed at the Beyon Headquarters by Aseel Mattar, General Manager of Consumer at Batelco, and Salman Alarayedh, CEO of Savur.

Powered by Savur, Jawaher Deals has been carefully designed to cater to all Batelco customers, including Prepaid



users. The platform offers a diverse selection of exclusive offers, from Buy 1 Get 1 Free deals to attractive discounts across various categories. Customers can enjoy savings at fitness centers such as Hamad Muay Thai Academy and MR7 CrossFit, beauty centers like Bellezamay Salon and Spa and Rimal Spa, leading clinics including Diyar Medical Center and Al Jishi Specialist Dental, as

well as a variety of popular restaurants, cafés, and more. With its wide network of partners, Jawaher Deals promise exceptional value and convenience, enriching everyday experiences for customers.

"At Batelco, we are constantly looking for innovative ways to enrich our customers' experience and reward their loyalty," said Aseel Mattar General Manager Consumer at Batelco.

"The expansion of the Jawaher programme through Jawaher Deals reflects our commitment to delivering unmatched benefits and creating lasting value for our customers."

"With the introduction of Jawaher Deals, Batelco seeks to enrich its customers' day-to-day lives by providing added value through thoughtful partnerships, while continuing to evolve its approach to de-



livering a rewarding and customer-focused experience," she added.

From his side, Salman Alarayedh commented saying, "We are proud to partner with Batelco on the launch of Jawaher Deals, a collaboration that reflects our shared vision of creating meaningful value for customers. At Savur, our focus is on transforming everyday experiences through rewards and lifestyle benefits. By integrat-

ing our platform into Batelco's Jawaher program, we are excited to bring customers exclusive access to offers that enrich their daily lives, while reinforcing Batelco's commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction."

Customers are invited to discover the full range of exclusive offers by visiting the Batelco app and tapping on the Jawaher icon, located on the home page.

Balexco boosts the salaries of 56% of its Bahraini workforce through support from Tamkeen

Up to 20% salary hikes were granted to Bahraini employees

Manama

In line with ongoing efforts to advance its national talent, the Bahrain Aluminum Extrusion Company (Balexco) has increased the salaries of 56% of its Bahraini employees through Tamkeen's Wage Increment Program. This initiative aligns with the company's broader efforts to consistently invest in the recruitment, development and success of Bahraini professionals. The employees received increments ranging from 5% to 20%.

This support comes in alignment with Tamkeen's 2025 strategic priorities, which focus on enhancing the position and competitiveness of Bahrainis in the private sector, equipping Bahrainis with suitable skills

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for career development in the private sector, and prioritizing enterprise growth, digitization and sustainability, and supporting the development of the ecosystem surrounding the labor market and private sector.

Tamkeen has played a pivotal role in supporting Balexco over the years through various programs including financing, and training and employment support. These contributions

have significantly boosted the company's productivity, driven growth in the industrial sector and raised Balexco's Bahrainization rate to 65%.

This initiative is within wider efforts to advance Bahrain's industrial sector – currently the third-largest contributor to the Kingdom's GDP after the financial services and oil services sectors and accounting for 14% of the GDP as of Q1 this year.



Tamkeen has introduced various programs designed to support employment and career development for Bahraini

professionals, ensuring they remain the first choice of employment in the labor market. Additionally, Tamkeen offers



multiple enterprise support programs to strengthen the private sector, positioning it as the main driver of economic growth in the kingdom. Established in 1977, Balexco is the first aluminum extrusion plant in the Gulf region. The company has a long-standing industrial legacy, known for producing high-quality aluminum profiles and systems, including the patented Primo systems developed in recent years.

India seeks to ban online gambling

Ban was needed due to the industry's "unchecked expansion"

- Social and financial risks for young players
- Industry bodies have strongly opposed the move

AFP | Mumbai, India

India's government introduced a parliamentary bill yesterday to ban online gambling, citing concerns over addiction, financial harm, and potential links to money laundering and terrorism financing. The move could threaten a multi-billion dollar industry that includes online poker platforms to fantasy sports, as well as India's wildly popular home-grown fantasy cricket apps -- some of which sponsor the Indian Premier League (IPL) and the national team. The bill, tabled in the lower house of the parliament, aims to stop websites or apps from offering games that are "played by a user paying fees or depositing money or other stakes", with the expectation of winning money.



Representative picture

If passed, the law would impose jail terms or fines on individuals and companies offering online money gaming services. The bill proposes prison sentences or fines, saying the ban is needed due to the social and financial harm that online money games have on young players. Lawmakers said the ban was needed due to the industry's "unchecked expansion", which the bill said had been linked to "financial fraud, money laun-

dering... and in some cases, the financing of terrorism". The legislation also pointed to the social and financial risks for young players. Industry bodies have strongly opposed the move, warning it could devastate a sector that has drawn major foreign investment. The All India Gaming Federation and the Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports said on Tuesday that shutting "respon-

sible" Indian platforms would push millions of players toward offshore gambling sites and unregulated operators. "Instead of protecting people, this bill risks exposing them to fraud, exploitation and unsafe practices," they said in a letter.

The very first online gambling website launched in 1994 after Antigua and Barbuda passed the Free Trade & Processing Act, which allowed companies to apply for licenses to open online casinos. Today, the global online gambling market is worth over \$100 billion and is still rapidly growing.

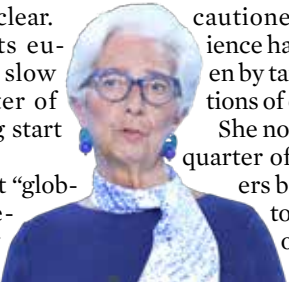
Uncertainty persists despite EU-US trade deal: Lagarde

AFP | Berlin, Germany

The US-EU trade deal has eased but "certainly not eliminated" global uncertainty, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said yesterday. Speaking at a panel at the World Economic Forum in Ge-

neva, Lagarde said the deal had left the effective US tariff rate for EU goods at between 12 and 16 percent. The tariff rate was "somewhat higher" than the ECB had forecast, she said, adding that President Donald Trump's plans for sector-specific levies on pharmaceutical goods and semicon-

ductors remain unclear. The ECB expects eurozone activity to slow in the third quarter of 2025 after a strong start to the year. Lagarde said that "global growth has remained broadly steady so far" but



cautioned that "this resilience has been mainly driven by tariff-induced distortions of economic activity". She noted that, in the first quarter of the year, "importers boosted their inventories in anticipation of higher tariffs".

Stock markets diverge awaiting Fed signals as tech sell-off deepens

Key figures at around 1540 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ at 44,936.58 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.5% at 6,381.98
New York - Nasdaq:	▼ 1.0% at 21,106.14
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 1.1% at 9,288.14 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.1% at 7,973.03 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.6 percent at 24,276.97 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 1.5% at 42,888.55 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▲ 0.2% at 25,165.94 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 1.0% at 3,766.21 (close)
Euro/dollar:	UP at \$1.1662 from \$1.1646 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3467 from \$1.3489
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.15 yen from 147.64 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.62 pence from 86.33 pence
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 1.2% at \$62.51 per barrel
Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 1.2% at \$66.59 per barrel

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets fluctuated yesterday, with many investors sticking to the sidelines while hoping for clues on US interest rate moves. Trading volumes were light overall, with another pullback in US tech heavyweights spurring caution after their stellar run since April. Tuesday's tech sell-off, which extended into Wednesday, was "sparked by concerns about overexcitement and overvaluations in AI stocks", said Victoria Scholar, head of investment at Interactive Investor. Wall Street was mostly lower at the open, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq falling again as shares in AI chip-maker Nvidia fell 1.7 percent ahead of its earnings release next week. Its rival Advanced Micro Devices and software provider Palantir also saw heavy selling again on Wednesday. Paris and Frankfurt fell, with European defence stocks adding to losses on signs that a path may be clearing for Ukraine peace talks. London's FTSE 100 index rose but the pound fell back from earlier highs after UK inflation rose more than expected in July, dampening hopes that the Bank of England will cut rates again this year. All eyes are now on the release later Wednesday of the

minutes of the Federal Reserve's latest meeting, which could show if more board governors favour rate cuts soon. Fed chief Jerome Powell -- who has resisted President Donald Trump's vociferous calls for rate cuts -- will then give a key speech Friday at the annual central bankers conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Data last week provided a mixed picture of inflation in the United States, making it uncertain if the Fed will lower rates as many investors expect in September -- which could bolster growth in the world's biggest economy. Traders have also been watching the recent diplomatic whirlwind aimed at resolving the war in Ukraine, after President Donald Trump's high-stakes meeting with Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Alaska. Eyes are now on potential face-to-face talks between Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who has said he is ready for such a meeting. Oil prices rose, recovering part of the losses from the previous day, as investors monitored progress on Ukraine peace talks. In Asia, Tokyo closed down 1.5% after official data showed Japanese exports suffered their steepest drop in more than four years last month as US tariffs weighed.

Ithmaar Bank announces Ithmaar reward winner of June draw

Manama

Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, announced June draw's winner of Ithmaar Reward Programme that is designed exclusively for corporate Modaraba accountholders.

The draw was held at the Bank's headquarters in Seef district and was coordinated and supervised by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC), as well as external auditors BDO Bahrain and the Bank's internal auditors.

Mohamed Yusuf Najibi Philanthropic won the prize, which is an additional 1% of profit on the modaraba amount. The ceremony was attended by the Human Resources Manager of Mohamed Yusuf Najibi Philanthropic, Hamad Saffy.

"We are pleased to win a prize from Ithmaar Reward Programme that is designed exclusively for corporate Modaraba accountholders," said Saffy. "We appreciate Ithmaar Bank's efforts to support its clients and provide special services to facil-



Ithmaar reward June winner

itate our financial management and help us to achieve our charitable and humanitarian goals,"

he said.

"On behalf of all of us at Ithmaar Bank, we congratu-

late Mohamed Yusuf Najibi Philanthropic and all its team for winning June prize of

Ithmaar reward programme, which we have launched as part of the Bank's efforts to provide an exceptional banking experience to our clients," said Ithmaar Bank Senior Manager in Private Banking and Business Alliances Department, Abdulla Abdulrahman. "Ithmaar will continue to work on enhancing its products and services provided to its clients in line with their financial demands and requirements," he said.

Ithmaar Reward Programme, that is designed exclusively for corporate Modaraba deposit accountholders, aims to encourage corporates as well as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to invest more in the Bank's Modaraba account to increase their chances of winning rewarding prizes. Modaraba accounts of six (6) months and longer tenors, with an amount of BHD100,000 or USD 250,000 or higher are qualified to enter the draw to win an additional 1% of profit on the modaraba amount. The draws of Ithmaar Reward will be held on a monthly basis and a winner will be chosen every month.

Trump calls for Fed governor to resign, widening pressure on central bank

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump called Wednesday for Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook to step down, expanding pressure on the central bank after recent criticism of Fed Chair Jerome Powell for not lowering interest rates sooner.

"Cook must resign, now!!!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, while sharing a Bloomberg news report on how the Federal Housing Finance Agency's director has called for greater scrutiny of Cook over a pair of mortgages.

FHFA director Bill Pulte -- a staunch ally of Trump's -- had reportedly written a letter to the US Attorney General calling for an investigation of Cook while suggesting that she might have committed a criminal offense.

It was not immediately clear if such a probe will take place.

The Trump administration has pursued allegations of mortgage fraud against high-profile Democrats who are seen as political adversaries of the president.

The US leader's targeting of Cook, who sits on the central bank's rate-setting committee, comes after his repeated broadsides against Powell while the Fed kept the benchmark lending rate unchanged this year.

Cook took office as a Fed governor in May 2022 and was reappointed to the board in September 2023. She was sworn in later that same month for a term ending in 2038.

Cook has previously served on the Council of Economic Advisers under former president Barack Obama. In recent months, Trump has called Powell a "numbskull" and "moron" as the central bank held rates steady to monitor the effects of US tariffs on inflation.

Hackers access data of 850,000 Orange Belgium customers

Brussels, Belgium

Telecoms provider Orange Belgium said Wednesday it was hit by a cyberattack that saw hackers access the data of 850,000 customers.

No critical data was compromised in the end-of-July incident, the firm said, explaining that its clients' passwords, email addresses, bank and financial details were not affected.

"However, the hacker gained access to one of our IT systems containing the following data: surname, first name, telephone number, SIM card number, PUK code, tariff plan," it said in a statement.

"As soon as the incident was detected, our teams blocked access to the affected system and tightened our security measures."

'Call of Duty', 'Black Myth' wow Gamescom trade show

AFP | Cologne, Germany

A twisted futuristic version of "Call of Duty", Batman in Lego form and the "Resident Evil" series' ghoulish monsters had gamers salivating Tuesday as the vast Gamescom trade show opened in Cologne.

A two-hour showcase of upcoming releases, including "Call of Duty: Black Ops 7" slated for November 14, belied an industry that has been weathering a rough patch with tens of thousands of job cuts.

The first-person shooter has enlisted American actor Milo Ventimiglia (known for TV se-



A visitor plays the GTA 7 Porsche video game during the Gamescom video games trade fair at the Trade Fair Center in Cologne, western Germany

ries "Heroes" and "This Is Us") as its protagonist in a near-future conflict against psychedelic backdrops evoking the movie "Inception".

More than 5,300 packed one of the giant halls of western German city Cologne's convention centre Tuesday, a record opening night according to organisers.

The event showed off footage from titles like "Requiem" -- the next instalment in the long-running "Resident Evil" horror series -- and rambunctious space adventure "The Outer Worlds 2".

Set for a 2026 release, a new

"Lego Batman" will take fans back to "iconic moments and deep-cut references from decades of Batman TV shows, comics and games" in humorous plastic brick form, director Jonathan Smith told the audience.

And there was a surprise reveal for "Black Myth: Zhong Kui" -- a follow up to Chinese 2024 smash hit "Wukong".

Gaming's influence on the broader culture was also on show, as the stars of hit game-to-TV adaptation "Fallout" introduced the Amazon Prime series' second season with a December 17 release.

Hands-on testing

While last year's Gamescom drew 335,000 visitors, organisers hope 2025 can recover to pre-Covid levels of around 370,000 between Wednesday and Sunday.

The show brings together industry professionals and lovers of the medium, with around 1,500 exhibitors laying on large stands -- many offering the opportunity to try out the latest, or even unreleased, titles.

Nintendo is back after staying away last year, surfing on the success of its record-breaking Switch 2 console launch in June. And Microsoft's Xbox division

will be showing off its own portable console, slated for release towards the end of the year.

But Japanese PlayStation maker Sony has elected to stay away in 2025.

Fans' interest on opening night was especially piqued by horror titles, as "Resident Evil" battles for the horror crown with a new episode for the "Silent Hill" saga.

Organisers also spotlighted "Hollow Knight: Silksong" -- the sequel to a beloved indie platformer finally on the doorstep after an eight-year wait.

With budgets far lower than multiple-hundred-million behemoths like "Call of Duty", such games "prove something important: small teams with big ideas can change the industry," the event's master of ceremonies, Canadian TV presenter Geoff Keighley, said Tuesday.

The impact indie games can have on fans was clear from the small clusters and individuals wearing the red beret and striped shirt sported by characters in French indie hit "Clair Obscur: Expedition 33".

"It's a little bit of a community, so when you see each other...you say hi, and everyone is smiling," Cologne-based fan Vera Sperber, 36, told AFP.

The hall's bright lights, lasers and crowd noise were on hold for a moment as Lorian Testard, who crafted the entrancing music for "Expedition 33", gave a live performance with singer Alice Duport-Percier.



The first Gamescom in 2009 boasted 450 exhibitors and welcomed 228,000 attendees. In the years that followed, the event continued to expand massively. For example, by 2018, attendance had surged to 370,000 visitors, with over 1,000 exhibitors representing 56 countries, cementing its status as a global gaming phenomenon.

News in brief

◆ **Iran “cannot completely cut cooperation”** with the UN nuclear watchdog but the return of its inspectors is up to the country’s security chiefs, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said yesterday. The remarks come nearly two months after Iran suspended cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency following its 12-day war with Israel in June. Iran has cited the IAEA’s failure to condemn Israeli and US strikes on its nuclear facilities as the reason for its decision, which saw the watchdog’s inspectors leave the country following the passing of new legislation by parliament. “We cannot completely cut cooperation with the agency,” Araghchi said, noting that new fuel rods need to be installed at Iran’s Bushehr nuclear power plant in the coming weeks which will require the presence of IAEA inspectors.



Iran says ‘cannot completely’ break with UN nuclear watchdog

◆ **More than 20 people** were killed yesterday in a torrential spell of monsoon rain in Pakistan, where downpours have swept away entire villages over the last week, leaving more than 400 dead. Eleven people died in the touristic northern region of Gilgit-Baltistan and 10 others in Karachi, the financial capital in the south, due to urban flooding that caused house collapses and electrocution, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said.

Torrential Pakistan monsoon rains kill more than 20

Schools remained closed in the city of more than 20 million, as the meteorological department predicted more rain till Saturday. Amir Hyder Laghari, chief meteorologist of the Sindh province, blamed “weak infrastructure” for the flooding in big cities. Karachi’s crumbling pipes and sewer system struggled to cope with the downpours.

◆ **The United States** and other key players including the United Arab Emirates jointly called yesterday for Sudan’s warring sides to agree to pauses in fighting to allow in aid, voicing alarm at worsening hunger. The group in a statement said it was “appalled by the continuous deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Sudan, including the growing number of people in situations of severe malnutrition and famine, and by the wide range of access impediments that are delaying or blocking the response in key areas.” The group said that the situation was especially urgent in the North Darfur and Kordofan regions. The countries called for the two sides to “allow for humanitarian pauses to enable the movement of life-saving supplies into such areas, and ease barriers to civilian movement out of danger.” The group “urgently reiterates that international humanitarian law must be fully respected.”

US, UAE, others urge fighting pauses to stop Sudan famine



SPOTLIGHT

Record number of mosquito-borne disease outbreaks in Europe: health agency

AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

Europe has registered a record number of outbreaks of mosquito-borne illnesses such as chikungunya and West Nile virus this year, the EU health agency said Wednesday, saying climate change was contributing to a “new normal”. Europe is experiencing longer and more intense transmission seasons for mosquito-borne diseases, said the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

“This shift is driven by climatic and environmental factors such as rising temperatures, longer summer seasons, milder winters and changes in rainfall patterns -- conditions that combine to create a favourable environment for mosquitoes to thrive and transmit viruses,” it said in a statement.

Europe was entering a new phase where “longer, more widespread and more intense transmission of mosquito-borne diseases is becoming the new

normal”, said ECDC director Pamela Rendi-Wagner.

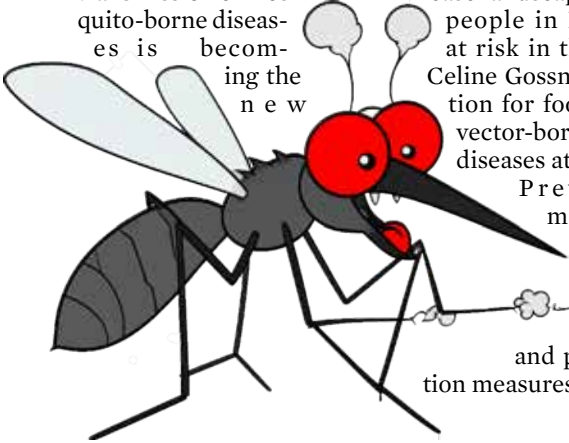
The mosquito that can spread chikungunya virus, *Aedes albopictus*, is now established in 16 European countries and 369 regions, up from just 114 regions a decade ago, the ECDC said.

Europe has seen 27 chikungunya outbreaks so far in 2025, a new record for the continent.

For the first time, a locally acquired case was reported in France’s Alsace region, “an exceptional occurrence at this latitude, highlighting the continued northward expansion of the transmission risk”, the agency said. As of August 13, eight European countries had reported 335 locally acquired human cases of West Nile virus infection and 19 deaths, with Italy being the country most affected by far, with 274 infections.

“As the mosquito-borne disease landscape evolves, more people in Europe will be at risk in the future,” said Celine Gossner, Head of Section for food-, water-, and vector-borne and zoonotic diseases at ECDC.

Prevention was more important than ever, both through coordinated public health action and personal protection measures, she said.



Israel approves plan to conquer Gaza City

Combat would involve “a gradual precise and targeted operation”



Palestinians rush for cover as smoke billows after an Israeli strike on a building in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip

● **Authorised the call-up of around 60,000 reservists**

● **Israel yesterday approved a major settlement project**

● **Strikes and fire killed at least 25 people across the territory yesterday**

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel’s defence minister approved a plan yesterday for the conquest of Gaza City and authorised the call-up of around 60,000 reservists, piling pressure on Hamas as mediators push for a ceasefire.

Defence Minister Israel Katz’s move, confirmed to AFP by a spokesperson, came as mediators awaited an official Israeli

response on their latest proposal.

While mediator Qatar had expressed guarded optimism over the latest proposal, a senior Israeli official said the government stood firm on its call for the release of all hostages in any agreement.

The framework that Hamas had approved proposes an initial 60-day truce, a staggered hostage release, the freeing of some Palestinian prisoners and provisions allowing for the entry of aid into Gaza.

On the ground in Gaza City on Wednesday, Mustafa Qazzaat, head of the emergency committee in the Gaza municipality, described the situation as “catastrophic”.

He told AFP that “large numbers” of people were fleeing their neighbourhoods, with the majority of those displaced “on the roads and streets without shelter.”

Israel’s security cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Ben-

jamin Netanyahu approved the plan to conquer Gaza City in early August, sparking fears it will worsen the already catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

According to Israeli media reports, Netanyahu has not yet called a security cabinet meeting to discuss any response to the latest truce proposal.

‘Prolonged operation’

An Israeli military official told journalists on Wednesday that the new phase of combat would involve “a gradual precise and targeted operation in and around Gaza City,” including some areas where forces had not previously operated.

The official said the military had already begun operating in the neighbourhoods of Zeitoun and Jabalia as part of the initial stages.

Gaza’s civil defence agency said Israeli strikes and fire killed at least 25 people across the territory on Wednesday.

When contacted by AFP, the Israeli military asked for coordinates and specific timeframes to comment on the reports, but said it would look into reports of eight people killed by Israeli fire near an aid site in the centre of Gaza.

Media restrictions in Gaza and difficulties accessing swathes of the Palestinian territory mean AFP is unable to independently verify the tolls and details provided by the civil defence agency or the Israeli military.

In the West Bank, Israel on Wednesday approved a major settlement project in an area that the international community has warned threatens the viability of a future Palestinian state.

Israel has long had ambitions to build on the roughly 12 square kilometres (five square miles) known as E1 that lie just east of Jerusalem, but the plan had been stalled for years.



A general view shows destroyed buildings in Gaza City



Three areas

Under the Oslo Accords, signed in the 1990s by the Israelis and Palestinians, the West Bank is divided into three areas.

Area A is run by the Palestinian Authority, B is under mixed Israeli and Palestinian jurisdiction, and C -- comprising 60 percent of the territory -- is totally under Israeli control.

The Israeli settlements and the Jordan Valley -- a swath of farmland accounting for nearly 30 percent of the West Bank, and home to some 10,000 settlers -- are mostly in area C.

They were at the centre of an annexation project that was officially put off in 2020 by Israel under international pressure, though far-right members of the current government have revived calls to extend Israeli sovereignty to the West Bank.

Population and settlements

Situated between Israel and Jordan, the West Bank covers 5,655 square kilometres (2,183 square miles).

Not counting Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, nearly three million Palestinians live there, along with around 500,000 Israelis residing in settlements that are considered illegal under international law.

The anti-settlement NGO Peace Now counted 147 settlements registered by the Israeli authorities in the West Bank as of the end of 2024.

There are another 224 outposts that were set up without official authorisation. These outposts are regularly evacuated and dismantled by the Israeli security services, though they are also often legalised retroactively.

A record 60 outposts were set up in the West Bank in 2024, almost twice as many as in 2023, according to Peace Now, which links the trend to the far-right presence in Israel's coalition government.

By comparison, between 1996 and early 2023, fewer than seven outposts were set up on average each year.

Economic difficulties

The effects of the Gaza war have taken an economic toll on the West Bank, according to a joint report from the European Union, the United Nations and the World Bank in February.

Since October 7, 2023, Israel has limited Palestinians' access to its jobs market. Only around 27,000 Palestinians are now employed in Israel or in West Bank settlements, compared to 177,000 before the war, according to the report.

India proposes law to sack ministers facing criminal charges

Indian Home Minister Amit Shah introduced the bill

AFP | New Delhi, India

India's government introduced a bill yesterday to remove top politicians if they are arrested and detained for 30 days, which opponents called a "chilling" bid to crush

constitutional safeguards.

Indian Home Minister Amit Shah, who introduced the bill, said the government wanted the "value of ethics to increase".

The bill

would force politicians out of a ministerial post if they were detained for a month and accused of an offence that carries a jail term of five years or more.

India's Association of Democrat-

ic Reforms, an organisation working on electoral reform, calculated that almost half of the 543 elected national lawmakers had criminal cases against them.

Of those 215 cases, 170 faced serious charges -- including rape, murder, attempt to murder, and kidnapping.

"We cannot be so shameless that we face accusations and still remain in a constitutional position," Shah told parliament.

New Delhi test-fires ballistic missile ahead of US tariff hike

New Delhi, India

India yesterday test-fired an intermediate-range ballistic missile capable of carrying multiple nuclear warheads, a government statement said, in an apparent show of strength ahead of a threatened US tariff increase.

The Agni-5 missile was successfully launched in India's east-

ern Odisha state, with authorities saying it "validated all operational and technical parameters."

The test-fire came a week before US tariffs are set to double from 25 percent to 50 percent, unless India meets Donald Trump's demand that it stop buying

Russian oil.

India last tested the Agni-5 missile in March 2024.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said this month that, in the face of US tariffs, India was seeking self-reliance with energy independence and the development of its own defence systems.

Agni, meaning "fire" in Sanskrit, is the name given to a series of rockets India developed as part of a guided missile development project launched in 1983.

The Agni-5 employs technology that enables it to carry several nuclear warheads, so they can split up and hit different targets.



Thirst



This aerial view shows a traditional boat stranded in a dried-up marsh in the drought-stricken Chibayish marshes in Iraq's southern Dhi Qar province



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The climate crisis is not just an environmental emergency. It is a human rights catastrophe. We must confront and correct the deep injustices it has laid bare, by insisting on legal accountability, and demanding climate justice.

@antonioguterres

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We have seen reporting which claims President @vonderleyen left the room temporarily during meetings with @POTUS and @ZelenskyyUA in DC on Monday. These reports are completely false. The President participated in all meetings, at all times, with the other European leaders.

@vonderleyen

03



Congratulations to the people of Assam! The establishment of an IIM in the state will enhance education infrastructure and draw students as well as researchers from all over India.

@narendramodi

04



The @IntlCrimCourt continues to disregard national sovereignty and facilitate lawfare through efforts to investigate, arrest, detain, and prosecute American and Israeli nationals. In response, I am sanctioning four additional ICC officials.

@SecRubio

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Historic Swedish church arrives at new home after two-day journey

AFP | Kiruna, Sweden

A landmark Swedish church in the Arctic arrived Wednesday at its new home after a two-day move across the town of Kiruna to allow Europe's biggest underground mine to expand.

The red wooden Kiruna Kyrka, which dates from 1912 and weighs 672 tonnes, completed its five-kilometre (three-miles) journey around 2:30 pm (1230 GMT).

A musical fanfare celebrated its arrival after a complex, meticulously choreographed relocation that began on Tuesday on two remote-controlled flatbed trailers inching forward at a pace of half a kilometre an hour.

Kiruna's entire town centre is being relocated because of the giant LKAB iron ore mine, whose ever deeper burrowing over the years has weakened the ground.

A stone's throw from where the structure was inching into place next to the town's cemetery, Lutheran vicar Lena Tjarnberg held a church service for dignitaries in a tent resembling a "laavu", the traditional tent of the region's Indigenous Sami people.

"Our beloved, beloved church began its journey yesterday from its unbelievably beloved location. Now it is on its way home," she said.

The journey went smoothly for the 1,200-tonne convoy, despite some tricky narrow passages and 90 degree turns, officials said.

"Everything has gone so incredibly well," project manager Roy Griph told Swedish television SVT, which broadcast the entire

move live. The relocation has generated widespread interest, with large crowds thronging the streets of the town of 18,000 people.

King Carl XVI Gustaf took part in Wednesday's festivities, exchanging a few words with driver Sebastian Druker of Argentina who controlled the trailers remotely with a joystick.

The 79-year-old king was also expected to take part in an attempt to break the world record for the number of people attending a "kyrkaffe", a church coffee break.

The town's relocation process began almost two decades ago and is expected to continue for years to come. The new town centre was inaugurated in September 2022.

Criticism

The company offered to financially compensate those affected by the town's relocation, or rebuild their homes or buildings. A total of 23 historic buildings, including the church, were moved.

Yet many Kiruna residents are unhappy.

Alex Johansson and Magnus Fredriksson, who host a podcast on local Kiruna news, were critical of the mining company.

"LKAB maybe didn't read the room so well when they destroyed the whole town and then they stage this huge street party for the people," Fredriksson told television broadcaster SVT, watching as the church rolled slowly down the road. "It's like they said 'Here's some storage space for you, Kiruna. Now we're going to continue raking in the billions from here,'" Johansson added.

They were happy the church had at least been saved.

"It's good that it didn't end up as woodchips like the rest of Kiruna," Fredriksson said.

Designed by Swedish architect Gustaf Wickman, the church, which measures 40 metres (131 feet) tall, is a mix of influences and includes designs inspired by the region's Indigenous Sami people on the pews.

The neo-Gothic exterior features slanting roofs and windows on each side, while its dark interior has elements of national romanticism as well as an Art Nouveau altarpiece and an organ with more than 2,000 pipes.

The church's handblown glass windows were removed ahead of the move, replaced with painted plywood.

The belltower, which stood separately next to the church, will be moved next week.



The red wooden Kiruna Kyrka, which dates from 1912 and weighs 672 tonnes, completed its five-kilometre (three-miles) journey around 2:30 pm (1230 GMT)

Iron ore, rare earths

LKAB, which is extracting iron ore at a depth of 1,365 metres, announced in 2023 that it had discovered Europe's largest known deposit of rare earth elements right next to the Kiruna mine.

Rare earths are essential for the green transition, used in the manufacturing of electric vehicles.

LKAB chief executive Jan Mostrom told AFP the deposit was "very important for Europe", as the continent seeks to reduce

its dependence on imports from China. "We are quite focused to see how we will continue to expand our operations in Kiruna," he said.

Activists argue the mining operations destroy the area's pristine forests and lakes and disturb traditional Sami reindeer herding in the area.

The relocation of the church alone was expected to cost LKAB some 500 million kronor (\$52 million).

Chinese troops swelter through rehearsal for major military parade



AFP | Beijing, China

Rows of neatly dressed soldiers marched in unison to shouted instructions at a training ground in humid Beijing on Wednesday, as China prepares to unveil new domestically produced military hardware at a parade next month.

President Xi Jinping will inspect troops in the capital's Tiananmen Square at the event to mark 80 years since the end of World War II, with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and other world leaders expected to attend.

Pin-straight lines of men and women clutching guns packed the pavement at a rehearsal on a military training square under the hot sun in northwest Beijing on Wednesday.

Soldiers in their twenties stared sternly as sweat collected on their faces and soaked through their fatigues.

Wang Ranran, an army guard, said she was "extremely proud" to participate in the parade on September 3.

"China often uses the term 'steel-gun rose' to describe its female soldiers," she said. "The combination of roses and guns, we really like it."

Troops wearing white, green and navy blue uniforms with Chinese flags on their chests started and stopped to the piercing voices of the officers directing the show.

Training that is "strict, difficult and practical" has always been the army's tradition, said Lan Yu, a second-level staff sergeant.

Rehearsals had not lasted long, he said, because parade training was part of their daily schedule.



Chinese military personnel take part in a rehearsal ahead of the parade commemorating the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War

CELEBS

Pete Davidson ‘grew tired’ of focus on his personal life

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Pete Davidson has found the focus on his personal life to be “traumatic”.

The 31-year-old comedian has dated a host of famous women, including Kim Kardashian, Ariana Grande, Kaia Gerber, Margaret Qualley, and Phoebe Dynevor, but Pete felt frustrated that people often knew him for his high-profile love life, rather than his comedy talent.

He said on The Breakfast Club: “It just got to a point where I was ... I got really tired of my whole career just being like my personal life. And living through that is it’s sort of traumatic. Like not to be like lame, but like it’s traumatic to live in your own crap all the time.”

Pete also hated the experience of being sexualized by the public.

The comedy star explained: “I don’t want to victimize myself in any way because I’m cool, but the sexualization of me — if that was a girl, people would be like, there would be a march for it ... Seriously. You’re just talking about my d*** all day.”

Pete and his girlfriend Elsie Hewitt are currently expecting.

ing their first child together, and the actor recently claimed that his impending fatherhood has given him a new perspective on life.

Pete - who shot to stardom on Saturday Night Live, before turning his focus towards the movie industry - told People magazine: “I’m just excited to take care of the little one. The second I found out the news, I was like, ‘Oh wow, what I do is just a job.’”

“I realized I was kind of basing my happiness on work, which is ridiculously unhealthy. So it gave me this weird sense of calmness, where this is just a job and now I have someone to do it for.”

The King of Staten Island star is already looking forward to his child enjoying playdates with four-month-old Saga, the daughter of his friend Machine Gun Kelly and Megan Kelly.

Pete - who began dating Elsie in March - said: “We’re going to have a w e s o m e play dates. Yeah, that’s [going to be] a cool play date.”



Tom Cruise snubs Kennedy Center Honour

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tom Cruise reportedly turned down a Kennedy Center Honor.

The Mission: Impossible actor was offered the prestigious award - which “recognises and celebrates individuals whose unique artistic contributions have shaped our world” - but declined due to scheduling conflicts, multiple anonymous current and former Kennedy Center employees told The Washington Post.

Instead, President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday that the ceremony in December will see rockers KISS, stage star Michael Crawford, disco legend Gloria Gaynor, country musician George Strait and actor Sylvester Stallone honoured.

Trump announced the recipients on Wednesday (13.08.25) from the Kennedy Center’s Hall of Nations, where he unveiled five portraits draped in velvet, and he also admitted he himself had long wanted one of the prestigious accolades.

He said: “I waited and waited and waited, and I said, ‘The hell with it, I’ll become chairman and I’ll give myself an honour ... Next year, we’ll honour Trump, okay?’”

The former Apprentice star was “very involved” in choosing the recipients and turned down some suggestions he didn’t personally approve of.

He said: “I would say I was about 98 percent involved. They all went through me.

“... I had a couple of wokesters. Now, we have great people. This is very different than it used to be, very different.”

In a major change to the ceremony - which will take place on 7 December and air on CBS and stream on Paramount+ at a later date - the president himself will serve as host.

While Tom may have turned down the accolade, he will receive another prestigious honour this year.

In June, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences honoured Tom Cruise.



Chris Hemsworth didn’t find playing drums easy

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Chris Hemsworth struggled to get to grips with the “very basics” of drumming ahead of his performance with Ed Sheeran.

The Thor actor joined the Bad Habits hitmaker on stage at a concert in Bucharest, Romania to play Thinking Out Loud in front of 70,000 fans last August for his Limitless: Live Better Now series but footage from the National Geographic series Chris Hemsworth

showed mastering the instrument didn’t come easily to him.

In a preview clip shared with NME, Chris was shown playing a simple beat and finding it “very, very” difficult.

Drumming teacher Ben Jordan noted: “I’m slowly realising Chris doesn’t have much innate drumming rhythm.”

“It’s pretty hard to find something he’s bad at, but I think we’ve found it.”

The 42-year-old actor recently admitted going on stage to perform with Ed was an “out-of-body experience”.

Speaking at a Q+A for the

show, Chris said: “[It was] very much a kind of out-of-body experience and there’s something about being in unison and in time with, not just a band, but a mass group of people.

“And I imagine it was sort of like a universal prayer or whatever, where people get together, and this sort of intention to point towards something positive in the same direction that there would be some ter-con-

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Zoe Kravitz and Lisa Bonet lost snake in Taylor Swift’s house

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Zoe Kravitz and her mom almost lost their pet snake in Taylor Swift’s house.

The Big Little Lies actress and Lisa Bonet were staying at her friend’s home amid the Los Angeles wildfires earlier this year when they got into a “little bit of a pickle” after the 57-year-old model’s beloved reptile Orpheus slithered its way into a tiny hole in the bathroom and they were unable to retrieve her without causing major damage.

Appearing on Late Night with Seth Meyers, Zoe said: “She was

kind enough to let me stay at her house...

“We ended up having to stay there for about two weeks and Taylor has this beautiful house—it’s from the ‘30s, something you want to preserve and take care of.

“So me and my mom are living in this house together, it was the last day - I was gonna leave, my mom was gonna stay longer, but I had to go for work.

“I was kinda going around packing up my things and saying to my mom, ‘I wanna be a good houseguest’. I leave places better than I found them. I don’t

want her to even know we were here.”

“I’m going around cleaning up. I’m downstairs and she’s upstairs and my phone rings and it was my mom. I’m like, ‘That’s weird, we’re in the same house.’”

“She goes ‘Hi’ and I’m like, ‘Your voice is super high’. And she goes, ‘I’m in a bit of a pickle. Can you come upstairs?’”

“I go upstairs, the bathroom door is closed, so I open [it] and she’s crouched in the corner in this weird way. She says, ‘So I was washing my face and I had Orpheus, and I just put her

down for a second, closed the door, and she found this little hole in the corner.’”

“There was a little hole, that you wouldn’t even know was there, right in the corner of the bathroom. The hole is next to a banquette that is built into the wall.”

“My mom is holding the snake’s tail. Snake’s tail, they’re all muscle and very, very strong. I’m like ‘Maybe this hole goes into the drawers [underneath]’. I get down on the ground, take the drawers out, no.”

Zoe began “freaking out” as the snake got further and

further into the hole and called for help from the house manager, who began “tearing apart” the banquette.

She continued: “We’re ripping up the tile. We’re scratching the walls. We destroyed her bathroom.

“I was like, ‘Either we destroy her bathroom or I have to tell her that there’s a snake somewhere in her house.’”

“I said to her house manager, ‘Obviously, I’m Zoe Kravitz

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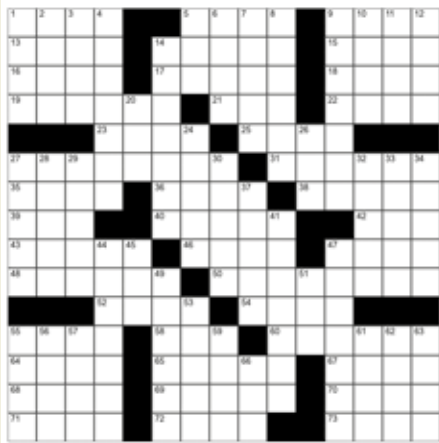
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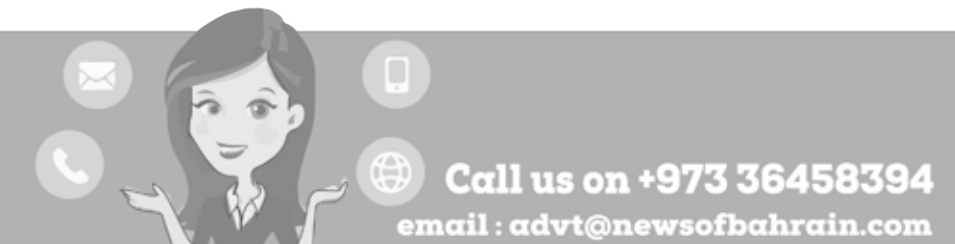
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England confirm dates for white-ball tour of Sri Lanka



Players celebrate during a match
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England confirmed yesterday the dates for a white-ball tour of Sri Lanka in January and February next year that will serve as part of their preparations for the 2026 T20 World Cup.

Harry Brook's men will play the first of three one-day internationals on 22 January – two weeks after the scheduled fifth day of the fifth Ashes test in Sydney, a match in which the multi-format batsman, now England's white-ball captain, is set to feature.

The ODI series in Sri Lanka ends on 27 January with a three-game T20 campaign starting on 30 January and ending on 3 February.

The venues for each match are to be confirmed by Sri Lanka Cricket.

The T20 World Cup will be jointly hosted by India, the reigning champions, and Sri Lanka in February and March.

Paris FC sign Germany goalkeeper Trapp



Kevin Trapp
AFP | Paris

German international goalkeeper Kevin Trapp returned to France for a second spell yesterday, signing for newly-promoted Paris FC from Bundesliga outfit Eintracht Frankfurt.

The 35-year-old, capped nine times, has signed a three-year contract with Paris FC, who are backed by the Arnaults, one of the world's wealthiest families.

They opened their campaign -- their first in France's top flight in 46 years -- in disappointing fashion with a 1-0 defeat away at Angers on Sunday.

"Paris FC is proud to welcome Kevin," the club said in a statement.

Trapp previously played for their city rivals Paris Saint-Germain from 2015 to 2018, and was a regular in the side that won the Ligue 1 title in 2016 before gradually falling out of favour.

He returned to Eintracht -- for whom he had played from 2012 to 2015 -- on loan in 2018 before signing permanently.

Trapp played in the side that won the Europa League in 2022, and was man of the match in the final against Rangers. He then helped Eintracht finish third in the Bundesliga last term, the first time they had made the top three since 1993.

Isak pushes for Newcastle exit

Isak posts on Instagram about broken promises and lost trust with Newcastle

- Isak wants to leave Newcastle
- Cites broken promises and lost trust
- Liverpool's £110m bid already rejected
- Newcastle demand £150m record fee

AFP | London

Alexander Isak believes his departure from Newcastle is "in the best interests of everyone" after breaking his silence on the saga of the Premier League transfer window amid speculation over a move to Liverpool.

The Swedish international, who was the second-highest goalscorer in the Premier League last season, has not featured for the Magpies in pre-season or their opening game of the campaign, a 0-0 draw away at Aston Villa on Saturday.

Liverpool have reportedly had a £110 million bid (\$149 million) rejected for the 25-year-old, with Newcastle holding out for a British transfer record fee of up to £150 million.

Isak released a statement on Tuesday after deciding not to appear at the Professional Footballers' Association awards event despite being selected in the Premier League 2024/25 team of the year.

"I've kept quiet for a long time while others have spoken.

That silence has allowed people to push their own version of events, even though they know it doesn't reflect what was really said and agreed behind closed doors," Isak posted on Instagram.

"The reality is that promises were made and the club has known my position for a long time. To now act as if these issues are only emerging is misleading.

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ALEXANDER ISAK



reports, Isak had been promised an improved contract only for northeast side Newcastle to hold off due to pressures of meeting financial sustainability rules.

Newcastle responded with a statement late Tuesday saying that while they were saddened by Isak's comments, they could yet welcome the 25-year-old back into the squad.

"We are disappointed to have been alerted to a social media post by Alexander Isak this evening," the club wrote. "We are clear in response that Alex remains under contract and that no commitment has ever been made by a club official that Alex can leave Newcastle United this summer.

"We want to our best players, to understand playe their own wish- we listen to their

" statement added: "This is a proud football club with proud traditions and we strive to retain our family feel. Alex remains part of our family and will be welcomed back when he is ready to re-join his teammates."

Isak has Alexander Isak

BETTER YOU KNOW

Alexander Isak, despite being named in the Premier League Team of the Year, chose not to attend the awards event, instead releasing an Instagram statement about his desire to leave Newcastle due to "broken promises."

Bahrain Complete Group Sweep with Win Over Palestine

U18s take maximum points to top Group B ahead of quarterfinals

- Bahrain beat Palestine 3-0 in final group match
- Faidutti's side advance with 9 points from 3 games
- Quarterfinals begin Friday after rest day

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's under-18 volleyball team wrapped up the group stage of the 17th Arab Junior Volleyball Championship in style, beating Palestine in straight sets 25-19, 25-17, 25-12 at the Palace Gymnasium in Amman. The result confirmed Bahrain's place in the quarterfinals as Group B winners with a perfect record of three wins from three.

Dominant Finish

Santiago Faidutti's side controlled the match throughout, asserting themselves early and maintaining rhythm and pressure across all three sets. Solid blocking and consistent attack-



Action from the match

ing saw them gradually pull away from a Palestinian team that struggled to keep pace.

Perfect Group Stage

Bahrain finish the preliminary round with 9 points, having

beaten Kuwait, Iraq, and now Palestine.

Rest Day, Then Knockouts

All eight qualified teams will rest Thursday before resuming play on Friday in the quarterfi-



nals. Bahrain will be aiming to carry their momentum into the knockout rounds as they chase their first Arab Juniors title in over a decade.

The championship runs until August 26 and is organised by

the Arab Volleyball Association, chaired by Bahrain Volleyball Association president Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa. Bahrain's delegation is led by BVA vice-president Mohammed Al Thawadi.

Swiatek, Ruud romp into US Open mixed doubles semis, Alcaraz, Djokovic out

Swiatek defeats jet lag and quick turnaround to team up with Ruud for semifinal berth

- Swiatek, Ruud win two matches
- Semifinal against Pegula and Draper
- Alcaraz, Raducanu pairing knocked out early
- Venus Williams falls with Opelka
- Sinner withdraws from competition due to illness

AFP | New York

Iga Swiatek shrugged off lingering weariness to partner Casper Ruud to back-to-back victories in the revamped mixed doubles competition at the US Open on Tuesday.

Swiatek -- who on Monday had battled through a two-hour tussle with Jasmine Paolini to win the Cincinnati Open -- looked full of energy as she and Ruud powered into Wednesday's semi-finals.

Swiatek and Ruud needed just 39 minutes to dispatch the US pairing of Madison Keys and Frances Tiafoe 4-1, 4-2 in their opening game at Arthur Ashe Stadium, and then reappeared roughly 20 minutes later to defeat Caty McNally and Lorenzo Musetti 5-3, 4-2 in their quar-



Norway's Casper Ruud (R) and Poland's Iga Swiatek react after a point against Madison Keys and Frances Tiafoe

ter-final clash.

The victories capped a gruelling 24 hours for Polish star Swiatek, who hot-footed it to the airport after Monday's win in Cincinnati and only arrived at her hotel in New York in the early hours of Tuesday.

"Honestly the last two days have felt like one day, but I'm super happy to be here," Swiatek said, adding that her tight turnaround had helped her unwind after her exertions in Cincinnati.

"Honestly I think actually it's

kind of nice for the recovery," Swiatek said. "To have another task and to not let yourself be lazy but also focused on the next exciting thing."

Ruud and Swiatek had just enough time to fit in a quick practice before taking to the court in their first match as a doubles pairing.

"I was happy to team up with Iga," Ruud said afterwards. "She's on the winning train these days so I'm just jumping on the train and let's see if we can win some more before the mixed

doubles is over.

"I think everyone should show some appreciation to Iga today. She only got to her hotel 12 hours ago at 2.30am, and she's here playing."

Alcaraz, Djokovic out

Swiatek and Ruud will meet top seeds Jessica Pegula of the United States and Britain's Jack Draper in Wednesday's semi-finals.

Pegula and Draper clicked smoothly to eliminate the glamour pairing of Carlos Alcaraz and

BETTER YOU KNOW

Swiatek landed in New York at 2:30am after her Cincinnati triumph, yet was back on court less than 12 hours later – still sweeping aside two opponents in under an hour each

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IGA SWIATEK

in the first set of his Cincinnati Open final with Alcaraz on Monday, was due to partner Katerina Siniakova in the doubles.

Sinner and Siniakova were replaced in the draw by the American duo of Danielle Collins and Christian Harrison.

This year's US Open mixed doubles competition is being held over Tuesday and Wednesday in the week before the main singles draws get under way.

The tournament is using a modified scoring system, with short sets to four games, no-advantage scoring, tiebreakers at four-all and a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a third set.

The final will be a best-of-three set match to six games, featuring no-advantage scoring, with tiebreakers at six-all and a 10-point match tiebreaker instead of a third set, with the winning pairing pocketing \$1 million.

Salah makes history with third PFA player of the year award

- Salah scored 29 goals, 18 assists last season
- Fired Liverpool to 20th league crown
- Rogers named young men's player of year
- Five Liverpool players in Team of the Year

AFP | London

Mohamed Salah became the first player to win the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) men's player of the year for a third time on Tuesday after guiding Liverpool to Premier League glory.

The Egyptian scored 29 goals and provided 18 assists to propel the Reds to a record-equalling 20th English top-flight title with four games to spare last season.

Salah also scooped the award in the 2017/18 and 2021/22 seasons.

The 33-year-old picked up the Football Writers' Association and Premier League player of the year awards in recent months.

Aston Villa's Morgan Rogers won young player the year fol-



Liverpool's Egyptian striker #11 Mohamed Salah celebrates with the Premier League trophy (file photo)

lowing a breakthrough campaign that saw the attacking midfielder make his senior international debut for England.

Salah is joined in the 2024/25 PFA Premier League team of the year by Liverpool team-mates Virgil van Dijk, Ryan Graven-

berch and Alexis Mac Allister.

Milos Kerkez, who moved to Anfield from Bournemouth in June, is also selected, as are the Arsenal trio of William Saliba, Gabriel Magalhaes and Declan Rice.

Matz Sels and Chris Wood

BETTER YOU KNOW

Mohamed Salah, now 33, is the first player to be named PFA men's player of the year three times, having previously won in 2018 and 2022

are recognised for their fine campaigns at Nottingham Forest, while wantaway Newcastle striker Alexander Isak is included after finishing second to Salah in the Golden Boot race.

Arsenal's Mariona Caldentey won the women's player of the year accolade after her role in helping the Gunners win the Champions League.

The Spanish midfielder scored 19 goals in all competitions, including eight in the Champions League, in her first season in England.

Olivia Smith recently joined Caldentey at Arsenal in a world-record £1 million (\$1.4 million) deal and won the women's young player of the year prize following her superb season at Liverpool.

BIC to host Women in Engineering programme in collaboration with Supreme Council for Women



Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', will be launching later this year a Women in Engineering programme, held in collaboration with the Supreme Council for Women.

The initiative will offer valuable, first-hand experience in the professional setting of a world-class motorsport facility and help open new horizons for the selected participants.

The Women in Engineering initiative is entitled 'Diverse Drive 2', and it continues on the success of the inaugural programme held last year, also in collaboration with the Supreme Council for Women.

This second edition has been extended to a duration of six months instead of three,

and it is scheduled to start in September of this year and conclude in February.

The programme targets Bahraini women who are fresh university graduates in engineering fields. It will provide them with the opportunity to work closely with seasoned professionals at BIC, learn from these industry experts, and contribute to cutting-edge projects in the motorsport domain.

Fresh graduates in mechanical, automotive, electrical, civil, or related fields in engineering are invited to apply.

All those ready to shift their careers into high gear and are eager to be a part of the programme can register their interest by visiting <https://www.bahraingp.com/careers-in-bic/> or by visiting [bahraingp.com](https://www.bahraingp.com/careers-in-bic/)

Royal Rumble IV will be the best to date, says Tony Davis

Bahrain's Royal Guard prepare for toughest British opposition yet

● Royal Rumble IV date officially announced

● Five former world champions attending live

● Royal Guard unbeaten since 2022 debut

● UK Armed Forces strongest opponents yet

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

The Royal Rumble has never been shy on spectacle, but this year's edition might just raise the bar. Tony Davis, Bahrain Boxing Federation head coach, technical manager, and architect of the event, is convinced Royal Rumble IV will be the most ambitious to date.

"So this one will be the best to date," Davis told TDT. "We will have five former world champions there amongst the crowd, who will assist in delivering the weigh-in on the 26th of November at the British Embassy, whereby HMA Alistair Long has kindly agreed to host it. Two of the former world champions are DAZN commentators, so they will interview both teams, interact with the crowd, and then commentate live on the fights. We will also have Amal Al Anbury performing at both the weigh-in and fight night."

The black-tie affair will unfold on November 27 at the Crowne Plaza Bahrain, under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Stars in the Stands

The Royal Guard won't lean solely on the crowd's energy; the atmosphere around the ring will add to their focus. The ring will be surrounded by star power, with former world champions Amir Khan and Rocky Field-



HH Shaikh Khalid receives a token from Tony Davis at Royal Rumble III

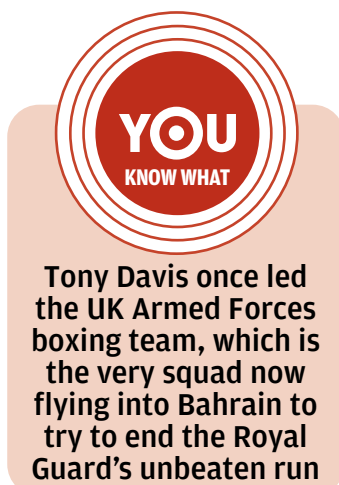
ing among the guests, alongside Lawrence Okolie, Darren Barker, and Barry Jones. Their role won't be ceremonial either.

"Having the presence of such icons is really important," Davis explained. "Amir and Darren were former teammates of mine while trying to qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Lawrence visits Bahrain regularly and has participated in our domestic events, even doing padwork during Dilmun competitions. What I normally do is take them round the schools for a visit the day before the event to inspire the youth of Bahrain. The schools host practical elements and Q&As for the kids and staff, and this time we may even bring both teams along."

Royal Rumble IV goes beyond publicity, evidently designed to grow Bahrain's boxing culture.

A Streak to Defend

The Royal Guard's record in the Rumble is immaculate. In 2022, they steamrolled the British Army's Fusiliers, taking



eight of nine bouts. In 2023, they dispatched the Parachute Regiment, and last year they dominated the Royal Engineers again with six wins in eight contests.

Davis doesn't chalk it up to luck. "I personally feel it's my philosophy and how I deliver it to the team of boxers. Preparation is another key aspect, and of course I wouldn't be able to do this without my assistant coach



Tony Davis (top left) with Bahrain's Royal Guard boxers during training in Riyadh

Fathi Missaoui, a 1996 Olympic bronze medallist. The opposition in the previous events was never easy. The Fusiliers were a former regiment of mine I wanted to give something back to. The Parachute Regiment was formidable, and the Royal Engineers have a diverse and experienced group, drawing from all engineer units."

He added, "This, though, ultimately is the biggest test of all. Although we beat the British Army on their home soil last year, this time they will be supported by the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. This will be the sternest test to date."

Fighting for More

The Rumble has always been about more than fists and footwork. Last year, BD60,000 was raised for the Royal Humanitarian Foundation. This year promises another windfall for charity, with added entertainment too.

Bahraini boxing fans can expect a more refined spectacle than ever. For Davis, the event



Action from last year's event

carries extra weight as he once challenge his Royal Guard. The coached the very UK Armed stakes, therefore, are as personal Forces team now coming to as they are professional.

BRAVE CF bids Eliezer Kubanza farewell

Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation has bid farewell to one of its most electrifying athletes. The Democratic Republic of Congo's Eliezer 'King Kong' Kubanza embarks on the next chapter of his professional career in pursuit of bigger opportunities on the global stage.

Kubanza joined BRAVE Combat Federation with a reputation as a ferocious striker and, over the course of his tenure with the promotion, he lived up to every expectation. With his explosive style and fearless approach

inside the cage, 'King Kong' quickly became one of the most exciting acts in the BRAVE CF super welterweight division and a fan-favourite among African mixed martial arts supporters around the world.

Representing the DRC, Kubanza carried the flag for a new generation of African athletes making their mark on international promotions. Always thrilling and dominant, Kubanza not only cemented his position as the No. 1 contender in the super welterweight division but also underscored his role as a true trailblazer for

African MMA. BRAVE CF takes immense pride in having been the platform where he showcased his talents, built his global reputation, and inspired countless fighters across the continent.

Kubanza's departure now opens up a dynamic new chapter for BRAVE CF's super welterweight division. Luiz Cado remains the reigning champion and, with the top contender no longer in the picture, the race for the next title challenger is wide open. No. 2-ranked Alex Lohoré, who represents Côte d'Ivoire, now has a clear path to

make his case for a shot at Cado's crown. Standing right behind him is Kamal Magomedov at No. 3, with Zagid Gaidarov and Rami Hamed rounding out the top five and keeping the competition fierce.

This shake-up promises to inject even more excitement into a division already known for its high-level talent and unpredictable battles. African MMA fans, in particular, will be watching closely to see if Lohoré can seize this opportunity and bring another African flag to the forefront of BRAVE CF championship contention.



Eliezer Kubanza reacts after a win (file photo)

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