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Arab issues, Palestinian cause Bahrain's top priority: Speaker

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Just causes of Arab nations, foremost being Palestinian cause, are always Bahrain's prime priority, said Parliament speaker and President of the Arab-Interparliamentary Union, Fawzia bin Abdullah Zainal.

"This is well evident from the Royal speeches of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, which confirms our firm position on the Palestinian issue," said the speaker.

She also pointed out the formation of a permanent qualitative parliamentary committee to support the Palestinian people.

The comments came as Zainal



Speaker Fawzia bin Abdullah Zainal in her inaugural speech of AIPU's 33rd conference

inaugurated the 33rd conference of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union in the Egyptian capital, Cairo. Themed "Al-Aqsa Mosque and All Muslim and Christian Sanctities are Our First Priority", the conference kick-started

with the participation of the Arab member states.

Bahrain, she said, believes that regional peace depends on the activation of the Arab Peace Initiative for the establishment of an independent Palestinian

state. "The violations against the Palestinian brothers require a unified Arab parliamentary position that rejects the attacks on worshipers during Ramadan and repeated provocations against the people of Jerusalem," said Al Zainal.

"These violations are inconsistent with all religious, international charters and treaties and human rights principles."

The speaker also underlined the need for a unified parliamentary stance supporting the Palestinian cause and reiterated rejection of the violations and repetitive provocation by the Israeli authorities.

"The challenges the region

face requires a renewed determination."

The speaker also condemned the killing of the Palestinian Journalist, Sherine Abu Aqleh, near Jenin camp in the Palestinian territories while on duty.

"What happened is a flagrant violation of the rules and principles of international humanitarian law and a blatant transgression of the media and press freedom," she added.

Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal offered condolences to the ruling family in the UAE, the Federal National Council Speaker Saqr Ghobash, and the UAE people over the passing of late Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.



"Bahrain lost a prominent citizen"

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Bahrain has lost a prominent person whose contributions are etched in various areas of national development, said His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday.

HM King was offering his condolences to Taqi Mohammed Al-Baharna over the demise of Sadiq Mohammed Al-Baharna in a telephone call.

HM King told Taqi Mohammed Al-Baharna that Sadiq's patriotic stances and contributions to the trade, endowments and administrative sectors benefitted Bahrain.

His Majesty further expressed pride in citizens who have served and contributed to Bahrain's comprehensive progress.

HM King prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest his soul in eternal peace and bless his relatives with patience and fortitude.

Taqi Mohammed Al-Baharna, extended, on behalf of the Al-Baharna family, thanks and gratitude to HM King Hamad for his condolences, noble feelings and sincere supplications.

He wished HM the King abundant health, wellness and long life to continue serving the Kingdom and its people.

WHO working on more monkeypox guidance as cases rise

Reuters | London

The World Health Organization is working on further guidance for countries on how to mitigate the spread of monkeypox, amid concerns cases could spike further in the summer months, a senior adviser for the U.N. agency told Reuters.

The WHO's working theory based on the cases identified so far is that the outbreak is being driven by sexual contact, said David Heymann, chair of the WHO's Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Infectious Hazards with Pandemic and Epidemic Potential. He led a meeting on the outbreak on Friday.

Monkeypox is an infectious disease that is usually mild, and is endemic in parts of west and central Africa.

Russia halts gas flow to Finland

● Weeks-long siege ends at Azovstal, Russia says

● Russia intensifies offensive in Donbas

● Russian military says destroyed Western arms in Zhytomyr region

Reuters | Kyiv/Oslo

Russia stopped delivering gas to Finland in an escalation of a dispute over energy payments with Western nations, and claimed victory in a weeks-long battle for Mariupol's devastated Azovstal steel plant as it presses for control of the Donbas.

Russia also launched what appeared to be a major assault to seize the last remaining Ukrainian-held territory in Luhansk, one of two provinces that make up the southeastern Donbas region: where Russian-backed separatists already controlled



A bus carrying service members of the Ukrainian armed forces, who surrendered at the besieged Azovstal steel mill, drives away under escort of the pro-Russian military

swathes of territory before the Feb. 24 invasion.

The last Ukrainian forces holed up in the Azovstal steelworks surrendered on Friday, Russia's defence ministry said, ending the bloodiest siege of the war.

The ministry said in a statement that 2,439 defenders had surrendered in the past few days, including 531 in the final group.

Earlier, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said

Ukraine's military had told the last defenders at the steelworks they could get out and save their lives. The Ukrainians did not

immediately confirm the figures on Azovstal. Ukraine's General Staff of Armed Forces did not comment on Russia's claim in its morning update yesterday.

Zelenskiy told local television that while the fighting would be bloody and victory difficult, the end would only come through diplomacy.

"For them, all these victories - the occupation of Crimea or Donbas - is very temporary. And all this will return - since this is our territory," he said on Saturday.

Finnish state-owned gas wholesaler Gasum, the Finnish government and individual gas consuming companies in Finland have said they were prepared for a shutdown of Russian flows and that the country will manage without.



Most European supply contracts are denominated in euros or dollars and Moscow cut off gas to Bulgaria and Poland last month after they refused to comply with the new payment terms.

Symbolic

Russia declares travel ban on 963 Americans including Biden and Blinken

Reuters | London

Russia said yesterday it had so far banned 963 Americans from entering the country - including previously announced moves against President Joe Biden and other top officials - and would continue to retaliate



Joe Biden speaks as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken listens

against what it called hostile US actions.

The largely symbolic travel bans form part of a downward spiral in Russia's relations with the West since its Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine, which prompted Washington and its allies to impose drastic sanctions on

Moscow and step up arms supplies to Ukraine.

Separately, the Foreign Ministry said it had added 26 new names to a list of Canadians it has barred from travelling to Russia, including defence chiefs, defence industry executives and Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, the

wife of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Publishing the full list of banned Americans for the first time, the ministry said: "We emphasise that the hostile actions taken by Washington, which boomerang against the United States itself, will continue to receive a proper rebuff."

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BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED
9811591

ACTIVE CASES
20

DEATHS
1480

DISCHARGED
574805

NEW CASES
451

CRITICAL
3



‘Made in Bahrain’ movie ‘to boost tourism sector’

Staff Reporter
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The first Bollywood film shot considerably in Bahrain is making waves among Indian viewers who are demanding a sequel to the horror comedy a week after its release on one of India's largest OTT platforms.

Khel Kood Aur Bhoot (KKAB) - roughly translated as Fun, Frolic, and Ghost - which also happens to be the first Bollywood film shot in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is the brainchild of Bahrain's award-winning journalist turned filmmaker Adnan Malik.

It was released on Friday, May 13, on MX Player, which has more than 300 million users globally, including countries such as India, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Nepal.

"I always promote the Kingdom as a key filming and tourism destination in the Middle East, and I'm overwhelmed by the response," Malik told the *Daily Tribune* exclusively from Mumbai. Malik has written, produced, directed, and acted in the movie.

"People are asking privately and also openly on social media platforms for a sequel and more importantly asking me about Bahrain and showing interest in traveling to the Kingdom for business and leisure, what else can I ask for?" said Malik.

Malik's lead pair Poonam Mohapatra couldn't agree more and told *The Daily Tribune* that, "Bahrain is so beautiful and so inviting. There is so much to do and so much to see and I'm really thankful that my acting

debut happened in this beautiful Kingdom," she said.

There are many firsts for this independently produced comedy-horror flick. It's the first Bollywood film to be shot in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Malik is the first and only Bahraini filmmaker in the prolific movie industry considered the largest in the world.

"It's a wonderful feeling for any independent filmmaker to see their movie release, and I'm grateful to God that such a renowned OTT platform like MX has partnered with us to showcase this movie," said Malik adding that the video streaming service attracts more than 200 million monthly active users in India alone. Its app on the Google store has reportedly already crossed a staggering one billion downloads.

OTT or over the top is a term used for media service offered directly to viewers via the Internet. It bypasses cable, broadcast, and satellite television plat-

forms, giving people a plethora of options for watching their favorite content on numerous devices like mobiles, smart TVs, computers, tablets, and more, and in various languages.

The Hindi-language movie, which has English subtitles, has been released under his Mumbai-based home banner, Malik Entertainment Movies Pvt. Ltd.

More than 85 per cent of the movie, including three songs, was shot in the Kingdom and the remaining 20 per cent in India. Besides the scare, the movie's unique selling point is some of the breathtaking cinematography, including aerial shots of the Kingdom and filming of various well-known locations in Bahrain, including the Al Fateh Grand Mosque, the Financial Harbor, Bahrain World Trade Center, Bahrain Fort, Bahrain City Center, the Ritz-Carlton Bahrain Hotel, and Spa, and the Lost Paradise of Dilmun Water Park.

A key highlight of the movie is that it opens with a tribute to the Kingdom's Royal Family, followed by the acknowledgment of support from the Information and Interior Ministries, and many other people in Bahrain and India.

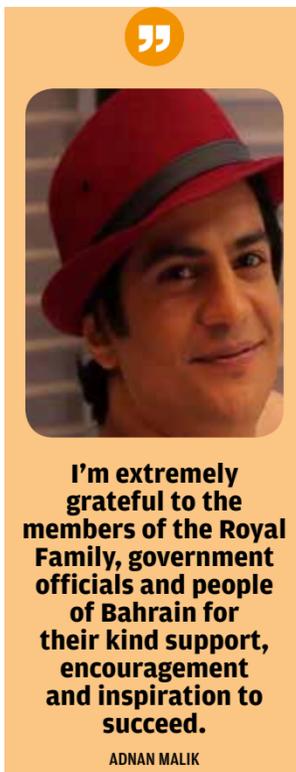
"I'm extremely grateful to many members of our Royal Al Khalifa family for their kind support, encouragement, and inspiration to succeed."

Malik said he was extremely overwhelmed by great words of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, who wished him, "all the best for your movie" as he met him personally at one of his weekly majlis during the final stages of filming a few years ago.

"We are blessed with a kind, noble, wise, and educated leadership that supports, inspires, motivates, and encourages Bahrainis and its residents to follow their passion and achieve their goals," said Malik, who is a former Gulf Correspondent for the American Associated Press news



Fans demand a sequel for horror comedy film Khel Khood Aur Bhoot (May 13 release), which was shot in the Kingdom



agency.

Malik, who assumed many roles in completing the film, co-edited the movie with award-winning Indian editor Abhijit Kokate. The film's music is directed by award-winning musician Vijayaa Shanker, who has also acted in the movie.

Meanwhile, KKAB's release on Friday, May 13, was timed with the horror-comedy theme of the 130-minute-long feature. "Since there was only one Friday the 13th this year, I'm grateful to God and thrilled that we were able to time our comedy-horror movie to release on this historically superstitious day," he explained.

He also released a curtain-raiser on social media on the same theme a day before the release. Malik said he shied away from making any announcements or engaging in any publicity about the movie until after all the distribution formalities were com-

pleted, the release date locked, and also because he wanted to use a last-minute "shock and awe" release strategy - an advantage of releasing a movie on a digital platform that would not be affected or hampered by the other theatrical releases.

"I wanted to release the movie to come unannounced just like how ghosts show up out of nowhere," he joked.

Prior to its release on the OTT, KKAB has already made some waves on the international film festival circuit. Shortly after the film's completion in 2019, it picked up an "honorable mention" at a prestigious film festival - Columbus International Film and Animation Festival - in the United States the same year.

The movie was scheduled for theatrical release in India and the region in 2020, but then Covid-19 happened, and cinemas throughout shut down. Many Bollywood films that were waiting for theatre release switched to releasing on OTT platforms and found their audience there.

More ambitious movies with massive budgets, however, continued to wait for the big screen. Since theaters opened to the public, India's current theatrical backlog is now swamped with major back-to-back releases amid the looming threat of another wave of the Covid-19 virus.

The lockdown, Malik said, was a "blessing in disguise," as it gave him time to further enhance the movie's visual effects, color, and sound in the later part of 2021 and also recently.

"There is always some room for improvement, and looking back I'm glad things panned out

this way," said Malik adding that the results paid off and he landed a two-year distribution deal with MX Player with one single meeting.

"In my view, OTT platforms have now become an essential part of the entertainment ecosystem worldwide. As producers we settled for digital release after weighing in all the options including the financial constraints, target audience, distribution options, availability of movie theaters, release roster and timing, and last but not the least, the shadow of the ever-evolving pandemic.

"Unlike traditional theatrical releases which have to struggle to get dates, adequate screens and worry about ticket sales and maintain extensive marketing budgets to promote films, OTT platforms are cost-effective and easily accessed, giving filmmakers the flexibility to release without the hassles.

"For an independent filmmaker like myself, OTT happened to be the best and the most suitable choice as it is the most cost-effective, it has a bigger reach, and it has also been the most resilient platform during the pandemic, which has disrupted and transformed consumption habits for content.

"The ultimate outcome has been that OTT platforms have given filmmakers a seamless distribution switch from traditional theaters and consumers the safer option of entertainment in the comfort of their homes while the threat of Covid-19 still looms," he explained further.

KKAB is a full-length feature inspired by true events. It is a story of six friends who embark on an impromptu documentary-film-making adventure to figure out whether ghosts exist or not. Their interviews with the Mumbai people lead them to a supposedly haunted house in the nearby suburb of Panvel where they come face-to-face with a haunting truth.

"I'm also very grateful to the people of Bahrain and India for the outpouring of support and kindness and also to all my brand partners.

"The movie's brand partners from Bahrain include McDonald's, Columbus Café, the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Gulf Air, the Lost Paradise of Dilmun, and Forest Dew to name a few.

"Last but not the least, I would like to thank my parents - especially my dad - for their prayers and blessings, and all my family and friends for their love, support, and encouragement."

KKAB is the first Indian film shot in the Kingdom. The film's shooting began "way ahead" of Malayalam movie Mohavalayam, which was also shot in the Kingdom.



A scene from the movie

Pedestrian killed in road accident



Representative picture

● **Deceased identified as 39-year-old Indian national Kalaiselvan Daknamoorthy**

Staff Reporter
TDT | Manama

A pedestrian was killed after being hit by a vehicle yesterday on Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah Street near East Riffa.

The deceased was identified as 39-year-old Indian national Kalaiselvan Daknamoorthy.

The Interior Ministry confirmed the accident in a tweet on Friday night.

The *Daily Tribune* earlier reported that pedestrians are the most vulnerable when it comes to road accidents in the Kingdom. A report published by a division within the Ministry of Works has revealed that the maximum victims of road accidents in the past three years were pedestrians.

According to the Road Safety Audit published by the Traffic Safety Group, 48 pedestrians were either injured or killed in accidents followed by drivers (38), passengers (29), motorcyclists (20) and cyclists (13).

Forty-seven fatal accidents occurred in the year 2020. There were 48 fatal accidents in the year 2019 and 41 in 2018 respectively. According to the General Directorate of Traf-

fic, by implementing adequate measures the Kingdom has been able to reduce the number of fatal accidents by 50 per cent.

“The accident rate is the lowest in the Gulf region and the Middle East. This is because of the increasing steps to monitor wrong traffic practices apart from boosting awareness activities.”

A study conducted two years ago revealed that despite the increase in the number of vehicles by 36 per cent in the last five years, the accidents in general reduced by 21.55pc and the fatal accidents by 30pc, while the fatalities dropped by 38pc and injuries-related accidents among drivers by 41pc and passengers by 52pc.

The General Directorate has always been highlighting the important role of the community in reducing traffic accidents by their traffic awareness and culture. He said that the department works within three main points; enhancing traffic safety through studies and reports, regulation of traffic on the roads and the enhancement of traffic services through e-facilities.

The Director-General of Traffic, Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa, earlier revealed that traffic injuries and fatalities were reduced by 60pc after the implementation of a comprehensive traffic strategy.

Ties with Bahrain, closest and oldest, says US envoy

● **US will continue as closest partner for advanced defence systems**

● **Bahrain as one of the “most open economies in MENA**

● **Bahrain to get next generation of the F-16 aircrafts**

● **Looks forward to initiating direct flight with Bahrain**

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The US Ambassador to Bahrain, Steven Bondy, stressed yesterday the close relations between the two countries as amongst the “oldest and closest” in the region.

In an interview published by Bahrain News Agency, Bondy said that the two countries are endeavouring to expand their partnership across all areas. “We maintain close partnerships with the government of Bahrain on the full range of bilateral issues, from education and the arts to trade, investment, and security, with an emphasis on strengthening people-to-people ties,” he said.

The ambassador stressed the significance of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) – one of only two in the Gulf

region – in strengthening the bilateral trade and investment relationship.

“Since coming into force in 2006, two-way trade in merchandise and services has more than tripled, from \$782 million in 2005 to nearly \$3 billion in 2018. Even during the disruption of the pandemic-induced economic downturn, trade exceeded \$2 bn in 2021, up from \$1.5 bn in 2020,” he said.

“We believe in expanding commercial relations with Bahrain as a US government priority, and we are here to support businesses interested in doing that.”

The ambassador also emphasized that “the US is and will continue to be Bahrain’s closest partner for advanced defence systems and equipment.”

“Such systems greatly improve and enhance regional security, as do the high pace of bilateral and multilateral military exercises and training events. The United States and Bahrain both benefit from closer operational coordination.”

“The United States looks forward to initiating direct flights connecting the two countries,” he said, adding that “together with the new 10-year multiple-entry visa for Bahraini citizens, we expect to turbo-charge business and tourism travel.”

On the Bahrain-US relationship, he said Bahrain plays a ‘key role’ in the regional security architecture and is a vital ally in defence initiatives.

“We salute His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s bold decision to have relations with Israel via the Abraham Accords, which we believe represents a fundamental change of strategic orientation in the region,” he said.

The US embassy is working hand in hand with the Bahraini government “to ensure the people of Bahrain benefit from their relationship with Israel.”

On the Bahrain-US Free Trade Agreement, he said FTA significantly strengthened the bilateral trade and investment relationship.

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nesses interested in doing that.”

Bahraini firms have been invited to the SelectUSA Investment Summit to be held in-person in Washington, DC, on June 26-29.

He also pointed out that despite the disruption to trade growth caused by the pandemic-induced economic downturn, bilateral trade exceeded \$2 billion in 2021, up from \$1.5 bn in 2020. The ambassador also highlighted Bahrain as one of the “most open economies in the Middle East and North Africa region, with strong trade relations within the GCC and beyond, excellent infrastructure and strong financial institutions.”

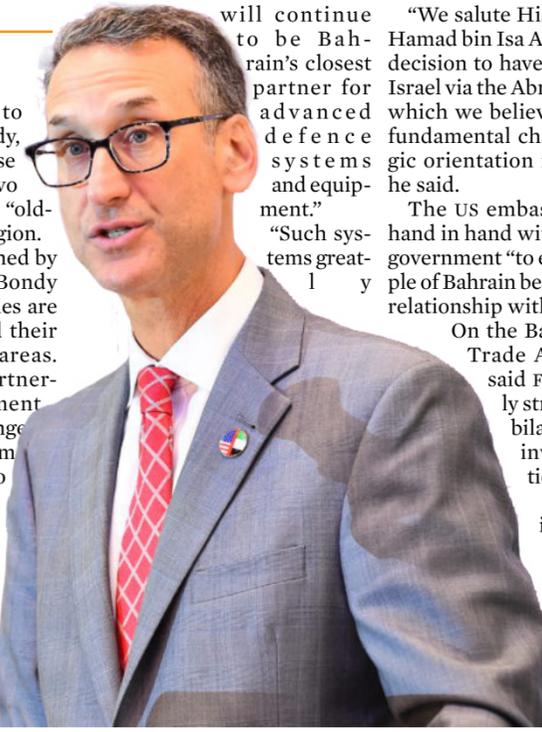
Bahrain, he said, is well-positioned to host investors seeking access to local, regional, and international markets.

The ambassador also congratulated Bahrain for being its first partner to operate the AH-1Z attack helicopters and “will be the first country to fly the next generation of the F-16 aircraft.”

Bahrain, he stressed, is a Major Security Partner and Major Non-NATO Ally of the United States.

Cyber-security and cyber-defence

“In going forward, Bahrain and the US are consistently increasing our interoperability and streamlining communication and threat-sharing processes to deter and defend the unmanned systems and missiles. Additionally, we are breaking new ground in other realms, such as cyber-security and cyber-defence.”



LMRA inspection campaign: several arrested

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Joint inspection campaigns with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs of the Ministry of Interior resulted in several arrests last week, said the Labour Market Regulatory Authority.

The campaigns were at work-sites in all governorates of the Kingdom.

Officials said they detected vi-



violations of laws related to LMRA and residence and took legal

actions.

The authority stressed the importance of the community’s role in supporting the efforts of government agencies and called on the public to report labour market violations and irregular employment.

The campaigns reflect the ongoing efforts exerted by LMRA, MoI and other government bodies to improve the work environment.



The Malayali Association of Manama Central Market honoured 13 expatriate social workers of the Kingdom at an event held at Manama KMCC Hall. The social workers honoured at the event are Dr Babu Ramachandran, Habeeb Rahman, Subair Kannur, Basheer Ambalayai, Assainar Kalathinkal, Chemban Jalal, K R Nair, Sudheer Thirunilath, K T Saleem, Nissar Kollam, Rasheed Mahi, Najeeb Kadalayi and Jawad Pasha. All 73 members of the association were also honoured at the event. Association General Secretary Ashkar Poozhithala spoke on the occasion.






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What the Monkeypox scare teaches us



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Barely did the world heave a collective sigh of relief at the waning of the pandemic and we have been slapped with yet another warning note by Mother Nature – this time in the form of a rapidly expanding monkeypox virus. This is not a deadly virus per se of course – deaths are rare and limited to the very vulnerable groups. But zoonotic diseases where the germs cross into other species are increasingly getting more common – in the past century alone we have seen the emergence of major transnational outbreaks including HIV, Ebola, SARS, MERS, and H1N1 swine flu, among others.

More and more evidence is being gathered by scientists and agriculturists which point to the need for a drastic change in the way we manage our animal husbandry. The modern factory farm is not only a template for inter-species cruelty and inhumane management of animals, it is also a breeding ground for zoonotic diseases.

The time has come to pay heed to the signals waved in our faces by the over-stressed world and resolve to curb our senseless greed and give back to the Earth. After all, this is the only planet we have!

World-wide, the majority of the 88 billion animals used for food each year are factory farmed. Of course, this has meant an abundance of relatively cheap meat, eggs, and dairy on supermarket shelves and in food outlets. However, besides zoonotic epidemics, we are also faced with many far less desirable effects, including an increased risk of antibiotic resistance in human medicine, hormonal imbalance and a rise in chronic diseases such as obesity, hypertension and diabetes etc.

If we link this topic to the recent visit of Indian spiritual leader Sadhguru who visited Bahrain to urge people to pay heed to saving soil and restore its organic qualities, we see that the gaping hole of human greed lies at the bottom of our stress. Whether it is a child reaching for an extra-large burger or an industrial farm conglomerate squeezing more profit per animal by pumping it with growth hormones and hastening its sale date, we seem to have painted ourselves into a red corner. The time has come to pay heed to the signals waved in our faces by the over-stressed world and resolve to curb our senseless greed and give back to the Earth. After all, this is the only planet we have!

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)



Labour Market Regulatory Authority Chief Executive Officer Jamal Abdulaziz Al Alawi attended the meetings of the UN General Assembly, chaired by Abdulla Shahid. UN Secretary-General Antonio attended the meetings which were held at the UN headquarters in New York as part of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) programme on May 17-20. Al Alawi stressed Bahrain's keenness to promote and protect human rights, including the rights of expatriate workers, and combat trafficking in persons within the framework of the National Human Rights Plan 2026-2022, which comes in line with the sustainable development goals and the Kingdom's economic vision 2030. He highlighted Bahrain's comprehensive development led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the support and follow up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Deputy President of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and President of the Court of Cassation, Chancellor Abdulla bin Hassan Al-Buainain, attended the diamond jubilee celebrations of Egypt's State Council, held under the patronage of President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi. Al-Buainain extended sincere congratulations to Egypt on the 75th anniversary of its State Council, noting that the deep-rooted Bahraini-Egyptian relations are based on a strategic partnership in various fields, especially in the judicial field.



Short film 'Virunnu'



The poster release of the upcoming short film 'Virunnu' was held at Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS). A poster was handed over to BKS General Secretary Varghese Karakkal by BKS President P V Radhakrishna Pillai. Budding artist Sreemathi Unni (Sunu) has written the script and screenplay for the short film apart from wearing the director's hat. The short film will be released in the first week of June.

Un-Bee-Lievable success for primary spellers



After two years, the Spelling Bee completion was back with a bang in the British Primary Section of Al Noor International School on May 11, 2022. Over forty primary graders battled it out to become Spelling Bee Champion, where students are asked to spell a wide selection of words, with some degree of difficulty. After an epic battle of more than 80 words being spelt correctly by Grade One, Sarah Zayed won in Grade 1. The other winners are Abdul Wahab (Grade 2), Maximillian Iain Sword (Grade 3) and Ajidesh Elangesan (Grade 4). Trophies and certificates were handed out by the school Principal Amin Halewa and the Headteacher of the British Primary Section Chris Fenton.

High school student wins YouTube Masters competition

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Batoul Marzouq Al-Bunni of Jidhafs Secondary School for Girls, won first place in the "YouTube Masters" competition by Shabaka media and events management.

The programme was in partnership with the US Department of States, the Ministry of Youth & Sports of Bahrain, the Ministry of Education of Bahrain, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO),



Tamkeen and 24F Production. The intensive two-month training and competition programme had the participation of 72 Bahrainis who competed against each other to produce

Manama Central Market renovation ongoing: official



Officials visiting Manama Central Market

Outdoor canopy for wholesale vendors; new display stands for fish and fruit stalls

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The Capital Municipality is continuing with plans for the comprehensive maintenance of the Manama Central Market, said a top official.

The Director-General of the Capital Municipality, Muhammad Saad Al-Sahli, said this during a visit to the market to review the progress of the development works.

Al-Sahli talked with merchants to understand their requirements and service upgrades needed to improve the facilities offered at the market.

He said the authorities are working to improve the efficiency of the air conditioners, strengthen lighting, and improve the sewage network.

Works are also progressing to install a mechanism for periodic detection of faults using the latest tools and techniques

that work 24/7.

The authority, he said, is also providing hygiene and sterilisation services in the market.

The Director-General also affirmed the keenness of the municipality to strengthen the partnership with the merchants by discussing rehabilitation and development projects, obstacles and ways to address them.

Al-Sahli pointed out that advancing the level of the central market requires effective community partnership and an integrated service environment.

He said: "The Capital Municipality has begun installing external umbrellas to provide shade for 135 outside vendors and completed the replacement of all concrete tables with ceramics in the fish market according to the specifications approved by the Ministry of Health.

Officials have also completed the replacement of display and presentation platforms in the fruit and vegetable market instead of displaying them parallel to the ground, which presented the market with a new look.



Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala, Mario Bœcaro, received yesterday Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Jamal Faris Al-Ruwaia, who presented a copy of his credentials as Non-resident Ambassador of Bahrain to Guatemala. The Foreign Minister of Guatemala stressed the keenness of his country to promote cooperation and friendship with Bahrain in different areas in a way that benefits the two friendly countries and peoples.

exciting YouTube Shows that contribute to solving economic, environmental and social problems.

Batoul said that she is proud of winning this competition, which targets the age group from 16 to 32 years.

"The school provided a fertile environment for developing a sound foundation in programming and design and encouraged to participate in many local and external competitions," she said.

Batoul also praised the efforts of the Centre for Gifted

Students at the Ministry of Education in organising advanced programmes that develop the talents of students.

"I am looking forward to developing a career in programming," she said.

Batouls was recently awarded the "talented student" title at the Gifted Arabs initiative by the King Abdulaziz and His Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity (Mawhiba) and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).

Bahrain to participate in Davos 2022

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A high profile Bahraini delegation will participate in the annual World Economic Forum (Davos 2022) to be held from May 22 to 26 in the Swiss city Davos. This participation aims to shed light on the investment opportunities in Bahrain and the economic initiatives and projects launched by Bahrain as part of the economic recovery plan aimed at achieving the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Members of the Bahraini delegation will also partake in economic sessions to discuss issues pertaining to boosting international security and stability, promoting economic growth,



Shaikh Salman, Al Zayani, Al-Moayed, and Shaikh Khalid

spotlighting the economic scene in the Middle East and North Africa and discussing the new investment opportunities and emerging fields in the regional markets.

The Bahraini delegation to the World Economic Forum comprises His Majesty the

King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Youth and Sport Affairs

Ayman bin Tawfiq Al-Moayed, Economic Development Board Advisor Iain Lindsay, Research and Project Undersecretary at the Prime Minister's Office Hamad Yaqoob Al Mahmid, and Board Deputy Chairperson of AlMoayed International Group Hala Farouq Al-Moayed.

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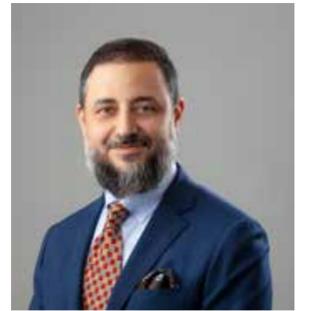
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BENEFIT, the Kingdom's innovator and leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, has become one of the first institutions to obtain the ISO 27001 certificate, the international standard for managing information security.

The BENEFIT Company has been accredited with the ISO 27001 certification for information security management system (ISMS) in recognition of BENEFIT's ongoing efforts to fully secure all information assets.

ISO 27001 has become the international standard for managing information security, as it enables organisations to manage the security of assets such as financial information, intellectual property, employee details or information entrusted by third parties. ISO 27001 Standard is recognised worldwide as an indication that the ISMS is aligned with information security best practices, and BENEFIT has applied the ISO 27001 standards to all sectors of the company without exception.

BENEFIT's Head of Information Security & Risk Management, Ali Beshara commented on this achievement, "Security is at the forefront of every action we take. At BENEFIT, we recognise the significance of



BENEFIT's Head of Information Security & Risk Management, Ali Beshara

data and understand that data protection is of paramount importance. Achieving ISO 27001 certification is an outstanding achievement that reflects our team's consistent efforts to establish secure guidelines and protocols in every layer of our business. He added, "Achieving this certification comes at a critical time where the marketplace has heightened sensitivity to cyber threats, and we will continue to meet these standards to better serve our consumers. This is a testament to BENEFIT's commitment to go above and beyond when it comes to security."

This achievement is yet another key milestone. BENEFIT recognises the significance of data protection and responding to evolving security threats. BENEFIT continues to invest in the management of information security.

Huawei highlights commitment to accelerate Bahrain's digital transformation vision

● The summit was attended by industry leaders, experts and decision makers

● The theme of this year's Summit is "Thriving with Resilience & Integration in the New Opportunity Realm"

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During an exclusive media roundtable from 10 Middle East countries held on the sidelines of the SAMENA Leaders' Summit 2022, the top telecom industry event hosted by Huawei for the 9th consecutive year, Steven Yi, President of Huawei Middle East, highlighted Huawei's commitment to support Bahrain's government achieve its digital transformation vision with 5G networks and other advanced technologies as an enabler.

The summit was attended by industry leaders, experts and decision makers from telecom companies, regulatory bodies, industry organizations and related stakeholders from SAME-NA Region (South Asia, Middle East North Africa).

During the summit, Yi stressed on the importance of the telecom sector as an enabler for other industries' sustainable development and growth in light of the evolving 5G landscape and the immense oppor-



Huawei Middle East Media Round Table

tunities for enterprises in the 5G era.

The theme of this year's Summit is "Thriving with Resilience & Integration in the New Opportunity Realm", where experts and industry leaders discussed the integration of technologies, investments in infrastructure, connectivity and the availability of spectrums to create opportunities for digital transformation of various industries and help countries in the Middle East achieve their vision.

"Regulators and governments have placed great emphasis on the growth of digital economy in various sectors, we hope to see more supportive policies from the governments which aims to improve the quality of network services, and in the end speed up the growth of the economy and digital transformation," said Yi.

Additionally, leading regional

operators and Huawei launched IntelligentRAN, an advanced telecom network solution, which comes in line with Huawei's objective to empower the telecommunication sector with more advanced innovations and value for its own business and other sectors and industries businesses by means of injecting intelligent to wireless networks and achieve autonomous driving network in the wireless domain in the future.

With digital technologies advancing rapidly, securing networks and cybersecurity continues to be Huawei's top priority. "We have a sound cybersecurity and privacy protection assurance structure which has a leading global records," Yi said.

In 2021, Huawei invested over 22% of annual revenue in R&D targeted at supporting the long-term sustainable development

of the ICT industry. Yi emphasized the company will continue to invest significantly in intelligent solutions and services such as ICT infrastructure and cloud services.

Yi also highlighted that Huawei is committed to use its global knowledge and expertise in over 170 markets and in mega projects such as the 2018 World Cup in Russia and 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics to the benefit of the Middle East region mega events, including successfully guaranteeing Saudi Arabia's Hajj network for 16 years, accident free and offering unprecedented experiences to the upcoming 2022 Qatar World Cup. "We remain committed to collaborate with our suppliers and partners to provide customized, secure, reliable, stable and competitive solutions to our customers in the Middle East Region," Yi said.

Lebanon recovery plan includes central bank debt write-off, haircuts to depositors

Reuters

Lebanon's government foresees cancelling "a large part" of the central bank's foreign currency obligations to commercial banks and dissolving non-viable banks by November, according to a financial recovery plan passed by the Cabinet on Friday.

The document, seen by Reuters and verified as accurate by a minister, was passed by the Cabinet in its final session hours before losing decision-making powers, following the election of a new parliament on May 15.

It includes several measures that are prerequisites to unlock funds from a preliminary deal with the International Monetary Fund agreed in April that could help pull the coun-

try out of a three-year financial meltdown.

Deputy Prime Minister Saade Chami said approval of the plan was a "step forward" but that Lebanon's newly-elected parliament must "quickly" adopt a number of the IMF prior actions, such as amendments to banking secrecy regulations and a capital controls bill that lawmakers have repeatedly failed to endorse.

"We can put things on paper but we have to ensure whatever we committed to is being executed in the future," Chami said.

"I cannot predict whether they will do it or not, whether there is a political will to do it."

The plan endorsed Friday foresees a full audit of the Central Bank's forex financial standing by July.

"Tamkeen" holds meeting with representatives of logistics sector

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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) held a meeting with enterprises operating in the logistics sector as part of its strategy to improve the performance of the various economic sectors and enhance their contribution to the national economy.

During the meeting, opportunities for growth within the sector were discussed, as well as ways for enterprises to benefit from Tamkeen's support for the objectives of investment, employment, and training of local talent, which in turn, con-



Officials during the meeting

tributes to improving their productivity and sustainability and

assists in their expansion and development plans.

These meetings come as part of Tamkeen's ongoing efforts

to communicate and interact with representatives from the private sector following the relaunch of the enterprise and human capital development programmes and receiving applications earlier this year.

Tamkeen works to stimulate enterprises that are committed to improving their productivity and scalability, as well as ensure the optimal investment in all sectors especially high potential sectors which have the ability to drive greater economic impact, through creating sustainable,

high-quality jobs for Bahrainis. This comes in alignment with the national priorities and the economic recovery plan which was announced by the Kingdom of Bahrain in November last year.

Tamkeen has organised meetings with more than 200 enterprises from different sectors prior to launching its programmes to closely identify their needs considering the rapidly changing market conditions and formulate appropriate solutions in line with Tamkeen's strategic objectives.

News in brief

Two million stranded as worst floods in decades hit Bangladesh's northeast



Rivers in Bangladesh have burst their banks and caused the worst floods in the country's northeast for nearly two decades, with about two million people marooned by rising waters, officials said yesterday. Floodwater rushing from India's northeast breached a major embankment on the Barak River, inundating at least 100 villages at Zakiganj in Bangladesh, said Mosharraf Hossain, the chief government administrator of the Sylhet region. "Some two million people have been stranded by floods so far," he said, adding that at least 10 people have been killed this week.

Armed men kidnapped an Italian couple and their son in southern Mali overnight, their church said, as violence spreads in a country ravaged by an Islamist insurgency.

3 Italians kidnapped in southern Mali

A spokesman for the Jehovah's Witnesses church in neighbouring Senegal said the couple is in their 70s and their son is about 50. They were living in Mali for personal reasons and are not missionaries, he said. It was not immediately clear who took them, he said. Media outlets reported that a Togolese national was kidnapped along with the Italians, but the spokesman said he could not confirm that.

9 more bodies found in Kashmir tunnel collapse, toll at 10



Rescuers yesterday found the bodies of nine more workers in a collapsed tunnel in Kashmir, taking the death toll to 10. The tunnel is part of a mountainous highway tunnel system that was under construction in the Himalayan region when it collapsed Thursday night. The body of one worker was recovered Friday. Aamir Ali, an official at the government's disaster management department, said yesterday that the bodies of all missing workers were recovered. Emergency crews used heavy machinery to clear the wreckage at the site of the collapse in southern Ramban district.

A New York court on Friday sentenced two sons of former Panamanian president Ricardo Martinelli to three years in prison on charges of corruption linked to the Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht.

US jails sons of Panama ex-president for three years

The sentence against Luis Enrique and Ricardo Martinelli, which also includes a fine of \$250,000, is well below the nine to 11 years prosecutors had asked for. They were accused of having received \$28 million in bribes from the disgraced construction group, of which \$19 million had passed through US accounts.



Three killed in Israeli 'aggression' targeting southern Damascus

An Israeli 'aggression' launched from the Golan Heights

and targeting southern parts of the Syrian capital Damascus killed three people and caused some material damage, the Syrian ministry of defence said. Earlier on Friday, state TV reported that Syrian air defences shot down a number of missiles in the Damascus countryside.

Turkey's Erdogan puts conditions on support for Nordic nations' NATO bids

AFP | Istanbul

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday said Turkey would not look "positively" on Sweden and Finland's NATO bids unless its terror-related concerns were addressed, despite broad support from other allies including the United States.

Turkey has long accused Nordic countries, in particular Sweden which has a strong Turkish immigrant community, of harbouring extremist Kurdish groups as well as supporters of Fethullah Gulen, the US-based preacher wanted over the failed 2016 coup.

Erdogan's threat throws a major potential obstacle in the way of the likely membership bids from the hitherto militarily non-aligned Nordic nations since a consensus is required in NATO decisions.

"Unless Sweden and Finland clearly show that they will stand in solidarity with Turkey on fundamental issues, especially in the fight against terrorism, we will not approach these countries' NATO membership positively," Erdogan told NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg in a phone call, according to the presidency.

On Twitter, Stoltenberg said he spoke with Erdogan "of our valued ally" on the importance of "NATO's Open Door".

"We agree that the security concerns of all Allies must be taken into account and talks need to continue to find a solution," he said.

On Thursday, Stoltenberg said Turkey's "concerns" were being addressed to find "an agreement on how to move forward".

Erdogan, who refused to



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks during a news conference in Istanbul

While other NATO nation appear welcoming to have Finland and Sweden join, Turkey has raised objections to their accession, principally over the presence of alleged terrorists in their countries and the block on arms sales

host delegations from Sweden and Finland in Turkey, held separate phone calls with the two countries' leaders yesterday, urging them to abandon financial and political support for "terrorist" groups threatening his country's national security.

He told Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson that "Sweden's political, financial and arms support to terrorist organisations must end", the presidency said.

Turkey expects Sweden to "take concrete and serious steps" that show it shares An-

kara's concerns over the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and its Iraqi and Syrian offshoots, Erdogan told the Swedish premier, according to the presidency.

The PKK has waged an insurgency against the Turkish state since 1984 and is blacklisted as a "terrorist organisation" by Turkey and Western allies like the European Union -- which includes Finland and Sweden.

'Incompatible'

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February has shifted political opinion in both Nordic countries in favour of joining the Western military alliance.

Membership requires the consent of all 30 existing members but Turkey is putting a spanner in the works.

Sweden and Finland, while solidly Western, have historically kept a distance from NATO as part of longstanding policies aimed at avoiding angering Russia.

But the two nations moved ahead with their membership

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bid in shock over their giant neighbour's invasion of Ukraine, which had unsuccessfully sought to join NATO.

Erdogan also told Andersson to "lift restrictions imposed on Turkey in the defence industry" after the army's Syria operation in 2019.

Andersson hailed the talks with Erdogan on Twitter and said: "We look forward to strengthening our bilateral relations, including on peace, security, and the fight against terrorism".

In another phone call with Finnish President Sauli Niinisto, Erdogan said turning a blind eye to "terror" organisations posing a threat to a NATO ally was "incompatible with the spirit of friendship and alliance".

Erdogan also said it was Turkey's natural right to expect respect and support for its "legitimate and determined struggle against a clear threat to its national security and people", according to the the presidency.

In return, Niinisto praised "an open and direct phone call" with Erdogan, on his official Twitter account.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths
1 USA	84,935,262	1,028,741
2 India	43,134,332	524,348
3 Brazil	30,762,413	665,595
4 France	29,315,478	147,780
5 Germany	26,081,894	138,709
6 UK	22,238,715	177,977
7 Russia	18,288,740	378,270
8 S. Korea	17,938,399	23,911
9 Italy	17,229,263	165,918
10 Turkey	15,061,376	98,921
11 Spain	12,238,073	105,947
12 Vietnam	10,707,568	43,075
13 Argentina	9,135,308	128,776
14 Japan	8,552,464	30,255

Global tally: 526,877,568
Deaths: 6,299,324
Recovered: 496,690,455
New cases: +495,635
New deaths: +576

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	762,575	+411	9,128	+1	746,999	6,448
UAE	904,466	+373	2,302		888,228	13,936
Kuwait	632,474		2,555		629,392	527
Oman	389,473		4,260		384,669	544
Qatar	366,952	+101	677		365,254	1,021

N.Korea reports over 200,000 fever cases for 5th day amid COVID wave

Reuters | Seoul

North Korea yesterday reported more than 200,000 new patients suffering from fever for a fifth consecutive day, as it fought its first confirmed coronavirus outbreak.

The ongoing COVID wave, declared last week, has fuelled concerns over a lack of vaccines, inadequate medical infrastructure and a potential food crisis in the country of 25 mil-



People watch a TV broadcasting a news report on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in North Korea, at a railway station in Seoul

lion, which has refused outside help and kept its borders shut.

At least 219,030 people newly showed fever symptoms as of Friday evening, taking the total number of such cases to 2,460,640, the official KCNA news agency reported, citing data from the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters. The death toll rose by one to 66.

KCNA did not say how many people had tested positive for the virus.

In a separate report, KCNA said North Korean leader Kim Jong Un had held a meeting of the ruling Workers' Party's

powerful politburo early yesterday to check the COVID situation and responses made over the nine days since the outbreak emerged.

Kim praised "positive progress" in the anti-virus campaign but called for consistently adjusting and optimising policy to "seize the chance of winning the battle against the epidemic."

KCNA did not elaborate on where Kim saw progress, but state media has lauded "good results" in the country's COVID fight, citing sustained farming and production in key industrial sectors and construction projects.

Trump pays blocking Ne

AFP | Washington

Former US President Donald Trump has paid a \$110,000 fine for obstructing a major tax evasion investigation led since 2019 by New York state authorities, a spokesperson announced Friday.

Trump was ordered April 25 by New York state's Supreme Court to pay \$10,000 a day for as long as he refused to provide accounting and tax documents as part of a civil investigation by the Attorney General of the state, Letitia James, against the Trump Organization family business.

"On May 19, Donald Trump paid the attorney general's office \$110,000," a spokesperson for James's office said.

James and the Republican billionaire have been engaged in a fierce procedural battle for months.

On February 17, James was able to get a New York judge to order Trump and his children Donald Trump Jr. and Ivanka Trump to testify under oath in the context of this investigation, in which she suspects fraudulent tax practices.

The Trumps -- who accuse James of a "political witch hunt" -- have appealed the ruling.

But New York state had also

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With no national vaccination campaign and limited testing capability, the daily data released by state media could be under-reported, and it may be difficult to assess the scale of the COVID wave, experts have said

334 BC

The Macedonian army of Alexander the Great defeats Darius III of Persia in the Battle of the Granicus



1570

1st atlas 'Theatrum Orbis Terrarum' (Theatre of the World), published by Abraham Ortelius in Antwerp with 70 maps

1843

1st wagon train with 700 - 1000 migrants, departs Independence, Missouri for Oregon

1939

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini sign "Pact of Steel" in Berlin, Germany

Australia ousts conservatives, Albanese to be prime minister

Anthony Albanese claims victory for Labor as Scott Morrison stands down as Liberal leader

Climate key issue as conservatives punished in urban seats

Reuters | Sydney

Australia's Labor Party was set to end almost a decade of conservative rule as the government was swept away in yesterday's election by a wave of support for candidates who campaigned for more action on climate change and may hold the balance of power.

Partial results showed that while Labour had made small gains, Prime Minister Scott Morrison's Liberal-National coalition had been punished by voters in Western Australia and affluent urban seats in particular.

The Greens and a group of so-called "teal independents", who campaigned on policies of gender equality and tackling climate change, put on a strong showing, tapping voter anger over inaction on the environment after some of the worst floods and fires to hit Australia.

"Tonight, I have spoken to the leader of the opposition and the incoming prime minister, Anthony Albanese. And I've congratulated him on his election victory this evening," said Morrison.

Albanese, speaking as he head-



Anthony Albanese, leader of Australia's Labor Party is accompanied by his partner Jodie Haydon and son Nathan Albanese to address his supporters after incumbent Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Scott Morrison conceded defeat in the country's general election

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

ed to his party celebrations, said he wanted to unite the country and "end the climate wars".

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Albanese said he aimed to be sworn in swiftly so he could attend a meeting of the Quad security grouping in Tokyo on Tuesday. He promised constitutional recognition and parliamentary representation for Indigenous Australians, as well as the establishment of an anti-corruption commission.

Minority government possible

In results so far, Labour had yet

to reach the 76 of the 151 lower house seats required to form a government alone. Final results could take time as counting of a record number of postal votes is completed.

With 60% of the vote counted, Labour had 72 seats and Morrison's coalition 55. Independents and the Greens held 11, the Australian Broadcasting Corp projected. A further 13 seats remained in doubt.

The centre-left Labour had held a decent lead in opinion polls before the election, although surveys showed the Liberal-National government narrowing the gap in the final stretch of a six-week

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campaign.

In one of the biggest hits to the government, Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said it would be "difficult" for him to hold the long-held Liberal seat of Kooyong in Melbourne against an independent newcomer.

Three volunteers working for teal independent Monique Ryan, who was challenging Frydenberg, said they joined Ryan's campaign because they were concerned about the climate for the sake of their children and grandchildren.

"For me, it's like this election actually feels hopeful," Charlotte Forwood, with three adult children, said.

With Morrison stepping down as party leader and Frydenberg likely to lose his seat, Defence Minister Peter Dutton - a former policeman from Queensland - was shaping up as favourite to lead the Liberals.

Trump faces \$110,000 fine for New York state tax probe



Former President Donald Trump

demanding accounting and tax documents from the Trump Organization before March 31.

Faced with Donald Trump's refusal, James demanded obtained a ruling on April 25 that he be charged with obstruction.

On May 6, however, the New York judge suspended the counting of days for which he should be fined and decided that Donald Trump would have until Friday May 20 to pay for the period from April 25 to May 6, or 110,000 for 11 days -- which is what he did on Thursday.

According to James' spokesperson, the Trump camp also had until Friday to submit sworn statements relating to the Trump

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A Manhattan judge declared Trump in contempt of court on April 25 and fined him \$10,000 per day for not complying with a subpoena in James' long-running investigation into his business practices

Organization's request for accounting and tax records.

These documents were indeed collected and produced by a third-party firm on Thursday, according to the same source.

The judge must now decide whether the Trump camp have met all the demands.

James suspects the Trump Organization fraudulently overstated the value of real estate properties when applying for bank loans, while understating them with the tax authorities in order to pay less in taxes.

Boeing's Starliner capsule docks with space station in uncrewed flight test

Reuters | Washington

Boeing's new Starliner crew capsule docked for the first time with the International Space Station (ISS) on Friday, completing a major objective in a high stakes do-over test flight into orbit without astronauts aboard.

The rendezvous of the gumdrop-shaped CST-100 Starliner with the orbital research outpost, currently home to a seven-member crew, occurred nearly 26 hours after the capsule was launched from Cape Canaveral U.S. Space Force Base in Florida.

Starliner lifted off on Thursday atop an Atlas V rocket furnished by the Boeing-Lockheed Martin joint venture United Launch Alliance (ULA) and reached its intended preliminary orbit 31 minutes later despite the failure of two onboard thrusters.

Boeing said the two defective thrusters posed no risk to the rest of the spaceflight, which comes after more than two years of delays and costly engineering setbacks in a program designed to give NASA another vehicle for sending its astronauts to and from orbit.

Docking with ISS took place



Boeing's CST-100 Starliner capsule launches aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket

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If all goes well with the current mission, Starliner could fly its first team of astronauts to the space station as early as the fall

"This is all part of the learning process for operating Starliner in orbit"

BOEING MISSION COMMENTATOR STEVE SICELOFF

at 8:28 p.m. EDT (0028 GMT yesterday) as the two vehicles flew 271 miles (436 km) over the south Indian Ocean off the coast of Australia, according to commentators on a live NASA webcast of the linkup.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

Congratulations @AlboMP for the victory of the Australian Labor Party, and your election as the Prime Minister! I look forward to working towards further strengthening our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and for shared priorities in the Indo-Pacific region. @narendramodi

02

Congratulations @AlboMP on your election as Prime Minister of Australia. I look forward to working with you as we reap the rewards of our comprehensive Free Trade Agreement, the AUKUS partnership and the unmatched closeness between the British and Australian people. @BorisJohnson

03

With reverence for the heroes who gave everything for their country. Their legacy lives on in the democratic and free Republic of Korea they helped create. May their bravery never be forgotten. @POTUS

04

When war is waged, people go hungry. 60% of the world's undernourished people live in areas affected by conflict. Connections between conflict and hunger mean that generosity is not only an act of altruism. Feeding the hungry is an investment in global peace and security. @antonioguterres

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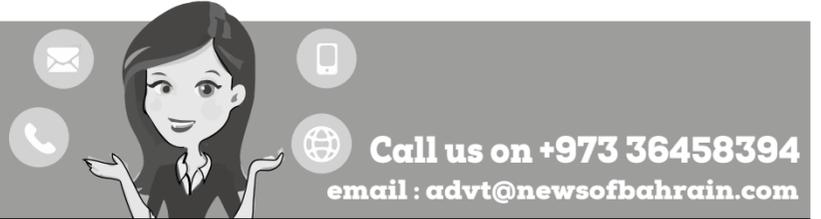
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Women TV presenters defy Taliban order to cover faces on air



Afghan presenters record a TV programme in Kabul (file photo)

AFP | Kabul

Women presenters on Afghanistan's leading TV channels went on air yesterday without covering their faces, defying a Taliban order that they conceal their appearance to comply with the group's austere brand of Islam.

Since surging back to power last year the Taliban have imposed a slew of restrictions on civil society, many focused on reining in the rights of women and girls.

Earlier this month Afghanistan's supreme leader issued a diktat for women to cover up fully in public, including their faces, ideally with the traditional burqa.

The feared Ministry for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice ordered women TV presenters to follow suit by yesterday.

Previously they had only

“Our female colleagues are concerned that if they cover their faces, the next thing they will be told is to stop working. This is the reason they have not observed the order so far

SHAMSHAD TV HEAD OF NEWS ABID EHSAS

been required to wear a headscarf.

However, broadcasters TOLONews, Shamsahd TV and 1TV all aired live programmes yesterday with women presenters' faces on show.

“Our female colleagues are concerned that if they cover their faces, the next thing they will be told is to stop working,” said Shamsahd TV head of news Abid Ehsas.

Biden, Yoon vow to deter North Korea and offer COVID aid

AFP | Seoul

President Joe Biden and his new South Korean counterpart agreed yesterday to hold bigger military drills and deploy more U.S. weapons if necessary to deter North Korea, while offering to send COVID-19 vaccines and potentially meet Kim Jong Un.

Biden and Yoon Suk-yeol said their countries' decades-old alliance needed to develop not only to face North Korean threats but to keep the Indo-Pacific region “free and open” and protect global supply chains.

The two leaders are meeting in Seoul for their first diplomatic engagement since the South Korean president's inauguration 11 days ago. The encounter between allies was clouded by intelligence showing North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is prepared to conduct nuclear or missile tests.

Yoon had sought more assurances that the United States would boost its deterrence against North Korean threats. In a joint statement, Biden reaffirmed the US commitment to defend South Korea with nuclear weapons if necessary.

The two sides agreed to consider expanding their combined military drills, which had been scaled back in recent years over COVID-19 and efforts to lower tensions with the North.

The United States also promised to deploy “strategic assets” - which typically include long-range bomber aircraft, missile submarines, or aircraft carriers - if necessary to deter North Korea, according to the statement.

Both leaders said they were



US President Joe Biden interacts with South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol during a bilateral meeting

AFP | Seoul

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JOE BIDEN

committed to denuclearising North Korea and were open to diplomacy with Pyongyang.

“With regard to whether I would meet with the leader of North Korea, it would depend on whether he was sincere and whether he was serious,” Biden told a joint news conference.

He said Washington had offered COVID-19 vaccines to China and North Korea, which is combating its first acknowledged outbreak. “We've got no response,” Biden said.

Expanding alliance

The US-South Korea alliance, which dates to the 1950-1953 Korean War, must further develop to keep the Indo-Pacific “free and open”, Biden said.

He said the alliance was built on opposition to changing borders by force - an apparent reference to Russia's war in Ukraine and China's claims over Taiwan.

The joint statement called for preserving peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and freedom of navigation in the South China Sea.

When asked by reporters about possible reactions from Beijing, Yoon's national security advisor Kim Sung-han said those issues were directly linked with South Korea's national interests, as its ships use the routes.

“So I think there would be little room for Chinese retaliation or misunderstandings about



this,” he said.

Changes in international trade and supply chains gave new impetus for the United States and South Korea to deepen their relationship, Yoon said, calling for cooperation on electric batteries and semiconductors.

Biden used the visit to tout investments in the United States by Korean companies, including a move by South Korea's Hyundai Motor Group to invest about \$5.5 billion to build its first dedicated fully electric vehicle and battery manufacturing facilities in the United States.

The two leaders toured a Samsung semiconductor plant on Friday, where Biden said countries like the United States and South Korea that “share values” needed to cooperate more to protect economic and national security.

Yoon said the concept of economic security will include cooperating in case of shocks in the foreign exchange market.

HH Shaikh Nasser triumphs in Montalcino international ride

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa achieves new feat in European championships as Royal Endurance Team dominates in Italian event

● Dahess Del Falot has won the Award of the Best Horse Condition behind HH Shaikh Nasser's guidance

● Royal Endurance Team's Mohammed Abdulsamad wins 120km race, while teammates Yusuf Al Jaburi and Khalifa Jamal Al Sendi in top three

● Abdulrahman Al Khateri successfully completes 100km juniors' race, while Mohammed Al Ruwaie comes fourth in 120km juniors' ride

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Captain of the Royal Endurance Team, added another success to his bright record in the endurance sport at



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa celebrates after his victory

the European level after winning the 160km race of the Montalcino International Endurance Championship yesterday, which featured a wide participation of elite riders from several European countries, held in Italy.

Present at the event was HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for the Environment, Vice President of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, and member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa competes during the 160km ride

Meanwhile, the Royal Endurance Team dominated other races too that took place as part of the competition.

Commenting on this, HH Shaikh Nasser affirmed that the Royal Endurance Team's participation in the Montalcino International Endurance Championship proved successful after meeting all the objectives set out, including getting the team members

ready for the upcoming World Championship, explaining that winning top places in the 160km race and the 120km contest reflects the team's high position at the European level and its great capabilities.

"The results achieved in the championship confirm the capability of the Bahraini endurance sport and its lasting prosperity thanks to the vision that the



The Royal Endurance Team's junior riders compete in their race

team is following," HH Shaikh Nasser said.

"The jockeys gained great experience from this Championship," HH Shaikh Nasser added. "The stages were tough in light of the different racecourse of this Championship, compared to

the other competitions."

HH Shaikh Nasser continued: "Winning in this Championship will be a great motivator to achieve more successes, as the team has great experience in the European arena, and it will be an advantage for our riders."

It is worth noting that Dahess Del Falot has won the Award of the Best Horse Condition, thanks to HH Shaikh Nasser's guidance.

Meanwhile, the Royal Endurance Team's Mohammed Abdulsamad has won the 120km race after clocking six hours, 10 minutes and 32 seconds.

His teammates Yusuf Al Jaburi and Khalifa Jamal Al Sendi came second and third respectively. They posted six hours, 10 minutes and 33 seconds and 7 hours, 29 minutes.

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Leclerc takes pole in Spain after Verstappen loses power

● Charles Leclerc produces immense lap to claim pole at Spanish Grand Prix

● Max Verstappen on front row of grid, Carlos Sainz third

● George Russell and Lewis Hamilton finish fourth and sixth

AFP | Madrid

Formula One's early season pacesetter Charles Leclerc survived intense pressure yesterday to beat world champion Max Verstappen, who suffered a late loss of power, to pole position for Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix.

The Ferrari driver had spun his car on his opening run in the third part of qualifying, but responded with a fast, nerveless and improved lap to regain top spot ahead of the Dutchman who was unable to respond.

It brought Leclerc his first pole position in Spain, his fourth of the season and the 13th of his career.

"I only had that one lap, but it went extremely well," said the



Ferrari's Charles Leclerc celebrates after qualifying in pole position with second placed Red Bull's Max Verstappen and third placed Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr.

24-year-old Monegasque.

Verstappen qualified second ahead of local hero Carlos Sainz in the other Ferrari and a resurgent George Russell for Mercedes, Sergio Perez in the second Red Bull and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton in the second Mercedes.

"I feel very good," said Leclerc.

"It was a very, very difficult session, especially in Q3, when I made a mistake on the first run so I only had one lap."

Verstappen said: "I couldn't do my final run. Either the DRS (Drag Reduction System) didn't open or I lost power. It's a bit of a shame, but overall to be on the front row here, looking at the whole weekend, it was a good

achievement."

Red Bull confirmed it was the DRS system that had failed.

Sainz, cheered by the big sellout crowd, said: "It's been a tough weekend so far. The conditions have not been easy with the heat and wind, but we managed a decent lap."

Valtteri Bottas qualified seventh, ahead of Kevin Magnussen of Haas, Daniel Ricciardo of McLaren and Mick Schumacher in the second Haas.

On a hot, dry afternoon in Catalonia, Guanyu Zhou was the first man on track in Q1 in which Perez and Verstappen both topped the times before the Ferraris took over and the Mercedes men slotted in fourth and fifth.

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Schumacher took part after a great effort by his Haas team to repair his car following the brakes blaze that stopped him in third practice.

He repaid them with a lap that lifted him briefly to ninth and beyond danger while, to the crowd's dismay, Fernando Alonso was one of two former world champions dumped out in Q1.

Show of confidence

The veteran Spaniard, now 40, was 17th in his Alpine and joined both Aston Martin drivers Lance Stroll and four-time champion Sebastian Vettel, 18th and 16th respectively, in being eliminated along with the two Williams of Alex Albon and Nicholas Latifi.

Mbappe chooses to stay at PSG in Real snub

AFP | Paris

Kylian Mbappe has decided to stay at Paris Saint-Germain despite weeks of speculation linking the forward to a move to Real Madrid, according to widespread reports yesterday.

The French World Cup winner has made up his mind to remain faithful to PSG and is poised to sign a three-year extension to his contract which ends on June 30, L'Equipe in France and Spanish sports paper Marca reported.

The player's entourage refused to elaborate but reports suggest PSG could make a statement later yesterday when the club are playing Metz in their final match of the season at the



Kylian Mbappe

Parc des Princes.

The 23-year-old's 'will-he-won't-he' move to Madrid has kept fans and the two clubs on their toes over the past few months.

Mbappe has made no secret of his desire to play one day for Real, who will play Liverpool in the Champions League final next weekend after securing a 35th Spanish title.

Ronaldo to miss United's final game of the season

Reuters | London

Forward Cristiano Ronaldo will miss Manchester United's final game of the season away to Crystal Palace in the Premier League on Sunday due to a hip injury, British media reported yesterday.

The club refused to comment when contacted by Reuters.

Ronaldo, who missed matches in January and March with hip flexor trouble, is United's top scorer this season with 24 goals in all competitions.

United are sixth in the league on 58 points, two points above seventh-placed West Ham United, and they need a win at Selhurst Park to be certain of securing a place in next season's Europa League.

HH Shaikh Isa arrives in Kuwait to attend GCC Games

● **HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Bahrain's delegation head at the third GCC Games, arrives ahead of the official opening ceremony, scheduled for today**

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Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and head of the Kingdom's delegation at the third GCC Games, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin

Khalifa Al Khalifa, arrived in Kuwait yesterday to attend the multi-sport event.

The Games' official opening ceremony is scheduled to be held today.

HH. Shaikh Isa was accompanied by BOC secretary general Faris Al Kooheji, BOC board member and Bahrain Handball Association president Ali Issa, Bahrain Basketball Association president Captain Waleed Al Alawi, and a number of administrative team members of the Bahrain delegation.

HH Shaikh Isa was received upon his arrival in Kuwait by Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC) president Sheikh Fahad



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being held under the patronage of the Amir of Kuwait, HH Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah.

HH Shaikh Isa praised the efforts of the KOC in hosting the multi-sport event. He also lauded the strong fraternal relations between both countries, mainly in the sport field, and stressed the need to further consolidate them to serve common interests.

HH Shaikh Isa expressed confidence in the ability of Kuwait to host one of the most successful Gulf tournaments, thanks to its status and organisational capabilities. He wished the Bahraini teams and the other Gulf sides every success.

appreciation for being in Kuwait to attend the Games, which is

Bahrain to play for women's futsal gold medals

Women's national futsal team barge into tournament final with come-from-behind 5-3 victory over the UAE at third GCC Games in Kuwait

● **Hessa Alisa scores twice for Bahraini women in futsal semi-final, while Shaikha Alanood Al Khalifa and Yasmeen Tobellah also on target, with the UAE scoring an own goal**

● **Bahrain set up exciting clash with Emiratis in final four of men's basketball tournament following 63-51 win over Saudi Arabia in their game yesterday**

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Bahrain barged into the gold medal game of the women's futsal tournament at the third GCC Games yesterday.

The Bahrainis secured their place in the final following a hard-earned, come-from-behind 5-3 victory over the UAE in their last-four clash.

Star striker Hessa Alisa scored a brace, while Shaikha Alanood Al Khalifa and skipper Yasmeen Tobellah also fired in for Bahrain. The victors' fifth goal was supplied by the UAE's Nouf Aladwan, who sent the ball into her own net.

Shaikha Alanood's goal, her first of the tournament, gave the Bahrainis the lead for good after falling behind twice early in the contest.



Bahrain's women's futsal team players celebrate after scoring one of their goals against the UAE

The Bahrainis are next set to face off with Kuwait for the gold medals.

The Kuwaitis claimed their place in the title contest with a penalty-shootout triumph over Saudi Arabia in last night's other semi-final.

The gold medal match is scheduled to be held tomorrow. It will be played at 7.30pm, Bahrain time, and it will be preceded by the bronze medal affair between the UAE and Saudi at 5pm.

The Emiratis were the first to light up the scoreboard through Aladwan's opener in the fourth minute of action. But the Bahrainis replied three minutes later with Hessa's first strike.

Afra Almeiri was then on target for the UAE in the 14th minute to give them a 2-1 advantage, but Yasmeen equalised once more the very next minute.

Hessa put Bahrain ahead with her second goal in the 15th minute, but the Emiratis were able to level the proceedings two minutes before the half through Afra.

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Exciting clash

Meanwhile, Bahrain's senior men's national basketball team set up an exciting clash with the UAE in the semi-finals of their tournament at the third GCC Games in Kuwait.

The Bahrainis defeated Saudi Arabia 63-51 yesterday to wrap up their preliminary round campaign and set up their final four clash. The other semi-final will be between Saudi and hosts Kuwait.

Both games are scheduled to be held tomorrow, with today being a rest day. The winners move on to the gold medal game on Tuesday, with the losers facing off in the bronze medal match.

Bahrain enjoyed a strong start against the Saudis last night as they went ahead 18-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Saudi were able to cut the deficit to 22-27 heading into the interval, but the Bahrainis stayed in control with a strong third quarter, which ended in their favour at 45-33.

The two teams then matched each other point for point in the final canto, earning the nationals their second successive win in the competition.

Four players scored in double-figures in Bahrain's balanced attack. Muzamil Ameer led the way with 15 points, while Wayne Chism added 13 to go with 13 rebounds. Mohammed Ameer chipped in with 11 markers and Mustafa Hussain had 10 for the victors.

Bahrain's semi-final assignment with the UAE is a re-match of their first game of the tournament's preliminary round, which the nationals lost.

Point guard Ahmed Salman calls out a play during Bahrain's game against Saudi Arabia last night



Bahrain spikers claim second successive victory



Bahrain's national volleyball team celebrate after their win last night

● **Senior men's national volleyball team sweep past Emirati counterparts in straight sets**

● **Bahraini cyclists Mariam Almoayyed and May Alhaji narrowly miss out on medals in women's individual time trial**

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Bahrain's senior men's national volleyball team won their second straight contest at the GCC Games yesterday, sweeping past the UAE 3-0 (25-20, 25-19, 25-23).

The Bahrainis started the match off strong and never wavered.

They closed out the match in just an hour-and-a-half, continuing from where they left off in their opening victory against Saudi Arabia, which they took in four sets.

Ali Ebrahim was once again the national team's top scorer, finishing with 16 points, including 12 in attack.

Naser Anan added 13 for the nationalists, while Mohamed Aldwairi scored six.

Aldwairi was Bahrain's best blocker with three, while Ebrahim had two service aces.

The Bahrainis made the most of their opponents' errors in the game, which amounted to 20, while they committed only 17.

Today is a rest day for the men's volleyball tournament and Bahrain return to the playing court tomorrow against Oman at 3pm, Bahrain time. They then face off with Qatar on Tuesday at 5pm, before playing their last game against hosts Kuwait on Thursday which will also determine the final order of medallists.

Narrow miss

Meanwhile, also yesterday at the GCC Games, Bahrain's cyclists came close to capturing a medal in the women's individual time trial.

Mariam Almoayyed and May Alhaji were competing for Bahrain in the event, and they finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Mariam completed her ride in 20 minutes 17.05 seconds, 40.74 seconds behind gold-medallist Safia Alsayagh from the UAE.

May took sixth in 20:30.81. A total of 10 riders took part in the event, representing the UAE, Saudi, Qatar and hosts Kuwait.

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Bahrain have three more matches to play in the men's volleyball tournament at the third GCC Games. The competition is being held in league format