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A 22-goal win over hosts Jordan sent Bahrain top of Group A on Friday as the national youth side made it two wins from two at the Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship. | P12

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## Body of missing man found off Salman City coast

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The body of one of two people reported missing at sea was found near the Noorana coast in Salman City following a search operation by the Coast Guard in cooperation with the Police Aviation.

The deceased was identified as Isa Ahmed Mohamed, 41.

Search operations are continuing for the second missing person.

## Police arrest suspects in BHD39,000 electronic fraud cases

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The Economic Crimes Directorate has arrested several African and Asian nationals in two separate electronic fraud cases involving about BHD39,000 in allegedly stolen funds, the Ministry of Interior said.

The directorate launched investigations after receiving reports and identified the suspects, who were found to be linked to fraud networks operating outside Bahrain.

Evidence and seized items related to the cases have been secured, with legal procedures under way before the suspects are referred to the Public Prosecution. Suspected fraud should be reported through the Tawasul (My Government) app or 992 hotline.

## Turkey issues 'genocide' warrant for Israel's Netanyahu

Ankara, Turkey

Turkey has sought an international arrest warrant for Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accusing him of "genocide" linked to Israel's interception of an aid flotilla for Gaza, the justice minister announced Friday.

Turkey's Justice Minister Akin Gurlek said on X that his ministry had asked the interior ministry to issue interpol red notice alerts for Netanyahu and Afek Moskovitch.



# 25 years of women rising

Kingdom marks Supreme Council for Women's Silver Jubilee



The Shura Council's Women and Child Affairs Committee

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The Supreme Council for Women (SCW) marks its 25th anniversary today, celebrating a quarter-century of advancing Bahraini women's role in national development and public life.

Established in 2001 under the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the council has helped build the legislative and institutional framework supporting women's participation. This year's Silver Jubilee carries the theme "25 Years at the Heart of the Reform Project" and coincides with the



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh

Year of Isa the Great.

Women now hold 10 of the 40 seats in the current legislative term, or 25%, a milestone high-



Muharraq Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai

lighted by the Shura Council's Women and Child Affairs Committee as evidence of continued political and institutional empowerment.

Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Muharraq Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai praised the SCW's achievements under HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa and its contribution to Bahrain's reform project.

The anniversary also looks ahead, with the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women 2025-2026 focusing on family stability, economic participation, decision-making and quality of life.

Officials said the next phase would focus on sustaining the gains of the past 25 years while strengthening women's impact and leadership.

## Bahrain mourns four Al Ramli fire victims

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Funeral prayers were held yesterday at Manama Cemetery for the four victims of the Al Ramli housing fire — 27-year-old mother Ihsan Sharifi and her three children, Nasser Hassan Al Otaifi, 4; Ahmed Hassan Al Otaifi, 3; and eight-month-old Maryam Hassan Al Otaifi.

Family members and mourners gathered to bid a final farewell to the young mother and her children, three days after the fire that shocked Bahrain.

The children's father, Hassan AbdulAl Al Otaifi, was away from the family's apartment when the blaze broke out on Tuesday afternoon.

The fire erupted on the first floor of a multi-storey residential building in Al Ramli Housing. A preliminary examination found that all four victims died from suffocation.

The Public Prosecution has launched an investigation and ordered the apartment to be sealed, while Civil Defence has been tasked with preparing a technical report to establish the cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the tragedy.

The deaths have drawn widespread public sympathy and high-level official attention, with condolences offered to Mr Al Otaifi and the Al Otaifi family over the loss of his wife and three children.



Quranic excellence

## Bahrain secures second, third places at international Quran competition

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Bahrain secured second and third places at the 46th King Abdulaziz International Quran Competition in Makkah, which brought together 334 contestants from 133 countries.

Amatelrahman Badiea Kolaib took second place in the female category, while Bader Saed Hamed won third place in the male category. Both competed in the competition's second branch, covering memorisa-



tion of the entire Holy Quran, recitation and Tajweed, and

interpretation of Quranic vocabulary.

Judge Shaikh Omar bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary for Islamic Affairs at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, said the results reflected the high standard of Bahrain's participants in international Quran competitions.

He praised the Quran Affairs Directorate for preparing and supporting contestants and said

continued investment in Quran memorisers would help develop their skills and strengthen Bahrain's performance in international competitions.

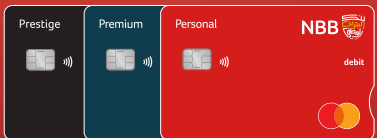
The achievement adds to Kolaib's record, following her second-place finish at the Sheikhha Fatima bint Mubarak International Holy Quran Competition in 2023 and first place in the full Quran memorisation category at the 25th Bahrain Grand Quran Award.

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# Connect freely, Follow rules

Licence-free Wi-Fi, Bluetooth get clearer rules – and tougher enforcement

● Covers Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee and low-power wide-area networks

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

People in Bahrain can continue using Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and other low-power wireless devices without individual spectrum licences or usage fees, but equipment that exceeds permitted limits or interferes with licensed services can now face regulatory action, including seizure and fines.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has issued its formal position on



licence-exempt radio spectrum, setting out the conditions under which wireless devices can operate without an individual spectrum licence.

The rules cover widely used

technologies including Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee and low-power wide-area networks, which are increasingly used in consumer electronics, connected devices and smart-city systems.

Under Article 43 of the Telecommunications Law, as amended, the TRA can exempt selected frequency bands from individual spectrum licensing, provided users comply with specified technical conditions.

For ordinary users, this means no individual spectrum licence or usage fee is required when approved devices operate within the permitted frequencies, transmission-power levels and emission limits.

But licence-free does not mean unrestricted.

Devices operating in exempt bands must not cause harmful interference to licensed services and cannot claim protection from interference themselves. If a device disrupts a licensed service, its user must stop operating it when ordered by the TRA.

Equipment that breaches the technical requirements can face regulatory measures including warnings, seizure and fines.

The TRA said the framework is intended to make shared use of radio spectrum easier while protecting licensed services from harmful interference and providing clearer rules for manufacturers, importers, service providers and users.

The licence-exempt framework covers a range of equipment, including low-power short-range devices, equipment operating in industrial, scientific and medical bands, certain radio equipment used within licensed networks, and some private mobile radio devices.

Receivers used for services such as GPS and satellite television are also covered.

The TRA said Bahrain has assigned spectrum bands for licence-exempt use in line with international practices identified by the International Telecommunication Union, subject to Bahrain's own technical requirements.

Radio equipment intended for use in these bands generally requires type approval before being sold or used in Bahrain, with an exception for devices brought into the country for personal use.

The TRA said the framework may be reviewed as wireless technologies, market requirements and international practices evolve.



## Youth City 2030 showcases young Bahrainis' ideas, skills

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Youth City 2030 is turning young people's ideas and talents into practical projects and tangible outcomes, Minister of Youth Affairs Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi said during a visit to the programme's Outcomes Exhibition.

Tawfiqi reviewed projects developed across various training tracks and heard participants explain how they developed their ideas, overcame challenges and applied the skills gained through the programme.



She said the projects demonstrate the value of investing in young people by helping them build skills, explore their poten-

tial and turn ideas into achievements.

The minister said the programme's success should ultimately be measured by its impact on young people's skills, confidence, initiative and ability to innovate.

She described Youth City 2030 as a platform where young people can gain experience, test ideas and develop them into practical projects, adding that the exhibition reflects the energy and capabilities of Bahrain's youth to help shape the future.

## SCW marks 25 years of advancing women's empowerment

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The Supreme Council for Women (SCW) marked its 25th anniversary on August 22 with a ceremony themed "Twenty-Five Years at the Heart of the Reform Project."

Secretary General Lulwa Saleh Al Awadhi, who attended the event with General Secretariat members, conveyed the congratulations of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, President of the SCW, to staff and praised their con-



tributions over the council's 25-year journey.

# MPs pledge continued support for women's rights

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Parliament Speaker Ahmed Al Musallam praised the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) for transforming women's role in Bahrain over the past 25 years, while MPs pledged to continue backing laws that protect women's rights and expand their role in public life.

Al Musallam said the council



Ahmed Al Musallam, Parliament Speaker



Maryam Al Sayegh, MP



Waleed Al Dosari, MP

had become a key part of Bahrain's reform and development efforts, with women making greater contributions to decision-making, the labour market and political, social and eco-

nomie life.

He credited His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with establishing the SCW and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, with translating the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women into government policies and programmes.

He also praised HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa,

President of the SCW, for leading its work over 25 years and establishing it as a recognised regional and international model.

Al Musallam said Parliament would continue working on legislation to support family stability, protect working women and encourage their participation in business and senior positions.

MP Maryam Al Sayegh said women had expanded their presence across Parliament,

government, the judiciary and key sectors including business, education, healthcare, media and diplomacy. She pledged continued parliamentary efforts to protect these gains.

MP Waleed Al Dosari said women's growing contribution was closely linked to Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and praised the SCW's programmes for their impact on families and national development.

## Two seconds of silence before you speak: The trick to steadying your voice

Speaking and influence coach Hashma shares four techniques to calm nerves and regain control before a presentation

● A shaking voice is not weakness. It is your body reacting.

Hasan Barakat  
TDT | Manama

You have prepared the material. You know exactly what you want to say. Then you stand in front of everyone—and suddenly your body behaves as though you are in danger.

Your breathing quickens. Your heart starts pounding. And the first word feels impossible to get out.

Speaking and influence coach

Hashma says this happens to many people before meetings and presentations. The problem is not necessarily your ability to speak or your understanding of the material. Your body has simply entered a state of tension, and what it needs is a signal that you are safe.

She suggests four things to do before you begin.

First, do not start speaking immediately.

When you take the microphone or your turn arrives, resist the urge to rush. Take two seconds of silence. Breathe, look at the audience, then begin.

Those two seconds can interrupt the rush of nervousness at the start and give you a sense

that you are leading the situation — rather than allowing your nerves to lead you.

Second, avoid taking a large, quick breath.

It is one of the most common instincts when we are tense. But instead of helping, a sudden deep breath can sometimes make you feel more uncomfortable.

Instead, breathe in calmly through your nose, then breathe out through your mouth for slightly longer than you breathed in. Repeat twice.

Third, keep your opening sentence short.

Do not begin with your strongest or longest idea. The first 20 seconds are often the

most difficult, so do not overload them.

Start with a sentence you have memorised and can deliver comfortably:

"Today I am going to talk to you about..."

Or:

"Let me start with a simple question..."

Or:

"Imagine this situation with me..."

The goal is simply to get started. Nobody expects you to be perfect from the first second.

Fourth, slow down.

When we are nervous, we often speak faster without realising it. We rush through sentences, forget to breathe and,

as a result, may notice our voice shaking even more.

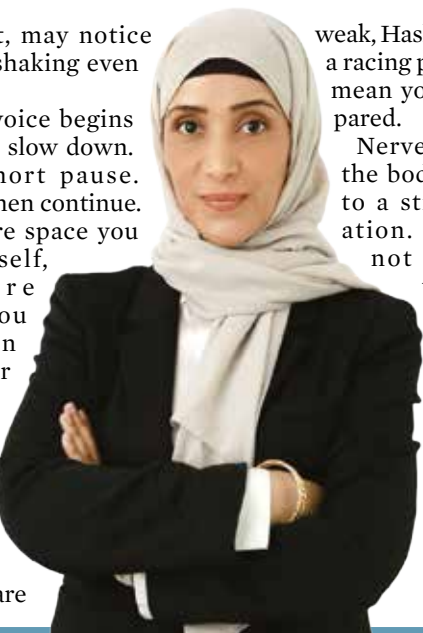
If your voice begins to tremble, slow down. Take a short pause. Breathe. Then continue.

The more space you give yourself, the more control you regain over your voice and breathing.

A shaking voice does not mean you are

weak, Hashma said. And a racing pulse does not mean you are unprepared.

Nerves are simply the body's response to a stressful situation. The goal is not necessarily to eliminate them, but to learn how to manage them instead of allowing them to manage you.



Speaking and influence coach Hashma

# Put animal welfare on school timetable

Campaigners urge animal welfare lessons in Bahrain schools

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

Animal welfare should be taught in Bahrain's primary schools to help prevent pet neglect and abandonment, the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA) has urged.

BSPCA Chairman Mahmoud Faraj told The Daily Tribune that children should learn from an early age how to feed, handle and care for animals responsibly, including the risks of overfeeding.

The society has approached the Education Ministry more than 16 times since 2014 to propose adding animal welfare to the school curriculum, Faraj said.

He said even a single lesson could help build greater responsibility and compassion towards animals, adding that the society was ready to provide teaching material from international animal welfare organisations.

The call comes amid growing pet ownership in Bahrain, which Faraj said had also been accompanied by cases of animals being mistreated or abandoned after owners lost interest in them.

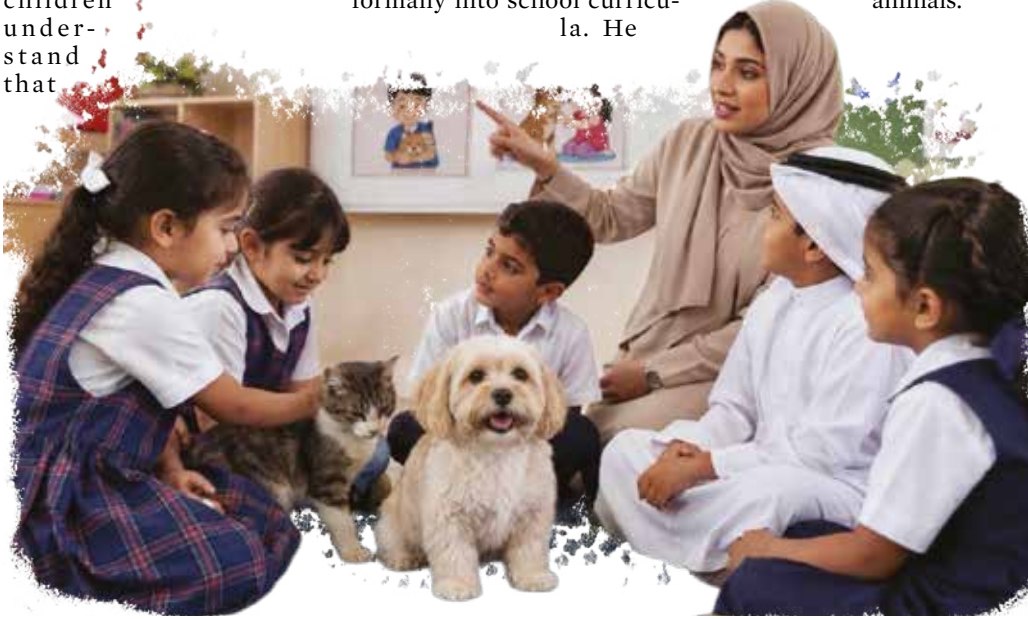
He said lessons could help children understand that

owning a pet is a long-term responsibility, while also encouraging kindness towards animals in the wider community.

Faraj said Bahrain could become one of the first Gulf states to introduce animal welfare formally into school curriculum. He

pointed to programmes in countries including Finland and Australia, as well as school initiatives in the UAE and Qatar.

He also said teaching animal welfare would reinforce Islamic values of kindness and mercy towards animals.



Other countries already teach the subject in schools. In Finland, animal welfare appears in environmental studies for pupils in Grades 3 to 6 and biology in Grades 7 to 9, while animal ethics and rights are covered later. In New South Wales, Australia, secondary pupils taking Agricultural Technology learn about animals' physical and behavioural needs and proper care. In the Gulf, the Ras Al Khaimah Animal Welfare Centre in the UAE has run school programmes since 2011, while Doha College in Qatar says animal welfare themes are included in its curriculum and school activities.



## GCC, China discuss stronger ties and regional security

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Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Chinese officials discussed ways to strengthen their strategic partnership, with regional security and energy high on the agenda.

Bahrain's Acting Head of the GCC Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Nawaf Abdullah Al Matouq, chaired the meeting

at the GCC General Secretariat headquarters in Riyadh.

Officials reviewed political and security developments in the region, maritime and energy security, and efforts to combat terrorism and extremism.

The meeting underscored the GCC and China's shared commitment to closer dialogue and coordination in support of regional stability, development and common interests.



# Bahrain health sector pushes digital data tools to improve decision-making

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Bahrain's health authorities are expanding digital systems to give policymakers better access to health data and improve monitoring and decision-making across the sector.

Supreme Council of Health Chairman Lt Gen Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, accompanied by Health Minister Dr Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hasan, reviewed new digital projects developed by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).

The review covered updates to the Madar system and Drug Tracking System, including data



on medical devices and medicines, as well as NHRA Contact Centre performance indicators and the National Accreditation Programme.

The accreditation system provides data on hospitals and health institutions and their compliance with approved standards.

Dr Jaleela stressed the importance of integrating data and digital technologies to monitor performance and improve services, while NHRA CEO Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al Ansari said the initiatives form part of the authority's digital transformation efforts to strengthen regulatory efficiency.

## Are you raising a child — or a second chance?

Hasan Barakat  
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Sometimes, we find ourselves quietly angry with our children.

Because they are shy. Because they are not at the top of their class. Because



Tuqa Marhoon,  
Certified  
Parenting Coach

they struggle with a social skill we think they should have mastered.

But before correcting the child, parenting coach Tuqa Mar-

hoon says parents should pause and ask a more uncomfortable question:

Are we angry for the child's sake—or because our child is not fulfilling our own dreams?

One of the biggest traps in parenting, Marhoon said, is trying, often without realising it, to make children into versions

of ourselves—or using them to repair what we believe we failed to achieve in our own childhoods.

The pattern becomes easier to recognise once it is named.

If we are afraid of what people will say, we may pressure our child to be perfect. If we were denied an opportunity

growing up, we may push our child toward the same opportunity, even when it is not what they want.

What makes this difficult is that almost nobody does it deliberately.

“We do not wake up in the morning and decide that today we will impose our dreams on

our child,” Marhoon said.

Instead, parents carry expectations, fears and ready-made pictures of what they hope their children will become.

And sometimes, without meaning to, those expectations leave little room for the child to decide who they want to be.

# Bahrain exports ride out March shock

Exports reached BD2.206 billion in the first seven months

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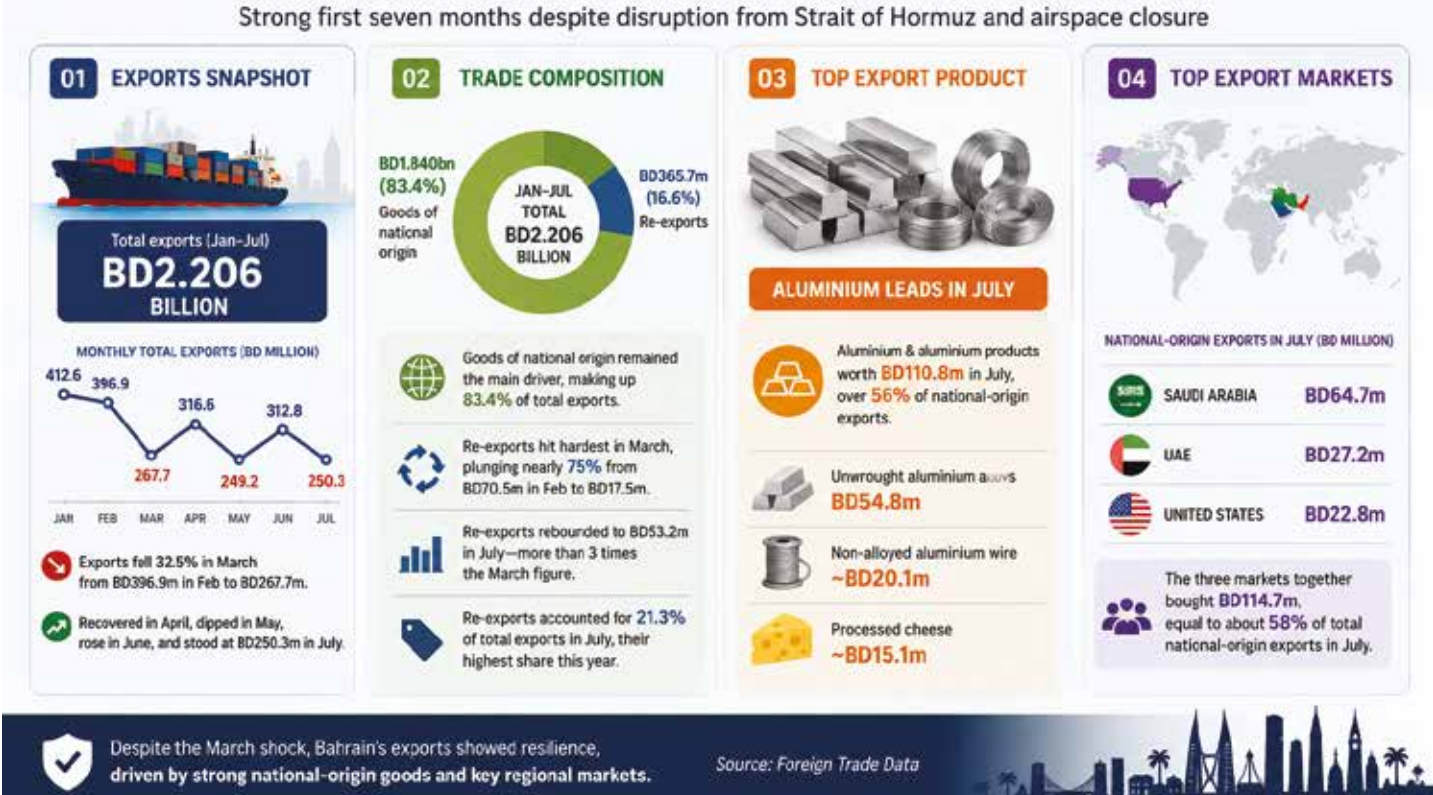
Bahrain's exports reached BD2.206 billion in the first seven months of the year, despite a sharp March downturn after the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and airspace disrupted trade.

The impact was most severe on re-exports, which plunged nearly 75 per cent in March, from BD70.5 million in February to just BD17.5m. Total exports fell 32.5 per cent over the same period, from BD396.9m to BD267.7m.

Foreign trade figures show that goods of national origin remained the backbone of exports, accounting for BD1.840bn, or 83.4 per cent, between January and July. Re-exports contributed BD365.7m, or 16.6 per cent.

## Strong January

January recorded the strongest monthly export performance at BD412.6m, followed by BD396.9m in February. Exports then dropped to BD267.7m in March, recovered to BD316.6m in April, fell to BD249.2m in May, rose to BD312.8m in June and stood at BD250.3m in July.



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National-origin exports followed a similar pattern, reaching BD335.8m in January and

BD326.4m in February before falling to BD250.3m in March. They rose to BD265m in April, slipped to BD206.8m in May, then increased 25.2 per cent to

BD259m in June before falling to about BD197m in July.

## Re-exports recover

Re-exports rebounded sharply

after the March collapse, reaching BD51.6m in April, BD42.4m in May and BD53.8m in June. July remained close to that level at BD53.2m — more than three

times the March figure.

Re-exports accounted for 21.3 per cent of total exports in July, their highest monthly share so far this year.

## Aluminium remains dominant

Aluminium continued to drive Bahrain's national-origin exports in July. Aluminium and aluminium products were worth BD110.8m, accounting for more than 56 per cent of the month's national-origin exports.

Unwrought aluminium alloys led at BD54.8m, followed by non-alloyed aluminium wire at about BD20.1m. Processed cheese ranked third at roughly BD15.1m.

## Saudi Arabia leads markets

Saudi Arabia was Bahrain's largest destination for national-origin goods in July, importing about BD64.7m, followed by the UAE at BD27.2m and the United States at BD22.8m.

Together, the three markets accounted for BD114.7m, or about 58 per cent of Bahrain's national-origin exports that month.

## US, Canada work to wrap up trade deal ahead of looming deadline

Washington, United States

The United States and Canada were back at the negotiating table yesterday, with the clock ticking down to a midnight deadline when punishing new US tariffs kick in.

In the latest salvo amid months of trade hostility, US President Donald Trump threatened to impose new 50-percent duties on a range of Canadian products by Wednesday. But he has issued a last-minute delay, citing major progress in trade talks.

Canadian negotiators have been camped out in Washington this week trying to finalize a deal that reportedly aims to address a range of flash points.

Both sides have said a pact is nearly done, but talks were continuing Friday morning, with top Canadian negotiator Dominic LeBlanc meeting US Trade Representative Jamieason Greer. LeBlanc and his team entered Greer's office shortly past midday, declining to answer reporters' questions. After meeting Greer on Thursday, LeBlanc told reporters "we're very close," promising to persist until a deal is done.

Canada wants relief from tariffs on autos, steel and aluminum, which have battered economy, forced job losses, and strained what was once an iron-clad trade relationship.

# Bitcoin jumps, stocks bounce as traders weigh US Treasury action

AFFP | London, United Kingdom

Bitcoin bounced and global stocks clawed back some of their recent losses on Friday as investors assessed the US Treasury's efforts to push down long-term borrowing costs.

Bond yields were steady and oil prices stabilised near recent highs as the United States and Iran remained deadlocked over a deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

That was enough to allow equities to bounce, after having largely fallen over the past week.

Bitcoin climbed almost 6% to about \$77,000 and is up more than 20% this week -- to its highest levels since May -- as the US Treasury's surprise move to buy back more of its own bonds increased liquidity and added to investor's risk appetite. Gold rose as well.

The rally in the world's biggest cryptocurrency by market value was also spurred by US President Donald Trump urging lawmakers to pass crypto legislation aimed at encouraging its use, which has stalled in the Senate. "The turmoil in the debt markets continues despite ef-

| Key figures at around 1540 GMT |                                             |  |
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| New York - S&P 500:            | ▲ 0.5% at 7,677.95                          |  |
| Nasdaq Composite:              | ▲ 0.4% at 26,174.05                         |  |
| London - FTSE 100:             | ▲ 0.6% at 10,816.56                         |  |
| Paris - CAC 40:                | ▲ 0.4% at 8,484.43                          |  |
| Frankfurt - DAX:               | ▲ 0.6% at 26,136.56                         |  |
| Tokyo - Nikkei 225:            | ▼ 0.3% at 66,016.36 (close)                 |  |
| Hang Seng Index:               | ▲ 1.2% at 26,009.46 (close)                 |  |
| Shanghai - Composite:          | ■ at 3,905.20 (close)                       |  |
| Dollar/yen:                    | ▼ at 158.99 yen from 159.11 yen on Thursday |  |
| Euro/dollar:                   | ▼ at \$1.1676 from \$1.1680                 |  |
| Pound/dollar:                  | ▼ at \$1.3628 from \$1.3630                 |  |
| Euro/pound:                    | ▼ at 85.66 pence from 85.68 pence           |  |
| West Texas Intermediate:       | ▼ 0.1% at \$86.75 per barrel                |  |
| Brent North Sea Crude:         | ▲ 0.3% at \$94.03 per barrel                |  |

forts to calm feverish borrowing costs," said Susannah Streeter, chief investment strategist at Wealth Club. "Investors remain concerned about inflationary risks and the growing mountain of government borrowing, while at the same time, debt being issued by tech giants building out the AI revolution is offering stiff competition," she added.

The three main US stocks in-

dexes were all higher in early trading after having mostly fallen this week.

In Europe, London, Paris and Frankfurt all closed higher. For Paris, it was the first gain after nine successive declines.

## US bond buy-back

Even with Friday's bounce, European stock indices "look set to post their worst week-

ly performance in nearly two months", said David Morrison, an analyst at Trade Nation.

The US Treasury bought its own bonds this week in an effort to push down borrowing costs after the 30-year yield surged to levels last seen in 2007, just before the global financial crisis.

European government bond yields are also at their highest levels in more than a decade.

Yields have risen on fears of inflation and as the United States reported this week that its federal debt stockpile had climbed to over \$40 trillion.

The Treasury's buy-back briefly brought some relief from higher yields, but they soon resumed rising.

Traders will be closely watching next week's annual meeting of central bankers, economists and finance chiefs in Jackson Hole, hoping for some clarification on monetary policy.

Earlier in Asia, stocks rose with tech-rich Seoul helped higher by a rally in chipmakers.

Samsung jumped 3.9% after saying it spent a massive \$80 billion to buy back its own shares, following weeks of turbulent trading. Hong Kong also rose, while Tokyo fell and Shanghai was flat.

## Trump announces temporary tariff relief on ground beef imports

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump announced yesterday the United States would allow tariff-free imports of up to 300,000 tons of ground beef over the next 90 days, in a bid to lower prices for American consumers with elections looming.

"As we work to rebuild this herd and help our ranchers, for the next 90 days, the United States will allow up to 300,000 metric tons of product for ground beef to be imported with no out of quota tariff," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform. The US president did not say which countries would be exporting the beef, but added that there was a commitment to sell the beef at 25 percent below market prices.

"This deal will reduce prices for Americans while giving space for our Great," the US president wrote.

US consumers have been facing persistent pressure from high food prices, compounded by the energy crisis linked to the war in Iran, which has pushed up fuel and transportation costs.

# Panama Canal to reduce shipping over El Nino-fueled drought

AFFP | Panama City, Panama

The Panama Canal will cut the number of ships passing through it starting next month because of drought caused by the El Nino phenomenon, the operator of the strategic waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific said Thursday.



From September 3, the number of vessels allowed through each day will fall from 36 to 34 due to low water levels in two

artificial lakes that feed the canal, the Panama Canal Authority said.

It will drop to 32 from September 15 on, the agency said.

Central America is in the throes of a severe drought driven by El Nino, a weather pattern that warms surface temperatures in the central and eastern

equatorial Pacific Ocean, triggering worldwide changes in winds, atmospheric pressure and rainfall.

In the area of the canal rainfall from May to August is down by 34 percent from its historical average, the authority said, adding that El Nino could cut it even more.

The Panama Canal handles five percent of global maritime trade and around 40 percent of US container traffic.

The canal operator said that "lower than forecast rainfall in the canal's watershed" called for measures to bolster the "long-term sustainability" of the waterway.

## Israel PM calls Turkey's Erdogan 'antisemitic dictator'



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (R) meeting with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (L) in New York City in 2023 (file photo)

AFP | Jerusalem

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday called Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan an "antisemitic dictator" and vowed Israel would "continue to act forcefully against Turkey's attempts to destabilize the region."

It comes days after Syria accused Israel of bombing an air base in the country's north, a short drive from the Turkish border, with Netanyahu later tacitly acknowledging the strike.

Netanyahu had said Turkey was looking to establish a military presence there, but Turkey has denied any visit to

the site.

"Israel has long been unimpressed by Turkey's hypocrisy. Erdogan is an antisemitic dictator who massacred Kurds, supports the massacre of the Hamas terrorist organization, and oppresses his own people," Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

It added that Israel would "continue to act forcefully against Turkey's attempts to destabilize the region and against any threat to its security."

On Tuesday, Syria accused Israel of striking a disused military air base near the north-western city of Aleppo that was damaged during the civil war and has been out of service since 2012.

## Trump pledges 'golden age' of space travel

AFP | Washington

President Donald Trump pledged to blast more rockets into space in a push to boost US space travel, including to Mars and the Moon, the White House said.

The United States is competing with China in the race to land astronauts on the Moon before 2030, more than 50 years after humans first walked the lunar surface.

The policy aims to "reinvigorate America's leadership in space transportation," enabling over 1,000 launches and reen-

tries on US soil every year by 2030.

In a memorandum published Thursday, Trump called on US space agency NASA to "facilitate commercial transportation to and from the moon, to facilitate commercial robotic access to Mars, and to explore commercial avenues to send humans to and from Mars."

NASA is already pushing to create a lunar surface base and plans to use robotic vehicles to build infrastructure that future human explorers to the Moon could eventually make use of.

## Gandhi notes sell for record \$1.7m in India

AFP | Mumbai

A collection of notes written by Indian independence hero Mahatma Gandhi has sold for \$1.7 million in Mumbai, the highest ever price paid for an Indian historical document.

Mumbai-based auction house Saffronart said the collection was preserved by the family of Gandhi's close associate and freedom fighter Anand T Hingorani.

The 688 notes were written by Gandhi to Hingorani after the death of Hingorani's wife

Vidya, and were compiled into a book titled "A Thought for the Day".

The messages, written between 1944 and 1946, touch upon several subjects including truth, God and non-violence.

"A Thought for the Day... sold for \$1.7 million, setting a world record for an Indian historical document sold at auction," Saffronart said in a statement on Thursday.

The notes were the main attraction of the collection, titled "Gandhi: From the Collection of Anand T Hingorani".

# UK forecasts 'biggest' El Nino

● El Niño is forecast to intensify

● Warmth already nearly two degrees above average

● Impacts on food security highlighted

AFP | London

This year's El Nino weather pattern will be the biggest in over a century and could make 2027 the hottest year globally, Britain's national weather agency predicted yesterday.

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An El Nino weather event happens when warming sea surface temperatures in the tropical eastern Pacific trigger worldwide changes in winds, atmospheric pressure and rainfall, as well as higher global temperatures overall.

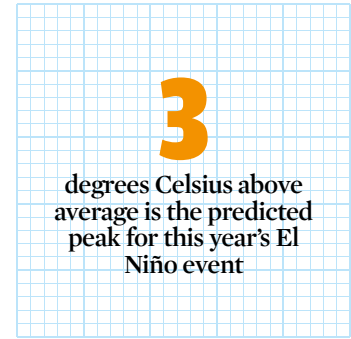
Adam Scaife, head of long-range forecasting at the weather agency, told the BBC: "We are expecting the biggest El Nino for over a century, peaking at something over three degrees -- that is unheard of in modern climate records."

This means Pacific water would heat up more than 3C above the norm in the coming months.

El Nino occurs when water



An aerial view shows a mosque and surrounding buildings in Somang village in Lebak in Indonesia's western Banten province, which was deliberately flooded to make way for the construction and filling of the Karian Dam that opened in 2023 and has now re-emerged due to the El Nino-driven drought



temperatures rise at least 0.5C above the baseline. While it is part of a natural cycle, scientists agree climate change increases its impacts.

A record El Nino would be "adding to the stresses of climate change" following a summer of heatwaves across Europe, the Met Office said in a blog.

Temperatures in the Pacific region are currently running about 2.6C above a rolling 30-year average, according to the Climate Brink dashboard based on data from the US National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The dashboard also aggregates forecasts that put El Nino on course to peak at a 3.9C anomaly this November -- well above a 3C anomaly detected in 2015.

"We should be clear that this is an unprecedented event," British scientist Scaife said in a Met Office blog.

If the forecast is accurate, then 2026 "will far exceed our recent experience of El Nino and its worldwide climate influences", said the physicist who specialises in climate modelling.

"I have never seen an El Nino signal this intense in our forecasts," he added, with even a 2C rise considered a "really big event".

El Nino typically results in drier conditions across southeast Asia, Australia, southern Africa, and northern Brazil, and wetter conditions in the Horn of Africa, the southern United States, Peru and Ecuador.

## Israel army, settlers kill two Palestinians in separate incidents

AFP | Jerusalem

Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian man yesterday in the city of Jenin, in the north of the occupied West Bank.

In a separate incident in the southern West Bank, terrorist Israeli settlers fatally shot a 17-year-old, the Palestinian health ministry said.

In Jenin, 58-year-old Fathi Zidan Hazem, "died from injuries sustained after being shot by Israeli forces early Friday," the Palestinian health ministry said in a statement, adding that Israel was withholding his body.

Hazem was a retired colonel in the Palestinian National Security Forces.

In April 2022, after his son, Raad Hazem, carried out a shooting spree in Tel Aviv in which he killed three Israelis and wounded several others, Israeli authorities demanded that Fathi Hazem hand himself in.

His son was shot dead by Israeli forces after a massive



Suad, the wife of 58-year-old Fathi Zidan Hazem, who was killed by the Israeli military as they tried to arrest him, walks outside her home in the northern city of Jenin

manhunt.

A second son, Abdul Rahman Hazem, was killed during an Israeli military raid on the Jenin refugee camp in September 2022.

Footage from the scene yesterday showed a pool of blood and bullets scattered among groceries in the family's home.

A Palestinian eyewitness,

who declined to give her name to AFP, said Israeli occupation forces raided her neighbour's house in the early hours and told Hazem to raise his hands, which he refused to do.

"They shot him seven times in front of his 10-year-old son. They dragged him down the stairs and took him with them," she said.

## Several wounded in sword attack at Swedish school: authorities

AFP | Stockholm

Australian police charged a man with foreign interference yesterday for allegedly seeking to pass intelligence about Ukrainian military activities to Russia.

"An assailant armed with a sword has entered Brinellskolan and wounded several people," the Fagersta municipality said in a statement, adding the assailant had been detained by police.

According to police, they received reports of the attack just after 2:00 pm (1200 GMT).

The municipality did not specify the number of wounded but said in a statement that police were still searching the school and that several other schools in the area had been locked down.

## Pioneering cancer treatment saves python named Jodie Foster: UK ZOO

AFP | London

A British zoo hailed a cancer-stricken python named after Hollywood star Jodie Foster, who became the first snake to receive an innovative treatment combining surgery and electrochemotherapy (ECT).

Chester Zoo, in north-west England, said the 4.5m reticulated python had fully recovered after first undergoing surgery and then receiving ECT following the return of a cancerous tumour in her jawbone.

## US charges woman with IS- inspired plot to blow up New York State Capitol

AFP | New York

US authorities charged a woman who allegedly supported the Islamic State group with a terrorism offense after she told an FBI informant she "wanted to destroy" the New York State Capitol buildings, court filings showed.

Located in Albany near the Canadian border, the New York State Capitol is the nerve center of the state government and contains both houses of the state's legislature.

Jessica Bowie, 35, was charged with attempting to provide material support to designated "foreign terrorist organizations" according to court filings.



# DR Congo Ebola oubreak growing ‘exponentially’: UN

Half of deaths occurred in last 20 days



Teams from the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies prepare for burial at Mbiyo cemetery the body of a fourth orphan who died from Ebola virus disease at an orphanage in Bunia (file photo)

- More than 2,500 deaths recorded
- Virus spreads faster than any on record
- Covers area larger than France

AFP | Geneva

The Ebola outbreak raging in the Democratic Republic of Congo is growing “exponentially”, with more than 2,500 deaths recorded and half of those in the last 20 days, the senior UN coordinator on the disease said yesterday.

The Ebola outbreak is already the biggest in the country’s history and is spreading faster than any outbreak of the deadly virus on record.

According to the latest figures, the virus is “growing exponentially,” Julien Harneis told reporters in Geneva from Bunia, at the epicentre of the outbreak.

He said that in the last three months, “more than 2,500 people” had died, “and half of those in the last 20 days”.

“The epidemic is spreading widely. It’s now covering an area that is bigger than France.... It is growing faster and wider than the Ebola response.”

The DRC’s 17th Ebola outbreak is thought to have already been spreading for several weeks before it was officially declared on May 15.

It has hit regions in the north and east where the presence of the state is weak, health infrastructure is lacking and myriad armed groups have roamed for decades.

**‘Alarming’**

The Doctors Without Borders (MSF) charity also cautioned yesterday that the outbreak was spreading “at an alarming rate”.

“This epidemic continues to spread, moving faster than the response can keep up,” MSF president Javid Abdelmoneim said in a statement.

Harneis stressed the need to

ramp up the response, which has faced criticism for its slowness and poor organisation, and is also hampered by mistrust among the population.

Cases have so far been reported in six DRC provinces, including near the border with South Sudan, as well as in neighbouring Uganda.

Uganda, which saw two deaths from 20 Ebola cases, declared itself free of the virus last month.

There is no approved vaccine or specific treatment for the Bundibugyo virus strain behind the current surge, although a number of trials are underway.

And the World Health Organization said Thursday that the DRC would receive 70,000 doses of Ervebo vaccine, which has proved effective against the more common Zaire strain.

Earlier this month, WHO vaccine experts recommended a full-scale human trial of Ervebo, the only existing approved Ebola vaccine, to see if it offered cross-protection against the Bundibugyo strain.

# Tech-Tools Can Help Bahrain Fight Climate Change



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Technology is increasingly emerging across the world as the foremost tool to combat climate change. Cutting edge concepts are fast being applied in real time and once the trials are completed, large scale roll out of the concepts is being implemented. Bahrain can tap into the global innovation traffic for environmental conservation and capture transformative technology solutions that can alter the way the nation powers homes, grows food and secures freshwater. Many of these critical technologies already exist but remain underused, Bahrain can therefore unlock their potential as practical, scalable solutions in order to combat climate change in an innovative manner.

Carbon removal has been the foremost concern for every nation in order to bring down temperatures and ensure lesser carbon footprint as well. In this regard, Bahrain has made tremendous progress by using carbon capture and storage (CCS) as a key tool to meet its national goal of reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2060, alongside an interim target of cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by 2035. In addition to this, Bahrain can execute a large scale deployment of Direct Air Capture (DAC) technologies that can enable pulling of carbon dioxide straight out of the atmosphere using fans and filters. This can help Bahrain reach its net-zero carbon emissions targets faster.

Similarly, With regard to renewable power generation, Bahrain can track cutting edge technologies riding on artificial intelligence and advanced computing to balance fluctuating renewable energy supplies with real-time electricity demand, thereby reducing waste and dialling down fossil fuel backup. In this regard, Bahrain can also implement next generation bi-directional charging system that allow electricity to flow both into and out of batteries, making the grid more flexible and stable, whether the storage comes from electric vehicles, homes, or elsewhere. Additionally, Bahrain can also explore manageable modular geothermal energy that is factory built which can deliver constant renewable power almost anywhere, adding reliable and stable clean energy to the national energy mix.

Food security and self-sufficiency can be taken to the next level if Bahrain can combine climate change mitigation along with replacement of fertilisers with green alternatives such as Green Ammonia. Produced using renewable energy, this clean alternative replaces fossil fuels in shipping and reduces emissions from chemical fertilizers. In addition to this, concepts such as Precision Fermentation can help generate animal-free protein production which can cut greenhouse gas emissions by up to 97% compared to traditional livestock farming. Bahrain can also utilise satellites such as MethaneSAT to detect and monitor hidden methane leaks from oil and gas infrastructure, and therefore protect the environment.

Cutting edge tech tools can give Bahrain’s combat with climate change a decisive edge.

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# UK court orders Prince Harry, others to pay Daily Mail £9.5mn

AFP | London

A UK court ordered Prince Harry and six others yesterday to pay an initial £9.5 million (\$13 million) after they lost their privacy case against the publisher of British tabloid the Daily Mail.

The court said the prince and six other high-profile figures, who lost their unlawful information gathering and privacy invasions claim against Associated Newspapers Limited (ANL), must make the payment within a week.

The claimants -- which include Elton John, his husband David Furnish, actors Elizabeth Hurley and Sadie Frost -- accused the Mail of bugging their cars and homes, listening into calls and accessing bank ac-



counts and medical records. ANL had denied all the allegations.

After an emotional 11-week trial, judge Matthew Nicklin sided with the publisher in a ruling handed down on July 7, concluding the “claimants failed to prove their pleaded allegations”.

After a further two-day hearing over costs, he made yesterday’s initial costs decision.

“The Court ordered the claimants make an interim payment of £9,544,355” by 4:00 pm (1500 GMT) on August 28,” a published summary stated.

It noted ANL had said its total costs defending itself had reached about £34.5 million by July 9, which the court described as “exceptionally high” and “unprecedented”.

Nicklin said ANL’s claim for £34.5 million appeared “excessive and... giving rise to real concerns as to whether all of the costs now claimed by Associated were reasonably incurred”.

However, the ruling noted the High Court had not determined how much of those costs the claimants must ultimately pay.

“The issue before the court was the basis on which costs should be assessed, not the amount recoverable,” the summary stated.

“If the amount is not agreed, that question will be determined separately by a costs judge.”

Nicklin rejected requests by Harry and the other celebrities to pay on a standard basis, instead favouring arguments by ANL that its costs should be repaid on a stricter so-called indemnity basis.

That is set to hike the share of the costs the seven are liable for.

The summary also noted the court had set a timetable for the claimants to request permission to appeal the July 7 decision, which must be filed by October 2.



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DRC has launched the “#Ebola-Free Congo River” initiative to protect the country’s vital artery against the risk of the virus spreading. @WHO @WHAOFRO @OMSRDCONGO

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Aid workers are protected under international humanitarian law. Yet marked humanitarian vehicles are still being hit. Local organizations face greatest risks. Those funding and fuelling today’s wars must do more to protect humanitarians.

@UNReliefChief

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At the notorious Sayd-naya prison, a symbol of the atrocities inflicted on Syrians, the cruelty is unspeakable. Syria’s future must ensure such horrors never happen again, and be built on peace, coexistence, dignity and prosperity for all.

@BarhamSalih

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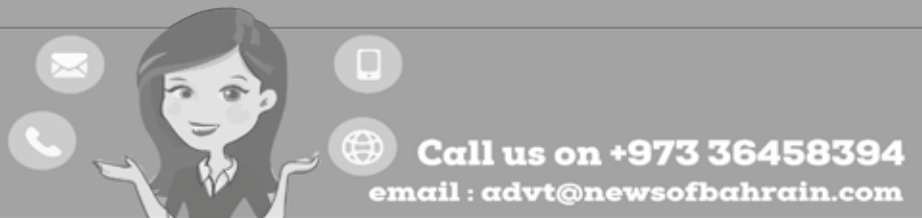


On this #VictimsofTerrorism Day, we pay tribute to victims & survivors. We honour their courage, amplify their voices & reaffirm our commitment to their dignity & rights. Instead of letting terror divide us, we must stay united to build a future free from violence & fear.

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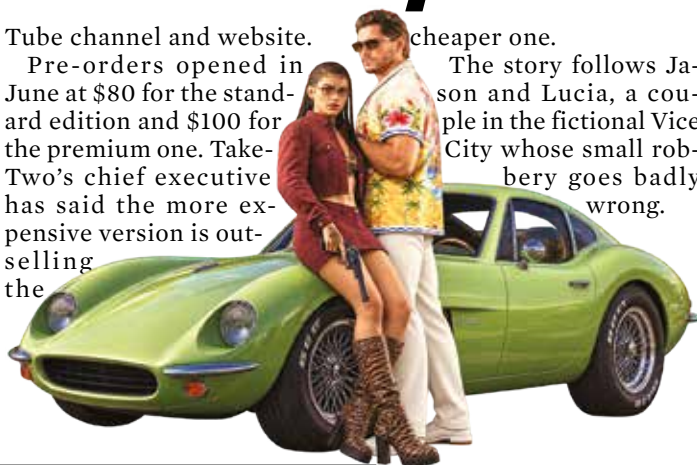
## The Biggest Launch in Entertainment Is Three Months Away

Grand Theft Auto is a series of crime games set in fictional versions of American cities, where players are free to drive, rob and roam as they like. The last one, released in 2013, sold hundreds of millions of copies. Fans have waited 13 years for the next. GTA VI arrives on 19 November, for PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X and S only. There is still no PC version announced, and no Nintendo release. The

date has slipped twice already, but the publisher, Take-Two, has repeatedly told investors it is now on schedule. The strange part has been the silence. Three months from launch, Rockstar Games has shown only two trailers and no actual gameplay. That ends next week. On 27 August, an extended look at the game will premiere on Netflix—a first-of-its-kind deal—six hours before it reaches Rockstar’s own You-

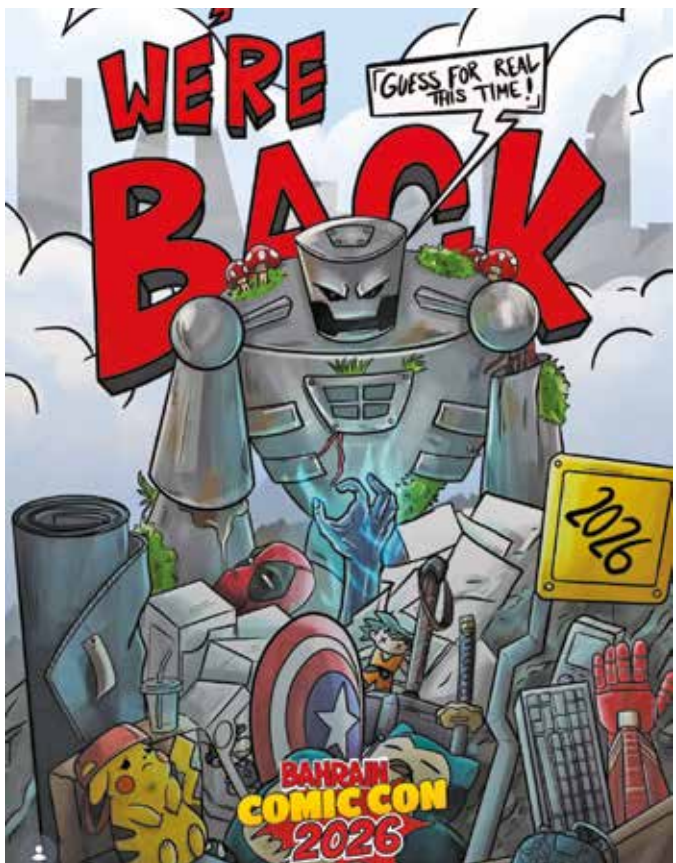
Tube channel and website. Pre-orders opened in June at \$80 for the standard edition and \$100 for the premium one. Take-Two’s chief executive has said the more expensive version is out-selling the

cheaper one. The story follows Jason and Lucia, a couple in the fictional Vice City whose small robbery goes badly wrong.



## “Guess for real this time” Comic Con is coming back

Fans are being asked to guess the date in the comments.



TDT | Manama

Bahrain Comic Con is returning, and organisers are making fans guess the date. “You thought we were gone? We were just powering up,” they announced on social media. “Bahrain Comic Con is coming back. Guess the date.”

The event had been scheduled for May before being postponed indefinitely because of regional circumstances, leaving fans without a replacement date for months. No date has been confirmed. Instead, organisers are inviting their audience to guess the date in the comments.

## Marvel Finally Names Its New X-Men



The X-Men are people born with strange abilities in a world that fears them, led by a telepath called Professor Xavier. For years they were the biggest Marvel characters Marvel could not use — the film rights belonged to a rival studio, Fox, until Disney bought it in 2019. On Friday, at Disney’s D23 fan event in California, studio boss Kevin Feige finally revealed the new team. Sadie Sink, of Stranger Things, plays Jean Grey. Kit Connor, of Heartstopper, plays Cyclops.

Christopher Abbott is Professor Xavier, with Samara Weaving, Inde Navarrette and Maya Boyd as Emma Frost, Rogue and Storm. Adam Driver plays the villain, Mister Sinister. “We’re here to talk about the X-Men,” Sink told the crowd, after months of being unable to confirm her role. The film opens on 5 May 2028, five months after Avengers: Secret Wars ends Marvel’s current run, and it is designed to start the next one. It still has no title. Disney’s own calendar lists it as “Untitled X-Men”.

## China’s “Worst Movie” Becomes a Surprise Box-Office Hit

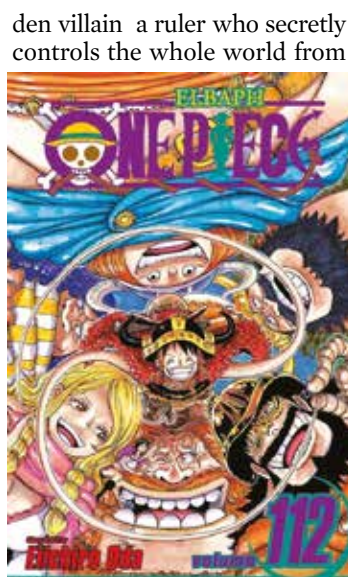
A little-known Chinese animated film has gone from box-office disaster to internet sensation, challenging expectations in a summer dominated by Hollywood blockbusters. Niu Lai, The Cow Is Coming opened on August 5 with almost no marketing and initially sold fewer than 300 tickets, earning just 7,169 yuan in its first nine days. Its stiff animation, unusual storyline and amateurish production soon became viral content on Chinese social media. Instead of killing the film, the online mockery sparked curiosity, with audiences turning up to experience the much-discussed movie for themselves. Its box office



subsequently surged past 14.9 million yuan by mid-August, prompting cinemas to add screenings. Made reportedly by just two people over five years, the 86-minute film has become an unlikely symbol of grassroots creativity — and a reminder that sometimes, the internet can create a blockbuster out of almost nothing.

## Netflix Bets Big on a 29-Year-Old Pirate Story

The world’s best-selling comic is heading for its ending and three versions of it are running at once. Imagine a television series that started before Google existed and still has not shown its final episode. That is One Piece. It began in 1997 as a Japanese comic, written and drawn by Eiichiro Oda. The story follows a young pirate named Luffy, who sails the sea looking for a legendary treasure. Whoever finds it becomes King of the Pirates. Along the way he gathers a crew of friends, and much of the story focuses on them: where they came from, what they owe each other, and the corrupt world government they keep encountering. It is the best-selling comic ever made. More than 500 million copies, ahead of Batman and Superman. People who started reading it as schoolchildren are now nearly forty and still reading. After 29 years, the ending has finally begun. In April, Oda revealed the face of the story’s hid-



den villain a ruler who secretly controls the whole world from behind the scenes, and who had been kept in shadow for eight years. Fans had waited most of a decade for that single drawing. The cartoon version has changed too. It had aired almost every week since 1999. This year the studio, Toei Animation, cut it to about 26 episodes

a year instead of up to 50, releasing them in two blocks. Fewer episodes mean more time to make each one. The gamble paid off: the new episodes are being called the best the show has ever looked. Netflix is now funding two more versions on top of that. Its version with real actors returned for a second season in March, and a third is confirmed for 2027. And in February 2027 comes a complete remake of the cartoon, starting again from page one, made by the studio behind Attack on Titan. That last one has an obvious purpose: a newcomer can start there instead of facing more than 1,100 episodes.



## Back After Five Years And This Time It Can Finish

Five years ago, one of the biggest cartoon series in Japan simply stopped in the middle of a fight. No ending, no explanation on screen. Black Clover is about Asta, a boy born with no magic in a world where magic decides everything — a kid with nothing, out-shouting and out-working people born with every advantage. By 2021 it had run 170 episodes in a row and was finally getting the reviews fans always

thought it deserved. Then the screen went dark. The reason was almost funny. The cartoon had been made so fast that it caught up with the comic it was copying from. There was nothing left to turn into episodes. The show had not failed — it had overtaken its own source. Fans spent five years asking the same question at every convention: when is it coming back? They have the answer. Same studio, same voice actors, re-



turning in October on the streaming service Crunchyroll. And this time it cannot happen again. The comic itself finished in May, after 11 years, with its final book coming out this month. The story it is chasing has already reached the end — so the cartoon has somewhere to run to.

## The Anime That Moved to the Cinema

Demon Slayer is about a boy protecting the monster he loves. It started in 2016 as a comic by Koyoharu Gotouge. A kind-hearted boy called Tanjiro comes home to find his family killed by demons and his little sister turned into one. Instead of killing her, he carries her on his back and goes looking for a cure. The cartoon version arrived in 2019, and one episode changed everything. It was so beautifully drawn that people who had never watched a Japanese cartoon in their lives shared it online. The comic went on to sell more than 150 million copies. Then came the decision that changed the business. In 2020, instead of making a new season for television, the studio put



the next part of the story in cinemas as a film. Until then, films like this had been optional extras you could skip. This one was the real next chapter, so fans had to buy a ticket. In the middle of the pandemic, it became the highest-earning

Japanese film ever made. Every studio in Japan took notes. Now the ending is being told the same way — as three cinema films. The first opened in July 2025 and has taken \$778.9 million around the world, more than any Japanese cartoon film in history. The catch is the wait. Part two will not arrive before 2027, and the final film is expected in 2029.



## The Empty Chair That Wasn’t Empty



In One Piece, the world is secretly ruled by Imu, a mysterious figure seated on the supposedly empty throne. Even the five Elders kneel before Imu, whose existence dates back 800 years. Imu has the power to erase entire countries and rewrite history. After eight years of mystery, fans were finally shown Imu’s

face in recent episodes — a major revelation that has fueled speculation and signalled that One Piece is moving closer to its long-awaited final chapter.



## Maresca needs time to succeed after ‘big changes’ at Man City



Enzo Maresca looks on during a training session (file photo)

AFP | London

Enzo Maresca insists he can replicate Manchester City’s success under Pep Guardiola if he is given time to handle the “big changes” at the club.

Maresca takes charge of his first Premier League game as City boss when Bournemouth visit the Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

The Italian has been hired to replace Guardiola after City’s legendary manager resigned at the end of last season.

Guardiola won 20 trophies, including six Premier League titles, during a glorious decade at the Etihad Stadium.

Filling the void left by the Spaniard is a daunting task for former Chelsea boss Maresca, who has arrived in Manchester at a time of change on the pitch as well.

Rodri, John Stones and Bernardo Silva have all left, while Savinho is on the verge of joining Tottenham.

City haven’t won the title since 2024 and last season finished seven points behind champions Arsenal, who thrashed them 3-0 in the Community Shield last weekend to underline the size of the challenge facing Maresca.

“When you make many changes, not only the manager, Rodri was here, John (Stones) was here, Bernardo (Silva) was here. It’s a big change, but it doesn’t mean that we won’t be ready to compete,” Maresca told reporters yesterday.

“It’s a context, it’s not an excuse. We need to be ready, I want to compete. The reason I’m here is because I want to try and win titles, and carry on what this club stands for in the last 15 years.

# U23 women reach back-to-back finals

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain’s women reached a second final in as many days at the FIBA 3x3 Youth Nations League in Singapore, only for Australia to shut the door again with a 21-6 win.

The Under-23 side had powered through their group, brushing aside Qatar 21-4 before handing Saudi Arabia the same beating to finish top and book another shot at the title.

Australia were a different test. Bahrain could not match the tournament leaders in the final and had to settle for second place once again.

The two runs have put Bahrain second in the women’s overall standings with 160 points after the first two rounds. Australia lead, with Singapore third, Saudi Arabia fourth, Turkmenistan fifth and Qatar sixth.

The men are still hunting a first final.

Bahrain began their second-round campaign by beating Qatar 14-8, then lost to Saudi Arabia after a game that stayed close deep into the closing stages before their Gulf rivals pulled away.

That left Bahrain fourth in the men’s overall table. Australia sit first, Singapore sec-



Bayan Salman battles for the ball against Qatar

ond and Saudi Arabia third, followed by Bahrain, Turkmenistan and Qatar.

Round three is played on Saturday, when Bahrain’s men face Singapore at 9.45am and

Australia at 1.25pm.

The women meet Qatar at 10.20am before another clash with Australia at 12.10pm, with a third straight final within reach.

## Spurs agree deal to sign Man City’s Savinho: reports



Savinho

AFP | London

Tottenham have agreed a deal to sign Manchester City winger Savinho for an initial fee of around £75 million (\$102 million), according to reports yesterday.

Savinho has been a long-term target for Tottenham, who failed in their attempt to sign the Brazil international during the 2025-26 campaign.

The 22-year-old Brazilian appears set to finally move to the north London club, who will pay an extra £10 million in potential add-ons.

Tottenham are also interested in signing Savinho’s City team-mate Omar Marmoush after the Egypt forward’s underwhelming spell in Manchester.

Savinho’s arrival will take Tottenham’s close-season spending beyond £300 million as boss Roberto De Zerbi rebuilds a squad that narrowly avoided relegation last season.

## Real Madrid star players are compatible: Mourinho

AFP | Madrid

New Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho yesterday insisted his team’s star players could fit together ahead of Los Blancos’ opening La Liga game at Espanyol.

Mourinho’s predecessors Carlo Ancelotti, Xabi Alonso and Alvaro Arbeloa struggled to strike a balance between attack and defence while lining up with Kylian Mbappe, Vinicius Junior and Jude Bellingham.

Madrid won the Champions League in 2024 with England international Bellingham and Brazilian winger Vinicius playing key roles, but since French superstar Mbappe arrived that summer, the club have not lifted a major trophy.

“They are incredible players and incredible players want to play with incredible players,” Mourinho told reporters.

“Tactically, it could be tricky. Ancelotti has found a set-up with Brazil perfect for Vini, (Didier) Deschamps has found one with France perfect for Kylian, (Thomas) Tuchel one perfect for Jude, it’s harder for Mourinho to do it for the three of them.



Jose Mourinho looks on during a training session (file photo)

“We’re on it. I want the three, when all three play, to feel comfortable on the pitch... they are three players of great quality.

“They don’t play in incompatible positions. We will have a great season with them.”

However Madrid’s stars can consider themselves warned -- they must contribute in defence this season.

“We have to defend with 11 players,” said Mourinho.

“If a team is pushing us back and giving us problems in our fi-

nal third, we all have to defend.”

Mourinho said in his second spell at Real Madrid, after previously coaching the team between 2010-2013, he hopes his players make life hard for him in terms of team selection.

“There will be moments of frustration, because of results -- or personal frustration,” said the 63-year-old coach.

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JOSE MOURINHO

I have to pick one as a starter and the other goes to the bench and feels frustrated, they have to digest that individually and as a group.

“I’m here to help them, but I can’t start a game with 15 players, only 11 can play. I hope each game is difficult for me, because they keep working in the way they are working.

“The day that one lowers his level because of frustration, decisions will be easy for me. I want hard decisions... the team needs to know how to navigate moments of frustration.”

## Bayern knew about Musiala’s condition ‘a long time ago’ says Kompany

AFP | Munich

Bayern Munich coach Vincent Kompany said yesterday the club were aware of midfielder Jamal Musiala’s neurological disorder long before it was made public this week.

Hours after fainting on the pitch for the second time in four days, the 23-year-old issued a statement Tuesday saying he is suffering from a “neurological disorder” which can lead to “temporary but treatable seizures”.

Confirming Musiala would not play in Saturday’s season-opening Supercup clash away at Borussia Dortmund, Kompany

said Bayern were aware of the condition.

The coach revealed the seizures were a result of a change in treatment.

“He made a slight change to his treatment, which caused some side effects. It’s perfectly normal to make changes to a treatment plan.

“Now we want to get things back to how it was before.”

Bayern sporting director Max Eberl said the club knew about the condition for over a year and said it was Musiala’s decision to go public.

Kompany said the Bayern bench and support staff were “calm” when Musiala collapsed.

## Bangladesh coach Simmons wary of Australia backlash in second Test

AFP | Mackay

Bangladesh coach Phil Simmons has warned his players that Australia will come at them “harder” in the second Test at Mackay on Saturday after his side’s shock win in the opening match.

Visitors Bangladesh stunned

the world’s top-ranked team in Darwin last week by nine wickets for what captain Najmul Hossain Shanto called the biggest win in the nation’s history.

Veteran coach Simmons, who has also been in charge of Ireland, Zimbabwe, the West Indies (twice) and Afghanistan, agreed it was a huge achieve-

ment.

But he cautioned his players not to get carried away in the second Test.

“The only thing I had to say to them is that Australia is going to come harder,” the Trinidadian former all-rounder told reporters late Thursday.

“So we have to either keep

that level of performance or get a little bit better.

“Even if we get one percent better in some areas, then we will have to make sure that that’s there.

“But we know that they are going to change their game. They are going to come harder at us.”

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## Third-Quarter Run Sends Bahrain Past Saudi Arabia



Bahrain's basketball squad

### Mohammed Darwish

A poor start by Bahrain accounted for little after a 36-point third quarter on Friday sent them to a 100-86 win over Saudi Arabia in Doha, their second victory in as many nights.

Saudi Arabia led 26-21 after the first quarter. Bahrain answered with a 25-18 second period to go into half-time 46-44 ahead.

The game then swung hard their way.

Bahrain outscored Saudi Arabia 36-14 in the third, stretching a two-point lead to 82-58 with 10 minutes to play.

Saudi Arabia won the last quarter 28-18 but never got close enough to threaten Bahrain's lead.

Mustafa Rashed led the scoring with 24 points, seven rebounds and four assists in 29 minutes.

JaKarr Sampson added 14 points and six rebounds in 16

minutes, while Elijah Thomas also scored 14, with seven rebounds and three steals in only 15 minutes.

Ahmed Salman had 10 points.

Ali Kadhem came close to a triple-double, finishing with seven points, nine rebounds and nine assists in 22 minutes.

Ahmed Bindayneh scored six, while Mohamed Buallay had three points, six rebounds, two assists, one steal and two blocks.

The win came a day after Bahrain beat hosts Qatar 76-69, leaving them unbeaten from their two games in the three-team Doha tournament.

Qatar and Saudi Arabia meet on Saturday in the last match.

The Doha games are Bahrain's last match practice before the FIBA Asia Cup 2029 pre-qualifiers in the UAE.

Bahrain are in a group with the UAE, Kuwait, Oman and Nepal and face Oman first on August 27.

# Youth Handballers Beat Jordan for Second Win



Mahmoud Ali named Man of the Match

### Mohammed Darwish

A 22-goal win over hosts Jordan sent Bahrain top of Group A on Friday as the national youth side made it two wins from two at the Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship.

Bahrain won 41-19 at Princess

Sumaya Hall in Amman after taking charge early and building a 22-9 half-time lead.

Jordan never cut the gap. Bahrain struck another 19 goals after the break and finished with a 22-goal winning margin.

Mahmoud Ali was named Man of the Match for his part in the win.



Pivot Ali Hasan gets his shot away against Jordan

Bahrain started the tournament with a 51-20 victory over India and have now scored 92 goals while conceding 39. Their two wins have come by a combined margin of 53.

They have four points, the same as South Korea, who beat Uzbekistan 47-29 and India 37-27. Bahrain lead on goal difference, plus 53 to South Korea's plus 28.

Uzbekistan are next at noon

on Sunday before Bahrain meet South Korea at 4pm on Wednesday in a match likely to decide first place in the group.

Four of the five teams in Group A reach the quarter-finals on August 28. The four quarter-final winners will qualify for the 2027 IHF Men's Youth World Championship.

For Bahrain, a win in the last eight would send them to the World Championship.

# Russell roars to Dutch GP sprint pole, Antonelli fifth

● Norris qualifies second for McLaren

● Leclerc starts third for Ferrari

● Antonelli manages only fifth place

● Verstappen qualifies sixth at home

AFP | Zandvoort

Mercedes driver George Russell clinched pole position for Saturday's sprint race at the Dutch Grand Prix, setting the fastest qualifying lap time ahead of current world champion Lando Norris.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc will be third on the grid ahead of Oscar Piastri in the second McLaren.

Current world championship leader Kimi Antonelli was a surprisingly low fifth in qualifying after setting the fastest time in practice in his Mercedes.

Back for the first race after the traditional month-long summer break, Russell set a time of one minute and 11.567 seconds, 0.041 seconds faster than Leclerc, ahead of what looks



Mercedes' British driver George Russell celebrates his pole position

like being a knife-edge battle all weekend between the top teams.

"The lap felt really good, to be honest. It all came together nicely," said Russell.

"I'm really happy to come back. It's been a little while since I've done one of these interviews," added Russell, who won the first Grand Prix of the season but has since fallen off the pace.

Home favourite Max Verstappen, roared on by an army of orange-clad fans, qualified in sixth in his Red Bull.

After rain early in the morning, the track had dried out, but Antonelli appeared to have grip issues, spinning in the first qualifying session.

### 'Special send off'

Earlier yesterday, Antonelli

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This will be the last Formula One Grand Prix at Zandvoort after promoters decided to pull the circuit from the calendar from next year

had laid down the gauntlet to the other teams, turning in the fastest lap in testing conditions at the only practice session.

The Dutch Grand Prix, coming a month after the last race in Hungary, comes with every sign the championship could go down to the wire in the second half of the season.

Antonelli, who turns 20 next week, has a 50-point advantage over seven-time world champion Hamilton, at 41 more than twice his age.

Antonelli and Mercedes dominated the first half of the season, with the prodigy picking up wins in six of the 11 races, including five consecutive chequered flags.

## England start life after Bazball with rout of Pakistan



England's Ollie Robinson (C) celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of Pakistan's Abdullah Shafique

AFP | London

England launched their post-Bazball era with an innings and 103-run thrashing of Pakistan in the first Test at Headingley yesterday.

Pakistan, who had been 51-2 in their second innings, lost four wickets for 25 runs on the way to being dismissed for just 135.

England pacemen Josh Tongue and Ollie Robinson, who took all 10 wickets between them in Pakistan's meagre first-innings 171, once again did plenty of damage after express quick Jofra Archer removed both openers.

The England trio took three wickets apiece yesterday.

Recalled seamer Robinson was named player of the match for his overall figures of 8-80, while Tongue finished with 8-89.

A comprehensive win with

more than two days remaining was an ideal way for Joe Root to begin his second stint as full-time England Test captain.

Former skipper Ben Stokes retired from international duty after a series loss at home to New Zealand in June, shortly before Brendon McCullum was sacked as red-ball coach.

This was just England's third win in 11 Tests, albeit one achieved against a weak Pakistan side.

England, 366-8 overnight, posted 409 for a huge first-innings lead of 238.

Harry Brook (91), Jordan Cox (73), Root (66) and the recalled Dan Lawrence (51) all made fifties on Thursday without any of the England quartet going onto a hundred.

Pakistan left-arm spinner Ali Usman's 5-95 - his maiden five-wicket haul in Test cricket -- was a rare highlight for the tourists.