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Child abuse video: Two are arrested

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A teacher and director of a kindergarten were arrested pending investigations after a video showing a woman whacking on a child's head mercilessly went viral across all social media platforms.

The Public Prosecution instantly ordered a probe into the case. More details are not available.

The Kingdom has strict laws against assault on children.

## Prisoners released

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman yesterday held successful mediation sessions to release 10 prisoners from various countries as part of a prisoner exchange process between Russia and Ukraine.

# Bahrain, UAE keen to bolster relations

His Majesty King Hamad and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed discuss ways to diversify and broaden joint action across various fields

Abu Dhabi

The Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE are committed to further strengthening solid bilateral relations and exploring more cooperation across various fields.

This came as His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa met in Abu Dhabi yesterday the UAE President, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, as part of HM's visit to the UAE.

They exchanged cordial talks on the deep-rooted brotherly relations between the two countries and their peoples, wishing bilateral relations further progress.

HM King Hamad and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed reviewed areas of bilateral co-operation, as well as ways to diversify and broaden joint ac-



HM King Hamad and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed hold talks across various fields, which would consolidate the two countries' sustainable development efforts, meet their peoples' aspirations and achieve their common interests, based on the two countries' robust long-standing ties, and their belief in their

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- HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

as well as in the advanced level reached by their wide-ranging fruitful cooperation.

HM the King lauded the effective pivotal role played the UAE, under the leadership of HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed, at the regional and international levels.

He cited the UAE President's tireless efforts to strengthen the pillars of regional and global security and stability, promote peace, and launch global initiatives to foster the humanitarian values of coexistence, tolerance and cooperation among peoples.

They also discussed a number of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Arab issues, in addition to the latest regional and global developments.

His Majesty and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed also exchanged points of views on issues of mutual concern.

common destiny.

The two leaders expressed their pride in the deep-rooted fraternal ties for both countries,

## Strategic cooperation to boost Bahrain-UK ties



The Deputy King meets with Lord Stuart

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has highlighted

the depth of Bahrain-UK relations and emphasised the importance of continuing to develop strategic cooperation and coordination between the two kingdoms.



This came as HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister yesterday met with Lord Stuart Polak CBE, a Member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom

of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, at Riffa Palace.

During the meeting, the latest regional and international developments and issues of common

interest were also discussed.

Finance and National Economic Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa also attended the meeting.

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## HM King thanked by Nicaraguan President

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, in reply to HM's congratulations on his country's Independence Day.



HM the King

## World CIO 200 summit opens today

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The World CIO 200 Summit will open today, under the patronage of First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sports Authority (GSA), President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The International Group of Artificial Intelligence (IGOAI) and Media-GIC of the UAE are co-organising the event at the Art Rotana Hotel and Resort, Amwaj Islands, Bahrain.

More than 17 Chief Executive Officers from public and private institutions will be honoured during the event for their support and innovation in modern technology and artificial intelligence.

Dr Jassim Haji, Chairman of the International Group of Artificial Intelligence and Chairman of the organising committee of the conference, expressed deep thanks and appreciation to HH Shaikh Khalid for patronising the World CIO 200 Summit.

The forum will also feature dialogue sessions in the field of artificial intelligence and digital transformation. Keynote speakers specialising in financial and banking technology as well as cyber security and future sciences will also speak at the conference.

The forum is the largest global event to honour CEOs who have actively and professionally engaged in developing their strategy to work by using technologies and artificial intelligence.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the Special Representative of His

# Bahrainis are 'priority' in Kingdom's development

HRH Prince Salman hails citizens' united efforts and determination to attain wide-ranging accomplishments

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, emphasised that Bahraini citizens remain at the core of the Kingdom's development and are the priority in the development of various programmes, initiatives and development plans.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted that the next phase of development requires a redoubling of efforts to ensure challenges are turned into opportunities that benefit citizens.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the Special Representative of His



The Deputy King meets with the Deputy Prime Minister

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, at Riffa Palace.



### Remarkable results

His Royal Highness affirmed that the Kingdom's national development continues to achieve remarkable results across various fields that benefit all, thanks to the united efforts of Bahraini citizens.

He highlighted Team Bahrain's continued determination, which has enabled the Kingdom to attain wide-ranging accomplishments, in line with HM the King's far-reaching visions.

The senior officials expressed their appreciation for His Royal Highness' commitment and support to the Kingdom's comprehensive development goals, led by HM the King.

## Outrage over candidate 'attempt to insult journalist'

**● 'Press an integral part of the electoral process'**

**Staff Reporter**  
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Journalists at the Southern Governorate Election Supervisory Centre, located at Al Mustaqbal School, were taken aback after a candidate attempted to insult some of them, our sister paper Al Ayam reported.

News photographers were performing their duties when the candidate lost his cool and began verbally attacking them, the report says.

"One female reporter tried to mellow down the candidate,



A screenshot of the video showing a candidate shouting at journalists

who would become more and more outrageous. He yelled at all journalists who were present at the election supervisory centre."

Later, speaking to members of

the media, Parliament member Dr Masooma Abdulrahim, said acts of insulting the members of the media will not be tolerated. "All candidates should make sure that the press is not offend-

ed, for they are an important part of the electoral process."

The Kingdom will head to the polls to elect new members of the House of Representatives and municipal councils on November 12 as His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued a Royal order setting the date of elections.

The order also said a second round of elections, termed as the run-offs, will take place on November 19 if required.

Bahraini citizens who want to run in the upcoming elections for parliamentary seats must submit their applications between October 5 and October 9.

Meanwhile, the period for displaying voters' list ended yesterday.

The electoral officials have said that measures have been

taken to ensure that those infected with Covid-19 virus during the election day can practise their democratic right, by dedicating a polling station to them with the aid of experts from the Ministry of Health.

There will be 14 polling centres across the Kingdom. Between September 15 and September 21, voters can request changes to their address or other corrections as part of updating the voters' list and up to September 24, they can file complaints or appeals before the supervisory committee.

The final decision in cases of disputes will be taken by judicial authorities before October 4, 2022.

Candidates can file their nominations from October 5 to October 9, 2022.

### BRCS humanitarian relief work meeting

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The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) organised a meeting during which its new members were introduced to the origins, specialisations, objectives, committees, and its mechanism of work.

This is in addition to providing an explanation about the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the principles of humanitarian work, and the efforts of volunteers in devoting the practice of this work in the Kingdom of Bahrain in accordance with the best international standards.

The meeting was organised by Young & Youth Committee.

## Light tribute for bright future ahead of parliamentary and municipal elections



Bahrain is adorned with vibrant lights to celebrate elections



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Bahrain's roads and streets are now adorned with lights and illuminations ahead of the parliamentary and municipal elections on November 12 and 19. The special tribute spotlights the

deep commitment of the Kingdom to the noble practice of democracy that enables voters to cast their ballots freely and responsibly for their favourite candidates. Bahrain has held its quadrennial elections regularly since 2002 with the launch of

a new way of life that turns bold dreams into comforting reality. The elections were held in 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018 without fail, procrastination or delay in a confirmation that what is at stake is not just casting ballots, but also affirming

constitutional commitments and honouring democratic values. The regular practice of democracy has reinforced the concept that elections are very necessary. They show the importance of such a right and how casting ballots can impact genera-

tions and the country.

The elections this year will be held under the theme "We Vote for Bahrain" in a confirmation that for Bahrainis, nation-building and fulfilling ambitions to consolidate the standing of Bahrain must always be something

that they do, every day, together. The impressive light tribute to the elections is another reminder that through exercising their rights, practicing democracy and participating in the elections, people are well inspired to celebrate their rights.

# Strict rules in place to tackle ‘visit visa fraud’

Tens of people, who arrived at Bahrain International Airport, were forced to return home after failing to comply with new visit visa rules

**Staff Reporter**  
TDT | Manama

As part of efforts to prevent human trafficking and unlawful entry of foreigners into the Kingdom, the airport authorities have stepped up measures by enforcing strict rules and norms.

It is learnt that tens of people, who arrived at Bahrain International Airport on visit visa, were forced to return home after failing to adhere to new rules.

Gulf Air earlier circulated a message stressing the new rules, according to which, a visit visa holder must have an globally-accepted credit card or must possess BD50 per day for his/her stay in the Kingdom.

The Kingdom provides tourist visas, which can be obtained online by presenting a bank statement with a minimum account balance of BD300. The visitor should also present return

tickets as well as documents of hotel booking. And people visiting their family members must present a copy of the resident's CPR along with copies of power/water bills.

The Daily Tribune earlier reported on illegal employment of people, who arrive in the Kingdom on visit visas, and pose a serious threat to the Kingdom's labour sector.

According to sources, there are many fraudulent agents across Africa and South Asian countries including India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, who "trick innocent, uneducated clients" into believing that they are buying a job visa having legal authenticity to work under any employer in the Kingdom.

The Daily Tribune has learnt that under the pretext of handing over employment visas "visit visas are sold to many youngsters taking amounts ranging between BD700 and BD1,200 from them".



Airport authorities have stepped up efforts to curb unlawful entry of foreigners into the Kingdom

Social workers say that the majority of victims only realise the fraudulent act after reaching the Kingdom on a visit visa. "However, after falling victim to the scammers they have no

other option other than returning home or continuing their stay in the Kingdom as an illegal resident."

Majority of the victims are unskilled workers. "Almost all

South Asian and African cities are flooded with fake recruitment agents, who offer visit visas in the name of employment visas to innocent unskilled workers, who pay them huge amounts in their currencies. This is operated by a big racket across South Asian cities."

Earlier, speaking to The Daily Tribune, social worker Gangan Trikarpur said majority of the victims are unskilled workers belonging to the hospitality and construction sector. "Owing to poor financial situations mainly caused by the pandemic, many expatriates are trying to obtain jobs in Gulf countries including Bahrain. They get in touch with many fake recruitment agents through social media platforms and are conned out of money."

There are also fears among the citizens and residents in the Kingdom about the risk of infectious diseases as there are no medical checks performed on those coming under visit visas.

## BTEA is set to organise Bahrain Comic Con Festival next month



BTEA and DALLAH officials at the agreement-signing ceremony

**Event to be held on October 28-29 at Bahrain International Circuit**

**Participants coming from all over the world**

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The Bahrain Comic Con Festival will be held on October 28-29 at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) with the partnership of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA) and DALLAH.

Bahrain Comic Con will be packed with content that will entice attendees from all over the world to visit Bahrain.

The event will feature Hollywood movie studios and international gaming companies. This will also include a variety of workshops, such as sound dubbing for cartoons, writing

scenarios, facial expressions, sketching anime, Q&A sessions, and signing sessions with your favorite top-tier celebrities.

BTEA Chief Executive Officer Dr Nasser Qaedi highlighted that the authority will offer all required assistance in terms of facilitating and promoting this unique event.

"The BTEA's commitment to Bahrain Comic Con demonstrates our eagerness to diversify tourism products, lengthen visitors' stays, increase their spending rates, and meet their aspirations while also enhancing the calendar of tourism and entertainment events in Bahrain," Dr Qaedi said.

"This festival is returning for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, building on the tremendous success of previous editions and its ability to draw a wide segment of followers and those interested in the field of comics, especially the youth category, from inside and outside Bahrain."

Managing Partners Khalid Bukhari and Salman Bukhari affirmed that Bahrain Comic Con will experience unprecedented growth in terms of interest, expansion, and diversity thanks to BTEA's involvement in organising the event.

"There will be an Exhibitors Hall where vendors from all over can showcase their products and enterprises primarily related to the movie, manga, gaming, and comic world. There will also be other events based within the hall," Bukhari said.

"One of the main guest stars will be Mr. Paul Anderson, who plays Arthur Shelby in the most famous Netflix series 'Peaky Blinders,' other line ups will include celebrities from other shows on Netflix, WWE superstars and global social media influencers. There will also be Artists from Bahrain and the GCC who will be displaying their talents too so it is an event that should not be missed out on."

## Court stories

### Employee on trial for BD8,000 fraud



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The closing arguments of the case of an employee accused of embezzling more than BD8,000 from a government entity will be submitted on September 25, 2022.

The defendant is said to have forged papers that were used as evidence that he completed seven training programmes and unjustly pocketed BD8,000.

The Bahraini man was arrested after his workplace notified the Public Prosecution about the incident, and an investigation was launched to probe the matter.

It was established that the defendant forged documents to steal the money. He admitted during questioning that he had taken advantage of his post to prepare the documents in order to pocket the money.

The defendant received financial support for enrolling on the training programmes which is worth BD8,235. Among the witnesses who testified in the case were several colleagues, all of whom confirmed the incident.

The defendant was ordered to be detained, pending further investigation. He was charged with forgery and embezzlement. His next court hearing has been scheduled for September 18, 2022.

### Court verdict set for man who misused wife's e-key

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A Bahraini man in his forties who is accused of forgery will have his case decided by the High Criminal Court on October 18, 2022.

The defendant is said to have used the e-key of his wife, and logged into her account on the Kingdom's online portal. He cancelled a court's order to hand her pocket money.

The latter discovered her husband's offence, and filed a case against him. The woman is said to have managed to obtain a court order against her husband in order to receive from him monthly pocket money.

"I contacted my lawyer after not receiving the payment following the court's verdict.

She told me that the executive order was cancelled by me," the victim said.

Investigations uncovered that the man logged into the account of his wife and made the change for his favour.

An employee at the Minister of Justice also took the stand and testified in the case, telling the Court: "The judge who oversaw the case asked me why the woman wanted to cancel the order. Therefore, I contacted her, and it was her husband who responded to my call. He told me that he applied to cancel the order on behalf of his wife who wasn't fully capable of using the system."

The defendant admitted to creating the e-key account for his wife, and took advantage of that.

## Filipino-organised art exhibition in full swing

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The door is still open for the art exhibition entitled "Beyond Measure – Reflections of Asia" at the Harbour Gate, Bahrain Financial Harbour in Manama.

It was officially opened on 18 September and will run until 29 September.

The exhibition is organised by the Filipino Creatives Bahrain, a Filipino Community organisation in the Kingdom, in partnership with the Phil-

ippine Embassy.

Twenty Filipino artists are participating in the exhibition. The other artworks featured in the exhibition are by other artists from Bahrain, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan and Thailand.

The event showcases the outstanding craftsmanship and creativity of the visual artists from these countries. It also aims to promote support for Filipino and other Asian artists residing in Bahrain.

# Hindi Divas celebrated in style at Indian Embassy

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**H**indi Divas was celebrated with much funfare under the aegis of Pratham (First) Hindi Toastmasters Club (PHTM) and Embassy of India in Bahrain.

H.E. Indian Ambassador Sri Piyush Srivastava inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp followed by other esteemed guests from Toastmasters fraternity.

This was followed by the Presidential Speech by Sri Anil Pachchlangia. Eminent guests and talk show participants included Sri Rajendra Gupta, Indian film,



Indian Ambassador Sri Piyush Srivastava with participants and guests from Toastmasters fraternity

television and theatre actor and Shri Atul Tiwari theatre directions pass out from the National School of Drama (New Delhi),

German National Theatre (Weimar) and the Berliner Ensemble (Berlin) ably anchored by Sri Gopal Mishra, Vice President

Education of PHTM.

Smt Uma Shanware was the Master of Ceremonies, and the whole event was held under the



guidance of Sri Prabodh Rao as Event Chair.

Held in the Indian Embassy premises, the event was a full

house with many Hindi language enthusiasts wanting to join PHTM by the time the event drew to a close.

# Social workers step in to support ‘seriously-ill maid’

Staff Reporter  
TDT | Manama

**A** group of social workers are in their best efforts to support a housemaid who suffered a stroke and is presently undergoing treatment at Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC).

Indian national Selvanayaki Velu Perumal, 55, was admitted to SMC on July 12, 2022, after suffering hypertension and stroke, according to social workers.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Senthilkumar GK, a social worker associated with Annai Tamil Mandram, said they have been in their best efforts to send Selvanayaki for more advanced treatment in India.

“She needs to return to India as soon as possible for further treatment. Since she is a stretcher-ridden patient, private airlines in Bahrain are charging



Selvanayaki on her hospital bed at SMC

around BD2,500,” he said.

“At the moment, her son Shankar, who works as a labourer in Bahrain, is caring for her, and members of Annai Tamil Mandram visit her in the hospital on a daily basis, offering

According to the doctors, Selvanayaki’s medical condition could be cured if the right treatment is given at the right time, and her family in India is eagerly awaiting her arrival for further treatment.

“Also, we have informed her

**“She needs to return to India as soon as possible for further treatment. Since she is a stretcher-ridden patient, private airlines in Bahrain are charging around BD2,500.”**

- SENTHILKUMAR GK, A SOCIAL WORKER

and I was shocked to learn that she was admitted to SMC two months ago after fainting owing to high blood pressure. The doctors who examined her recommended that they have done their best and she is recovering slowly.

“She requires daily physiotherapy, which can be done at home, which is why we are attempting to bring her back to her hometown.”

“When I enquired with the airlines, they told me that it would cost a huge amount of money for my sister to board a flight as she needs a stretcher support. We are all poor labourers and are not in a position to afford it,” he lamented.

“We are also requesting assistance from the Indian Embassy in the Kingdom to facilitate the return of my sister home.”

Those who would like to know more on the situation, give a ring on 00973-33678877.

## Filipino forum on Philippine marine resources preservation

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The Philippine Embassy has organised a forum under the theme “Our Seas, Our Livelihood, Our Life Source: A Whole-of-Nation Approach Towards Raising Maritime and Ocean Awareness” at its premises on 16 September.

Held in commemoration of the Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA Mo) 2022 this month, the event was attended by 36 Filipino Community leaders, as well as the Embassy’s personnel.

In her opening remarks at the forum, Chargé d’Affaires Anne Jalando-on Louis emphasised the importance of the message of the “MANA Mo” celebration each year.

She expressed the hope that, through the forum, the Filcom leaders would become more aware of the Philippines’ interests as an archipelagic nation and be more actively engaged in activities that promote the preservation of the country’s marine resources.

## Municipalities Minister participates in cleaning drive at Malkiya coast



Al Mubarak with event participants

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**M**unicipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak participated in the cleaning campaign at Malkiya coast, on the occasion of World Clean-up Day in cooperation with Clean-up Bahrain and the participation of volunteers.

The Minister stressed the importance of raising awareness and community partnership in maintaining the cleanliness of public facilities and protecting the environment.

The Ministry’s Undersecretary Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa was present.

Al Mubarak welcomed the initiatives that would enhance community partnership in achieving its vision of maintaining public cleanliness.

He stressed the importance of organising environmental occasions in promoting civilized behavior related to public hygiene.

“The ministry supports any community initiative aimed at improving the environmental,” Al Mubarak said.

## New Horizon School holds ‘Honk the Horn’ campaign for children’s health and safety

**During this drive students, were taught ways to unlock the front, middle seats to reach the horn and honk it.**

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**S**ince schools have reopened after a gap of two long years, the importance to teach and reteach various life skills has become crucial for students all over the world.

This drive is a small attempt to put learning into action during difficult situations. One such life skill is saving one’s own life when stuck in a closed car/bus/vehicle especially the tiny tots.

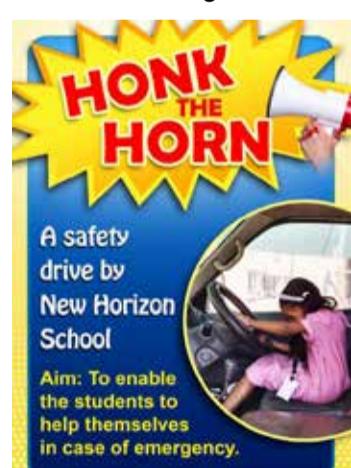
The New Horizon School conducted the ‘Honk the Horn’ drive under its Health and Safety Department. During this drive students, were taught ways to unlock the front, middle seats to reach the horn and honk it.

The sole objective of this drive



The students show eagerness and excitement to learn the new life skill is to alert the people around in the nearby areas. Many students gave it a practical touch and honked the horn for the first time.

Students showed the eager-



when the engine of the vehicle is off.

The Vice-Principal, Mrs Vandana Sateesh, ensured to drill the same even with the own transport students, who also participated in the drive.

The school management urges everyone through the media to make their children aware of this important life skill and thereby empower others to avoid the tragic incidents that have happened in the past.

# Sheba Medical, King Hamad American Mission Hospital Centre sign Medical Innovation deal

Agreement announced at the C3 US-Arab Healthcare & Business Summit in New York

**The deal comes on the second anniversary of Abraham Accords**

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**S**heba Medical Centre, one of the largest hospital facilities in the world and ranked as a World's Best Top 10 Hospital by Newsweek magazine, announced yesterday that it has signed its first-ever medical innovation agreement with Bahrain's King Hamad American Mission Hospital in Manama.

This historic agreement was announced at the C3 US-Arab Healthcare & Business Summit in New York City and comes on the second anniversary of the Abraham Accords, which were signed by the State of Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Sheba, which is world renowned for its start-up medical



From left, Yoel Har-Even, Dr George Cheriyan and Prof. Eyal Zimlichman

innovation ecosystem known as ARC (Accelerate, Redesign, Collaborate), will integrate specific innovative technologies into King Hamad American Mission Hospital's new state-of-the-art medical facility, which is slated to open in January 2023.

"By signing this agreement, we

are demonstrating our strengthening relationship with Bahrain and its health sector. Dr. George Cheriyan, is the leader of this amazing new hospital and we look forward to working with American Mission to show how Sheba and Israel can use healthcare as a pathway to flourish

and succeed in the region," said Yoel Har-Even, Director of Sheba Global, the international business division at Sheba Medical Center.

"Our growing relationship with King Hamad American Mission Hospital symbolizes how we are looking to promote

**Healthcare unites us in a common goal to bridge social, political and religious divides to create an equitable future for all in accessing high quality healthcare**

DR GEORGE CHERIYAN, CEO OF KING HAMAD AMERICAN MISSION HOSPITAL

ecosystem.

Dr George Cheriyan, CEO of King Hamad American Mission Hospital of maintained, "Healthcare unites us in a common goal to bridge social, political and religious divides to create an equitable future for all in accessing high-quality healthcare."



King Hamad American Mission Hospital (AMH) is the first and the oldest medical facility not only in Bahrain but perhaps across the entire Arabian Gulf. When the facility first opened its doors to the Bahraini community in 1903, it was called the Mason Memorial Hospital. It was the first choice, if not the only choice, until formal government healthcare facilities opened in the 1940s.

## AUB reaps 8 Global Finance Awards for Corporate & Institutional Banking Excellence in Digital Services

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**A**hl United Bank (AUB) won a total of eight awards in the Corporate & Institutional Banking Digital Bank Awards from Global Finance. Global Finance is amongst the banking industry's most trusted publications.

AUB received Best Online Investment Management Services in the Middle East. The bank was also awarded Best Online Portal/User Experience (UX Design), Best Integrated Corporate Banking Site, Best Mobile Banking Application, Best Online Investment Management Services, Best Trade Finance Services, and Most Innovative Digital Bank in Bahrain. In the meanwhile, AUB Kuwait received Best Online Cash Management Services award.

"We are humbled by this recognition from Global Finance.



The award ceremony

These accolades acknowledge the large strides we have made in transforming our business model through analytics, digitisation, and human talent. We strive to create a more scalable, robust, and responsive service model, not only by adopting the latest in FinTech capabilities, but also by implementing

them within a seamless customer journey. In the pipeline are even more bespoke and innovative solutions, devised to help our clients grow their wealth in easier, quicker, and more transparent ways than ever before," said Othman Hijazi, Deputy Group CEO for Corporate Banking.

## Silah Gulf achieves ISO 27001 for Information Security

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**S**ilah, Bahrain's premium, multi-award-winning customer experience solutions provider yesterday announced it has earned the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001 certification, in the Information Security Management System (ISMS) category, further strengthening its commitment to privacy and data security.

ISO 27001 is an internationally recognised information security management standard and code of practice that is in line with industry leading best practices.

"As a result of earning the prestigious ISO 27001 certification, we can ensure that any personal data we process on behalf of our customers is handled in compliance with Bahrain's PDPL and Europe's GDPR requirements, as well as international data privacy regulations. Achieving this mile-



Officials with the new ISO certification

stone has validated our efforts to utilise industry best practices in driving innovation to deliver complete, end-to-end customer experience solutions for our clients," said Feras Ahmed, CEO of Silah Gulf

Silah offers a full breadth of services including advising companies transforming their customer experience infrastructure, providing specialist

training and certification, deploying high-tech solutions, as well as handling the running of the entire customer service operations.

The scope of the certification covers a broad range of Silah's innovative product offerings including the Contact Centre Management and Silah CX Technology Solution.



Epson display solutions

iPoint, the distribution division of Business International Group WLL, held an event, at Crowne Plaza Hotel exclusive for Bahrain Education and hospitality sector. More than 50 guests attended the event where Epson demonstrated its Award-Winning Display Solutions, guests were able to see live the amazing Epson technology with its latest features. iPoint is an Epson distributor in Bahrain for more than 20 years and distributes wide range of Epson products across Bahrain. Also, Epson team from Epson Dubai Office had come for the event, Mohamad Amin Nassif, Mohamed Samir and Tim O'connor. There were raffle draws where two of the guests each won a premium Sennheiser headset which was handed over by John Joseph - Group General Manager, Business International Group and Aruldas Thomas, General Manager - iPoint.



**Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons - World Clean Up Day**

Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons (YKA) participated in the World Clean Up Day on 17th September, which was organized by Younis & Aysha Almoayyed Foundation in cooperation with Clean Up Bahrain, to clean up the Nurana beach, Karana. Around 5000kg of waste was collected on the same day across different locations around the Kingdom. More than 70 employees participated in this noble cause. The event was to raise awareness among employees in combating the global solid waste problem, including the problem with marine debris.



## News in brief

◆ **Iran's minister of communications** said yesterday he had been misquoted after news outlets cited him as saying the authorities might disrupt internet services for security reasons. The semi-official ISNA news agency had quoted communication minister Issa Zarepour as saying "restrictions to the internet may be decided and applied by the security apparatus, but overall we have not had any bandwidth reduction." But shortly afterwards, the official IRNA news agency cited Zarepour as saying some news outlets had published a wrong quote from him in the sideline of a government meeting. "In recent days, there have been temporary restrictions in some places and at some hours, which have been resolved, and currently the communication network does not have any problems in terms of speed and quality," IRNA quoted him as saying, without mentioning any possibility of further disruption.



**Iran minister says he was misquoted saying authorities might disrupt internet**

◆ **China's cooperation** with Moscow since Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Chinese comments against NATO enlargement show why the Western defense alliance should regard Beijing as a security challenge, Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said yesterday. "The sum of all is just increases the importance of NATO allies standing together and realizing that China is part of the security challenges we need to face today and in the future," Stoltenberg said in an interview with Reuters. Stoltenberg also noted

**NATO chief Stoltenberg calls China a security challenge**

China's "coercive behavior" in the South China Sea and against its neighbors as well as "the way they violate basic human rights."

◆ **Thousands of bus drivers** in London and the neighbouring county of Kent plan to strike in a dispute over pay, the Unite union said, threatening further disruption to a transport system already facing walkouts by railway workers next month. More than 2,000 drivers at bus operator Arriva will strike from Oct. 4 in London, Unite said on Wednesday, while 600 Kent-based staff employed by the same company will walk out on Sept. 30.

◆ **The Taliban's supreme leader** issued an order on Tuesday announcing a reshuffle of several national and provincial positions, including replacing the acting education minister. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid released the list of changes, saying they were by order of the Taliban's supreme spiritual leader Haibatullah Akhundzada, who is based in Kandahar, the southern province that is the movement's birthplace. Acting education minister Noorulha Muir would be replaced in the role by the head of Kandahar's provincial council, Maulvi Habibullah Agha. No reason was given for the reshuffle. Afghanistan's education system has been in the spotlight since the Taliban took over the country just over a year ago. The group had largely banned education of girls when last in power two decades ago but had said its policies had changed.

**Taliban replaces Afghan acting education minister in reshuffle**

Maulvi Habibullah Agha. No reason was given for the reshuffle. Afghanistan's education system has been in the spotlight since the Taliban took over the country just over a year ago. The group had largely banned education of girls when last in power two decades ago but had said its policies had changed.

## COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	97,594,686	1,079,206	618,245,132
2 India	44,547,599	528,403	
3 France	34,973,419	154,791	
4 Brazil	34,644,407	685,569	
5 Germany	32,797,308	149,169	
6 S. Korea	24,502,968	27,950	
7 UK	23,585,305	189,484	
8 Italy	22,197,658	176,669	
9 Japan	20,779,307	43,951	
10 Russia	20,588,102	386,341	+236,708
11 Turkey	16,852,382	101,068	
12 Spain	13,393,196	113,845	New deaths
13 Vietnam	11,465,691	43,146	
14 Australia	10,162,809	14,787	+545

Figures as of closing

## Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	815,529	+98	9,335	+2	802,735	3,459
UAE	1,024,085	+366	2,342		1,003,411	18,332
Kuwait	657,745		2,563		654,870	312
Oman	397,993		4,260		384,669	9,064
Qatar	443,303		682		436,504	6,117

Figures as of closing

# Putin orders mobilisation for Ukraine, says nuclear threat is 'not a bluff'

Russia mobilises more troops for Ukraine; first such mobilisation since World War Two

● Russia says 300,000 people to be called up

● West says mobilisation, threats show Russia is losing war

Reuters | Kyiv/New York

President Vladimir Putin ordered a Russian mobilisation to fight in Ukraine yesterday and made a thinly veiled threat to use nuclear weapons, in what NATO called a "reckless" act of desperation in the face of Russia's looming defeat.

Flights out of Russia quickly sold out following the announcement of the country's first military mobilisation since World War Two, a dramatic reversal after months in which Moscow had insisted its operation was "going to plan".

In a country that counts millions of former conscripts as reservists, Putin's decree on "partial mobilisation" did not spell out who would be called up.

Defence Secretary Sergei Shoigu said 300,000 people



A destroyed Russian tank is seen, as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues, in the town of Izium, recently liberated by Ukrainian Armed Forces, in Kharkiv region, Ukraine

would be mobilised out of a pool of 25 million. The contracts of professional soldiers would be extended indefinitely.

In his televised address, Putin effectively announced plans to annex four Ukrainian regions, saying Moscow would facilitate referendums in Ukraine's Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions on joining

Russia. A day earlier, Russian-installed officials in the four regions announced plans for such votes this week, which Western countries denounced as shams.

Putin said, with no evidence, that officials in NATO states had threatened to use nuclear weapons against Russia but that Russia "also has various means of destruction".

When the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will certainly use all the means at our disposal to protect Russia and our people. It's not a bluff," he said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said he thought Putin would be unlikely to use nuclear weapons but that the threat showed why it was important to

stand up to him. "I don't believe that he will use these weapons. I don't think the world will allow him to use these weapons," Zelenskiy said in remarks reported by Germany's Bild newspaper.

"Tomorrow Putin can say: 'Apart from Ukraine, we also want a part of Poland, otherwise we will use nuclear weapons.' We cannot make these compromises," Zelenskiy said.

Reuters | Sofia

# Bulgaria inches closer to buying more F-16s to replace Russian jets



Bulgaria inches closer yes-  
terday to buying a second batch of eight F-16 aircraft and related equipment from the United States in a deal valued at \$1.30 billion, interim Defence Minister Dimitar Stoyanov said.

The European Union and NATO member country, which had ordered eight Lockheed Martin (LMT.N) F-16 jets in 2019, is seeking to replace its ageing Russian MiG-29 fighter

jets and improve its compliance to NATO standards.

"Acquiring new aircraft is ex-

tremely important for the Bulgarian air force. We have old Soviet aircraft, which we cannot maintain because of the problems that occurred following the conflict in Ukraine," Stoyanov said.

The Black Sea country is currently holding talks with Poland for the purchase of eight engines to keep its MiG fleet operational until the end of 2023, Stoyanov said.



TOP 4  
TWEETS

01

Climate change seems to have been dropped as a priority by many decision makers around the world. This week at #UNGA, I am calling for global climateaction to reverse this trend. We don't have much time to turn things around. @antonio gutierrez

02

Prolonged meeting with Lebanese Caretaker Prime Minister @ Najib Mikati at #UNGA. We discussed the need for a timely presidential election and the urgency to implement reforms to support the people of Lebanon. The U.S. will continue to work with Lebanon for peace and prosperity. @SecBlinken

03

Glad to have received a copy of the Braille version of 'Hemkosh', which was among the earliest Assamese dictionaries dating back to the 19th century. I compliment Mr. Jayanta Baruah and his team for his efforts leading to the publication of the Braille version.

04

Starting now: @UNOCHA has convened governments, NGOs, and humanitarian organizations to mobilize additional support for the more than 20 million people across the Horn of Africa who need emergency food assistance. @PowerUSAID

## Nearly 1 million people face starvation in hunger hotspots - UN agencies

Reuters | London

Nearly one million people in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen are starving or will face starvation this year in the absence of aid, as the global food crisis worsens, United Nations agencies warned yesterday.

Local conflict and weather ex-



tremes remain the primary drivers of acute hunger, aggravated this year by economic instability linked to the ripple effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war. "The severe drought in the Horn of Africa

has pushed people to the brink of starvation. Acute food insecurity is rising fast and spreading across the world. Without a massively scaled up humanitarian response, the situation will likely worsen in the coming months," said the head of the UN Food and Agricul-

tural Organisation (FAO).

Although global agricultural commodity prices have come off record highs in recent months, local food prices in several countries remain high and risk heading back up if a UN-brokered deal to boost Russian and Ukrainian grain and fertiliser shipments collapses.

According to the FAO's quar-

terly 'hunger hotspots' report, co-authored by the U.N. World Food Programme (WFP), high prices for food, fuel and fertiliser have forced advanced economies to tighten monetary policy. This has increased the cost of credit for low-income countries, constraining their imports and forcing them to introduce austerity measures.

Rights groups reported at least one more person was killed on Tuesday, which would take the death toll to least seven.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei did not mention the protests - some of Iran's worst unrest since street clashes last year over water shortages - during a speech on Wednesday

commemorating the 1980-88

society where a woman's voice is not supposed to be heard," Hafiz said, adding she had not intended to harm anyone but was tired of government inaction.

Authorities have condemned the holdups and say they are preparing a security plan for banks.

But depositors argue that bank owners and shareholders have enriched themselves by getting high interest payments for lending the government depositors' money and are prioritising the banks over people rather than enacting an IMF rescue plan.

The government says it is working hard to implement IMF reforms and aims to secure a \$3 billion bailout this year.

Hafiz was the first of at least seven savers who held up banks last week, prompting banks to shut their doors citing security concerns, and call for security support from the government.

A growing number of depositors hold up Lebanese banks

## 'LAW OF THE JUNGLE'

Two of Hafiz's close friends with her at the bank hold up were detained after the incident over charges of threatening bank employees and holding them against their will, and ordered released on bail on Wednesday.

Lebanon's Internal Security Forces did not respond to a request for comment on the case.

Hafiz said she would hand herself in once judges end a crippling strike that has slowed legal procedures and left detainees languishing in jail.

Abdallah Al-Saii, an acquaintance of Hafiz who held up a bank in January to get some \$50,000 of his own savings, said more hold-ups were coming.

"Things will have to get worse so that they can get better," Saii said, taking drags from a cigarette at his convenience store in the Bekaa.

Sali Hafiz

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# Gulf bankers lift rates as Fed makes 3rd 75bps hike

● Fed lifts target interest rate to 3.00%-3.25% range

TDT | Manama

**M**ost Central banks in the Gulf hiked their key interest rates yesterday in tandem with the third consecutive 75-basis-point hike announced by the US Federal Reserve, as their currencies are pegged to the dollar.

The Central Bank of Kuwait is the only one of the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries that ties its currency to a basket rather than just the dollar.

Accordingly, the central banks of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar raised their main rates by 75 bps to 4%, 3.75%, 3.15% and 4.5%, respectively. Kuwait will increase its discount rate by 25 basis points to 3%.

The top US bank had raised its target interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point to a range of 3.00%-3.25% yesterday, signalling more large increases.

The new projections also show the policy rate rising to 4.40% by the end of this year before topping out at 4.60% in 2023 to battle continued strong inflation.

## Bahrain

The Central Bank of Bahrain said it has decided to raise its key policy interest rates, moving in parallel with the US Federal Reserve.



Central Bank of Bahrain



The Kuwait Central Bank towers



UAE Central Bank in Abu Dhabi  
We are focused: Powell



Jerome Powell

Accordingly, CBB raised its rate on one-week deposit facility from 3.25% to 4.00% in Bahrain, which has its currency pegged to the US dollar.

The top bank also raised its overnight deposit rate from 3.00% to 3.75%, the four-week deposit rate from 4.00% to 4.75% and lending rates from 4.50% to 5.25%.

Announcing the hikes, CBB said it continues to monitor global and local market developments closely in order to take any further necessary actions to maintain monetary and financial stability in the Kingdom.

## Saudi Arabia

Soon after, the Saudi Central Bank said it increased its key interest rates by 75 basis points.

The Saudi Central Bank, also known as SAMA, lifted its repo and reverse repo rates by 75 bps to 3.75% and 3.25%, respectively, it said in a statement.

## The UAE

The Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates increased its base rate by three quarters of a percentage point to 3.15%, effective today.



The Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority's headquarters in Riyadh

In a similar announcement, the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates increased its base rate by three quarters of a percentage point to 3.15%, effective today.

The bank said it would maintain the rate on borrowing short-term liquidity from the CBUE through all standing credit facilities at 50 basis points above the base rate.

## Qatar

Qatari central bank also announced raising its interest rates by 75 basis points, effective today.

The central bank increased its lending rate to 4.5%, the deposit rate to 3.75% and the repo rate to 4.0%, the central bank said in a statement.

## Kuwait

The Central Bank of Kuwait said it will increase its discount rate by 25 basis points to 3% today.

Earlier, announcing the rate hikes, the US Central said, "The committee is strongly committed to returning inflation to its 2% objective."

Later, in prepared remarks, Fed Chair Jerome Powell reiterated that "we are focused on... getting inflation back down to 2%. We can't fail to do that. I mean, if we were to fail to do that, that would be the thing that would be most painful for the people that we serve. So, for now, that has to be our overarching focus."

The US federal funds rate projected for the end of this year signals another 1.25 percentage points in rate hikes to come in the Fed's two remaining policy meetings in 2022, a level that implies another 75-basis-point increase in the offing.

The Fed's latest interest rate hike comes as inflation continues to surprise to the upside, and the Fed continues to see inflation elevated this year. Officials see inflation rising 5.4% this year, and excluding volatile food and energy prices, up 4.5%. However, officials expect inflation next year to come down to 2.8% to 3.1% on a core basis. It's not until 2024 that officials expect inflation gets back down closer to 2%, the Fed's target. Officials projected 2.3% in 2024, followed by 2% in 2025.

India road ministry issues draft rules for mandatory rear seatbelts



A 'Nano' car belonging to one of its first owners, S.K. Thirani, drives through a road after being driven out of a showroom in Mumbai July 17, 2009.

Reuters | Bengaluru

India's road transport ministry has issued draft rules to make it mandatory for car makers to install alarm system for rear seat belts.

The last date for public comments on draft rules is Oct. 5, according to the notification.

India has been considering enforcing the use of rear seat-

belts after Cyrus Mistry, the former chairman of Indian conglomerate Tata Sons, died in a car crash recently.

He was sitting in the rear seat and did not have his seat belt on, local media reported, citing police officials.

In India, one person dies every four minutes in road accidents, the World Bank said last year.



## Hurricane Fiona damage

A boat lies washed up on shore after the passing of Hurricane Fiona in Ponce, Puerto Rico

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# It's a recipe for danger

Don't cook chicken in NyQuil, FDA warns after TikTok challenge

Reuters

Cooking chicken in cough medicine NyQuil is not only silly and unappetizing but can also be very unsafe, the US Food and Drug Administration said, following the "sleepy chicken" TikTok challenge.

A number of videos challenged people to cook chicken in NyQuil, which contains acetaminophen, dextromethorphan and doxylamine, or another similar over-the-counter cough and cold medication, according to the FDA.

Boiling medicine can make it much more concentrated and change its properties in other ways, the FDA said in a notice dated Sept. 15. (<https://bit.ly/3Lw5VJu>) "Even if you don't eat the chicken, inhaling the medication's vapors while cooking could cause high levels of the drugs to enter your body. It could also hurt your lungs."



Images captured from a video showing cooking chicken in NyQuil, which FDA warns as "very unsafe"

This is not the first time the FDA has warned against social media challenges that use non-prescription medicine.



In September 2020, a similar warning was issued by the FDA after reports of teenagers getting admitted to emergency rooms or dying after participating in the "Benadryl Challenge" on the short-video app. (<https://reut.rs/3SjHocJ>)

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# CHEBS celebs

## Kim Kardashian labels her kids 'embarrassing', admits locking them out of the room

IANS | Los Angeles

**R**eality TV star Kim Kardashian has opened up about the responsibilities of being a multi-tasking mother during the second annual 'A Day of Unreasonable Conversation' in Los Angeles.

The 41-year old was part of a panel called 'How To Get S\*\*t Done In A Divided America' alongside film producer Scott Budnick discussing their efforts towards criminal justice reform, reports mirror.co.uk.

Kim, who shares North, nine, Saint, six, Chicago, four, and Psalm, three, with ex-husband Kanye West, was praised by Budnick for her ability to join virtual work meetings at any given moment - even when carrying out parenting duties.

He said: "This woman right here, it's like we find out the governor loves the Oklahoma Sooners football team."

"She's on every Zoom. 'Hey, Kim, the evangelical pastor in

Kim Kardashian



In December last year Kim gave her eldest child a ticking off when she realised that she had been live-streaming a grand tour of their family home on Tik-Tok without permission.

Fans were quick to tune in when North and a gaggle of friends started live streaming from within the Hidden Hills mansion that Kim and her children live in.

Oklahoma is interested in learning about the case. Okay, we're on a Zoom that night, with all of her kids running around the Zoom."

"So embarrassing," Kim quipped in response.

Budnick then poked fun at Kim over her inability to stop the kids from interrupting her calls.

"No matter how many doors she locks, she cannot keep the kids out of the room," he joked.

Kim agreed, adding: "They figure out a way in."

According to E! News, Paris recently revealed to fans on Instagram that she is searching for her beloved dog, Diamond Baby, who went missing last week.

Sharing that her pup went missing last Wednesday, she captioned her post, "This is so

incredibly hard for me to post because I've been at a loss of words... I was at a photoshoot and we're moving houses and one of the movers must have left a door open. My family and friends have been helping me search high and low throughout

my entire neighbourhood and have gone door to door, but we still haven't found her."

"We have hired a pet detective, a dog whisperer, a pet psychic and looking into dog-finding drones now. I'm doing everything in my power to get her back," she continued.

As Paris explained, not knowing where her pup is currently has been nothing short of heart-breaking.

"Anyone who has ever loved a pet and lost a pet will understand this pain that I'm feeling," she wrote, adding, "I've been

scared to put out an APB to the public for her because people can be cruel and I worry about her safety but I'm desperate and the more time that passes, the farther away I feel from the chances are of me getting her back."

As per E! News, she ended her post by including an email address so people can submit any and all tips to. "There will be a big reward for her return and NO questions asked. Please, please, please email if you know ANYTHING and please keep an eye out for my baby."

## Paris Hilton reveals she hired pet detective, psychic to find her missing dog

ANI | Washington



Paris Hilton with her dog

American media personality and businesswoman Paris Hilton, who has been searching for her missing dog Diamond Baby, has enlisted the help of a pet detective, a dog whisperer, and a pet psychic.

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# I won't become a tennis ghost, says Federer, ahead of final bow

Roger Federer expresses his desire to stay involved in tennis in the future

**● Federer eyes dream pairing with Nadal at Laver Cup for farewell match**

Reuters | London

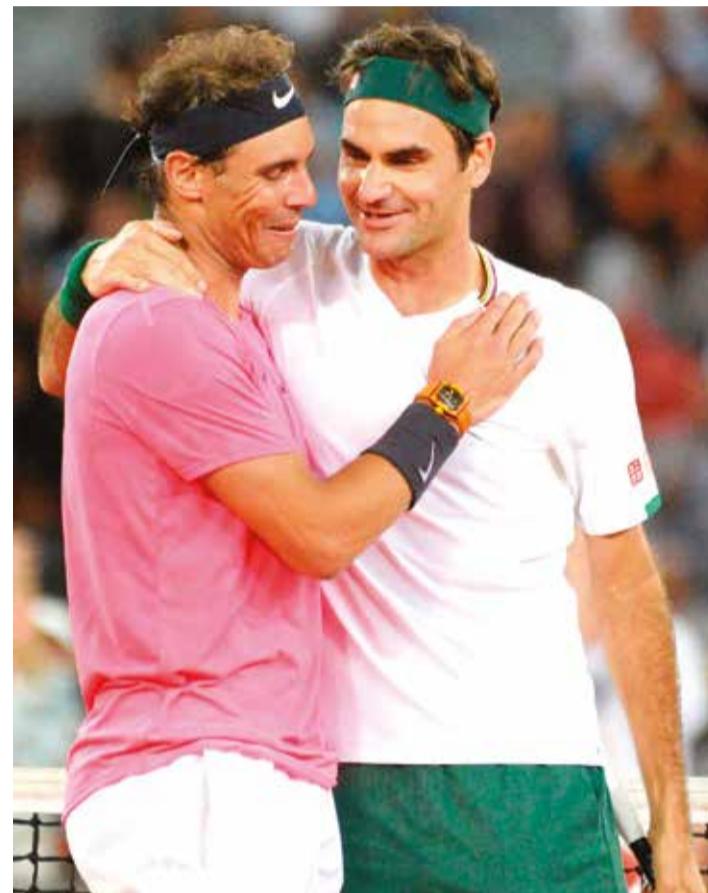
**R**oger Federer brings down the curtain on his illustrious career later this week but the Swiss maestro has assured his millions of fans that he will not become a tennis ghost.

Back in London, down river from where he won a record eight Wimbledon titles, the 41-year-old said he had no intention of walking away from a sport he has graced for so long.

Speaking to reporters at London's O2 Arena, where Federer twice won the ATP Finals title, the Swiss was emotional at times as he explained the decision to hang up his rackets.

Asked what his plans were for the future, Federer said he would not disappear like Swedish great Bjorn Borg, who is captaining Europe against the Rest of the World this week.

"I just wanted to let the fans know I won't be a ghost. It's funny, I spoke about Bjorn Borg, he didn't return to Wimbledon for 25 years and that hurts every



Roger Federer (R) hugs Rafael Nadal (L) during their tennis match in Cape Town (file photo)

fan," Federer said of the 11-time major winner who quit tennis aged 26.

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**Federer and Nadal have enjoyed one of sport's greatest rivalries across a decade-and-a-half. They have faced each other 40 times on the tour, including on many occasions in the latter stages of major tournaments**

him to retire.

"My knee just doesn't allow me to play at this level anymore," he said.

"I came to realise that throughout the summer and then I was just looking for a place in time where I could call it."

"It felt very fitting for me to end my career here. Having Bjorn Borg on the bench with me when I walk out is going to be something that is beyond cool and I felt that was something really nice. Having a team behind me as well would not feel so lonely when I'm calling it a day."

Federer's 20 Grand slam titles has been surpassed by Nadal (22) and Novak Djokovic (21) in an unprecedented golden era for men's tennis. But whatever the statistics, many still regard him as the greatest player ever to wield a racket.

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"Of course, no doubt," he told a packed press conference. "I think it would be quite a unique situation if it were to happen."

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"This city has been special to me, maybe the most special place," Federer said.

## Top seeds fall on day of Tokyo tennis shocks

AFP | Tokyo

**T**op seed Paula Badosa joined US Open semi-finalist Caroline Garcia and Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina in making shock early exits from the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo yesterday.

World number four Badosa lost 6-3, 6-2 to fast-rising Chinese teenager Zheng Qinwen, failing to hit a single ace and losing seven straight games.

Badosa, who had a bye into the second round, compounded a miserable evening in the Japanese capital by swatting a return straight into the ground on match point.

The 19-year-old Zheng, who reached the last 32 at the US Open, said her win over Badosa was "a big jump" after beginning the year ranked number 126 in the world.

"There was a lot of emotion there on court -- even though the score was like this, it wasn't an easy win," said Zheng, who will play American Claire Liu in the quarter-finals.

"I always know that I have the level to be here -- it's just that I have to show up on court in the tournament."

Number two seed Garcia put up a fight but still crashed out in her first match, squandering a match point to be ousted 4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5) by China's Zhang Shuai.

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Caroline Garcia of France serves a ball against Zhang Shuai of China

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But she came up short against world number 28 Zhang in Tokyo despite hitting 27 aces -- the best on the WTA tour this year -- and holding a match point at 5-4 in the second set.

Zhang fought back to level the match via a tiebreak before munching on a sandwich during the changeover.

"I felt that if I stayed here for maybe a few more days it would be much better, especially as I was closer in the second set so I started to play better and better," she said.

It seemed to energise Zhang as she outlasted Garcia in the final set, taking it on her second match point when the Frenchwoman hit long after two hours

"It was not the best tennis I can play but I really tried hard and kept fighting," said Garcia.

"She just got better at the end and it was a few points here and there."

Zhang will now face either sixth seed Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic or Croatia's Petra Martic in the quarter-finals.

Kazakhstan's Rybakina lost 6-2, 6-4 to Russia's Liudmila Samsonova just one day after arriving in Tokyo as a late wild card.

Rybka, who was drafted in when countrywoman Yulia Putintseva tested positive for Covid, said her hectic schedule had been "very tough".

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## Raducanu survives wobble to reach Korea Open last 16

AFP | Seoul

**F**ormer US Open champion Emma Raducanu overcame a late wobble before defeating Japan's 126th-ranked Moyuka Uchijima in her opening match at the Korea Open on Wednesday.

The 19-year-old Briton, whose US Open defence collapsed in the first round last month, won 6-2, 6-4 to make the last 16 in Seoul.

The sixth seed will face Yani Wickmayer of Belgium.

Raducanu reached a career-high 10th in the world, but is now 77th, having failed to build on her shock success at Flushing Meadows last year.

After rattling through the



Emma Raducanu in action

first set, the teenager picked up the pace in the second to surge into a 5-0 lead in less than 20 minutes.

A Raducanu double-fault in the sixth game gave Uchijima a whiff of survival and the Japanese won four straight games, before Raducanu finally sealed

the match with an ace.

"I think it was overall a pretty solid match until the end of the second set," she said.

"I'm really happy with the way I regrouped."

Raducanu said she tried to stop herself from "overthinking" and just focused on her serve.

## Lewandowski to wear Shevchenko's Ukraine armband at World Cup

Reuters | Warsaw

**P**oland captain Robert Lewandowski has pledged to wear Ukrainian colours on his sleeve at the World Cup to show solidarity with the war-torn country after getting a special blue and yellow armband from Andriy Shevchenko.

The Barcelona striker met former Ukraine captain and coach Shevchenko at Warsaw's national stadium to collect the armband which he will wear in Qatar to symbolically represent Ukraine, who failed to qualify for the tournament.

In February, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered



Poland captain Robert Lewandowski receives a Ukraine armband from Andriy Shevchenko

troops into Ukraine on what Moscow calls a "special military operation" to "disarm" Kyiv, purge it of "nationalists" and halt NATO expansion.

"I am going to wear Ukraine's colours at the Qatar World

Cup," Lewandowski said. "I'll wear Shevchenko's armband at the World Cup in November as a reminder that the people of Ukraine are not alone and remain in our thoughts."

"Being here with Andriy means a lot to me."

Former Chelsea and AC Milan striker Shevchenko, who played for Ukraine 111 times scoring 48 goals and represented Dynamo Kyiv before playing abroad, has been raising funds to rebuild his country following the invasion.

"I want to thank Lewandowski for this act of solidarity and for all his work on behalf of my country," Shevchenko said.

**Wales skipper  
Bale confident of  
World Cup fitness**



Gareth Bale  
Reuters | London

**W**ales captain Gareth Bale insists he will be fully fit in time for the World Cup despite his lack of action with Los Angeles FC.

Bale has made just two starts among his 11 appearances for the MLS team and has yet to play 90 minutes since joining in July.

But the 33-year-old is adamant his fitness programme is tailored to reach its peak for the end of the MLS season and the World Cup in Qatar in November.

Speaking after linking up with Wales for their Nations League games against Belgium and Poland, Bale said: "We have a plan in LA with what we're doing. We're not doing too much straight away."

"Every footballer wants to play as much as they can, but we're being clever and building myself up for the last important part of the season."

# Bahrain Club power past Muharraq in basketball league

National team big man Wayne Chism spearheads victors in contest, pouring in 34 points and grabbing 23 rebounds

**● Bahrain Club lead by as many as 20 points in the game**

**● Victors dominate the glass, outrebounding rivals 51-33**

TDT | Manama

**B**ahrain Club powered past fellow-title hopefuls Muharraq 76-67 last night to wrap up the third week of action in the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Behind the strong play of national team big man Wayne Chism, Bahrain Club made the most of their size advantage to overcome their overmatched rivals, who were playing without an import.

Bahrain Club thus continued their impressive start to the season by posting their second successive win, while Muharraq suffered their first defeat in two



Bahrain Club's Wayne Chism goes for a baby hook shot as he is defended by Muharraq's Ali Rabeea

outings.

League action continues on Tuesday next week with the third week of play.

In last night's lone fixture, Bahrain Club were dominant in the paint and it showed in their massive rebounding advantage of 51-33 for the contest.

## Bahrain Super Cup showdown set between holders Ahli and Manama

**B**ahrain Super Cup, being held this season in honour of former Bahrain Basketball Association president the Late Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, is set to take place tonight.

Defending league champions Manama will lock horns with the reigning Khalifa bin Salman Cup holders Al Ahli, who will be gunning for a "three-peat" of Super Cup crowns.

Manama, however, have won the trophy the most times in the competition's history with four, from the 2015/2016 to the 2018/2019 seasons.

Ahli will be looking to match that record. Aside from the

past two campaigns, Ahli also claimed the inaugural edition of the season-opening contest in 2009/2010.

The game is scheduled for a 7pm tip-off at Zain Basketball Arena.

The naming of this year's contest after the Late Shaikh Mohammed is in appreciation of his great efforts in developing Bahrain basketball while he was BBA president, as well as his contributions as head of basketball at Muharraq Club.

Aside from the winning team, individual accolades and financial rewards will also be given out to the top performers.

Chism had his way against fellow-Bahrain international Ali Shukrallah and his frontcourt mate Ali Rabeea. Chism finished with a game-high 34 points on

an efficient 14-for-25 shooting clip and took down a monster 23 rebounds in the process.

Bahrain Club held a narrow 24-20 lead at the end of the first

quarter and they managed to extend that advantage in the second, where they outscored Muharraq 20-13 to head into the locker rooms with a 44-33 cushion.

The victors continued to pile on the pressure and a pair of Chism free-throws gave them a commanding 20-point lead—their biggest of the game—late in the third.

In the fourth, Muharraq tried to make a brave comeback and got to within nine points on a Bader Abdulla Malabes three-pointer with the final basket of the contest, but they came no closer. Bahrain Club had all the answers and they did well to stave off any surge from their rivals.

Aside from Chism, Ali Asghar was the winners' only other player in double figures. With 13 markers. Ali Abbas chipped in with nine points and Hasan Gerashi had six.

For Muharraq, Ali Jaffar scored 23 and Malabes added 12, while Younes Kowayed and Shukrallah contributed eight points apiece in the losing effort.

## Cristiano Ronaldo wants to play till Euro 2024



Cristiano Ronaldo attends Portugal's training session in Oeiras, Portugal

AFP | Lisbon

**C**ristiano Ronaldo has set his sights on reaching Euro 2024 and the Portugal and Manchester United forward says he has no plans to retire any time soon.

"My journey is not over yet, you're going to have to put up with 'Cris' for a while longer," said Ronaldo on Tuesday, after receiving a trophy at the Portuguese football federation's (FPF) Quinas de Ouro awards in Lisbon for being the top national team goalscorer of all

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The forward's brace against the Republic of Ireland in September 2021 allowed him to overtake Iranian great Ali Daei's haul of 109 goals as the record international scorer.

## Ahli edge past Ettihad in handball league

**● Al Dair defeat Bahrain Club 36-31 to claim second successive win in 2022/2023 Khalid bin Hamad Bahrain Handball League**

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**T**itle contenders Al Ahli claimed a hard-earned 30-27 win over Al Ettihad last night in the third week of action of the 2022/2023 Khalid bin Hamad Bahrain Handball League, played at the Bahrain Handball Association Arena in Um Al Hassam.

The victors held a narrow 16-12 advantage at the half but in the final 30 minutes Ettihad fought back, getting



Al Ahli's Jassim Al Salatna goes for goal against Al Ettihad during their match last night

to within two goals multiple times.

Ahli led 27-25 heading into the final five minutes, and they then finished the contest strong. A goal by Sadeq Ali with three

minutes to go widened the gap to 29-25, virtually icing the game for Ahli.

With the result, Ahli claimed their first win of the new campaign after two tries. They had

previously drawn their opening fixture. Ettihad, on the other hand, suffered their second loss in three games.

In yesterday's other match, Al Dair overcame a hard challenge from Bahrain Club 36-31.

Dair led 19-15 at the break and did enough in the second half to maintain their advantage and secure the win.

Like Ahli, Dair were only playing their second game and they remained undefeated. Bahrain Club, meanwhile, suffered their third loss.

League action continues tonight with two more matches on the cards. At 5.30pm, Barbar go head-to-head with Tubli, followed at 7.15pm by defending champions Al Najma playing Samaheej.

Tomorrow, Al Ettifaq and Al Shabab face off at 7pm.

## Grealish tells critics to lay off England boss Southgate

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**J**ack Grealish has backed England manager Gareth Southgate after he endured "very harsh" criticism following the Three Lions' disappointing results in the summer.

While the World Cup in November is England's focus, Southgate's side are in danger of relegation from their Nations League group heading into Friday's match against Italy.

England failed to win any of their four Nations League games in June, a dismal run that featured a pair of embarrassing



England's coach Gareth Southgate (L) speaks with Jack Grealish (R)

defeats against Hungary.

That triggered a deluge of

**Grealish knows all about public criticism after his erratic form for Premier League champions City since his British record £100 million (\$113 million) move from Aston Villa last year**

criticism for Southgate, but Manchester City and England winger Grealish believes that was unfair to a manager who led his country to the Euro 2020 final and the 2018 World Cup

semi-finals.

"We reached the final last year and then the Hungary game (we lost 1-0) at the start of the last camp. I think before that the last time we'd lost a game over 90 minutes was maybe Belgium in November 2020 or something," Grealish said.

"So, I think it is very harsh, especially as you saw at the World Cup and the Euros how well the team done and the manager himself."

"I thought it was obviously harsh but sometimes that's what you get if you're English. I've certainly had my fair share!"