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## HM King hails growing Bahrain-Kuwait ties

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa highlighted the deep-rooted ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Kuwait, emphasizing the longstanding friendship and collaboration between the two nations.

He also noted the ongoing development of close cooperation and joint initiatives, particularly in the media, cultural, and youth sectors, in a manner that serves the interests of both countries and their peoples.

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His Majesty emphasised the shared keenness to further strengthen and consolidate these ties.

HM the King was speaking as he received His Excellency Abdulrahman Baddah Al Mutairi, Minister of



HM the King receives the Kuwaiti Information and Culture Minister

Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs of the State of Kuwait, during his visit to the Kingdom.

H.E. Al Mutairi conveyed to His Majesty the greetings and apprecia-

tion of His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, along with his best wishes for continued progress and advancement of the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people.

His Majesty, in turn, asked the minister to convey his greetings to HH Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad, and his sincere wishes to the State of Kuwait and its people for further prosperity and development.

### Role

HM King Hamad commended the significant role played by HH the Amir of the State of Kuwait in supporting and strengthening Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations across all domains.

For his part, the minister expressed gratitude to His Majesty the King for the warm reception and generous hospitality, and his deep pride in His Majesty's role and efforts in consolidating the distinguished relations between the two countries and strengthening the close bonds between their peoples.

## Bahrain FDI stock hits BD17.5 billion in Q3 2025

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Foreign direct investment in Bahrain rose in the third quarter of 2025, with the cumulative stock reaching about BD17.5 billion, up 2.5 per cent on the second quarter.

Figures for the quarter put the total at BD17,471.7 million, an increase of BD421.7 million from Q2.

Compared with the first quarter, the stock was 2.9 per cent higher, taking the rise since the start of the year to about BD491.7 million.

GCC states remained the main source of investment, with a combined BD12.295 billion, accounting for more than 70 per cent of the total stock.

North Africa ranked second by region at BD1.376 billion. South Asia followed with BD814 million, while Northern Europe recorded BD772 million.

### Contributor

By country, Kuwait was the largest contributor at BD6.0618 billion.

Saudi Arabia followed with BD3.8707 billion, and the United Arab Emirates with BD1.6473 billion.

Together, the three accounted for more than 66 per cent of total FDI.

# Spending efficiency

Executive and legislative authorities hold joint meeting to discuss finance strategies

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The executive and legislative authorities held a joint meeting yesterday at the Council of Representatives to discuss proposed initiatives for developing public finance.

It was held in implementation of the royal visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The meeting underscores Bahrain's commitment to prioritising citizens, enhancing social services, and strengthening the middle class as a cornerstone of society.

It was chaired by Ahmed bin Salman Al-Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, and Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, with the government side led by His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister.

Attendees included H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, ministers, deputy speakers, bureau members of both councils, and senior officials.

### Commitment

At the outset, Speaker Al-Musallam highlighted the commitment of the legislative and executive authorities to reinforcing constructive cooperation and achieving national priorities.

He praised HRH Prince Salman's directives to continue providing electricity and water support for citizens' first homes,



H.E. Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah, leads the government side, along with H.E. Shaikh Salman at the joint meeting

enhance programs for low-income individuals, preserve the middle class, and expand opportunities for empowerment and employment—all measures aimed at improving the standard of living and strengthening Bahrain's economy.

Chairman Al-Saleh emphasised that the joint meeting reflects the integrated partnership between the legislative and executive authorities, advancing the efficiency and quality of social services to meet citizens' aspirations.

### Efforts

He lauded HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's ongoing efforts to enhance social support, protect public funds, and prioritize citizens in the allocation of entitlements.

Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah underlined the spirit of cooperation that has been pivotal to Bahrain's comprehensive development process.

He conveyed Hir Royal Highness' greetings to council members and his appreciation for the legislative authority's role in strengthening national achievements.

### Initiatives

H.E. Shaikh Salman noted that initiatives discussed at the meeting are part of broader efforts to ensure fiscal sustainability, enhance spending efficiency, and prioritize citizens in essential services, including electricity and water support, assistance for low-income individuals, and protection of the middle class.

He stressed that continued collaboration with the legislative authority will ensure that the benefits of economic growth reach citizens through expanded job opportunities, increased empowerment, and responsible management of public funds.

During the meeting, officials reviewed several key initiatives aimed at developing public finances and improving citizens'

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**The meeting affirms commitment to prioritising citizens, enhancing social services, and strengthening the middle class as a cornerstone of society.**

living standards, including:

### Support

Continued support for elec-

tricity and water for citizens' first residences through direct cash support for the first and second tiers of consumption.

Imposing revenues on company profits exceeding specified thresholds; developing a mechanism for determining fuel prices; adjusting natural gas prices for companies and factories; reviewing work fees for foreign workers.

Revising sewerage fees, exempting citizens' first residences; increasing selective revenues on soft drinks; improving utilisation of undeveloped investment lands through municipal fee adjustments; and continuing to rationalise government agency expenditures while maintaining service quality.

The joint meeting marks a significant step in Bahrain's national efforts to achieve fiscal balance, strengthen public services, and sustain economic growth while ensuring that citizens remain at the heart of development.

# Deeper collaboration



H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi with H.E. Abdulrahman Baddah Al Mutairi during a tour of the Ministry of Information facilities

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Bahrain and Kuwait are committed to exchanging expertise and experiences to advance joint media initiatives, enhance their professional impact, and expand regional and international presence.

This came as His Excellency Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi, Minister of Information, received H.E. Abdulrahman Baddah Al Mutairi, Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Youth Affairs of the State of Kuwait.

The meeting reviewed efforts to enhance cooperation in the

media and cultural sectors.

It also discussed developments in the media landscape, current challenges, and ways to improve Gulf media coordination in line with rapid transformations in the sector.

H.E. Dr. Al Noaimi highlighted the longstanding relations between Bahrain and Kuwait, rooted in strong historical ties and solid foundations of cooperation and integration.

He noted that these relations are supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait.

On the sidelines of the meeting, H.E. Minister Al Mutairi, accompanied by H.E. Dr. Al Noaimi and several ministry officials, toured the Ministry of Information complex, including the National Communication Centre (NCC), the main newsroom studio, and Radio Bahrain building.

On his part, H.E. Minister Al Mutairi commended the significant development of Bahrain's media sector and its efforts to enhance joint Gulf media cooperation, highlighting how these initiatives support shared aspirations and the broader interests of the Gulf Cooperation Council states.

# Sky milestone

260,000 crossings in Bahrain airspace in first six months



**Bahrain is looking for measures to raise passenger traffic to support the economy and tourism.**

H.E. SHAIKH ABDULLAH BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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Bahrain's Air Navigation Centre has managed about 260,000 aircraft crossing the Kingdom's airspace in the first six months of this year.

The Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, His Excellency Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, informed the Shura Council yesterday, as members debated and then approved the Bahrain-Kyrgyz air services agreement.

The council discussed a report by its Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee on a draft law to ratify the agreement with the Kyrgyz Republic, submitted with Royal Decree No. 35 of 2025, with the minister attending the sitting.

Ties

Committee rapporteur Nancy Dina Khadouri said the agreement is meant to strengthen air-transport ties, support competition among carriers, widen choices in international services and keep security and safety at a high level.

She said it follows model bilateral air-service texts used internationally under the International Civil Aviation Organization framework, with provisions on flight safety, aviation security, safe operations and mutual recognition of certificates and licences.

Khadouri said the deal is expected to support the national carrier, allow scope for future routes, and back air-linked trade, investment and logistics between the two countries.

Pressure

Shaikh Abdullah then spoke about the kind of pressure that

can land on air-traffic controllers with little warning.

He pointed to a night when air-raid sirens sounded in Qatar at about 7.05pm after what he described as an Iranian attack, while Bahrain was managing traffic and protecting its airspace.

"In the event of an armed political conflict, a decision must be taken on whether air traffic should continue," he said.

### Airspace

He said Bahrain decided that day to close its airspace, a call made harder because aircraft were already within Bahrain's flight information region and arrivals could no longer be accepted at Bahrain International Airport.

The closure lasted two hours, he said, and there were 16 aircraft in Bahraini airspace at the time.

"We ordered the closure of Bahrain's airspace," he said.

He said the closure required two immediate steps: work with nearby airports to receive diverted flights in line with security and safety rules, and notify partner states and airlines covered by air-transport agreements of the action taken and what would follow until matters settled.

Situation

Shaikh Abdullah said he was at the air traffic centre during the incident, adding Bahraini teams handled the situation calmly.

"We have trained Bahraini personnel working to the highest international standards who managed the situation calmly and professionally," he said.

Turning to Bahrain International Airport, he said its upgraded capacity is 14 million passengers a year, while last



Nancy Khadouri

year's figure stood at 9.3 million.

Measures

He said Bahrain is looking for measures to raise passenger traffic, describing airport movement as a key support for the economy and tourism.

The Minister said Bahrain has been granting fifth and seventh freedom rights in aviation.

Under the Bahrain-Kyrgyz agreement, he said, an airline can operate to and from Bahrain from its home market, with fifth freedom rights allowing it to continue to a third destination after landing in Bahrain.

He said Bahrain is also seeking to expand seventh freedom rights by registering foreign aircraft on the national register so they can fly from Bahrain to destinations directly without being bound by bilateral route limits.

He also referred to an agreement signed at the Gateway Gulf Forum with what he described as Asia's largest low-cost airline, saying it has carried about 900 million passengers worldwide and that three other regional parties had been in contention for its regional base.

Shaikh Abdullah said that a national aviation strategy is close to completion next year, drafted with input from all relevant bodies.



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## Newly appointed ambassadors



His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received copies of the credentials of the newly appointed ambassadors of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Benin to the Kingdom of Bahrain, via video conference. H.E. Dr. Al Zayani received copies of the credentials of H.E. Madiyar Menilbekov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Bahrain, residing in Riyadh, and of H.E. Badirou Aguemou, Ambassador of the Republic of Benin to the Kingdom of Bahrain, residing in Kuwait. The Foreign Minister wished the two ambassadors success in their diplomatic duties. He emphasised Bahrain's commitment to advance relations with their countries and to advance them in line with shared interests and aspirations. The ambassadors expressed their pride in representing their countries in the Kingdom and underscored their commitment to enhancing cooperation across various sectors.

## Boost for wildlife protection

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His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of His Majesty the King and Chairman of the Supreme Council for the Environment, praised the issuance of a Royal Decree by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to name Al Areen Reserve after His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, in celebration of the UAE's 54th Union Day.

HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad emphasised that the Royal Decree reflects the deep-rooted fraternal relations between Bahrain and the UAE, as well as the high level of bilateral cooperation achieved across various sectors.

He noted the commitment of HM the King and HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed to further strengthen these distinguished ties and expand avenues of joint collaboration to fulfill the shared aspirations of both nations and peoples.

The Personal Representative emphasised that this step also recognises the UAE President's pioneering role in environmental sustainability and wildlife protection at regional and international levels.

He noted that Al Areen Reserve, now named the "Mohammed bin Zayed Nature Reserve," is one of Bahrain's most prominent environmental landmarks, and that its renaming will inspire continued efforts to preserve biodiversity and develop wildlife protection programs in line with the Sustainable Development



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HH SHAIKH ABDULLAH BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Goals and Bahrain's long-term vision.

His Highness reaffirmed the Supreme Council for Environment's dedication to implementing national environmental initiatives and enhancing regional and international partnerships to safeguard natural resources for future generations.

The reserve hosts diverse local and regional wildlife species and serves as a breeding and scientific propagation center for rare species.

It also functions as an educational and research facility supporting Bahrain's national efforts in environmental protection and wildlife conservation.

## Proposal to rename Muharraq park after late goodwill envoy



MP Hamad Al Doy

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MP Hamad Al Doy has put forward a proposal calling for a park in Muharraq's Second Constituency to be named after the late Muneera Essa bin Hindi Al Manaei, a former Shura Council member and Goodwill Ambassador who died in November 2022.

He said the move would "honour her national and humanitarian record and recognise her work in defending the rights of people of determination and supporting their active place in society".

In an explanatory memorandum attached to the proposal, Al Doy described Al Manaei as a public figure who devoted her life to disability issues, through initiatives as well as organised and voluntary work, with an eye on social, educational and work-related support.

He said her work left a clear mark on care and empow-



Muneera Al Manaei

erment services, and helped push forward inclusion and equal opportunities, adding that her record "won wide respect" among Muharraq residents.

### Leadership

Al Doy also pointed to her leadership roles, including managing specialised centres linked to people of determination, and her membership of the Shura Council.

He described her appointment as the first Bahraini woman with a disability to serve at that level across the GCC, and referred to her regional and international participation on disability and community empowerment.

"Naming a park after her carries real moral weight," Al Doy said. "It keeps alive the memory of a public figure, backs a culture of recognising service, and shows people of determination as partners in Bahrain's wider development, while recording an important chapter in Muharraq's social record."

# Education upgrade

Shura Council supports in principle new law for private school institutions

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Three decades after the last full rewrite of the rules, Shura Council yesterday agreed, in principle, to a draft law for private educational institutions, with a final vote on the articles put off to a later sitting.

Members debated the Services Committee's report on the draft law issuing a Private Educational Institutions Law, attached to Decree No. (60) of 2025.

Education Minister, His Excellency Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, attended, alongside managers of private schools and kindergartens.

"The law is about 30 years old, and a lot has changed since then," the minister told the chamber.

### Growth

He said the private sector has grown in student numbers, the number of institutions and staffing, while teaching methods, licensing needs and the conditions for setting up schools have shifted.

He added that the ministry now covers all education sectors, including early education through nurseries and kindergartens.

Lina Qassim, the committee rapporteur, said the bill aims to regulate private education in line with national education policy, support quality learning, and tighten governance through clearer rules on licensing, management and oversight.

### Supervision

She said it also separates private educational institutions from private training institutions, widens the scope of institutions overseen by the Ministry of Education, and strengthens the ministry's supervisory powers.



**We are working with the Ministry of Labour and Tamkeen on projects to raise the share of Bahrainis in private schools**

H.E. DR MOHAMMED JUMA, EDUCATION MINISTER



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JAMAL FAKHRO, SHURA COUNCIL FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN



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LINA QASSIM, SHURA COUNCIL COMMITTEE RAPporteur

H.E. Dr Juma said the draft changes the licensing path by introducing an initial approval.

The aim is to let an applicant complete procedures with other state bodies before the final licence is issued.

"Under the current law, you cannot move with other government procedures until you have the final licence from the ministry," H.E. Dr Juma said.

"This draft gives an initial approval so the applicant can finish requirements with other bodies and begin operating, which makes it easier for those who want to invest."

### Parents

The draft also changes how parents are involved.

Private schools would be required to have a Parents' Council, while early education institutions would be allowed to set up a similar body on an optional basis.

It also permits schools to earn extra income by using facilities such as halls, swimming pools and sports grounds for events

and rentals, subject to ministry approval.

### Finance

Financial oversight is also built into the bill.

The minister said the ministry would be able to request financial reports and review an institution's position through specialist departments, to reduce the risk of sudden closures.

He said institutions would have to notify the ministry if they are unable to pay the salaries of 5 per cent of their staff.

The committee report also sets out a wider, tiered system of administrative and criminal penalties, replacing what it described as limited measures under the current law.

### Sanctions

During the debate, First Deputy Chairman of the Shura Council Jamal Fakhro said sanctions and fines would need careful handling, in particular for kindergartens and smaller institutions.

He also raised the issue of consultation, saying: "The Services Committee sent letters

to 14 private educational institutions to take their views on the law, but only one institution responded."

The minister said most private institutions comply with ministry instructions, but the aim is to raise the performance of low-rated schools through supervisory and remedial plans.

### Violations

He gave a breakdown of violations recorded by the ministry: nine linked to buildings, 15 linked to fees, 118 linked to employment, and eight linked to curricula.

On Bahrainisation, he said the ministry is encouraging private schools to hire Bahrainis, especially in certain specialisms, and is working with the Ministry of Labour and Tamkeen on projects to raise the share of Bahrainis in private schools.

He said screening for those entering the sector goes beyond medical tests, through coordination with the Ministries of Interior and Health, with schools providing reports on physical and psychological fitness.

# Two airport officers on trial over passenger detention and theft

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The High Criminal Court has begun hearing a case involving two customs officers at Bahrain International Airport, accused of unlawfully detaining a passenger and stealing SAR3,500 from him inside an airport restroom.

The two defendants, who remain in custody, appeared before the court and denied all charges.

Lawyers representing the second defendant — Dalal Al-Zowayed, Yousef Ghunaim, and a lawyer deputizing for Fareed Ghazi — requested copies of the case file, time to review the evidence and respond, and the release of the accused.

The court adjourned the case to 28 December for pleadings, ordering that the defendants remain in detention.

The Public Prosecution



charged the defendants, both customs officers, with committing the alleged offenses on 24 September while performing their official duties at Bahrain International Airport.

The first defendant is 34 years old and the second 25.

Prosecutors stated that the offenses were committed during and because of their public employment, as they were entrusted with safeguarding passengers' property.

According to the indictment, the defendants unlawfully de-

tained the victim and deprived him of his liberty without legal justification by escorting him to a restroom located near Gate 14 of the airport.

The prosecution alleged that the officers searched the passenger without his consent and without following legally prescribed procedures, including conducting searches in designated inspection areas and informing their supervisor.

During the incident, the defendants allegedly stole SAR 3,500 belonging to the victim,

which had come into their possession by virtue of their official duties.

Testifying before the court, the head of investigations at the airport stated that the victim filed a report on 29 September 2025, alleging that while departing a Gulf country at 4:35 a.m. on 24 September, he was stopped by two uniformed personnel who instructed him to accompany them to a restroom near Gate 14.

The officers asked him, in Arabic, about the amount of cash he was carrying, prompting him to hand over SAR 40,100. The money was returned shortly afterward, and the passenger was told to proceed quickly to his flight, with the officers escorting him to the boarding gate.

The witness added that once the passenger was seated on the aircraft, he checked the cash and discovered that SAR 3,500 was missing.

# BD38,000 awarded to European radiologist after job dismissal

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A private hospital has been ordered to pay a European radiology specialist close to BD38,000 after the High Labour Court found she was dismissed and left unpaid dues when the employer said the facility was closing, her lawyer Shaimaa Mohammed said.

The worker earned BD3,700 a month, made up of BD2,220 as basic pay and the rest as allowances, according to case papers cited by the lawyer.

She had worked there for five

years before receiving a notice ending her service on the grounds the establishment was shutting down.

### Sums

The lawyer said her client went to court after the employer failed to pay sums she claimed were owed to her.

In its reasoning, the court said a letter from the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) showed the claimant, a foreign national, held a permit to work for the defendant.

Judges said she started on a fixed-term contract that later



became an open-ended one, and they treated it as such after finding the work relationship had

carried on for more than five years.

The court also referred to a



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contract renewal submitted after two years of service, bearing a signature attributed to the employer, which the defendant did not challenge and was therefore binding. The court said the employer did not produce proof it had cleared the wages claimed, despite being required to do so,

and failed to back up its claim that the worker did not do any work during the period covered by the wage demand.

It ordered the employer to pay BD22,570 in outstanding wages, forming part of the overall compensation the lawyer said came to nearly BD38,000.

## Muharraq Nights Festival visit



His Excellency Dr. Abdul Latif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, accompanied by the Heads of Foreign Missions accredited to the Kingdom of Bahrain, visited the Muharraq Nights Festival. The Minister was joined by H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director General of Bilateral Relations, H.E. Ambassador Rami Saleh Wreikat Al Adwan, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the sisterly Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Bahrain, as well as senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Al Zayani and the ambassadors toured the festival grounds, including historical houses, the Qaisariya Market, and the Pearl Museum.

## Youth Ardha Camp ends with flying colours



Youngsters take part in the festivities

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), in cooperation with the Bahraini Ardha Society, held the closing ceremony of the Youth Ardha Camp at the Pearl Trail Visitors Center in Muharraq.

The event was attended by His Excellency Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Director General of Heritage at the Authority, along with members of the Bahraini Ard-

ha Society and visitors to the Muharraq Nights Festival.

Participants of the Bahraini Ardha Camp showcased an authentic cultural experience, reflecting Bahrain's rich heritage in a festive atmosphere.

During the ceremony, the BACA honoured the participants in recognition of their dedication and efforts in enriching the Bahrain Holidays 2025 season.

This year's celebrations featured a wide range of tourism, cultural, and entertainment experiences across the Kingdom,

reinforcing Bahrain's status as a destination steeped in history, culture, and vibrant festivities.

The Authority had announced in November the opening of registrations for the fourth edition of the Bahraini Ardha Training Camp, targeting participants aged 8 to 21.

This year's grand celebrations featured a wide range of tourism, cultural, and entertainment experiences across the Kingdom, reinforcing Bahrain's lofty status as a destination steeped in history, culture, and vibrant festivities.

## Major bridge project progress on track

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His Excellency Engineer Shaikh Meshal bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Works, visited the bridge project linking Shaikh Isa bin Salman Bridge with Street 105 in the Busaiten area to review the progress of final works and assess the latest implementation developments.

The visit was attended by H.E. Eng. Ahmed Sami Al Tajer, Assistant Undersecretary for Roads, along with several ministry officials and members of the project team.

During the visit, the Undersecretary was briefed by project engineers on completion rates, remaining works, and preparations ahead of the project's opening.

### Efforts

He noted that the advanced pace of construction reflects the combined efforts of the Ministry's engineering teams, the implementing contractor, and the consulting firm.

H.E. Engineer Shaikh Meshal commended the effective cooperation among all relevant entities, highlighting the spirit of the "One Bahrain Team" in delivering the project within a short timeframe.

He expressed particular appreciation for the support provided by the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), and other supporting bodies.

### Initiative

The Undersecretary stressed that the project is among the



H.E. Eng. Shaikh Meshal is briefed about the project

Ministry of Works' key strategic initiatives, aimed at enhancing traffic flow and upgrading infrastructure between the Muharraq Governorate and the Capital Governorate.

He noted that the project will support economic development and help attract further investment to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

H.E. Engineer Shaikh Meshal explained that the project includes the construction of an overpass with two lanes in each direction to facilitate traffic movement from Manama via Shaikh Isa bin Salman Bridge to the Muharraq Ring Road through Street 105 in Busaiten, as well as traffic heading from the Muharraq Ring Road towards Muharraq City.

### Traffic

This is expected to significantly improve traffic flow between Manama and Muharraq, particularly following the opening of the Muharraq Ring Road at the end of 2024.

He added that the project will also ease movement between



The project aims at enhancing traffic flow and upgrading infrastructure between the Muharraq Governorate and the Capital Governorate.



A bird's-eye view of the strategic project

## DANAT holds educational pearl workshop for students



Students attend a lecture conducted by a DANAT team

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The Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones, DANAT, organised an educational event at the Isa Cultural Centre that was attended by a group of students.

The event began with a comprehensive lecture conducted by the DANAT team, which explored the history of Bahrain's natural pearls, their unique characteristics, the process of their formation, and the methods used for their extraction and examination.

Students also learned about the Kingdom of Bahrain's pioneering role in the global pearl and jewellery trade and its longstanding efforts to preserve and pass on the nation's pearl heritage to future generations.

### Interactive

Following the lecture, the students participated in an interactive activity that included hands-on sessions designed to strengthen their connection to the rich legacy of pearls and to reinforce their awareness of the importance of this vital sector.

The event concluded with a live oyster-shucking demonstration, allowing students to closely examine the oyster, learn how to open it, and discover the pearls hidden within.

Noora Jamsheer, Chief Executive Officer of DANAT, stated, "The organization of these initiatives is integral to DANAT's mission of fostering a deep sense of national identity and pride, while introducing younger generations to the Kingdom's rich cultural heritage. It also enables them to engage meaningfully with the



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NOORA JAMSHEER, DANAT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

world of pearls through enriching educational experiences. Such efforts are essential in cultivating a generation that recognizes the value of Bahrain's natural treasures and is committed to preserving them for the future."

### Activities

Jamsheer added that DANAT is committed to encouraging and inspiring students to explore the field of pearls and gemstones by integrating them into the institute's various activities, initiatives and workshops.

This approach reflects DANAT's dedication to transferring knowledge and expertise to younger generations, ensuring the preservation of Bahrain's natural pearl legacy, and strengthening the Kingdom's distinguished global position as a specialised and renowned hub for pearls.

## Credential presentation



His Excellency Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received a copy of the credentials of H.E. Gines Jaime Ricardo Dacanay Gallaga, Ambassador-designate of the Republic of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Bahrain. H.E. Dr. Al Zayani commended the longstanding ties and cooperation between Bahrain and the Philippines and the growing coordination in various domains. He wished him success in his diplomatic duties. H.E. Ambassador Gallaga expressed pride in presenting his credentials. He emphasised his commitment to enhancing bilateral relations between the two countries and wished the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

# Balancing success

Summit highlights women leadership, empowerment growth and personal well-being

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The Women Impact 2026 Business & Wellness RESET Summit brought together women leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals in Bahrain for a dynamic gathering focused on leadership, empowerment, and well-being. It aimed to help participants step into 2026 with clarity and confidence.

Organized by Women Impact Consulting W.L.L, the company behind the well-known Woman Power Bahrain platform, the summit was held on 20 December at the Ramee Grand Hotel.

### Ambition

The event highlighted the growing importance of aligning professional ambition with personal wellness in today's fast-paced environment.

Through a series of talks and discussions, the summit addressed key themes including business leadership, women's empowerment, personal growth, and mental and physical well-being.

Speakers emphasized that sustainable success is no longer defined solely by achievements, but by balance, purpose, and resilience.



A group photo from the Women Impact Business & Wellness RESET Summit



**The summit featured networking opportunities, an exhibition zone, and wellness-focused experiences.**

A distinguished lineup of speakers shared insights drawn from their diverse professional journeys, including Aminata Dramé, Dr. Layla Faisal Alhalwachi, Husnia Karimi, Aylin D. Berent, Olesya Selez, and Buthaina Alshomili.

Each speaker offered a unique perspective on leadership, resilience, wellness, and personal branding, contributing to a

well-rounded and impactful dialogue.

Reflecting on the essence of the event, Aminata Dramé, Founder and Ecosystem Builder at Women Impact Consulting, told The Daily Tribune: "Today is not just an event; it is a space of powerful women."

Her remarks captured the collective energy of the summit, which aimed to foster support,

shared learning, and long-term impact among women across various sectors.

Adding an entrepreneurial and creative perspective, Buthaina Alshomili, entrepreneur and makeup artist, encouraged women to pursue their aspirations. She said: "Follow your dreams and your passion. One day, you will reach what you are striving for and make sure to enjoy the journey."

Beyond discussions, the summit featured networking opportunities, an exhibition zone, and wellness-focused experiences, reinforcing its holistic approach as participants looked ahead to 2026 with renewed purpose and confidence.

## Regional workshop on biodiversity monitoring

TDT | Manama

The Supreme Council for Environment (SCE), in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and with support from the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Environment Programme, is organising a regional training workshop on biodiversity monitoring and national reporting for West Asian countries on December 21-23.

The workshop brings together representatives of regional countries, government entities, academic institutions, the private sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and environ-

mental experts.

### Strategies

It aims to support countries in updating and preparing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as the Seventh National Report, in line with the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Biodiversity Framework.

The workshop also provides a platform for technical dialogue and the exchange of best practices, contributes to strengthening institutional and technical capacities, enhancing biodiversity governance, improving coordination among relevant stakeholders, and supporting evidence-based planning, monitoring, and decision-making.

## Faith, unity and sense of home



United with Jesus (UWJ) Bahrain's Christmas party, held at the InterContinental Hotel's Ambassador Hall, went beyond a festive celebration. The gathering brought people together in the spirit of unity, reminded attendees of God's love, and created a sense of home while honoring the true meaning of Christmas. United with Jesus (UWJ) Bahrain is a Christ-centered, Bible-based Full Gospel church dedicated to transforming mindsets and empowering individuals to lead impactful lives. Based in Manama, the church serves as a family away from home, particularly for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and others seeking spiritual guidance, fellowship, and support. Through Bible-centered teaching, worship, music, and community-building activities, UWJ Bahrain provides spaces for spiritual growth, leadership development, and practical faith. The Christmas celebration reflected the church's ongoing mission to foster unity, faith, and empowerment among Filipinos working abroad in Bahrain.

# Bapco Energies showcases commitment to global partnerships

National Day Celebration in Washington, D.C.

● Senior executives from Bapco Energies represented the Company at the event

Manama

**B**apco Energies proudly participated in the Bahrain National Day celebration hosted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The prestigious event, held at Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, brought together leading businesses, industry stakeholders, and international partners, serving as a dynamic platform for dialogue and collaboration.

Bapco Energies' participation underscores the Company's ongoing commitment to reinforcing its global presence, strengthening industry alliances, and engaging with key players in one of the world's



most advanced and competitive energy markets. Senior ex-

ecutives from Bapco Energies represented the Company at the

event, actively contributing to high-level discussions and high-

lighting the Company's strategic initiatives and commercial

ambitions.

Participation in such prominent gatherings enables Bapco Energies to expand its network of business leaders and organizations across the energy value chain, fostering opportunities for collaboration in areas of shared interest and mutual benefit.

Bapco Energies extends its sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Washington, D.C., for organizing a successful event that facilitated meaningful engagement between Bahraini entities and the international community.

The Company's participation in this national occasion is aligned with its broader partnership strategy, which seeks to cultivate collaboration with both private and public sector entities, support platforms that strengthen business relationships, and contribute to the advancement of Bahrain's global commercial footprint in the energy sector.

## Iranians celebrate Yalda festival as economic woes bite

AFP | Tehran, Iran

**I**ranians of all religions and walks of life mark the ancient Persian festival of Yalda Sunday, though many say economic hardships fanned by international sanctions will put a damper on this year's celebrations.

Yalda falls on the winter solstice and is characterised by family gatherings and the eating of nuts, sweets and fruits.

"We mostly spend time with our families, our grandparents, aunts, cousins," Maral Bagherpour, a smiling 16-year-old student, told AFP in northern Tehran's Tajrish Bazaar.

"We take fal-e Hafez, we drink tea or coffee. My grandma sings for us sometimes," she said.

"Taking fal-e Hafez" is a popular tradition that entails using the works of renowned 14th century Persian poet Hafez, an all-time favourite in Iran, to try to divine the future and deal with difficult situations.

"On Yalda night the whole family gets together in my grandparents' house. We reminisce about the good old days and eat nuts and fruits that are in season," said Mary Goudarzi, 37.

However, rampant inflation and a sharp depreciation of the national currency against the dollar have diminished people's purchasing power to really push the boat out for Yalda.

In early December, the central bank announced annual inflation was running at 41%.

On Saturday, the US dollar was trading at around 1.32 million rials on the informal market -- almost double the rate at the same time last year.

"Unfortunately, because of recent events such as the war



An Iranian woman wearing traditional dress celebrate with Yalda decoration in northern Tehran



Iranians go shopping northern Tehran

and the dollar price that's rising sharply, people's purchasing power has fallen a lot," said Goudarzi, an interior designer.

"That's why you can't really see many of the items we used to see in previous years on every table," she said while shopping for Yalda.

In June, Israel launched an unprecedented attack on Iran, striking military and nuclear sites as well as residential areas, killing more than 1,000 people including nuclear scientists and military commanders.

The attack triggered a 12-day conflict in which Iran responded

ed with drones and missiles targeting Israel, and in which the United States joined Israel and hit Iranian nuclear sites.

### 'Trying to cope'

Some shopping centres in Tehran put up decorations for Yalda, including artificial trees adorned with hanging pomegranates or displaying huge plates of fruits linked to the festivities.

"Yalda has been around for a long time for families to get together, but with these high prices it's not like it used to be when people would invite the

whole family," said Aliakbar Mohammadi, a fruit vendor at a well-stocked stall.

He said the price of pomegranates has doubled since last year, and sales are down markedly.

On Saturday, the reformist Ham Mihaan daily had a cartoon entitled "Yalda Night", showing what appeared to be a poor man trying to grab at a basket of fruit hanging from the moon.

The implication was clear -- buying fruit for the festivity is out of reach for some families.

"Inflation is high, the dollar price has gone up and subsequently all prices have increased including the commodities," said 21-year-old nut and fruit shop owner Rahimi, who gave his last name only.

"It's hard for people to buy what they want. The state of the market and the economy is in turmoil. Sales are down significantly this year."

Iran has been under a biting international sanctions regime for years over its nuclear programme, with the West accusing the Islamic republic of trying to build a nuclear bomb and Tehran vehemently denying the charge.

"Conditions will be more difficult, but we're trying to cope -- we have no choice," said Rahimi.

Yalda historically marks the victory of Good over Evil, and is also marked in Persian-speaking areas of some regional countries such as Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

Both Yalda and the fire festival, celebrated on the last Tuesday of the Iranian calendar year which ends on March 20, date back to Zoroastrianism, a religion dominant in Iran until the seventh century.

## Roche chief urges Switzerland to pay more for new drugs after US deal



AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

**R**oche's chief executive called in an interview with Swiss media published yesterday for Switzerland to pay more for new drugs, to bring prices in line with those paid by Washington.

The Swiss pharmaceutical giant's US subsidiary Genentech figures among 14 pharmaceutical companies which have so far signed on to US President Donald Trump's push to cut some US drug prices.

Companies have been making these voluntary deals after Trump sent a letter to 17 major companies over the summer threatening sky-high tariffs if they did not lower drug prices.

Genentech joined the deal on Friday, agreeing to commit to "Most Favoured Nation" pricing: matching the lowest price offered in other wealthy nations, including Switzerland.

Switzerland is the country that "has the most to gain and the most to lose" in this equation, Roche chief Thomas Schinecker said in an interview with Switzerland's Tamedia Group published by the Le

Matin Dimanche weekly.

He said that the details of that agreement remained confidential, but that Washington in principle was seeking to see other wealthy countries contribute more to financing the development of new drugs, in line with their economic strength.

"The US administration wants the prices of recently marketed drugs to be harmonised in the future in eight countries: Denmark, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Japan, Canada and Switzerland," he said.



Roche is a Swiss multinational healthcare company and one of the world's largest pharmaceutical firms, best known for its leadership in oncology and diagnostics, with medicines and tests used in hospitals and laboratories across more than 150 countries.

# China’s rare earths El Dorado gives strategic edge

The hills of Jiangxi province are home to most of China’s rare earth mines

- China’s rare earths industry is concentrated in two main hubs
- Washington is now racing to establish alternative supply chains
- State-owned companies dominate sector

AFP | Ganzhou, China

Buried in the reddish soil of southern China lies latent power: one of the largest clusters of crucial rare earths is mined around the clock by a secretive and heavily guarded industry.

The hills of Jiangxi province are home to most of China’s rare earth mines, with the materials used in a wide range of products including smartphones and missile guidance technology.

The flourishing industry is closely protected by Chinese authorities and media access is seldom granted.

In a rare visit to the region last month, AFP journalists were trailed and monitored by minders who declined to identify themselves. Companies did not accept requests for interviews.

Business has been booming: the number of rare earth processing points in China observed by the US Geological Survey jumped from 117 in 2010 to 2,057 by 2017. Most of the 3,085 nationwide recorded by the USGS today are clustered in the hills of Jiangxi.

Locals there told AFP that one rare earths mine was maintaining near-constant operations.

“It’s busy 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” a resident in the town of Banshi said.

Nearby, construction work was getting started for the day on a vast new industrial park housing facilities including rare earth processing sites.

The bustling mining region is the result of a decades-long push



A view of the under-construction Rare Earth Industrial Park is seen in Anyuan county, Ganzhou, in eastern China’s Jiangxi province.



Construction workers are seen at the site of the new headquarters of the China Rare Earth Group in Ganzhou, in eastern China’s Jiangxi province.



A truck (L) heading away from a rare earths mine drives past another heavy vehicle in Anyuan county

by Beijing to build up its might in the strategic sector.

Those efforts paid off this year, with a tentative truce in a trade war with the United States reached when China relaxed stringent export controls on rare earths.

Washington is now racing to establish alternative supply chains, but experts warn such efforts will take years.

In a sign of deepening concern among other Western governments, the European Union announced new measures this month to reduce the bloc’s dependence on China for securing the critical minerals.

The bloc said it would earmark nearly three billion euros

(\$3.5 billion) to support projects in mining, refining and recycling vital materials, and proposed the creation of an EU supply hub -- the European Centre for Critical Raw Materials.

## Heavy metal

“The Middle East has oil, China has rare earths,” former Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping said in a 1992 speech.

Since then, China has taken advantage of its natural reserves -- the largest of any country -- to dominate processing and innovation in the field.

The country’s rare earths industry is concentrated in two main hubs.

One is the Inner Mongo-

lia region’s Bayan Obo mining district on the edge of the Gobi Desert, which is rich in “light” rare earths used for magnets in everyday items.

The other hub, around the city of Ganzhou in Jiangxi, specialises in “heavy” rare earths -- harder to extract but more valuable because of their use in heat-resistant magnets, fighter jet engines, missile guidance systems and lasers.

The rugged hills surrounding Ganzhou are home to the world’s largest mining and processing operations of the strategic “heavy” elements, including dysprosium, yttrium and terbium.

And in the county-level dis-

trict of Longnan alone, USGS counted 886 such locations, accounting for 31.5 percent of Jiangxi’s total.

An AFP team in Longnan saw rows of large rare earths processing plants in an industrial district adjacent to that dense smattering of extraction sites.

## ‘Moving mountains’

Heavy rare earths are formed over millions of years, as rainfall weathers igneous rocks, breaking them down and leaving elements concentrated near the surface.

Jiangxi’s gentle slopes, high rainfall and natural stone make it a prime location for such elements.

Mining methods in the region have evolved throughout the decades.

Authorities have criticised highly destructive approaches and cracked down on what they call “chaotic extraction” since the early 2010s.

One method -- termed “moving mountains” -- was described in 2015 by China’s top industry and technology regulator as “first cutting down trees, then clearing weeds and finally stripping away the topsoil, causing irreparable damage”.

Unlicensed mining has been drastically reduced over time.

Large signs in rural areas now warn against illegal extraction of rare earth resources. Others offer cash rewards for reporting such actions.

The industry has been largely consolidated into two huge state-owned companies.

On a Ganzhou street dubbed “Rare Earth Avenue”, construction workers bustled to complete a sprawling new headquarters for one of those giants, China Rare Earth Group.

But the province’s hills still bear the scars of bygone mining practices, with bare patches of red soil visible where vegetation has struggled to regrow.



One of the most interesting facts about rare earth minerals is that a single smartphone contains up to eight different rare earth elements, each playing a crucial role in features like vibration, sound, colour display and data storage.

# Wheelchair user flies into space, a first

AFP | Houston, United States

A German woman engineer on Saturday became the first wheelchair user to blast into space, taking a brief ride on a Blue Origin flight.

The space company owned by American multi-billionaire Jeff Bezos launched its New Shepard suborbital mission at 8:15 am (1415 GMT) from its site in Texas.

Michaela Benthous, an aerospace and mechatronics engineer at the European Space Agency, was among the passengers to cross the Karman line, the internationally recognized



Michaela Benthous, a German aerospace and mechatronics engineer at the European Space Agency, during training on Blue Origin New Shepard NS-37

boundary of space, during the approximately 10-minute flight.

Benthous suffered a spinal cord injury after a mountain biking accident and now uses a wheelchair.

“After my accident, I really, really figured out how inaccessible our world still is” for people with disabilities, she said in a video released by the company.

“If we want to be an inclusive society, we should be inclusive in every part, and not only in the parts we like to be,” Benthous added. The small, fully automated rocket took off vertically, and the capsule carrying the tourists

then detached in flight before gently descending back to the Texas desert, slowed by parachutes. It was the 16th crewed flight for Blue Origin, which has for years offered space tourism flights -- the price isn’t public -- using its New Shepard rocket.

“Congratulations, Michi! You just inspired millions to look up and imagine what is possible,” new NASA chief Jared Isaacman said on X.

Dozens of people have traveled to space with Blue Origin, including the pop singer Katy Perry and William Shatner, who played the legendary Captain

Kirk on “Star Trek.”

These high-profile guests are aimed at maintaining public interest in the flights at a time when private space companies are vying for pre-eminence.

Virgin Galactic offers a similar suborbital flight experience.

But Blue Origin also has ambitions to compete with Elon Musk’s SpaceX in the orbital flight market.

This year, the Bezos company successfully carried out two uncrewed orbital flights using its massive New Glenn rocket, which is significantly more powerful than New Shepard.

News in brief

◆ The Kremlin yesterday

denied that three-way talks between Ukraine, Russia and the United States were on the cards, as diplomats gathered in Miami for talks on ending the conflict. A day earlier, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had said that Washington had mooted the trilateral format, which would mark Moscow and Kyiv's first face-to-face negotiations in half a year, but expressed scepticism that they would lead to progress. "At present, no one has seriously discussed this initiative, and to my knowledge, it is not in preparation," Russian President Vladimir Putin's foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov told reporters, according to Russian news agencies. After revealing the US three-way proposal, Zelensky told journalists on Saturday that he was "not sure that anything new could come of it", and urged the United States to step up pressure on Russia to end the war.



**Kremlin denies three-way US-Ukraine-Russia talks in preparation**

**Putin's readiness to speak with Macron 'welcome': French presidency**

◆ The French presidency yesterday welcomed that Russian President Vladimir Putin was ready to speak with Emmanuel Macron, after the French leader said Europe should reach out to Russia again over ending the war in Ukraine. "It is welcome that the Kremlin has publicly agreed to this approach. We will decide in the coming days on the best way to proceed," the Elysee said. The French presidency stressed, however, that any discussion with Moscow would be conducted "in full transparency" with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and European allies, and that its goal remained to secure a "solid and lasting peace" for Ukraine. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Putin had "expressed readiness to engage in dialogue" with his French counterpart in an interview published Sunday by state news agency RIA Novosti.

◆ A huge electricity outage hit San Francisco

on Saturday, leaving 130,000 residents without power for several hours at its peak, with the city's main provider saying all services would return overnight. Pacific Gas & Electric Company said in a statement on X that power had been restored to about 90,000 households by 9 pm Saturday (0500 Sunday GMT), "with the remaining 40,000 customers expected to be restored overnight." Large parts of the West Coast tech hub, which has a population of more than 800,000 people, were plunged into darkness, with disruptions to public transport and many traffic lights not working on a busy Christmas shopping weekend before power began to be restored. "I know this was a rough day," San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie said in a video posted on X from the city's emergency operations center. "That is progress (on restoration of power)... but for those of you who do not have power, we want to make sure you stay safe, check on your neighbors," he said.

**Electricity outage hits San Francisco, thousands without power**



SPOTLIGHT

Foreign press group welcomes Israel court deadline on Gaza access



Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa (C), Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, leads a Christmas Mass at the Holy Family Parish during his visit to Gaza City

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Foreign Press Association in Jerusalem on Sunday welcomed the Israeli Supreme Court's decision to set January 4 as the deadline for Israel to respond to its petition seeking media access to Gaza. Since the start of the Gaza war in October 2023, sparked by Hamas's attack on Israel, Israeli authorities have prevented foreign journalists from independently entering the devastated territory. Israel has instead allowed, on a case-by-case basis, a handful of reporters to accompany its troops into the blockaded Palestinian territory. The Foreign Press Association (FPA), which represents hundreds of foreign journalists in Israel and the Palestinian

territories, filed a petition to the supreme court last year, seeking immediate access for international journalists to the Gaza Strip. On October 23, the court held a first hearing on the case, and decided to give Israeli authorities one month to develop a plan for granting access. Since then the court has given several extensions to the Israeli authorities to come up with their plan, but on Saturday it set January 4 as a final deadline. "If the respondents (Israeli authorities) do not inform us of their position by that date, a decision on the request for a conditional order will be made on the basis of the material in the case file," the court said. The FPA welcomed the court's latest directive.

Over 500,000 displaced in Cambodia by Thai border clashes

The conflict stems from a territorial dispute over the colonial-era demarcation

● Around 400,000 people have been displaced in Thailand

AFP | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

More than half a million people in Cambodia have been displaced from their homes by two weeks of deadly border clashes with neighbouring Thailand, Phnom Penh's interior ministry said yesterday. "At present, more than half a million Cambodian people, including women and children, are suffering severe hardship due to forced displacement from their homes and schools to escape artillery shells, rockets, and aerial bombardments carried out by Thailand's F-16 aircraft," the interior ministry said in a statement, giving the total number of people evacuated as 518,611. Around 400,000 people have been displaced in Thailand due to the reignited border conflict, Bangkok has said. The renewed fighting between the Southeast Asian neighbours



Residents evacuating following air strikes in Cambodia's Siem Reap province, amid clashes along Cambodia-Thailand border.

this month, including with tanks, drones and artillery, has killed at least 22 people in Thailand and 19 in Cambodia, according to officials. The conflict stems from a territorial dispute over the colonial-era demarcation of their 800-kilometre (500-mile) border

and a smattering of ancient temple ruins situated on the frontier. Each side has blamed the other for instigating the fresh fighting and traded accusations of attacks on civilians, after five days of clashes in July killed dozens. China, the European Union, the United States, the ASEAN

regional bloc chair Malaysia and the United Nations have all called for a ceasefire. Foreign ministers of ASEAN nations, including Cambodia and Thailand, are set to meet on Monday in Kuala Lumpur where they will discuss the conflict.

Macron, on UAE visit, announces new French aircraft carrier

AFP | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

French President Emmanuel Macron said yesterday he had given the official go-ahead to replace his country's flagship, the nuclear-powered Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier. That vessel, the only nuclear-powered carrier outside the US Navy, entered service in 2001 following more than a decade of construction. "In line with the last two military programming laws, and after a thorough and comprehensive review, I have decided to equip France with a new aircraft carrier," Macron said, speaking during a visit to French troops in the United Arab Emirates. The decision to give the final go-ahead was made this week, he added. "In an age of predators, we must be strong in order to be feared," Macron said. France first launched studies into replacing the Charles de Gaulle in 2018, with preliminary work beginning two years later. The announcement of the official start of construction comes despite a budgetary deadlock gripping the European Union's second-largest economy. Criticism in France, including from military chief General Fabien Mandon, had focused on



France's President Emmanuel Macron reviews French troops as he attends a military ceremony at the 5th Cuirassier Regiment's base in Zayed Military City, near Abu Dhabi yesterday.

whether other more pressing areas should be prioritised amid fears of a European war with Russia. This official launch will make it possible to sign all of the contracts necessary for the project, Macron's office said. Also nuclear-powered, the new carrier will be far larger than the current flagship. It will displace nearly 80,000 tons and be around 310 metres long, compared with 42,000 tons and 261 metres for the Charles de Gaulle. With a crew of 2,000, it will be able to hold 30 fighter jets. While the future ship will still be dwarfed by the 11 vast supercarriers of the US Navy, which each displace more than

100,000 tons, only China and Britain's Royal Navy currently operate similarly sized carriers, all of which are conventionally powered. Focus on drug trafficking Macron was speaking during a visit to the UAE to celebrate Christmas with French troops and to discuss bilateral ties with the Gulf state, with Paris hoping for more cooperation in its fight against drug trafficking. Macron met Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Sunday, with the French leader posting on X that they had discussed how to strengthen their strategic partnership, particularly for "stability in the Middle East".



France's President Emmanuel Macron (L) meets with UAE's President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

The UAE is a major buyer of French military hardware and Paris is reportedly considering turning to Abu Dhabi to rescue its troubled future fighter jet programme with Germany on the brink of pulling out. The French president traditionally celebrates the end-of-year holidays with troops deployed abroad, of whom there are more than 900 in the UAE. Some of their work focuses on the war against drug trafficking, with France hoping for more Emirati cooperation. The French delegation includes Justice Minister Gerald Darmanin, who last month called on the UAE to extradite some 15 suspected drug traffickers wanted by France.

1790

Supposedly impenetrable Turkish fortress of Izmail stormed and captured by Suvorov and his Russian armies during the Russo-Turkish War (1787–92)

1885

Samurai Ito Hirobumi becomes the first Prime Minister of Japan



1989

After 23 years of dictatorial rule, Romania ousts communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu

1990

Labor activist Lech Walesa sworn in as Poland's first popularly elected president



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Our planet is under strain like never before. Temperatures rising, biodiversity collapsing & nearly every person on Earth breathing unsafe air. But there is hope. With the tide turning in favor of renewables & the help of the next generation, transformation is within reach.

@antonioguterres

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Pleasure to meet with Dr Sudha Gautam Sharma, Minister of @mohp-nepal. We discussed the progress of #Nepal's National Health Insurance Program, its National Medicines Laboratory, and alignment with @WHO-recommended quality standards.

@DrTedros

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Over the past week, Russia has launched approximately 1,300 attack drones, nearly 1,200 guided aerial bombs, and 9 missiles of various types against Ukraine. Odesa region and our south were hit particularly hard

@ZelenskyyUa

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Before the holy night of #Christmas, find one person with whom to make peace. This will be a more precious gift than any that can be bought, because peace is a gift found only in the heart.

@Pontifex

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# Israel approves 19 new settlements in West Bank

Settlements approved over the past three years reach 69



A general view of destroyed houses in Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip

● Settlements was at its highest point since 2017, says UN

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel's security cabinet approved the establishment of 19 new settlements in the occupied West Bank, a move the country's far-right finance minister said yesterday was aimed at preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The decision brings the total number of settlements approved over the past three years to 69, according to a statement from the office of Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich.

The latest approvals come days after the United Nations said the expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank

-- all of which are considered illegal under international law -- had reached its highest level since at least 2017.

"The proposal by Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and Defence Minister Israel Katz to declare and formalise 19 new settlements in Judea and Samaria has been approved by the cabinet," the statement said, without specifying when the decision was taken.

Smotrich is a vocal proponent of settlement expansion and a settler himself.

"On the ground, we are blocking the establishment of a Palestinian terror state," he said in the statement.

"We will continue to develop, build, and settle the land of our ancestral heritage, with faith in the justice of our path."

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has recently condemned what he described as

Israel's "relentless" expansion of settlements in the occupied territory.

It "continues to fuel tensions, impede access by Palestinians to their land and threaten the viability of a fully independent, democratic, contiguous and sovereign Palestinian State", he said earlier this month.



Israel has occupied the West Bank since 1967, and violence there has soared since the Gaza war erupted in October 2023 following Hamas's attack on Israel.

## Santa-thon takes over Madrid



Thousands of runners dressed as Santa Claus participate in the 14th edition of the Santa Claus race, a 4.5km fun run through the streets of Madrid

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

### Real Estate Competitiveness and the Need for Rapid Legal Evolution



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The real estate sector remains one of the key pillars of Bahrain's national economy. The enactment of Law No. (27) of 2017 and the Decision No. (1) of 2020 regulating Provisions of Owners Unions of Joint Properties, represented a significant step toward institutionalising the sector and enhancing investor confidence. However, in today's highly competitive global environment, legislative adequacy alone is no longer enough. What increasingly determines a market's attractiveness is the speed with which its legal framework evolves to meet international investor expectations—particularly in the governance of jointly owned properties, commonly known as Owners' Associations.

Bahrain's current legal framework provides a solid foundation of investor protection. The law grants Owners' Associations independent legal personality, ensuring a clear separation between property management and the financial position of the developer. It also mandates registered by-laws, the establishment of reserve funds to ensure sustainable maintenance, and compulsory insurance against risk. These measures form an essential first layer of protection and contribute positively to market stability.

Yet global competition for real estate capital has intensified. Investors today look beyond basic safeguards toward more advanced systems of oversight, transparency, and enforcement. One of the most pressing challenges in this regard is mitigating the risk of financial mismanagement or abuse within Owners' Associations. Experience across markets shows that legal loopholes—if not addressed proactively—can undermine confidence and erode asset value.

To strengthen trust, Bahrain would benefit from enhanced regulatory oversight mechanisms. Linking Owners' Associations' bank accounts to a unified digital platform under regulatory supervision would allow real-time monitoring of financial flows, improve accountability, and embed continuous oversight into daily operations. Such transparency reassures investors that service charges and maintenance funds are being managed responsibly and for their intended purpose.

Enforcement is equally critical. Strengthening penalties for violations—extending to criminal liability in cases involving conflicts of interest by property managers—would send a clear and reassuring signal to both local and international investors. Effective enforcement is not punitive by nature; rather, it serves as a cornerstone of confidence in well-regulated markets.

Modern investors expect clear visibility over operating costs and service charges. They want assurance that expenses are reasonable, proportionate, and directly linked to asset preservation—not consumed by inflated or unjustified administrative costs. Transparency in cost management has therefore become a competitive advantage rather than a regulatory luxury.

For Bahrain to remain a preferred destination for real estate investment, strategic focus must balance cost control with improved service quality. Capital today is highly mobile, and investors are sensitive to the ease with which they can enter and exit markets. Jurisdictions that fail to address inefficiencies or respond slowly to investor concerns risk losing competitiveness.

Globally, the pace of reform has accelerated. Many markets have already adopted blockchain-based property registration systems and introduced specialised, fast-track real estate arbitration frameworks to address one of investors' greatest concerns: slow dispute resolution and delayed returns. These developments highlight the importance of agility in regulatory decision-making.

Updating Law No. (27) of 2017 to align with international best practices is therefore not a matter of ambition, but of necessity. An investor who feels protected by a transparent, technologically enabled, and effectively enforced regulatory environment—and who can participate in Owners' Associations from anywhere in the world—is far more likely to reinvest and to promote Bahrain as a destination of choice.

In a competitive global real estate market, legal agility is no longer optional. It is a prerequisite for sustained leadership.

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

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Former US president Bill Clinton, Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger, Virgin Group chairman Richard Branson and Ghislaine Maxwell, after the US Justice Department began releasing the long-awaited records from the investigation into the politically explosive case of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

# Victims, lawmakers criticize partial release of Epstein files



Bill Clinton in a jacuzzi

**AFP** | Washington, United States

Victims of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein on Saturday expressed anger after a long-awaited cache of records from cases against him were released with many pages blacked out and photos censored.

The trove of material released by the US Justice Department included photographs of former president Bill Clinton and other famous names in Epstein's social circle including Mick Jagger and Michael Jackson.

But blackouts of many of the documents -- combined with control over the release by officials in President Donald Trump's administration -- fueled allegations of a high-level cover-up.

Democrats on Saturday demanded answers after one image that included a photo of Trump was no longer visible in the Justice Department's online release.

"If they're taking this down, just imagine how much more they're trying to hide," said senior Democrat Chuck Schumer. "This could be one of the biggest

cover ups in American history." US media reported over a dozen other images being removed from the trove of files.

The US Department of Justice issued a statement late Saturday defending its decision to retract files after their release.

"Photos and other materials will continue being reviewed and redacted consistent with the law in an abundance of caution as we receive additional information," read the statement posted to X.

Among scores of blacked-out sections, one 119-page document labeled "Grand Jury-NY" was entirely redacted.

One Epstein survivor, Jess Michaels, said she spent hours combing the documents to find her victim's statement and communication from when she had called an FBI tip line.

"I can't find any of those," she told CNN. "Is this the best that the government can do? Even an act of Congress isn't getting us justice."

Even so, the files shed some light on the disgraced financier's intimate ties to the rich, famous and powerful -- Trump, once a close friend, among them.

At least one file contains dozens of censored images of naked or scantily clad figures. Previously unseen photographs of disgraced former prince Andrew show him lying across the legs of five women.

Other pictures show Clinton lounging in a hot tub, part of the image blacked out, and swimming alongside a dark-haired woman who appears to be Epstein's accomplice, Ghislaine Maxwell.

## Victim privacy

When Trump's aides goaded Clinton over the photos, his spokesman responded that the White House "hasn't been hiding these files for months only to dump them late on a Friday to protect Bill Clinton. This is about shielding themselves."

Among the paperwork were handwritten notes using phrases such as "I have a female for him" and "[redacted] has girl for tonight."

Republican congressman Thomas Massie, who has long pushed for complete release of the files, said the release "grossly fails to comply with both the spirit and the letter of the law."

That law required the government's case file to be posted publicly by Friday, constrained only by legal and victim privacy concerns.

Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche told ABC that there was no attempt "to hold anything back" to protect Trump.

Trump spent months trying to block the disclosure of the files linked to Epstein, who died in a New York jail cell in 2019 while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges.

The Republican president ultimately bowed to mounting pressure from Congress -- including members of his own party -- and last month signed the law compelling publication of the materials.

Trump once moved in the same Palm Beach and New York party scene as Epstein, appearing with him at events throughout the 1990s. He severed ties years before Epstein's 2019 arrest and faces no accusations of wrongdoing in the case.

But his right-wing base has long fixated on the Epstein saga and conspiracy theories alleging the financier ran a sex-traffick-

ing ring for the global elite.

Maxwell, Epstein's former girlfriend, remains the only person convicted in connection with his crimes, and is serving a 20-year sentence for recruiting underage girls for the former banker, whose death was ruled a suicide.



**Jeffrey Epstein was a financier who was convicted in 2008 of soliciting a minor for prostitution, and in 2019 he was arrested again on federal charges of sex trafficking before dying in a New York jail, with his death officially ruled a suicide while awaiting trial.**

## France to build new aircraft carrier to replace flagship: Macron

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Sunday he had given the official go-ahead to replace his country's flagship, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle.

"In line with the last two military programming laws, and after a thorough and comprehensive review, I have decided to equip France with a new aircraft carrier," Macron said during a visit to French troops in the United Arab Emirates, adding that the decision to move ahead with the project was made this week.

## Gunmen kill 9, wound 10 in South Africa bar attack

Bekkersdal, South Africa

Nine people were killed when gunmen opened fire at a bar outside Johannesburg early Sunday, police said, in the second such shooting in South Africa this month.

Ten more were wounded in the early morning attack at the tavern in the impoverished Bekkersdal township in a gold mining area around 40 kilometres (25 miles) southwest of the city.

It follows a shooting at a tavern near Pretoria on December 6 when gunmen killed a dozen people, including a three-year-old child.

Police initially said 10 people were killed when the Bekkersdal bar was attacked just before 1:00 am (2300 GMT), but later revised the toll downwards.

Most of the attackers were armed with pistols and one had an AK-47 rifle, deputy provincial police commissioner Major General Fred Kekana told SABC television from the scene.

"They entered the tavern and randomly shot at the patrons, unprovoked," he said.

Three people were killed inside the bar and others as they fled the scene, with the attackers continuing to shoot as they left, he said.

"It's also reported that after they shot the people, they searched them. They took their valuables, including cell phones," Kekana said.

The dead included a driver from an online car-hailing service who was driving past.

"It's pure criminality," Kekana said. Police launched a manhunt for the attackers and appealed for public assistance.

Interior Minister Highlights Security Ties with UAE Ambassador



Interior Minister Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received the UAE Ambassador to Bahrain, Fahad Mohammed Kardous Al Ameri, this morning. The Minister lauded the deep-rooted historical and fraternal ties between the two nations, noting the continuous growth of these relations under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the necessity of strengthening coordination, specifically in security matters. The discussion focused on enhancing joint operations and exploring new avenues for cooperation to bolster regional stability. Both officials reviewed several topics of mutual interest aimed at developing the strategic partnership and improving collaborative security efforts between the two brotherly countries.

Minister of Youth Affairs Empowers “Pioneers of Creativity” Team



Her Excellency Ms. Rawan bint Najib Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, met with the “Pioneers of Creativity” team at the Muharraq Model Youth Center to review their role in advancing national youth work. Held at Al Manara Art and Culture Space, the meeting highlighted the Ministry’s National Strategy for Youth Empowerment (2023-2028), which positions young people as active partners in decision-making and program design. Her Excellency praised the team’s ability to transform innovative ideas into tangible initiatives that align with the aspirations of Bahraini youth. During the session, members Abdullah Fouad, Saleh Al-Mahza, Yousef Younis, Salman Al-Zayani, and Maryam Rashid presented proposals to enhance scientific and technical training. The Minister expressed full confidence in their leadership, while the team thanked her for the support, pledging to continue developing high-quality projects for the Kingdom.

Southern Governorate Hosts National Celebration at Isa Town



The Southern Governorate organized a grand national celebration at the Isa Town Cultural and Sports Club to mark Bahrain’s national holidays and the anniversary of His Majesty the King’s accession to the throne. This annual event is part of the Governorate’s commitment to strengthening community partnership and fostering a deep sense of national belonging and loyalty among citizens. The festivities attracted a wide audience and featured a diverse program, starting with a performance by the police band followed by patriotic poetry recitations. The event also highlighted Bahraini heritage through the traditional Ardha art. To support the local community, the celebration included a dedicated space for productive families to display their goods and a specialized corner for children. Organized in cooperation with the Isa Town Club, the event successfully united residents in a vibrant display of citizenship.



Bahrain Police Parade Celebrates National Holidays at Abu Subh Coast



To mark Bahrain’s national holidays and the anniversary of His Majesty the King’s accession, the Ministry of Interior organized a grand police parade at Abu Subh coast. Attended by Northern Governor Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, the event drew a large crowd of citizens and residents. The parade showcased the high discipline and readiness of the Bahraini police force, complemented by patriotic performances from the police band that celebrated the Kingdom’s heritage. This celebration reflects the Ministry’s strategy to deepen community partnership and strengthen national belonging. Attendees praised the professional display and the festive atmosphere, which successfully highlighted the spirit of loyalty and citizenship. The event remains a key part of the Ministry’s efforts to modernize public engagement and foster strong ties with all segments of society.

Nepali Baristas Honored by Embassy for Success at Bahrain Coffee Festival



Ambassador Tirtha Raj Wagle and the Nepali Embassy team hosted a reception for the Nepali barista community in Bahrain to celebrate their achievements at the recent Bahrain Coffee Festival. During the interactive meeting, the Embassy honored the success stories of talented professionals who competed in the International Latte Art Competition held from December 9 to 13. Special recognition was given to Ms. Inju Shyangbo Tamang, who secured first place, and Ms. Asha Thoker Tamang, who took third place. The Embassy expressed its warm congratulations and appreciation for their dedication and creativity, noting that their victory on an international stage brings pride to the community. The event highlighted the professional excellence of Nepali baristas contributing to Bahrain’s thriving coffee culture and hospitality sector.

KMCC Olive Cultural Forum Hosts “Speech of Celebration” for National Day



The KMCC Olive Cultural Forum organized a “Speech of Celebration” event at the Manama KMCC office to honor Bahrain’s 54th National Day. Held under the theme “Bahrain in Our Hearts,” the symposium was inaugurated by Shamsuddin Vellikkulangara and presided over by Rafeeq Thottakkara. State officials Gafoor Kaipamangalam and A.P. Faisal extended their greetings, while a panel of regional speakers shared insights on the Kingdom’s heritage. The program, anchored by Sahal Thodupuzha and coordinated by O.K. Kasim, P.K. Ishaq, and Muneer Onchiyam, is part of KMCC Bahrain’s extensive “Eid al-Watan” festivities. The event successfully highlighted the expatriate community’s deep connection to Bahrain, concluding with a vote of thanks by Noufal Padijarangadi.

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# Australia clinch Ashes early

Australia beat England by 82 runs to win third Test and retain series

- Ashes retained in 11 days
- England chase falls short
- Two Tests still remaining

AFP | Adelaide

Dominant Australia collected the last four wickets they needed yesterday to win the third Test and retain the Ashes in just 11 days of cricket, crushing the dreams of a “hurting” England side who finally showed some fight.

England’s dogged resistance on day five at Adelaide Oval lasted into the second session before Scott Boland removed Josh Tongue for an 82-run victory to ensure the famous urn remains in Australian hands.

“It feels pretty awesome,” said Australia captain Pat Cummins.

“It wasn’t easy today, but we got it done. It’s an exciting changing room.

“The last two months have been a bit of a grind,” he added.

“But it’s all worth it for days like this. That’s when we are at our best ... it’s good old-fashioned grind, and I love the toil from all the guys.”

The tourists needed a win to keep the five-match series alive after being crushed by eight wickets at Perth and Brisbane,



Australia players celebrate after taking the last England wicket

with two more Tests still to play at Melbourne and Sydney.

**‘Everyone is hurting’**

But despite showing more grit, they were again outplayed by an Australian team who suffered a setback with spin wizard Nathan Lyon hurting his hamstring and hobbling off.

Chasing 435 was always going to be a huge challenge, with no side ever reeling in more than 418 to win in Test history, but England at least gave it a crack as they got to 352.

Their demise in just 11 days

is the joint second quickest in more than a century since the 1921 series was completed in eight days, with their “Bazball” style of ultra-attacking cricket exposed.

“That dream is now over, which is incredibly disappointing,” said England skipper Ben Stokes.

“Everyone is hurting and quite emotional about it. It hurts, it sucks, but we ain’t going to stop.”

But Stokes also took some positives from the way England battled, having demanded more fight leading into the match.

“That stuff I wanted to see, I’ve seen that this week. I think we can take a lot from this game,” he said.

England’s capitulation over three Tests is a far cry from the pre-Ashes hype where they were touted as having their best chance in a generation to win a series in Australia.

And it made a mockery of former fast bowler Stuart Broad’s claim that the hosts had their weakest side in 15 years, written off by others as a “Dad’s Army”.

The reality for Stokes’s men is that England have now gone 18

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AUSTRALIA CAPTAIN PAT CUMMINS

Tests since winning in Australia, dating back to their last series victory there in 2010-11.

Their last three trips yielded one-sided scorelines of 5-0, 4-0 and 4-0, with more of the same on the cards unless there is a dramatic shift in their fortunes.

**‘Livin’ on a Prayer’**

They resumed on 207-6 with Will Jacks on 11 and Jamie Smith two.

Smith showed early intent by slog-sweeping Lyon over deep midwicket for six then banged another off Cameron Green as the Barmy Army fans broke into Bon Jovi’s “Livin’ on a Prayer”.

After four days of searing heat and sunshine, the lights were on with dark clouds looming and after 40 minutes the players went off as fine rain returned.

They were back out 40 min-

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This series victory is the joint second-fastest in over 100 years, with the Ashes decided in just 11 days of cricket—a feat only surpassed by the 1921 series

utes later with Lyon limping off soon after the restart after pulling a hamstring in saving a boundary.

He was sent for scans and ruled out of the rest of the Test, later seen on crutches with rest of the series for him in peril.

When Mitchell Starc took the new ball, Smith began hitting out and it proved his downfall when he skied to Pat Cummins at midwicket.

Jacks produced his highest Test score of 47 and steered England’s chase below 100.

But he fell to another spectacular catch from Marnus Labuschagne, diving to his left in front of wicketkeeper Alex Carey after an edge off Starc.

Starc struck again to send Jofra Archer packing before Boland took out Tongue, sparking huge celebrations.

## Atletico go third with comfortable win at Girona



Atletico Madrid’s French forward #07 Antoine Griezmann (R) scores his team’s third goal

AFP | Girona

Atletico Madrid climbed to third in La Liga with a straightforward 3-0 win at Girona yesterday.

Diego Simeone’s side moved above Villarreal, fourth, who host leaders Barcelona later on.

A brilliant strike from distance from Koke, Conor Gallagher’s deflected effort and a late third from Antoine Griezmann pulled Atletico within six points of Barca.

Atletico secured a fourth consecutive win across all competitions on a relatively simple afternoon at Girona’s modest Montilivi stadium.

“I’m proud of the work we did today,” Koke told Movistar.

“The team is taking a step forward and doing the things

we need to do.”

Marcos Llorente was a welcome return to the Atletico starting line-up after injury, and Simeone’s team never looked likely to slip up against the team in 18th.

Koke opened the scoring with a vicious strike into the top corner when the ball fell for him outside the area, for his 50th Atletico goal.

“I don’t shoot much, I’m more of an assist provider,” admitted Koke.

“However when it sits up like that, I only thought about shooting and luckily it went in.”

Girona almost equalised but for a spectacular save by Atletico’s Slovenian goalkeeper Jan Oblak, who managed to claw out an Axel Witsel effort.

## Arteta tells leaders Arsenal to ‘learn’ while winning

AFP | London

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta said his side have to learn to kill games off while they are winning after reclaiming top spot in the Premier League with a 1-0 win at Everton.

Viktor Gyokeres scored the only goal from the penalty spot to register his first goal since November 1 as the Gunners moved two points clear of Manchester City.

But after needing a stoppage-time own goal to beat bottom-of-the-table Wolves last weekend, Arteta was again made to sweat for the 96 minutes on Merseyside against a depleted Everton.

The Toffees rarely threatened, but had strong appeals for a penalty themselves turned down in the second half when William Saliba caught Thierno Barry.

“The margin should have been bigger,” said Arteta. “We have to learn while we are winning.”

It is the third time in four years that Arteta’s men will top the table on Christmas Day.

However, on the previous two occasions they were reeled in by a rampant City.

Pep Guardiola’s men have won seven consecutive games in all competitions to whittle down what was a seven-point gap at the top.

Arteta, though, praised the consistency of his players to continue pushing for a first



Arsenal’s Swedish striker #14 Viktor Gyokeres shoots from the penalty spot to score the opening goal

league title in 22 years.

“It gives me belief and confidence the performances and consistency of the team,” Arteta told AFP. “That is very difficult to do in this league and that means the team is constantly there.”

Everton missed the goalscoring threat of the injured Kieran Dewsbury-Hall and Iliman Ndiaye, who has departed for the Africa Cup of Nations.

David Moyes again bemoaned his lack of a striker as they failed

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MIKEL ARTETA

to score despite a spirited display.

“You can play a well as you like and do good things but we need to get some goals,” said Moyes.

“We’ve not had goals in the last two games, which is the bit that’s been missing really.

“We done a lot of things, the players effort, the spirit. Everything you’d want them to do they did tonight. It was just a bit of quality or trying to hurt Arsenal a bit more.”

# West Indies 43-0, need 419 more to win after Conway joins elite

Historic batting from Conway and Latham leaves West Indies chasing Test history

- Devon Conway scores double-century and century
- New Zealand declares, setting 462 to win
- West Indies reach 43-0 at stumps

AFP | Mount Maunganui

The West Indies were 43-0 at stumps yesterday on the fourth day of the third Test against New Zealand, needing a further 419 to win, after Devon Conway became just the 10th player in Test history to hit a double century and a century in the same match.

Brandon King was on 37 and John Campbell two not out off 50 balls as the West Indies began a record chase after being set a target of 462.

No team has scored more than 418 in the fourth innings to win in Test history, but the West Indies must do so to square the



New Zealand's Devon Conway bats watched by West Indies' Tevin Imlach (L)

three-match series after losing in Wellington and drawing in Christchurch.

New Zealand declared their second innings an hour before the close at 302-2 with Conway's

100 adding to his 227 in the first innings.

He became just the sixth New Zealander to score a hundred in both innings of a Test.

Moments later Tom Latham

became the seventh, moving from 80 at tea to 101, having scored 137 in the first innings.

Latham and Conway had a mammoth 323 opening partnership in the first innings, and set

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Conway and Latham set a world record for the opening wicket, combining for 515 runs across the match's two innings (323 and 192 partnerships)

a world record for the opening wicket in combining for 515 runs in the match.

Conway joined an illustrious list in scoring a double century and a century in the same Test match.

Only Doug Walters, Greg Chappell, Marnus Labuschagne, Sunil Gavaskar, Shubman Gill, Lawrence Rowe, Brian Lara, Graham Gooch and Kumar Sangakkara had achieved the feat.

Conway's 327 runs are the third highest for New Zealand in a single Test, behind Stephen Fleming's 343 (274 and 69)

against Sri Lanka in 2003, and Martin Crowe's 329 (30 and 299) against Sri Lanka in 1991.

Conway and Latham added 157 runs in the middle session at more than five an over as they looked for quick runs.

Kane Williamson made 40 from 37 balls and Rachin Ravindra hit four sixes as he blasted 46 from 23 balls to take New Zealand past 300.

West Indies century maker Kavem Hodge took 2-80 from 17 overs with his left-arm spin but captain Roston Chase was hammered for 106 runs in 13 overs.

New Zealand took four wickets in the morning session as West Indies were 420 all out, a first innings deficit of 155, with Hodge left stranded unbeaten on a fine 123 from 275 balls, including 15 boundaries.

Jacob Duffy finished with 4-86 including the first two wickets of the day, taking his tally for the three-match series to 18.

The West Indies resumed on 381-6, with Hodge on 109 batting alongside Anderson Phillip.

Phillip lasted just nine balls and Shai Hope, who missed the last two days because of food poisoning, fell for four.

## Bahrain Darts Masters ticket update: All tables now sold out with Grandstand tickets available

- Fans urged to act quickly and purchase remaining seats to Bahrain Darts Masters Grandstand and be part of the two-day spectacle of sport and entertainment
- All tables, including VIP and Premium seating sold out
- Four World Champions including Luke Littler, already announced for stellar line up on 15 and 16 January

Manama

The Bahrain Darts Masters announced today that all tables, including Premium and VIP areas for the 2026 Bahrain Darts Masters have completely sold out. Fans can still experience the magic of darts with tickets available to the new Bahrain Darts masters Grandstand.

The Bahrain Darts Masters is organized by Bahrain International Circuit, The Professional Darts Corporation (PDC), and sports promoter CBX, and is supported by Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority.

The Kingdom's annual darts spectacle is less than four weeks away, and tickets are selling fast



as the excitement continues to build. Taking place 15 and 16 January at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB), next year's Bahrain Darts Masters promises to be its fifth edition yet, with the first five of the game's superstars – including four world champions – already confirmed for the two days of sport and entertainment.

With Premium seating at EWB already fully subscribed, tickets to the Bahrain Darts Masters Grandstand are still available. Fans must act fast and purchase theirs at the soonest to avoid missing out on one of the most highly anticipated occasions in the new year. Grandstand tickets for the two days of the event are BD25 apiece. The stand offers an incredible view of the stage, as well as close access to food and beverage areas at the venue.

All ticket options are available online at bahraingp.com or by

calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Amongst the big names already confirmed to be competing in the Kingdom next year are reigning World Champion and global star Luke 'The Nuke' Littler, English darts legend and Bahrain Darts Masters defending champion 'The Bullett' Stephen Bunting, three-time former World Champion 'Mighty' Michael van Gerwen from the Netherlands, 2021 World Champion 'The Iceman' Gerwyn Price from Wales, and 2024 World Champion 'Cool Hand' Luke Humphries from England.

The five players are amongst eight PDC greats who will be taking on some of the best from across the continent, including two representatives from Bahrain.

The Bahrain Darts Masters will be the first event after the 2025/2026 World Darts Cham-

pionship, which is currently taking place in London until January 3, and it will also kick off next year's PDC World Series of Darts, making for an occasion that will be watched by millions from around the world.

The game of darts has become an international phenomenon in recent years, and in the Kingdom the Bahrain Darts Masters has grown tremendously over the past three seasons it has been held. The event has been moved to EWB to be able to accommodate the massive crowd expected, and the venue will be transformed into Bahrain's answer to the iconic Alexandra Palace.

Fans can expect an incredible atmosphere, with fancy dress, themed activations, and a wide range of food and beverage options as 'Sport's Biggest Party' brings its unique flavour to Bahrain.

## Salah unaffected by Liverpool turmoil ahead of AFCON opener - Egypt coach

AFP | Agadir, Morocco

Mohamed Salah has shown no signs of being distracted by the uncertainty surrounding his future at Liverpool as he prepares to lead Egypt into the Africa Cup of Nations, Pharaohs coach Hosam Hassan said yesterday.

"Salah's morale in training is very high, as if he were just starting out with the national team, and I believe he will have a great tournament with his country," Hassan told reporters ahead of Egypt's opening AFCON game against Zimbabwe in Agadir on Monday.

"I feel his motivation is very, very strong. Salah is an icon and will remain so. He is one of the best

players in the world, and I support him in everything he does," Hassan added.

Salah did not start any of Liverpool's last five games before departing for the Cup of Nations in Morocco and things came to a head following the recent Premier League draw at Leeds United when he claimed he had been "thrown under the bus" by his coach at Anfield, Arne Slot.

That suggested a move away from the troubled Premier League champions during the January transfer window was a real possibility.

"I don't consider what happened to him to be a crisis. These things often happen between players and coaches," Hassan added.



"We've been in contact with him by phone from the beginning, and I met with him when he joined the national team camp. His focus is entirely on the tournament."

Salah, 33, is aiming to lead Egypt to a record-extending eighth AFCON title in Morocco. He has never won the continental title, but ended up on the losing side in final defeats by Cameroon in 2017 and Senegal in 2022.

# BIC set to host Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights today

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The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', hosts today its widely popular Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights. BIC's world-class, quarter-mile drag strip will be bustling with activity as will the circuit's vast vehicles dynamics area on the night of this incredible double-header. Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights is a fan-favourite experience that features two of the most popular and adrenaline-pumping forms of motorsport today, and participants will be able to take part in their very own cars or motorbikes.

Speed enthusiasts can push their vehicles to their limit either down the BIC strip or around the vehicle dynamics area. There is also the option to do both, making for a fantastic double-header over a single evening's activity. Today's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights is sched-



uled to take place from 5pm to 11pm. Both the drag racing and the drifting can be done for a single fee of BD11. Participation in just the drag racing or just the drifting costs BD8. Bookings can be made online at BIC's official website bah-

raingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000. Those who would like to experience the drag or drift as a passenger can get into a participant's car for an additional fee of BD4.500. Registration for those wishing to join can be done on site. Spectators who would like


to attend and watch the action in the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights can also purchase their tickets online at BD2 apiece at bahraingp.com. Tickets for children aged 12 and below are BD1 each. The BIC drag strip is highly regarded as one of the best in

the world, and it is a part of the prestigious NHRA Worldwide Network of the US-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA). BIC's vehicle dynamics area features a specially configured layout for drifters. It is surrounded by safety barriers and is one of the largest open tarmac


areas in Bahrain, ideal for an amazing display of power sliding within a secure environment. For more information on Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit's social media channels.


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