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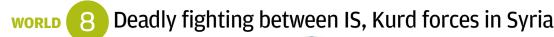
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Kingdom's senior men's national team defeats Gulf rivals by 14 goals to make winning start in main round of 2022 Asian Men's Handball Championship in Saudi Arabia | **P16**





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BUSINESS

Lebanon to start virtual talks with IMF next week

Saudi-led coalition denies targeting detention centre in Yemen's Saada

Reuters | Cairo

The Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-aligned Houthis in Yemen denied targeting a detention centre in Yemen's Saada province, saying the facility hit was not a site restricted from strikes, the Saudi official news agency SPA reported yesterday.

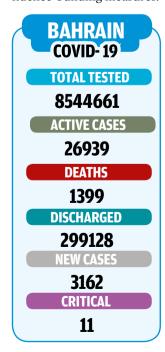
"The coalition will inform the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Yemen (OCHA) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the facts and details," the state news agency said, citing a coalition spokesman.

He said the target in Saada was not on no-targeting lists agreed upon with the OCHA, was not reported by the ICRC and did not meet the standards stipulated by the Third Geneva Convention for Prisoners of War.

Kuwait foreign minister visits Beirut

Reuters

Kuwait's foreign min-ister visited Beirut on Saturday in the first trip by a senior Gulf Arab official since a diplomatic rift last year, saying he had delivered confidence-building proposals to Lebanon in a message coordinated with Gulf states. Speaking after meeting Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati, Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah said ties with Beirut had not been severed and relations were now in a phase of confidence-building measures.



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For a better tomorrow

Bahrain rolls out strategies and initiatives to enhance Kingdom's long-term competitiveness

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New strategies and initiatives aimed at developing the economy and creating quality opportunities for citizens were released yesterday by the Kingdom following the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

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jobs for Bahrainis to make them strategic projects, developing strategic priority sectors, simpli- IT and Digital Economy. fying and increasing the efficienachieving fiscal sustainability and economic stability.

labour market, launching major Logistics, Industrial, Financial Services, Telecommunications,

The plan introduces sevcy of commercial procedures and eral initiatives and strategies creasing their effectiveness to stability by achieving financial to enhance the Kingdom's attract investments, implement- balance by 2024. long-term competitiveness, ing major development projects,

Sector-wise, the strategy fo- for which the concerned au- and developing promising secstrategies. The focus is on making citizens the first choice in the labour market, facilitating enhancing endeavours for financommercial procedures and in- cial sustainability and economic

the 'employee of choice' in the cuses on Oil and Gas, Tourism, thorities are launching work tors with the aim of non-oil GDP growth.

The strategy also focuses on

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Victims of online banking scams 'hardly get their money back' amid rising number of online heists

Staff Reporter

TDT | Manama

o one knows what to do now! It seems the fraudsters targeting the online banking and financial transaction networks in the Kingdom are on a rampage; scores continue to lose money from their bank accounts daily. The victims

The Daily Tribune office has, their seemingly vast networks that BD860 was robbed from account. Since my account and

What has happened is hard to believe. One fine day I woke up to see that BD860 was robbed from my account through ten online transactions, mainly of BD99 and lesser amounts

say banks and money wallet ap- until now, received tens of calls spreading worldwide. plications are not owning up from the victims, who are at sea

As the process to block the account was ongoing, the robber struck once again. Twenty-five transactions of BD99 were carried out by the robber, leaving the bank officials clueless as to what to do next

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, the responsibility to safeguard after losing bucks from their Ajeesh P K, a resident in the their online accounts while at- accounts. The hackers have also Kingdom, who and his employtempting to engage in a blame managed to steal from the ac- er lost BD4,500 to scammers, game. And most interestingly, counts of many companies and said he has yet to come to terms my bank branch to block my about getting the robbed monamong those who lost money organisations. It is high time the with the "nightmare". "What account, Suddenly, my employ- ey back, which is the case with is an IT manager of a financial authorities take serious steps has happened is hard to believe. er called me, saying BD310 had most of the victims, who conto contain the fraudsters and One fine day I woke up to see been robbed from the company tacted The Daily Tribune.

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"As the process to block the account was ongoing, the robber "I could also see that 100 fils struck once again. Twenty-five

Ajeesh said he has filed a complaint with Sitra Police and the "On the same day, I visited CID Department but is unsure

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Economic Recovery Plan

Following the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and an announcement made by the Cabinet - chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister - Bahrain's government announced The Economic Recovery Plan in October 2021. The plan introduces several initiatives and strategies that will create opportunities for citizens and enhance the Kingdom's long-term competitiveness.

Creating quality jobs for Bahrainis to make them the

The ambitious plan revolves around 5 key pillars, which include:

'employee of choice' in the labor market



Developing strategic priority sectors

Simplifying and increasing the efficiency of commercial procedures

Achieving fiscal sustainability and economic stability



Oil and Gas Sector Strategy



Logistics Sector Tourism Sector Strategy Strategy



Industrial Sector Strategy



Financial Services Sector Strategy



Telecommunications, IT, and Digital Economy Strategy

Announcement of the Kingdom's **Economic Recovery Plan**

31 October 2021

Launch of the **Logistics Sector Strategy** 2022 - 2026

17 November 2021

Financial Services Sector Strategy 2022 - 2026

5 December 2021

Launch of the

Launch of the Industrial Sector Strategy 2022 - 2026

30 December 2021

6 November 2021

Launch of the **Tourism Sector Strategy** 2022 - 2026

24 November 2021

Announcement of the Major Strategic Projects 23 December 2021

Announcement of initiatives to **Further Develop Government Services**

Projects

Qalali Waterfront

Completion date

Jumeirah Gulf of

Completion date 2022

Bahrain Resort

Launch of the Telecommunications, IT, and Digital Economy Strategy

12 January 2022

2022 - 2026

Announced on 6 November 2021



Tourism Sector Strategy 2022 - 2026





markets

Increasing the



Diversification of tourism

Increasing the tourism

contribution to the GDP

to 11 .400 by 2026



AlGhous Waterfront Completion date 2024



Sa'ada Project Completion date 2023



Al Dana **Amphitheatre** Completed 2021



Bilaj Al Jazayer



Beachfront Development Phase one completed 2019



Completion date 2022

The New Exhibition

Bahrain Bay Beach

Completion date 2022

Mantis Hotel & **Resort in Hawar** Completion date 2023

Announced on 17 November 2021

number of target



Logistics Sector Strategy 2022 - 2026



1 million metric tons Air Freight Capacity



contribution of the logistics sector to the Kingdom's GDP



1 million containers Cargo port capacity

Objectives to be achieved by 2030



Increase the number of airline flights to 70+ destinations



To ensure Bahrain is one of the top 20 countries worldwide in the logistics sector

Announced on 24 November 2021



Implementation of Major Strategic Projects

Major strategic projects valued at over USD 30 billion



Fasht al Jarim Area Plan



Planning five new cities

Fasht al Adhm Area Plan







Infrastructure and Telecommunications projects

Future International Marine Fiber telecommunication projects



Suhaila Island Area Plan

Hawar Islands Area Plan



Gulf of Bahrain Area Plan



Bahrain Metro



Northern road







Economic Recovery Plan



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Industrial Sector



Aluminum **Downstream Zone**



Bapco Modernization Program (BMP)



US Trade Zone



Education Sector



King Abdullah **Medical City**

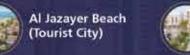
Health Sector



College of Engineering at the University of Bahrain



Tourism Sector



The Address Marassi

hotel and The Address



Vida Marassi Al Bahrain Hotel

& Vida Residence

Jumeirah Bahrain

Bay Resort and Spa



Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre



Marassi Galleria





Dilmunia Health Services Complex



King Hamad **AMH Hospital**



Housing Sector



East Hidd

City

Residence

Khalifa City

Al Ramli

District



East Sitra City



Government Land Development Project (Sharaka)



Sports City

Youth & Sports Sector



invest.bh



Announced on 5 December 2021



Financial **Services Sector** Strategy 2022 - 2026



0% gradual increase in the share of financing allocated to SMEs from the domestic financing portfolio by the end of 2025



20% increase in participation of individuals and institutions in public debt primary issuance



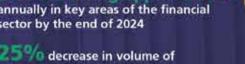
Increase in the insurance sector's contribution to the GDP by end of 2026 to 5%



companies to be listed on **Bahrain investment market**



3000 training opportunities annually in key areas of the financial sector by the end of 2024

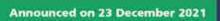




Maintain a consistent annual growth of 10% in the electronic fund transfers



Maintaining the financial sector's GDP contribution in the range of until the end of 2026, and then increasing the contribution to 25%

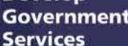




Develop Government

Developments on the performance of government agencies within 3 systems

During the period from 13 September to 13 December 2021





44070



Number of applications through the Portal (Sijilat) reached





currency circulation

Number of requests for building permits through the portal (Benayat) amounted to

893



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Number of suggestions, inquiries and complaints through the system reached

34964

Announced on 30 December 2021



Industrial Sector Strategy 2022 - 2026



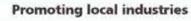
25.3% increase in percentage of Bahrainis from overall workers



contribution to the GDP



80:1% in total export contribution





Launching an In-Country Value program

"Made in Bahrain" trademark

Developing the



Providing industrial incubation opportunities for SMEs

Launching the Industrial

Excellence Award



Expanding Export Bahrain solutions



Key performance indicators (KPIs) by 2026

Promoting integration through analysing manufacturing gaps



Announced on 12 January 2022



Telecommunications, IT, and Digital **Economy Strategy** 2022 - 2026



100% national broadband network (BNET) coverage





35% increase in national employment in the sector by 2022-2023



A minimum of 200 additional automated government services





U, UUU citizens - national capacity building in cybersecurity through



Decoding the economic



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ahrain announced its economic recovery plan with the launch of the Tourism Sector Strategy 2022-2026 on November 6, 2021.

tourism indicators such as tourist spending to 2 billion Bahraini sector's contribution to the GDP

Tourists reaching Bahrain touched 14.1 million, and the Islands Area plan. average spending per visitor in-

The strategy revolves around developing marine facades and Hamad Causeway, Bahrain Metactivities, business tourism, sports tourism, Archaeology and history, entertainment tourism, ject, and Northern road. media and cinema, and medical tourism.

Logistics Sector

the development of infrastruc- States of America. ture facilities, the development

munication, marketing and pro- new Bahrain International Exmotion of investment opportu- hibition and Convention Cennities. The strategy aims to raise tre, the Southern City project, the amount of freight at the port The Address Marassi Al Bahrain inclusion of five promising com-rate of 1255 services. to one million containers, and at Hotel, The Address Residences, panies on the Bahrain investthe airport to one million metric tons by 2030.

Focus is also on increasing Galleria. the number of air destinations to more than 70 by 2025, making Bahrain

among the top 3 regional countries and 20 countries globally,

and raising the sector's contribution to GDP to 10 % by 2030.

Strategic projects valued over \$30bn

On November 24, 2021, Bahrain announced the implemen-It aimed at raising the level of tation of major development projects with a value exceeding 30 billion US dollars. The dinars, the average tourist nights strategy calls for developing five to 3.5 nights, and the tourism cities - the Fisht El-Garm area plan, Suhaila Island area plan, Fasht Al-Azem area plan, Gulf of Bahrain area plan, and Hawar

These strategic projects also creased to 74.8 Bahraini dinars. include infrastructure and communications projects: King ro, Future international Marine Fibre telecommunication pro-

Industrial sector

Industrial sector projects include the Aluminium manufac-On November 17, 2021, the turing industries, the Bahrain Logistics Sector Strategy 2022- Petroleum Company (Bapco) 2026 was launched. It targets refinery modernization project, several areas, most notably the and the establishment of a comreview of laws and regulations, mercial area with the United

> The strategy also includes Vida Marassi Al Bahrain Hotel, Vida Residences, and Marassi

In the education sector, announced projects include the project, and the College of Engineering project at the

Health sector

Hamad Hospital - AMH.

Sports sector

In the youth and sports sector, Bahrain will develop the Sports the investment opportunities provided by major development projects within the economic recovery plan.

For developing a comprehensive strategy for the banking sector, the Kingdom had also launched a Financial Services Sector Development Strategy 2022 - 2026 on December 5,

Its priorities revolve around creating quality job opportunities for citizens, the development of the financial market sector, the development of legislation and policies, the development of the insurance sector, the development of financial services and financial technology.

Financial services sector

of policies and procedures, and projects in the tourism sector, the strategy for developing the services. the provision of incentives to namely, the development project financial services sector revolve of Bilaj Al Jazayer beachfront around increasing the share of It also aims at enhancing redevelopment, the Jumeirah SME financing in a phased mangional and international com- Bahrain Bay Resort project, the ner to reach 20% of the domes- ment was set during the period banks by the end of 2025.

percentage to 25%.

The Kingdom has also anternal tor also include increasing the specified time. nounced major development insurance sector's contribution projects in the health sector. to the GDP to 8% by the end These include the Dilmunia Ser- of 2026, meeting the training vices Complex Health, and King needs of the most prominent areas of sector development by creating 3,000 trainees annually by the end of 2024, and a 20% increase in the participation of individuals and institutions in City, in addition to advertising the primary market for public debt issuances of the Government of Bahrain.

Government services

The focus is also on developing government services that receive complaints most through the National Suggestions and Complaints System (Tawasul) and are frequently used.

The statistics showed an increase in the number of documented services from September to December of this year.

Authorities recorded a 57% increase at a rate of 742 documented services to 100% at an average of 1294 documented services, and translated services the Fourth Industrial Revolu- aims at increasing the coverage rose from 27% at a rate of 345 tion and applying the concept of the national broadband netservices to 68% at an average of of a circular carbon economy, work in all parts of the King-885 services, while work is still environmental and social gov- dom to 100% by 2026, raising The performance indicators of in progress on translating 409

Statistics also showed an increase in the number of services for which a service level agreetic financing portfolio of retail from September to December. of Gulf industries. This increased from 52% at a Other priorities include the rate of 674 services to 97% at a

ment market, reducing paper number of requests through the currency circulation by 25%, commercial records system (Simaintaining consistent annu- jilat) amounted to 44070 during

Records further show that the number of requests for building permits through the building permit system (buildings) amounted to 893 during the period. Various requests were answered within the time specified in the service level agreement while one transaction exceeded the specified time. The average number of days for the issuance of building permits was 2 .25 days compared to the maximum service level of 5 days.

Industrial sector

Industry Sector Strategy (2022-2026) was launched. It revolves around the promotion of industries, improving investor experience, updating legislation and laws, orienting Bahrain professionally, and investing in infrastructure.

dations by supporting the sec-strategy and the digital economy tor's transformation towards have also been identified. This investment in technological information technology secefficiency of supply chains and working in the sector of Com-

Performance indicators

Bahrain has also identified Statistics also show that the three performance indicators in the industry sector strategy (2022-2026).

The first indicator is Bahraial growth of 10% in electronic the mentioned period. Out of nisation percentage of the to-

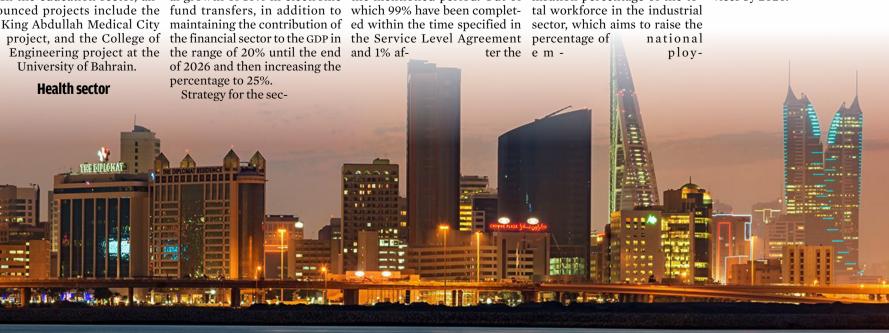
ment (Bahrainis) in the industrial sector from 23% in 2019 to 25. 3% in 2026.

The second indicator is the contribution of the industrial sector to the GDP, which aims at increasing the GDP contribution of the domestic industrial sector from 12.8% in 2019 to 14.5% in 2026. The third indicator aims at raising the contribution of the industrial sector to national exports, which aims at raising the ratio of industrial sector exports to the total national exports of

On January 12, 2022, the King-On December 30, 2021, the dom launched the ICT sector strategy and digital economy (2022-2026). It centres around developing the infrastructure of the telecommunications sector, enhancing e-governance, supporting the digital economy, and developing digital capabilities.

Indicators for measuring the This strategy lays its foun-performance of the ICT sector ernance. It also encourages the number of Startups in the infrastructure, digitizing man- tor by 20%, and increasing the ufacturing, and increasing the percentage of national cadres supply through the integration munications and information technology from 30% to 35% over the next two years.

The strategy also calls for building national human capacities in cybersecurity by educating and training 20,000 citizens by 2026 and automating nearly 200 additional government services by 2026.



Banks struggle over 'growing complaints'

More pressure on bank staff who struggle to handle increasing complaints after online frauds

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taff at all commercial banks across the Kingdom now find it challenging to handle the rising number of complaints from customers after fraudulent online money trans-

"It's not easy to handle the increasing number of complaints. and we feel embarrassed to face our customers as we don't have genuine answers to deal with them," a bank official told The Daily Tribune.

Banks, money wallet apps should take more responsibility

On the other hand, an IT professional and cybersecurity expert said the Financial Institutions should collectively form a unit to tackle these online scammers. "In many developed countries. most banks and digital wallets compensate the customers for the lost amounts to scammers. And they have earmarked millions in this regard. In Bahrain also, I expect the banks to take more responsibility and at least share the risk along with the customers."

"I don't understand how money is stolen even after deactivating many accounts. The disease has progressed, and no treatment seems to be working now."

Hacking or buying accounts!

He said he had discussed the issue with many top bank officials. "What I could learn is that the scammers are either hacking wallets are permitting money the bank accounts or 'buying transfers even after uninstallaccounts from expatriates who ing and deactivating their apps. are leaving the Kingdom'. The "There is no automated system second one sounds quite strange, but I was told it's a reality, and 'these bought accounts' are used the app, which is worsening the as the focal points to carry out situation, allowing scammers to

"Many money wallets offer is not the right thing. Suppose a haven't "got a fils back". lengthy course of action ensures safety and keeps the scammers at bay. In that case, it must be money safe in the accounts."

He asked why the money money transfer app BenefitPay, transfer scams to lack of alert-

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A BANK OFFICIAL

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AN IT PROFESSIONAL AND CYBERSECU-

The hackers deploy their highest social engineering skills to get information, which is supposed to be kept secret, private and never shared, from their victims

ALI BESHARA, THE HEAD OF INFORMA-TION SECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT AT THE BENEFIT COMPANY

There is no automated system to de-link with the bank account upon installing or deactivating the app, which is worsening the situation, allowing scammers to steal more and more

IT PROFESSIONAL

highest social engineering skills to get information, which is supposed to be kept secret, private and never shared, from their victims.

term used by information security professionals to describe the

action from the part of hackers.

"The hackers deploy their

"It is in these situations, the hacker gets the password of the BenefitPay application and the OTP (One-Time Password), which is sent to the user in case of device change and money

transfer," he had said. Mr Beshara stressed that users are almost totally protected if they don't click on links sent by fraudsters or share passwords with strangers.

Target through calls

Scammers generally target victims by making calls to their mobile phones or sending SMSs. Upon receiving the call or SMS, data is leaked and money is either transferred to other accounts or used for purchasing various goods online through the payment app already installed on the mobile phone.

A few weeks ago, The Daily Tribune carried a report about fraudsters targeting the online banking and financial transaction network in the Kingdom.

The published article carried the plight of one Bangladeshi national, one Pakistani national, and an Indian businessman, who lost nearly BD1,500 to the

Stop responding to calls and text messages from strangers

Most victims have launched a complaint with the police department, pleading for an intense probe into the matter.

Cyber security experts have always highlighted the need to protect Unified Payment Interface (UPI) and online transactions from scammers in light of increasing online payments.

They include not responding to calls and text messages from strangers and putting up different passwords on different accounts and UPI apps.

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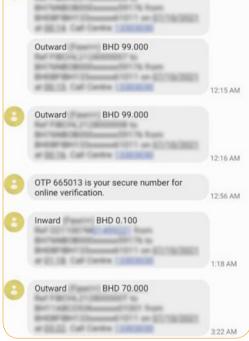
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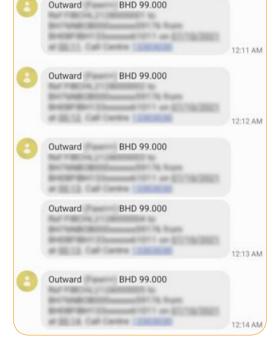
online fraudsters.

The Daily Tribune spoke to few procedural difficulties to many victims who have lost their make customers happy, which money. And all of them said they

'Social engineering'

In an exclusive interview, Ali adopted as the customers are Beshara, the Head of Informanow willing to bear procedur- tion Security and Risk Manageal difficulties for keeping their ment at The BENEFIT Company,





Thursday, October 7, 2021

chose the amount BD99 as OTP is required for transferring BD100 as well as higher amounts.

which owns the popular online attributed the rise in online fund ness from the part of users.

that this kind of cybercrime in- ity of falling victims to online Mr Beshara also pointed out volves 'social engineering' - a fraudsters.

Court case

Drug peddler loses appeal, Court confirms 10-year jail term, BD5,000 fine

The accused was caught red handed with 210 grams of narcotic substances and 32 narcotic medical tablets

Police set the trap by calling the suspect through a source offering to buy Shabu worth BD1000

The accused, however, denied the charges levelled against him



Representative picture

Anas had his 10-year prison

The Court also confirmed

30-year-old drug peddler filed against the verdict.

term confirmed by the Court of a 5,000 dinar fine awarded to and search his residence. Cassation, rejecting an appeal the appellant for selling Shabu,

hashish and Marijuana in the Kingdom.

Court files say police confiscated the drugs from his home, following a court order.

The Public Prosecution charged the suspect with possessing psychoactive drugs such as hashish and methamphetamine to sell. The prosecution also charged him with abuse of hashish and methamphetamine.

Incidents leading to the case occurred with the security authorities receiving a tip-off that a person having prior convictions had obtained narcotic sub-

After confirming the inforissued a warrant to detain him

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rest him red-handed with the help of a confidential source.

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The source also offered to pay mation, the public prosecution him in advance, to which the suspect agreed.

Investigators managed to arthe suspect arrived in his car as source.

agreed to the meeting place and called the undercover agent to meet him at the parking.

The suspect also handed out two bags of Shabu after taking the money, which the police photographed from another ve-

After completing the deal, the suspect drove off quickly. He was then tracked down by the police and arrested near his residence.

The police then searched his house and found a black bag with 210 grams of narcotic substances and 32 narcotic medical tablets.

The accused, however, denied the charges levelled against him and claimed that the drugs Unsuspecting the trap set, belonged to the confidential

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CAPTAINS CORNER

Say no to selfish anti-vaxxers



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

fter an 11-day ordeal, tennis star Novak Djokovic lost his bid to make sports history and defend his championship in the Australian Open. Worse, he was deported from Australia for being unvaccinated.

Djokovic's defense was that he has recovered from COVID-19 in June 2020 and the antibodies from that attack was as good as a vaccination. The back story to that illness was that he and his wife tested positive after he played in a series of exhibition matches that he organised in Serbia and Croatia with zero social distancing amid the height of the coronavirus pandemic. The competition's record-holder, was initially approved for a medical exemption by Tennis Australia and the state of Victoria but border officials rejected the exemption and revoked his visa.

If "vaccination" was a trending word in 2021, there was also an opposite word: "anti-vaxxer". Many people have refused to take the vaccination, saying that they were unsure of the efficacy of the shots and that they were opposed to injecting just anything into their bodies without knowing the long-term effects. Even in Bahrain, where vacci-

Given the growing number of variants popping up everyday and numbers increasing here in **Bahrain despite** the government's best efforts, we have to deploy the entire arsenal of weapons at our disposal against the pandemic.



nation to safeguard against the virus is free, there are people who adopt the 'wait-andwatch' attitude.

Consider some recent statistics in the UK, a study tracking more than 200,000 people, nearly every single participant had developed antibodies against the virus within two weeks of their second dose and the jabs helped to reduce hospitalisation rates by 92-96%. As many health practitioners have repeated, the risks of severe side effects from a vaccine are tiny in comparison to the risk of the disease itself.

Yet a sizeable number of people are still reluctant to get the shots. According to a recent report by the International Monetary Fund. that ranges from around 10-20% of people in the UK to around 50% in Japan and 60% in

Given the growing number of variants popping up everyday and numbers increasing here in Bahrain despite the government's best efforts, we have to deploy the entire arsenal of weapons at our disposal against the pandemic. Bahrain has robust vaccination numbers but there are still people holding out and they must set aside their prejudices or else face the opposition of the public. Look at it this way: did you wait till you understood the working of how electricity reached your home to enjoy its benefits? I could ask you the same question about the internet and your smartphone and your answer would be "No". All these things do not harm society but your not taking a vaccination hurts us all. So do us all a favour and get jabbed – for your own good and ours.

(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)

59th anniversary of the Elysee Treaty: German, French envoys to Bahrain call for boosting ties

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Principles of cooperation, maintaining peace and the need to remain open with neighbours dominated the talks when the ambassadors of France and Germany to Bahrain sat together yesterday for discussion around a breakfast table..

The meeting, held at the residence of the German Ambassador. focused on the activities of the ambassadors in the Kingdom and future projects to boost ties as they celebrate the 59th anniversary of the Elysee Treaty.

Commenting on the treaty, the French Ambassador to Bahrain, Jérôme Cauchard, said the treaty have taken up one of the noblest but also one of the most difficult challenges that can exist, "that of building peace in the first stage, after many years of conflict and war"

He added: "Then we built, step by step, a permanent and structured cooperation. And nowadays cooperation became a kind of "reflex" as each country spontaneously seeks out the other's views on key issues".

"The underlying principle of



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FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN, JÉRÔME CAUCHARD

The meeting was at the residence of the German Ambassador

cooperation between Germany and France is never to exclude others, but to remain open for all European Union member states, to foster cooperation with neighbouring regions and to serve as a model of how cooperation can replace conflict," said Kai Boeckmann, the German Ambassador

important in our cooperation," he added.

The underlying principle of cooperation between **Germany and France** is never to exclude others, but to remain open for all European Union member states, to foster cooperation with neighbouring regions and to serve as a model of how cooperation can replace conflict

KAI BOECKMANN, THE GERMAN AMBASSA-

The treaty, a major symbol of Franco-German friendship, was signed by French President Charles de Gaulle and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer "Each generation must renew signed the treaty on 22 January its understanding of this friend- 1963 in Paris. It aimed at increased ship, which is why youth is so cooperation between the two nations in international relations, defence and education.

Hidd sewage project 12% complete

TDT | Manama

onstruction works of the BD 3,285,603 mainline carrying sewage water in Hidd Industrial Area had reached 12% completion, said a top works ministry official.

Fathi Abdullah Al-Farea, the Assistant Undersecretary for San- in the presence of the head of the over 1.1 km is underway by the Planning, said the project would gineers in the ministry. take two years to complete.



The project, Al Farea said, in-Al Farea said this during an includes the construction of 3.3 km would reestablish three pumping national strategic plan to Abdul



itation at the Ministry of Works, company executing the project, Open Cut method. "For the re- age water will take place in the Municipalities Affairs and Urban Abdul Hadi Al-Afwa LLC and en- maining 2.3 km line, we will use micro tunnelling machines."

The officials also said they spection visit to the project site of sewage lines, of which works stations and remove 12 stations Hadi Al-Afwa Company.

from service. The project, he said, aims to reduce the cost of operation and maintenance for the old pumping station and raise the capacity of the sewage network from 2,300 cubic meters per day to approximately 24,000 cubic meters per day. The final treatment of the sew-

Muharraq treatment plant. The tender board had awarded the project that falls within the

BCCI should adopt 'No fees, No service' principle

Adopt qualitative initiatives that all chamber members, including SMEs owners, find beneficial, or abandon the membership obligation TDT | Manama

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m usinessman}$ Yaqoob Al Awadhi, a candidate for the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry's board of directors' elections, has emphasised the necessity of following the principle of "No fees, No service" at the chamber.

He explained that the chamber's board of directors has two options: either adopt qualitative initiatives that all chamber members, including SMEs owners, find beneficial, or abandon the membership obligation, and each merchant must pay a minimum of BD20 to renew his business registration.

The Chamber of Commerce, according to Al Awadhi, is ultimately a civil society institution whose function is to care for merchants and defend their interests, not to amass subscription funds in its treasury without all merchants, or at least most of them, feeling the Chamber's benefit to them.



The Chamber's role should not be limited to ceremonies, visits, and press releases; instead, those in charge should take the lead in doing fieldwork on the ground, getting to know the needs of small and large businesses, and putting the commercial sector at the centre of the Chamber's interests and activities.

YAQOOB AL AWADHI, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BAHRAIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND



"Is anyone able to answer from BCCI about the benefit of thousands of **SMEs working in the car** repair sector, for example

in Salmabad and Soug **Wagif? Or those operating** in the food and beverage sector on Budaiva Street or the Jad Ali area or the old Manama and Muharrag markets? Or shops selling car accessories and abayas On Bukwara **Street? Or entrepreneurs** who own start-up companies in the e-commerce and applications sector?!, and many more," Al Awa-

dhi wondered.

the Chamber cannot provide its activity. services to all its members, at least it can initiate the implementa- merchant will go to the Chamber benefit is reflected on Bahrainis motivated by his confidence in the by creating direct and indirect Chamber's value in supporting job opportunities, supporting GDP and promoting his business," Al providing real support for the Awadhi added. government's plans.

Bahraini goods and services, as concluded.

Al Awadhi pointed out that if well as reactivate the committee's

"If this occurs, the Bahraini tion of major projects that benefit on his own to pay his subscripthe national economy, and whose tions and renew his membership.

Al Awadhi noted that the issue "The Chamber's role should not of linking subscription to service be limited to ceremonies, visits, was one of the goals he had set and press releases; instead, those for himself in his campaign for in charge should take the lead in the elections of the Chamber's doing fieldwork on the ground, Board of Directors' 30th session. getting to know the needs of small "I raise this subject in my elecand large businesses, and putting tion platform to attract attention the commercial sector at the centrol its importance, and if I win tre of the Chamber's interests and membership on the chamber's activities. It should also endeav- board of directors, I guarantee our to expand new markets for every one will work on it," he

Illegal workers cannot get new work permits, they should leave: LMRA CEO

LMRA conducts 10,000 inspection visits and 100 joint campaigns in 2021

Arrested hundreds of violating workers

Closed establishments supplying domestic workers without a license

Registered eight cases of forced labour

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orkers caught for market laws during mits and legalise their stay in the and not return.

LMRA will never tolerate any action which violates the law, and will never stop detecting the violators. Those who have been arrested during the inspection campaigns according to the laws of the Kingdom of Bahrain will never receive any new work permits. and consequently will not be able to be transferred to regular labour. and their only option is to leave the Kingdom with no return again

JAMAL ABDULAZIZ AL ALAWI

violations of labour Kingdom, said LMRA CEO. eligible to receive new work per- them is to leave the Kingdom

According to Jamal Abdulaziz these comments as revealed that RA's Law Enforcement Sector ing closely with the Nationality, establishments engaged in supinspection campaigns are not Al Alawi, the only option left for the authority booked hundreds conducted more than 10,000 of workers during 2021 for vio- inspections to detect more than lations of labour markets laws. 900 criminal violations, despite Ministry of Industry, Commerce

The top LMRA official made In 2021, Al Alawi said the LM-

"These inspections last year cies," Al Alawi added.

the pandemic.

The campaigns, he said, re-

The CEO also announced deto intensify inspection campaigns to address illegal practices and enhance the competitive-

Passports and Residence Affairs plying domestic workers withof the Ministry of Interior, the

and Tourism, the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs were in addition to the 100 joint and Urban Planning, the Mininspection campaigns the au- istry of Health and security dithority held with relevant agen- rectors in the governorates, he added.

"These campaigns will be in sulted in the arrest of hundreds addition to the daily inspection of illegal workers and the de- visits carried out by the legal tection of eight cases of forced control sector in commercial establishments in various sectors.

On the joint campaigns in veloping a comprehensive plan 2021, he said 41 were with NPRA and 66 were with other government agencies.

Joint campaigns with the ness and stability of the labour General Department of Investigation and Criminal Evidence For this, the authority is work- and NPRA resulted in closing 13 out a licence.



Foreign workers employment reached 531,447 workers by the end of the first quarter of 2021. Non-Bahraini employment decreased by 9.4% annually compared to 586,874 workers in the same quarter last year.

Bahraini employment was 153,757 workers by the end of the first quarter decreasing at an annual rate of 1.9% compared to 156,746 workers in the first quarter of 2020.

The number of new employment work permits issued by LMRA during first quarter of 2021 was 36,732 decreasing at an annual rate of 10.6%.

The share of small organizations, employing less than 10 workers, of employment work permits was 47.7% of total work permits issued during the first quarter of 2021.

531,447

Foreign employment reaches 531,447 workers by end of first quarter of 2021

Farmers' market a huge hit, gets international visitors

Market's popularity growing beyond borders, says top Works Ministry official

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 ${f B}$ ahraini Farmers' Market has witnessed a substantial turnout since its opening on the 25th of December last year, said a top Works Ministry official.

"In addition to Bahraini citizens and residents, visitors from other Arab Gulf countries also visited the market in large numbers," said Dr Abdulaziz Muhammad Abdulkarim.

"This reflects the growing popularity of the market, and it is no longer a local event limited to citizens and residents here, but rather goes beyond the borders of the Kingdom," said the Affairs and Urban Planning. Assistant Undersecretary for Agriculture Affairs at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities



The annual event is organized by the Agriculture and Marine Resources (AMR) at the Ministry of Works, **Municipalities Affairs** and Urban Planning in partnership with the **National Initiative for Agricultural Develop**ment (NIAD).



Gardens, opened doors after a for honey." one-year hiatus owing to the

Dr Addulkarim, who also chairs the Organising Com- short training courses on ag- urday un mittee of the Bahraini Farmers Market, said the entry to the market this year is only for those having Green shield on the BeAware application.

"Visitors also have to maintain social distancing and wear masks at all times, he added.

The market, he said, is an ideal opportunity for Bahraini farmers to market their agricultural produces in attractive ways while also enhancing Bahrain's food security.

Farmers, nurseries, agricul-

tural companies, productive The ninth edition of the Bah- families have separate sections raini Farmers' Market, ongo- at the market. "There is also a and remain attractive to visitors ing at the Budaiya Botanical corner for dates and another

For the first time this year, the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's organising committee, he said, edition has the participation of held an exhibition of historical 37 farmers and four farming photos of the agricultural sector and agricultural affairs.

safe use of pesticides." "This step comes out of the keenness to develop and add diversity to the market's activities interested in supporting local

Bahraini production," he said. The Farmers' markets, he said, is also serving as a recreational outlet for visitors, especially during the winter.

First introduced in 2012,

the Farmers' Market was

an initiative to support

food production and

the promote the sale

of products produced

sustainably.

ricultural production, modern

soilless farming systems, agri-

cultural pest control, and the

Market doors are open from "This is in addition to holding 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Sat-





Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa honoured employee Eman Shakeeb, who won third ranking in the National Day Weightlifting Championship. The competition, held on December 16-18, was under the patronage of First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee. His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Shakeeb had also won three gold medals in the Arab Weightlifting Championship held recently.



AMH supports Bahrain's National Down Syndrome Soccer team

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First downs syndrome soccer specifically the special needs team by providing free health community with the chance checks and wellbeing assess- to enhance their quality of life ments to all the footballers.

The new team was wel- of the community." comed to the American Mission Hospital Manama hos- opportunity to support the pital where they were indi- first National Downs Soccer vidually assessed by a team of team is a matter of both honspecialists to determine their our and delight for us. We are fitness level to be a part of the looking forward to seeing the

Hospital, we believe that we merican Mission Hospi- must strive to support the Atal is supporting Bahrain's community on the whole and and become valued members

"Keeping that in mind, the team achieve their best, and Group CEO Julia Tovey, who AMH will always be on the was present at the occasion, sidelines providing medical said, "At American Mission support when needed."

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OVID

News in brief

Blast hits western Afghan city of Herat, killing at least six

◆ A blast ripped through a minivan in the western



Afghan city of Herat yesterday, killing at least six people, according to officials. Herat commander Mawlawi Ansari told Reuters that nine people had been injured. The cause of the blast was not clear. A health official in Herat, who asked not to be named, said an explosion hit a small van used for public transport just after 1800 local time

and that three of the injured were in serious condition..

Strong rains in the town of Machu Picchu, next to the Inca citadel of the same name

Rains cause flood damage in Peru's Machu Picchu

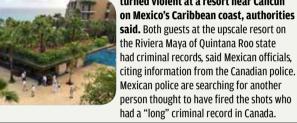
that is Peru's top tourist draw, washed away railroads and bridges, officials said. Flooding of the Alccamayo river interrupted train services, the regional government of Cusco department said. Houses near the river were flooded, and one person was injured with another missing, civil defense officials said. Peru Rail company, one of two that provides transport in the region, said in a statement that trains have been cancelled until further notice.



Two Canadians die in shooting

♦ Two Canadians at Mexican Caribbean resort

died of gunshot wounds after an argument turned violent at a resort near Cancun



Former Malaysian prime minister **Mahathir Mohamad**

Malaysian ex-PM Mahathir stable after latest hospital admission

is in a stable condition after being admitted to a specialist heart hospital for the third time in just weeks, his daughter said. The 96-year-old has been receiving treatment at the National Heart Institute in Kuala Lumpur for the past two days, Marina Mahathir said. Media descended on the hospital as news spread that Mahathir had been admitted again, and current Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob also paid him a visit.

Twitter suspends hundreds of accounts promoting Philippines' Marcos Jr

◆ Twitter has suspended



Spain

Argentina

Colombia

France

Peru

UK

Iran

Chile

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South Africa

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accounts reportedly linked to supporters of Philippine presidential frontrunner Ferdinand Marcos Jr, which the social media giant said had violated its rules on manipulation and spam. The son and namesake of the country's former dictator

is drawing support from a massive social media campaign seeking to get him elected in May, which critics say is attempting to rewrite the family's history.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

34,210

27,100

29,272

33,885

33,875

86,893

43,967

18,656

31,346

13,719

US studies highlight the need for COVID boosters to fight Omicron

Reuters | Washington

Three US studies show that Three US studies one mRNA a third dose of an mRNA vaccine is key to fighting the Omicron coronavirus variant, providing 90% protection against hospitalization due to COVID-19, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said.

The studies, led by the CDC, are among the first in the United States to look at the impact of booster doses against the fast-spreading Omicron variant,



Protection against infection and hospitalization with the Omicron variant is highest for those who are up to date with their vaccination, meaning those who are boosted when they are eligible

CDC DIRECTOR DR. ROCHELLE WALENSKY

which now accounts for 99% of all new COVID cases.

Overall, they suggest that boosters helped protect against both infection and symptomatic disease. Adults aged 50 and older saw the most benefit from an extra dose of the vaccines made by BionTech SE with Pfizer Inc or Moderna Inc.

and hospitalization with the Omicron variant is highest for they are eligible," CDC Direc- by either the Delta or Omicron cron variant.



A worker from Chicago Family Health Center prepares a COVID-19 booster shot

in a White House briefing on testing between Dec. 10, 2021, Friday.

As has been shown in othvaccines and prior infections.

One of the studies, published ment and urgent care visits in contributed to the benefit. 10 states between Aug. 26, 2021, and Jan. 5, 2022.

shot at least six months earlier. would hold. Among those who received a booster, protection from hospi-

In another study published those who are up to date with in the JAMA medical journal, vaccine boosted antibodies, the their vaccination, meaning researchers reviewed data on level was not high enough to those who are boosted when 23,391 COVID-19 cases caused prevent infection by the Omi-

tor Dr. Rochelle Walensky said variant among people seeking and Jan. 1, 2022.

They found that among peoer countries, vaccine boosters ple seeking testing for COVperformed better against the ID-like symptoms, those who Delta variant than Omicron, a had received three doses of an highly mutated version of the mRNA vaccine had the highest SARS-CoV-2 virus that has been protection from infection comable to evade immunity from pared with those who got two doses or were unvaccinated.

Because of the timing of U.S. on Friday in the CDC's Mor- booster recommendations. bidity and Mortality Weekly most people in the study had Report, looked at rates of hos- been vaccinated within a month pitalization, emergency depart- of seeking testing, which likely

Data from the UK has shown that the increased antibody It found that protection from protection gained from boosttwo doses of vaccine fell to 57% ers wanes after 10 months, so it in people who got their second is unclear how long that benefit

Some countries have already started offering additional "Protection against infection talization and urgent care visits booster doses, but a recent study from Israel showed that while a fourth dose of an mRNA

Deadly IS, Kui

Islamic State prison b

US-led coalition carry out air strikes

Reuters | Damascus

ighting raged for a third day yesterday between the Islamic State group and Kurdish forces in Syria after IS attacked a prison housing jihadists, in violence that has claimed over 70 lives, a monitor said.

The assault on the Ghwayran prison in the northern city of Hasakeh is one of IS's most significant since its "caliphate" was declared defeated in Syria nearly three years ago.

"At least 28 members of the Kurdish security forces, five civilians and 45 members of IS have been killed" in the violence, said Rami Abdel Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Is launched the attack on Thursday night against the prison housing some 3,500 suspected members of the jihadist group, including some of its leaders, said the Observatory.

The jihadists "seized weapons they found" in the detention centre and freed several fellow IS fighters, said the Britain-based monitor, which relies on sources inside war-torn Syria for its information.

Hundreds of jihadist inmates had since been recaptured but dozens were still believed to be on the loose, the Observatory said.

With the backing of US-led coalition aircraft, Kurdish security

French pet care firm stops selling fish bowls - they drive fish mad

Reuters | Paris

↑ leading French aquari-**A**um vendor has decided to stop selling round fish bowls because they drive fish mad and kill them quickly.

French pet care market leader AgroBiothers Laboratoire will no longer sell any aquariums with a capacity of less than 15 litres and only rectangular ones, as putting fish in small bowls without filtration and oxygenation is animal abuse, it said.

"People buy a goldfish for their kids on impulse, but if they knew what a torture it is, they would not do it. Turning round and round in a small bowl drives fish crazy and kills them quickly," AgroBiothers CEO Matthieu Lambeaux told Reuters.

Gold fish can live up to 30 years and grow to about 25 cm in big aquariums or outdoor ponds, but in tiny bowls they often die within weeks or months.

He said gold fish are social animals who need the company of other fish, ample space and clean water, and that having an aquarium requires a minimum of equipment and expertise.

France is Europe's number Lambeaux said. one market for red aquarium



A woman brings a goldfish to Paris aquarium as part of an operation launched to take care of hundreds of goldfish abandoned by French holiday-makers, in

YOU Gold fish can live

up to 30 years and grow to about 25 cm in big aquariums or outdoor ponds, but in tiny bowls they often die within weeks or months

fish, with about 2.3 million fish,

Germany and several other slowly," he said.

European countries have long banned fish bowls, but France has no legislation on the issue.

"It is a French anachronism, that is why we decided to move. We cannot educate all our customers to explain that keeping fish in a bowl is cruel. We consider that it is our responsibility to no longer give consumers that choice," Lambeaux said.

AgroBiothers, which has a French market share of about 27% in pet care products, sold about 50,000 fish bowls per year at about 20 euros a piece in previous years.

"There is demand for fish bowls, but the reality is that what we offer children is the possibility to see gold fish die

WHO recon

Reuters | London

¬he World Health Organiza $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{\bot}}$ tion on Friday recommended extending the use of a reduced dosage of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to children aged 5 to 11 years

The recommendation comes after the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on immunisation held a meeting on Wednesday to evaluate the vaccine. It is currently recommended for use in people aged 12 years and above.

The recommended dosage for the younger population is 10 micrograms instead of 30 micrograms offered to those 12 years and older.

"This age group (5-11) is in the lowest priority use group for vaccination except, for children who have co-morbidities," SAGE chairman Alejandro Cravioto said at a briefing.

Pfizer/BionTech shots have already been authorised for use in the age group in several countries including the United States, Canada, Israel, and the European

Country **Total cases** Total Global tally deaths USA 8,526,027 226,319 41,192,932 116,068 7,670,537 Brazil 5,274,817 154,888 1,447,335 Russia 24,952

1,029,668

1,018,999

974,139

930,745

874,118

860,714

762,542

706,304

545,286

495,637

1,131,568 **Recovered:**

30,709,840

New cases

+168,201 **New deaths**

Figures as of closing

+2,720

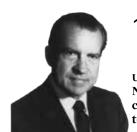
Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	105,705		6,142		98,413	1,150
Saudi Arabia	343,373	+405	5,235	+18	329,715	8,423
UAE	119,132	+1,538	472	+2	111,814	6,846
Kuwait	118,531	+813	721	+7	109,916	7,894
Oman	111,484	+451	1,137	+15	97,367	12,980
Qatar	130,210	+266	225	+1	127,093	2,892

TODAY HISTORY

In a coronation ceremony, Zhu Yuanzhang ascends to the throne of China as the Hongwu Emperor, initiating Ming Dynasty rule over China that would last for three centuries

Shaanxi Earthquake, the deadliest ever recorded, kills 830,000 in Shaanxi Province, China



US President Richard Nixon announces an ac-

cord has been reached to end Vietnam War

China locks down the city of Wuhan and its 9 million people, in a belated but ultimately successful effort to control the city's COVID-19 epidemic

y fighting between rd forces in Syria

reak repelled by Kurdish-led forces in northeastern Syria



Islamic State group fighters, who were arrested by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces after they attacked Gweiran Prison, in Hassakeh, northeast Syria

forces have encircled the pris- the prisoners". on and are battling to retake full control of surrounding neighbourhoods, which jihadists have

ian Democratic Forces (SDF) yesterday said it was continuing "operations to keep security

It said yesterday's clashes centhe jail."

The jihadist group said in a tion of a local IS cell. statement released on Friday by

'Fat target'

IS has carried out regular atused as a launching pad for their tacks against Kurdish and government targets in Syria since The Kurdish-dominated Syr- the rump of its once-sprawling best opportunity for ISIS to regain proto-state was overrun in March

in Hasakeh city and the perim- have been against military targets eter of the Ghwayran prison," and oil installations in remote arwith the help of coalition allies eas, but the Hasakeh prison break and Kurdish internal security could mark a new phase in the attack remains very real, said Colgroup's resurgence.

It was not immediately clear tred mostly in neighbourhoods whether the prison break was north of Ghwayran, where it car- part of a centrally coordinated ried out raids and "killed a num- operation -- timed to coincide sive strategy to deal with this ber of IS fighters that had attacked with an attack on a military base threat," he said. in neighbouring Iraq -- or the ac-



IS has carried out regular attacks against Kurdish and government targets in Syria since the rump of its once-sprawling proto-state was overrun in March 2019

the prison to bolster its numbers. The Islamic State group "wants

to move beyond being the terrorist and criminal network that it has devolved into, and to do that it needs more fighters," he said.

"Prison breaks represent the its strength in arms, and Ghwayran prison is a nice fat target for Most of their guerrilla attacks ISIS because its overcrowded," he said, using another acronym

> The prospect of a repeat of the in Clarke, research director at the New York-based Soufan Center

"The SDF needs a comprehen-

The Kurdish authorities have long warned they do not have the Analyst Nicholas Heras of the capacity to hold, let alone put on its Amaq news agency that its Newlines Institute in Washington trial, the thousands of Is fighters attack on the jail aimed to "free said the jihadist group targeted captured in years of operations.

Fire in residential building kills six, injures 15 in Mumbai

major fire in a 19-story Aresidential building killed at least six people and injured 15 others yesterday in Mumbai, India's financial and entertainment capital, officials said.

The fire was caused by a short-circuit in an air conditioner in one of the apartments, Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar said.

Residents said the fire started on the 15th floor and a big column of black smoke officer Saurabh Tripathi. soon enveloped the building.

Ganesh Purnaik, a spokessaid the fire left six people pitals. dead and 15 hospitalized with

critical condition, said police smoke.



Nearly two dozen fire en-More than 90 people escaped gines extinguished the blaze the building on their own or and controlled the smoke after helped by neighbors, they said. a two-hour effort, media reports said. Firefighters rushed man for the city government, the injured to two nearby hos-

Pednekar said some of the injured needed oxygen sup-

Smoke raises after a fire in Mumbai

Four of the injured were in port because they had inhaled

Southern Japan earthquake injures 13, no tsunami warning

Reuters | Tokyo

n earthquake with a mag-Anitude of 6.6 jolted southwestern Japan early yesterday morning, injuring 13 people, the authorities and local media said.

No tsunami warning was issued after the quake struck with an epicentre 45 km (30 A collapsed gate to the residential miles) deep at 1:08 a.m. (1608 house caused by an earthquake is GMT on Friday) off the coast of Kyushu, the southernmost of (JMA) said.

The quake caused shaking in Oita and Miyazaki prefectures citing local authorities. that measured 5+ on Japan's



seen in Oita, southern Japan

Thirteen people were in-Japan's four main islands, the jured in nearby regions, in-Japan Meteorological Agency cluding two people in their 80s who were seriously hurt, the Yomiuri newspaper reported,

Multiple reports of damage seismic intensity scale, which to buildings, water pipes and has a maximum of 7, the agen-roads have been confirmed, said public broadcaster NHK.

Te need to go into emergency mode to bring peace to a world that sees too little of it. The @UN will always stand with and protect those caught up in fighting & work to build stronger, more resilient & peaceful communities.

@antonioguterres



The UN has a terrible I record of tracking aid funds (e.g., Syria), but donor governments can set up an independent monitoring mechanism to ensure that humanitarian assistance actually reaches the many Afghans who urgently need it.

@KenRoth

The American people should not have to fight tooth-and-nail against wealthy and powerful corporate interests for decent wages, health care, pensions and safe working conditions.

@BernieSanders

Pakistani convicted murderer takes nmends reduced dose

D vaccine for under 12s



A child is held by her mother as she gets the the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine



Increase in booster dose coverage for high risk priority groups will usually yield greater reduction in severe disease and deaths than use of equivalent vaccine to increase primary vaccination coverage

SAGE CHAIRMAN ALEJANDRO CRAVIOTO

Union.

The WHO's vaccine director, Kate O'Brien, said no safety concerns were raised for application of Pfizer's vaccine in 5 to 11 years old in clinical trials.

The panel also recommended that booster doses of Pfizer's vaccine should be administered 4 months to 6 months after the completion of the primary series, in high-priority groups like older adults and health

top school score, wins scholarship

Reuters | Karachi

Pakistani inmate serving a Alife sentence for murder in an overcrowded Karachi prison has won a scholarship for further study after taking one of the highest scores in the city's higher secondary school exams last year.

Syed Naeem Shah, 35, scored the highest in the general high school exams among private candidates - that is, among non-traditional students - last year in Pakistan's largest city, winning a scholarship for further studies from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP).

"What I have achieved while languishing in jail is not possible if one does not have conviction," Shah told Reuters in an interview in Central Prison Karachi, built by the British in ford to continue his education. 1899 in the port city in southeastern Pakistan.

but that his family could not af- Prison Karachi, but his suc- six years to serve.



Inmate Syed Naeem Shah outside his classroom in the Central Prison, Karachi



What I have achieved while languishing in jail is not possible if one does not have conviction

SYED NAEEM SHAH

In jail, older inmates who were agreement in 2010. Years spent Speaking in a classroom in- him and helped him prepare off for academic achievements, side the prison grounds, Shah for exams. Shah is one of 1,200 good behaviour and blood dosaid he enjoyed school as a child inmates studying in Central nations, leaves him with about

cess is unparalleled, said Saeed Soomro, deputy superintendent of the prison.

"His results are (also) tantamount to our success," Soomro said, in giving him the opportunity to study and providing him with books and materials.

Shah was sentenced to life -25 years in Pakistan - in 2018 for the shooting and killing of another man in a personal disalso taking classes motivated as a prisoner on trial, plus time



Canada's support for Ukraine's sovereignty, security, and territorial integrity is unwavering and unequivocal. That's why, as they face unwarranted Russian aggression, we're providing a loan that will help support their economic resilience and their governance reforms.

@JustinTrudeau

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Lebanon to start virtual talks with IMF next week

IMF to start virtual talks tomorrow

- Kuwait foreign minister in Lebanon for talks
- Gulf states deliver confidencebuilding proposals

Reuters

tional Monetary Fund tomorrow, an official government try's financial sector. source told Reuters.

initial agreement with the fund that was endorsed by the IMF for financial support between at the time. January and February. Lebanon is in the grip of an unprecedent- Najib Mikati said in September heavily to the government. ed financial crisis and an IMF that the financial recovery plan way for it to secure aid.

figure announced by Lebanese convened since October. officials for losses in the coun-



ebanese officials will start Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah meets talks with the Interna- with Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati in Beirut, Lebanon

it was assessing a \$69 billion system, but the cabinet hasn't in Lebanon's chaotic cash econ-restore, God willing, the meas-

day to discuss the 2022 budget, Disagreements in Lebanon but no clear details have been steps to Mikati and the Leba-An IMF spokesperson also over the size of the losses and released about the recovery nese foreign minister and "the told Reuters yesterday that a how they should be distributed plan. The Lebanese financial brothers in Lebanon should team will start virtual talks with torpedoed IMF talks in 2020. system collapsed in 2019 be-Lebanese authorities next week. The central bank, banks and cause of decades of corruption The Lebanese government political elite rejected figures and waste in the state and the has said it hopes to reach an set out in a government plan unsustainable way it was fi- thetic and in solidarity with the nanced. The trigger was slowing Lebanese people ... the Kuwaiti inflows of hard currency into move is a Gulf move," Sheikh Lebanon's Prime Minister the banking system, which lent

> Several reforms the IMF It will convene again on Monities as hard currency dries up, Lebanon".

political sources say.

Kuwaiti minister visits Beirut

Meanwhile, in an effort to thaw the diplomatic rift, Kuwait's foreign minister, in the first trip by a senior Gulf Arab official since last year, delivered confidence-building proposals to Lebanon in a message coordinated with Gulf states.

Speaking after meeting Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati, Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah said ties with Beirut had not been severed and relations were now in a phase of confidence-building measures.

He said he had delivered proposed confidence-building study them and know how to deal with these matters".

"All the GCC states are sympa-Ahmad said.

Sheikh Ahmad said the visit was "to support Lebanon and deal is widely seen as the only to be drawn up by his cabinet would likely seek, including bring Lebanon out of all that it will include a fair distribution of cutting subsidies and unifying is going through, to help it over-The fund said in December losses suffered by the financial the numerous exchange rates come these difficulties, and to omy, are already becoming real- ures to build confidence with

26,000 citizens found jobs in 6,642 private institutions: minister

Labour minister meets IMF delegation



Minister Jameel Humaidan during a meeting with IMF delegates

TDT | Manama

Programme landed jobs for Majesty King Hamad bin Isa more than 26,000 nationals Al Khalifa. in about 6,642 private institutions, said Labour and Social tained the stability of the na-Development Minister.

bour ministry had trained over minister said. 12,000 nationals in 2021 in cooperation with the relevant Plan, the minister said the authorities.

figures during a virtual meet- nomic and fiscal future for the ing with the advisory mission kingdom. of the International Monetary Fund, led by Dr Mahmoud Mohieldin.

fronting the repercussions of targets to employ 20,000 Bahthe novel Coronavirus pan-rainis and train 10,000 others demic, the Economic Recov- annually. ery Plan and programmes that support the stability of the laresults prove the ability of the bour market.

rain's swift response to the national workforce.

pandemic by launching an economic stimulus package worth The second edition of the more than BHD 4.5 billion in ▲ National Employment March 2019, as directed by His

"Such measures had maintional workforce in the labour Minister Jameel Humaidan market and distanced the prialso pointed out that the la- vate sector from layoffs," the

On the Economic Recovery ambitious five-pillar plan is a The minister announced the roadmap for a brighter eco-

The plan launched by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Discussions also focused on Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Bahrain's experience in con- Prince and Prime Minister,

He affirmed that the positive local labour market to generate Humaidan highlighted Bah- more job opportunities for the

India's Reliance reports hefty profit on energy, retail boost

Reuters | Bengaluru

Reliance Industries Ltd (RELI.NS), India's most valuable company, on Friday posted a better-than-expected 41.6% jump in profit in the third quarter, boosted by strong performance in its oil-to-chemicals and retail businesses.

Its retail business benefited from a rebound in consumer demand in the festival season and as coronavirus-related curbs lifted towards the end of 2021, while higher refining margins

said its consolidated profit rose 154.74 bn rupees. to 185.49 billion rupees (\$2.50



and improved price realizations A customer wearing protective mask pushes a trolley with grocery items bolstered its mainstay energy past Reliance Jewels and Reliance Digital stores of Reliance Industries Ltd, in Mumbai

"The recovery in global oil icals) business deliver robust rise from April.

The company, led by Asia's bn) in the quarter ended Dec. 31, and energy markets supportrichest man Mukesh Ambani, beating analysts' expectations of ed strong fuel margins and in the country's east coast, exhelped our O2C (oil-to-chem- pects revenue from gas sales to

earnings," Ambani said in a statement.

Revenue from Reliance's O2C operations - comprising the world's biggest refining complex at Jamnagar, and petrochemicals plants - surged 57% to 1.31 trillion rupees, while the retail segment revenue jumped more than 52% to 577.17 bn ru-

The company said overall revenue from operations rose 54% to 1.91 trillion rupees.

The conglomerate also recorded a one-off gain of 28.72 bn rupees from the sale of its shale gas assets.

Reliance, which produces gas from an ultra deep water block

Bitcoin falls 5.6% to \$34,448

Reuters

 $B^{
m itcoin}$ dropped 5.6% to \$34,448.94 at 18:10 GMT yesterday, losing 1,878.27 from its previous close.

Bitcoin, the world's biggest and best-known cryptocurrency, is up 1.8% from the year's low of \$34,000 on Jan. 22.

Ether, the coin linked to the Saturday, losing \$189.64 from ethereum blockchain network, its previous close.



dropped 8.4% to \$2,352.72 on

Intel's \$20 billion Ohio factory could become world's largest chip plant

Reuters | Washington/San Francisco

Tntel Corp said on Friday it would invest up to \$100 billion to build potentially the world's largest chip-making complex in Ohio, looking to boost capacity as a global shortage of semiconductors affects everything from smartphones to cars.

The move is part of Chief Executive Officer Pat Gelsinger's strategy to restore Intel's dominance in chip making and reduce America's reliance on Asian manufacturing hubs, which have a tight hold on the market.

Albany will create 3,000 jobs, in Ohio, he told Reuters.



Chief Executive Officer Pat Gelsinger

Gelsinger said. That could grow An initial \$20 billion invest- to \$100 billion with eight total it could become "the largest ment - the largest in Ohio's his- fabrication plants and would be semiconductor manufacturing chains. That would include the tory - on a 1,000-acre site in New the largest investment on record location on the planet," he said.

Dubbed the silicon heartland, While chipmakers are scramcrunch, because such complexes for congressional action. take years to build.

to persist into 2023.

To dramatically increase chip persuade Congress to approve chain is "far too dependent on 2025. \$52 billion in subsidy funding.

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Friday the House of Representatives would soon introduce a bill on competitiveness to help bolster semiconductor investment and supply \$52 billion funding.

US President Joe Biden touted

bling to boost output, Intel's Intel's investment on Friday at conditions and countries halfplans for new factories will not a White House event with Gel- way around the world." alleviate the current supply singer and again made the case

pete the rest of us," Biden said. as quickly."

US Commerce Secretary Gina

Gelsinger said without gov-

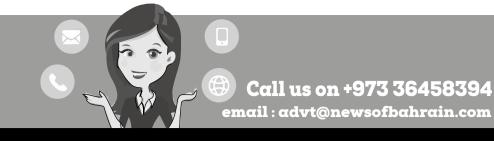
ernment funding "we're still "China is doing everything it going to start the Ohio site. It's Gelsinger reiterated on Friday can to take over the global mar-just not going to happen as fast he expected the chip shortages ket so they can try to out com- and it's not going to grow as big

Construction of the first two production in the United States,Raimondo said at the event the factories is expected to begin the Biden administration aims to current semiconductor supply late in 2022 and production in



Overall demand for semiconductors of all stripesfrom basic microcontrollers and memory chips to the most sophisticated high-performance processors-has grown over the past decade. as smartphone usage and computing power boomed. A steady rise in semiconductor sales faltered in 2019, but was then boosted 5.4% by 2020's shelter-inplace demand for home gadgets, IDC data shows.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger involved in car accident

Fox | Los Angeles

Tollywood star Arnold Hollywood star involved in a multi-car crash on Friday, leaving one person injured.

"There was a four-vehicle traffic accident on Sunset and Allenford at 4:35 p.m. One vehicle on top of another," Los Angeles Police Department Officer Drake Madison told Fox News Digital on Friday." Madison said that "one female was transported to a local hospital with an abrasion."

The 74-year-old actor was driving a black Yukon SUV when he collided with a red Prius, according to TMZ.

The black Yukon SUV started to roll and eventually landed on top of the Prius. It continued to roll into a Porsche Cavenne, the outlet reported.

Schwarzenegger is okay, but the driver of the Prius sustained injuries during the crash. The actor's "only concern" is the injured Arnold Schwarzenegger

Hollywood star **Arnold Schwarzeneg**ger was involved in a multi-car crash, injuring one person. Schwarzenegger was said to be unhurt

woman, a representative for Schwarzenegger told Fox News Digital.

An eyewitness told TMZ that the collision was so crazy that it looked like it was a stunt made for a movie.

Schwarzenegger's friend Jake Steinfeld was reportedly also in the car at the time of the collision, according to

> Representatives for Steinfeld did not immediately respond to Fox News Digital's request for com-

> > Steinfeld has been a longtime friend of Schwarzenegger. He served as the chairman of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness while the actor was governor of California.

Cardi B to cover **Bronx fire victims'** funeral costs

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 ${
m R}$ apper and songwriter Cardi B will pay funeral and burial expenses for victims of the January 9 Bronx fire, the NYC Mayor's Office announced.

According to Variety, Cardi, who was raised in the Bronx neighborhood Highbridge, has partnered with New York City Mayor Erik Adams and his Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City to help alleviate the financial burden of the victims' families following the tragedy.

Cardi B will cover all funeral costs, including repatriation expenses for certain families whose loved ones were buried in the Gambia.

In a statement, she said, "I'm extremely proud to be from the Bronx and I have lots of family and friends who live and work there still. I cannot begin to imagine the pain and anguish that the families of the victims are experiencing."

Nick Jonas, Priyanka Chopra welcome baby via surrogate

Fox | Los Angeles

ick Jonas and Priyanka Chopra have welcomed a baby via sur-

The couple announced the news on social media on Fri-

"We are overjoyed to confirm that we have welcomed a baby via surrogate. We respectfully ask for privacy during this special time as we focus on our family," their statement read.

The Jonas Brothers singer, 29, and the actress, 39, wed in 2018 in two ceremonies in India. One ceremony was Hindu and the other Christian.

Back in November, the Brothers couple faced rumors of marital issues, but Chopra was quick to shut them down. First, she dropped ored and so a thirsty comment underneath her husband's Instagram workout post before be here tonight to doubling down on dispelling roast my husband, notions she and the boybander are wading treacherous waters

The "Quantico" actress then member," Chopra said took to social media again -Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas

in the marriage.

this time to share a video clip of of herself gracing the stage durherself gracing the stage during ing Netflix's "Jonas Brothers

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Family Roast." "Brought my husband and his Back in November, brothers a nice roast for dinthe couple faced ner," Chopra captioned rumors of

the video post, joking that the Jonas Brothers "clearly" never made it big in her home country of India.

"Perks of being a Jonas," she added in the caption.

Earlier this month, Chopra hinted to Vanity Fair that she and Jonas were ready to become parents.

"That's a big part of our desire for the future," she said. "By God's grace, when it happens, it hap-

Drew Barrymore asked Courteney Cox for advice during pregnancy scare

ANI | Washington

Drew Barrymore recently revealed that she confided in Courteney Cox during a pregnancy scare when she was 21.

azine, Barrymore opened up I was having a false about the situation during an sense of being preginterview with Cox and their nant," Barrymore re-'Scream' costars David Arquette called. and Neve Campbell on 'The Drew Barrymore Show'.

The talk show host said she vou know if you're

"I remember at the poster shoot I was having a nerv-According to People Mag- ous breakdown because

She added, "I kept asking you, 'How do

and Cox "became so close" pregnant? We're supposed to franchise hit theatres on Friday, while filming the 1996 horror shoot this poster, but oh my nearly 25 years after the original movie, which made it easier for God, I just started dating some-film debuted. her to seek advice. body and how do you

> time. the older dating scene. one and I

in response. **Drew Barrymore**

Barrymore is now a mom to two daughters, Olive, 9, and Barrymore told Frankie, 7, whom she shares her former costar with ex-husband Will Kopelthat she "felt safe" man. The star opened up to confiding in her, 'Queer Eye' star Bobby Berk calling Cox "the about the challenges of dating mature, safe as a single mother during person in the Thursday's episode of her room" at the eponymous talk show.

"I'm not there yet," she "I was said about re-entering the

"I have two young girls was the right and, like, I don't want to person to ask," bring people home. ... I think Cox quipped it would take me a very long time to meet someone and get The fifth to know them before I could instalment of even ever introduce them to the 'Scream' my daughters," she added.

Robert Pattinson in talks to star in 'Parasite' director's next film

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awards history with his 2019

'The Batman', take his place. is expected

er's next 2022. is a sci-**Robert Pattinson**

coming novel 'Mickey7'.

According to the book's pub-Oscar-winning director lisher St. Martin Press, the Bong Joon Ho, who made high-concept cerebral thriller is best described as "The Marfilm 'Parasite', has tian" meets "Dark Matter." The set his next film tale is about an "expendable" at Warner Bros. -- a disposable employee on a As per Vari- human expedition sent to colety, Robert Pat- onize the ice world Nifheim -tinson, who will who refuses to let his replacesoon be seen in ment clone, dubbed Mickey 8,

Plot details for the movie to star in have not been confirmed, and Joon Ho's it's not clear how closely Joon Ho will stick to the source mah e terial. Ashton's book is schedh e l m - uled to publish in February

The new movie marks Joon ence-fic- Ho's second deal with Warnertion story, Media in recent months folan adap- lowing an HBO limited series tation of based on 'Parasite', which is Edward currently in the works with Ashton's up- Adam McKay.

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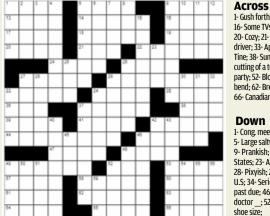
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Rashford sends Man Utd into Premier League top four

Manchester United snatch victory over West Ham after Marcus Rashford's late winner

Ralf Rangnick's side claim huge win in race for Champions League berth

AFP | London

arcus Rashford struck with virtually the last kick of the game to take Manchester United into the Premier League top four at West Ham's expense with a 1-0 win yesterday.

United were insipid as an attacking force for 93 minutes at Old Trafford, but found the breakthrough at the death as all Marcus Rashford shoots to score three of Ralf Rangnick's substi- next season. tutes combined when Anthony up Rashford for a tap in at the

the Red Devils leapfrog Totten-side. ham and Arsenal in the battle



Rangnick has lost just one of Martial and Edinson Cavani teed his 10 games since taking tem- the opener with a fiercely struck porary charge till the end of the cross that just evaded Cristiano season, but once again the result Ronaldo in the most dangerous Victory lifts United a point was more impressive than the moment of the first half. above the Hammers and sees performance from the German's

two assists in the past week and the Portuguese nearly created

in to the West Ham goal in the international a lift. Bruno Fernandes looked back absence of Lukasz Fabianski due for Champions League football to his best with two goals and to a positive test for coronavirus, ny Martial had refused to be part first time.

It is obviously an important goal and such late on is an amazing feeling. We have to use that winning feeling

MARCUS RASHFORD

but the Frenchman was forced into just one serious save when

Fernandes dragged another ter-attack. effort wide from the edge of the box as United toiled to the frustration of the 75,000 crowd.

However, Rangnick's changes made the difference.

Rashford has looked devoid of confidence in recent months, vived a VAR check against Cavani but his first goal since October for offside and there was barely in a 3-1 win at Brentford on time for West Ham to kick-off Alphonse Areola was drafted Wednesday gave the England in what could be a fatal blow to

of his squad for last weekend's 2-2 draw at Aston Villa as he looks for a move away from the club for more game time.

The Frenchman publicly denied that accusation and was given his first minutes under the interim boss when he was introduced along with Cavani in the final 10 minutes.

David de Gea was nearly caught out by a long-range effort from Declan Rice as the game entered stoppage time.

But rather than snatch a winhe turned Fred's driven shot ner, West Ham were hit with behind early in the second half. a sucker punch on the coun-

> Martial played in Cavani on the left of the box and the Uruguayan's cross just required a touch from Rashford at the back

The wild celebrations surtheir outside hopes of reaching Rangnick claimed that Antho- the Champions League for the

Xavi maintains tough Barcelona stance on Dembele



Ousmane Dembele AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez said yesterday the club would not soften their stance on Ousmane Dembele's contract situation, despite the Frenchman's angry riposte on social media on Thurs-

Dembele wrote he would not "give in to blackmail" after Xavi left him out of his squad to face Athletic Bilbao in the Copa del Rey on Thursday night, following a breakdown in talks over a new deal.

The winger's contract expires in the summer, when he will be able to leave Barcelona for free.

The club's director of football Mateu Alemany said on Thursday morning "it seems obvious to us that the player does not want to continue at Barcelona" and "therefore we hope that a transfer will take place before January 31".

BRAVE CF releases list of nominees for 2021 Knockout Of The Year

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The past 12 months have featured plenty of epic battles inside BRAVE Combat Federation's cage, but the spectacular finishes have always taken the spotlight and have compelled fans to tune in every fight

With multiple incredible knockout victories to choose from the 11 live shows in 2021, compiling a definitive list of the very best proved a tough task. With that said, here are the nominees for Knockout of

The card was aptly-entitled Brave CF 47: Asian Domination in March saw a pair of insane stoppages that are definitely worthy of Knockout Of The Year consideration.

In one of the evening's early bouts, India's Mohammed Farhad scored a fantastic onepunch knockout of Pakistan's . Uloomi Karim.

Meanwhile, two super welterweights clashed in a featured bout that ended--with Uzbeki-



BRAVE CF Awards 2021 KO Of The Year Nominees

Mohammed Farhad def. Uloomi Kareem - BRAVE CF 47 Ruziboev def. Ibrahim Mane - BRAVE CF 47 Anton Turkalj def. Konstantin Soldatov - BRAVE CF 50 Denis Maher def. Rinat Sagyntay - BRAVE CF

Valeriu Mircea def. Ayub Gaziev - BRAVE CF 52

stan's Nursulton Ruziboev putting France's Ibrahim Mane to sleep with a thunderous slam in the opening round.

On the other hand, one knockout win stood out at the historic BRAVE CF 50 last April when Anton Turkalj of Sweden got the job done in 13 seconds against Konstantin Soldatov of Kazakhstan, becoming the record-holder for fastest-ever KO in the promotion's history.

At Brave CF 51: The Future Is Here, Belarusian rising star Denis Maher's star shined the brightest by trouncing Rinat Sagyntay of Kazakhstan via first-round knockout.

To round up the list of nominees, Maldovan standout Valeriu Mircea had a short night at BRAVE CF 52; Bad Blood in August as he triumphed against Ayub Gaziev, finishing off his Austrian counterpart in only 43 seconds.

Fans will get the chance to determine the winner of this category by casting their votes through BRAVE CF's official Instagram account @bravemmaf.

Eira barges through to girls' U16 semis

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m et\,to\,the\,semi-finals\,of\,the}$ girls' under-16 singles in the ninth EK Kanoo Juniors Open Tennis Championship 2022, being played at Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) in Juffair.

Eira defeated Jood Kadoura 6-0, 6-0 in their round of eight match to power through to the last four.

Eira is next set to face off with Leanne Sinocruze, who also advanced to the semis following her own 6-0, 6-0 triumph against Chloe Elkara.

The other contest in the last four will be between Salma Faragallah and Zaidan Hajar. Salma beat Mona Khazindar 6-2, 6-0 to earn her berth in the next round while Zaidan defeated Latifa Abdulla 6-1, 6-2 to march through.

nals are scheduled to take Rohan and Shadi defeated Moplace today at BTC.

Salma qualified for the semi-fi- as Mohammed and Anthony nals of the girls' under-12 sin- beat Mohamed Al Shehabi and gles following a 6-1, 6-3 win Yousuf Al Shehabi via walkover Mariam Ahmed. Naila over. Abdulla joined her in the last four, beating Rhea Pradhan bles, Abdulrahman Al Dosa-6-1, 6-0, as did Fatima Albaa- ri and Nasser Al Saeed beat jari, who was a 6-0, 6-1 winner against Heer Bavra.

The last semi-final place will be decided between Alanna Cifra and Lara Ahmed.

On the distaff, Rayyan Ahmed and Alston D'Souza made it through to the boys' Al Dosari also made it through under-16 doubles semi-finals with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Ishan following a 6-1, 6-1 win against Ravi and Aryan Upponi. They James Thomas and Rion Jay. will then take on Mohammed Rayyan and Alston next meet Salman and Hamad Al Jishi for Clark Sayago and Hamza aberth in the title match. Mousa, who also advanced via walkover.



Eira Corral in action yesterday in her girls' under-16 singles quarter-final

In the other final four clash, Rohan Mukherjee and Shadi Kallel will play Mohamed The girls' under-16 semi-fi- Al Huda and Anthony Ghosn. hammed Al Jishi and Moham-Meanwhile, also yesterday, med Hossam 7-5, 6-4, where-

> In the boys' under-12 dou-Ebrahim Mohammed and Shaheer Khalid Rajput 6-1, 6-0 to march through to the semis. There they will face Mohammed Nasser and Ahmed Murtadha.

Ali Alkhayyat and Abdulla

Action continues today at the BTC hard courts.

Stokes, Archer, Gayle missing from IPL auction

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m ngland}$'s Ben Stokes, Australia's Mitchell Starc and veteran West Indies big-hitter Chris Gayle are among the stars missing from the upcoming auction for the Indian Premier League, media reports said yes-

More than 1,200 cricketers from India and 18 countries across the world have registered to go under the hammer 13 for the 15th edition of the bidding pool for the IPL -- ex- Sam Curran, the reports said. world's most lucrative cricket pected to begin in April dependtournament.

teams will bid and participate in this year's IPL after the addition of two new franchises. Ahmedabad and Lucknow

Other notable absentees from India -- are the English trio of



Rajasthan Royals' Ben Stokes and Jofra Archer during a match (file photo)

in Bangalore on February 12 and the long list of players in the Jofra Archer, Chris Woakes and

has never played in the IPL -- is also sitting out the auction although fast bowler Mark Wood is on the list along with Australian stars David Warner and Pat Cummins, the reports said. Ten teams will bid and partic-

disastrous Ashes tour of Aus-

tralia. Captain Joe Root -- who

ipate in this year's IPL after the addition of two new franchises, Ahmedabad and Lucknow.

India's opening batter KL Rahul will captain Lucknow after he was signed as the joint-highest-paid player, for 170 million Stokes and Woakes both par-rupees (\$2.3 million), in the hising on the Covid situation in ticipated in England's recent tory of the tournament.

Bahrain's Abdo finishes second in Houston Marathon



Bahrain's Abdi Ibrahim Abdo celebrates after crossing second the finish line of the 24th edition of Rome Marathon, on April 8, 2018 in Rome (file photo)

narrowly misses out on impressive victory after leading from race start before going off course momentarily

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race of the Houston Marathon, eight.

metre race distance in two The 24-year-old currenthours 11 minutes 11 seconds, ly boasts a personal best of just eight seconds behind win- 2:08:32 in the distance—a time ner James Ngandu of Kenya. he set in 2018 in Rome.

It was a tough result for **Bahraini elite athlete** Abdo, who was leading from the start. But he went off the course momentarily after following the timing car by mistake, costing him the victory.

> Elisha Kiprop Barno, also of Kenya, came third in 2:11:16, while Kenta Uchida of Japan came fourth in 2:11:19.

Kelkile Gezahegn of Ethiopia, Frank Lara of the US, Luke Bahraini elite athlete Abdi Caldwell of Great Britain and Ibrahim Abdo finished a Josh Izewski, also from the close runner-up in the men's U.S., completed the men's top

Abdo was competing in his Abdo completed the 42-kilo- first marathon of the season.

Bahrain national team kick off training gathering



Bahrain head coach Jelio Sousa, right, and assistant coach Jose Alexandre **Carneiro during training**

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period yesterday under chilly June. conditions.

Ahli Club stadium in Zinj.

tune-up games are part of their preparations for their upcoming competitions, particularly Bahrain's senior men's nathe start of the third round of Mohamed Adel, Mohammed stage of qualification. The draw fundamental football team kicked qualification for the AFC Asian Hardan, Ammar Abbas, Mahdi is scheduled to be held on February and the start of the third round of Mohamed Adel, Mohammed stage of qualification. The draw fundamental football team kicked qualification for the AFC Asian Hardan, Ammar Abbas, Mahdi is scheduled to be held on February fundamental for the start of the third round of Mohamed Adel, Mohammed stage of qualification. The draw fundamental football team kicked qualification for the AFC Asian Hardan, Ammar Abbas, Mahdi is scheduled to be held on February fundamental for the start of the third round of Mohamed Adel, Mohammed stage of qualification. off their latest local training Cup 2023, which will be held in Abduljabbar, Ebrahim Khattal, ruary 24.

The session was held at the Al named a 23-player squad for Hazaa training. The roster includes



Bahrain's Jassim Khulaif dribbles the ball during drills yesterday Waleed Al Hayam, Sayed Mo- currently 91st.

hammed Jaafar, Sayed Shub-Jassim Khulaif, Abdulrahman Head coach Helio Sousa has Salem, Ali Madan and Abdulla tional teams competing in this

The nationals are getting Hamad Shamsan, Hashem Sayed friendly matches will be played teams are to be divided into set to play two international Isa, Hazza Ali, Jassim Al Shaikh, at home. Their African oppo- six groups of four to play a friendlies during this coming Komail Alaswad, Mohammed nents are both classified higher single round-robin. The group fortnight, first against Ugan- Jassim Marhoon, Sayed Redha on the FIFA World Rankings, winners and the best five runda on Thursday before facing Isa, Abdulwahab Al Malood, with Uganda currently 82nd ners-up across all groups will DR Congo on February 1. The Amine Hasan, Hasan Karrani, and DR Congo 64th. Bahrain are qualify for the Asian Cup.

The nationals have yet to bar Alawi, Mahdi Humaidan, learn of their groupings for this

Bahrain are one of 24 nathird round of qualifying for Both of Bahrain's upcoming the AFC Asian Cup 2023. These

Medvedev, Tsitsipas march into last 16 as Halep fires warning

Clinical Daniil Medvedev cruises into Australian Open fourth round after beating Botic van de Zandschulp

Stefanos Tsitsipas beats Benoit Paire

Ashleigh Barty braces for Amanda Anisimova test

AFP | Melbourne

T Torld number two and title favourite Daniil Medvedev won over the Australian Open crowd yesterday as the Russian "villain" eased into the last 16 along with Stefanos Tsitsipas.

After the drama of Friday, when defending champion Naomi Osaka exited Melbourne in the third round, the leading women's seeds were also mostly untroubled on day six.

Second seed Aryna Sabalenka overcame some of her serving yips and Simona Halep was an emphatic winner, the former number one now playing self-described "dinosaur" Alize Cornet on Monday for a place in the quarter-finals.

Medvedev, the de facto men's top seed after the deportation comfortable as he dismissed Fritz next. of defending champion No- unseeded Dutchman Botic van vak Djokovic on the eve of the de Zandschulp and he won some Grand Slam, said some fans at friends in the process. Melbourne Park had a "low IQ" after they booed him in his sec- kept his cool in sweltering conond-round victory over Australian showman Nick Kyrgios.

dose of composure to see off round. Kyrgios and silence Rod Laver



Daniil Medvedev in action during his match



I'll put it this way, it's easier to play a guy from the Netherlands than a guy from Australia in Australia in Melbourne

DANIIL MEDVEDEV

he riled up the crowd.

But it was altogether more

The 25-year-old Medvedev ditions on Margaret Court Arena of the generation coming up ifier Taro Daniel in four sets and to roll through 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 in fast behind the "Big Three" of will play Australia's Alex de Mi-The reigning US Open champi- 1hr 55min and faces American Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Rog- naur. on needed four sets and a large Maxime Cressy in the fourth er Federer, could meet in the

"I'll put it this way, it's easier Arena, and was branded a "vil- to play a guy from the Nether- Andrey Rubley, the Russian fifth swatted aside Danka Kovinic

ia in Australia in Melbourne," said Medvedev, who has a similar love-hate dynamic with the 2018 runner-up Marin Cilic. crowd in New York.

have its ups and downs so I think ing in singles, thrashing Dan Evit's good, it's entertaining and it's ans 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. real, there is some relationship going on."

who is chasing a maiden major, Canadian warned his rivals that seeded Cornet, who celebrated was also largely untroubled in a he was beginning to feel at home her 32nd birthday by slugging 6-3, 7-5, 6-7 (2/7), 6-4 win over at the business end of majors. unseeded Frenchman Benoit Paire and plays American Taylor and more Grand Slams and I

dation. He did not drop a service my place," he said. game despite losing a set and sent down 21 aces.

semi-finals.

There was defeat however for In the women's draw, Halep



After missing Wimbledon and the French Open in an injury-plagued 2021, Halep is now back to peak fitness and has notched eight straight wins. including a warm-up title in Melbourne

Felix Auger-Aliassime sent "Every good relationship must home the last Briton left stand- the tournament full of confi-

Auger-Aliassime is regarded as a serious upcoming talent in Greek fourth seed Tsitsipas, men's tennis and the 21-year-old

"Now of course playing more have gone to semi-finals (US Tsitsipas's serve was the foun- Open last year), I feel more in

Another burgeoning talent, the 20-year-old Italian Jannik Medvedev and Tsitsipas, two Sinner, defeated Japanese qual-

'What else can I ask for?'

lain" by local media for the way lands than a guy from Austral-seed, who lost in four sets to conqueror of US Open champion Ashleigh Barty



Simona Halep in action during her match

with Cornet of France.

The fit-again Halep came into dence after her first title in 16 months earlier this month at a cial victory being back in the Melbourne warm-up event and was always in charge.

The 14th seed next meets un-



Emma Raducanu -- 6-2, 6-1 in it out with Slovenian 29th seed just 64 minutes to set up a date Tamara Zidansek for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory.

> The crowd serenaded her by singing happy birthday.

"It's definitely a very, very spesecond week 13 years after my first (time). It's quite special,"

"The day of my birthday, I mean, what else can I ask for?"

World number two Sabalenka overcame some of the serving problems that have been plaguing her early season, but still totted up 10 double faults and needed three sets to get past 31st seed Marketa Vondrousova.

The Belarusian now meets unseeded Estonian veteran Kaia Kanepi.

Also safely into round four and looking ominous is seventh seed Iga Swiatek, who swatted aside 25th seed Daria Kasatkina, 6-2, 6-3, but 10th seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova was a surprise loser to unseeded Sorana Cirstea.

Bahrain outclass Kuwait in **Asian handball**

Kingdom's senior men's national team defeats Gulf rivals by 14 goals to make winning start in main round of 2022 Asian Men's Handball Championship in Saudi Arabia

- Mahdi Saad continues impressive form to finish as Bahrain's leading scorer with six goals in the match
- Bahrainis rise to first place on Group II standings following result, ahead of Iran who beat Iraq in yesterday's other game

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ahrain outclassed Kuwait 29-15 last night to make a winning start to their main round campaign in the 2022 Asian Men's Handball Championship, being held in Saudi Arabia.

The Bahrainis and Kuwaitis are in Group II in this stage of the competition alongside Iran and Iraq. The Iranians won yesterday's other group fixture, against Kuwait and continued terparts.

Both games were played at



Bahrain's Ahmed Fadhul celebrates after scoring a goal against Kuwait

Group II standings

	Ρ	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Bahrain	1	1	0	0	14	2
Iran	1	1	0	0	3	2
Iraq	1	0	0	1	-3	0
Kuwait	1	0	0	1	-14	0

28-25 against their Iraq countheir final play over the final 30

Mahdi Saad continued imtop scoring for Bahrain with six 16 saves in the contest. Bahrain led 17-8 at the half goals. He was the team's lead-

ing scorer from the preliminary

Ahmed Fadhul added five goals and was perfect from the field, as was Ali Eid who finished with four goals. Mohamfour, while skipper Hussain Al they play Iraq tomorrow in their Wednesday. Abdulgader had two.

The Kingdom's senior men's Following their match with the group, they will contend for once.



Mohammed Habib in action for Bahrain during their match last night

national team will look to ex- Iraq tomorrow, they play Iran round.

med Habib also contributed tended their fine start when in their last main round game on

Sayyad chipped in three and Ali second game of this phase. Last The Bahrainis must finish night's win was also their fourth amongst the top two in their onship held in January of 2020, Bahrain goalkeeper Moham- in a row of the competition, hav- group to advance to the semi-fi- the Bahrainis finished fourth med Abdulhussain was a rock ing previously swept all three of nals. Should they finish third, overall. Bahrain have been runthe Ministry of Sports Hall in pressive form in the tournament, for the Bahrainis, finishing with their games in the preliminary they will play for fifth place ners-up four times in the last six overall, and if they finish last in editions and bronze-medallists



Olympian and national team goalkeeper Mohammed Abdulhussain was a rock for Bahrain in yesterday's contest, finishing with 16 saves

seventh place overall.

The teams in Group I are South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Uzbekistan.

The tournament also acts as the continental qualifying event for the 2023 IHF World Men's Handball Championship. The top five-ranked teams earn an automatic berth to the worlds.

The nationals are gunning for their first title in the Asian championship.

In the previous Asian champi-

Manama, Hala play to goalless draw



Manama skipper Isa Moussa dribbles past his Al Hala marker

Manama retain position in second place on league standings following fourth draw in 10 matches

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Manama were need to a point beam and back-to-back defending and back-to-back defending in the final game of week 10 champions Riffa. The result in the 2021/2022 Nasser bin was their fourth draw in 10 Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

score in the contest, but nei- they went to 10 points in sixth ther could find the finishing place. League action continues touches.

This included Manama's international break.

Mahdi Abduljabbar, who is currently the league's top scorer with nine goals and who also won last season's Golden

Following the share of the points, Manama improved to 19 points on the league standings, where they retained their position at the beginning of the week in second place, seven Tanama were held to a points behind table-toppers

Hala, on the other hand, Both teams had chances to also had their fourth draw, and early next month following an

Al Rumaihi takes home grand prize in showjumping round

HH Shaikh Nasser's media office director and BREEF PR and media committee head Tawfig Al Salehi crowns winners

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ayoof Al Rumaihi emerged as the grand prize winner of the sixth showjumping championship, held in Sakhir.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa's Media Office and Information Centre director and Bahrain Royal Equestri-(BREEF) PR and media committee head Tawfiq Al Salehi was on hand to crown the Ministry of Interior team member as the

Al Salehi congratulated the top three finishers in the main race of the event. He praised the efforts exerted by the stables to achieve the best results and top places, and stated that such efforts are contributing to the development of showjumping in Bahrain.

Al Salehi added: "The showjumping sport is witnessing tangible improvement in the Kingdom, thanks to the support



an and Endurance Federation An awarding ceremony from one of the categories

The showjumping sport is witnessing tangible improvement in the Kingdom, thanks to the support and backing of HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, President of **BREEF**

TAWFIQ AL SALEHI

and backing of HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, President of BREEF."

He also hailed the endeavours of the BREEF showjumping

Al Rumaihi defeated his 58.73s. Both the first-place win-seconds. ner and runner-up committed

eight faults each. Meanwhile, seniors (120cm fences), Ahmed Al Rumaihi also occupied third Al Hasheli topped the podiplace as he participated on two um, while Haytham Al Bastaki different horses. He finished triumphed in the joker event



One of the participants in action

attempt

Also, Al Rumaihi jumped to victory in the third competition for senior participants, which featured 110cm fences. He completed it in 22.15 seconds, leaving second place to competitors over 140cm fenc- his brother Sultan, whose time es, clocking 57.62 seconds. was 23.82 seconds. Third place He was followed by Hussain went to Abdulla Al Awadhi, who Dadaallah, who posted a time of crossed the finish line in 25.09

In the fourth competition for in 66.05 seconds in his second which featured 130cm fences.