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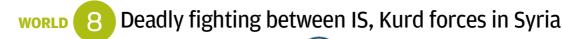
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Bahrain outclass Kuwait in Asian handball

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 | **P16**





Arnold Schwarzenegger involved in car accident

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.

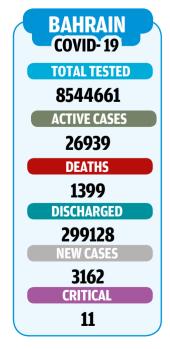
He said the target in Saada was not on no-targeting lists agreed upon with the OCHA, was not reported by the ICRC and did not meet the standards stipulated by the Third Geneva Convention for Prisoners of War.

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

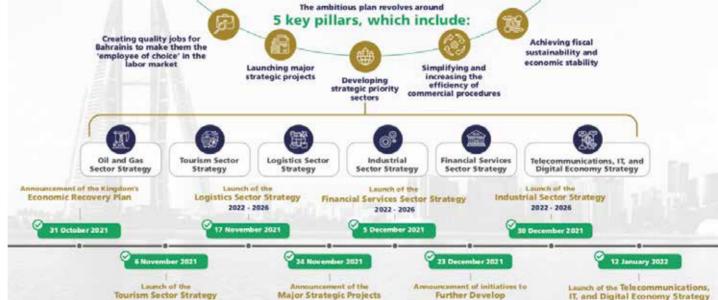
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m ew}$ strategies and initiatives aimed at developing the economy and creating quality opportunities for citizens were released yesterday by the Kingdom following the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince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

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jobs for Bahrainis to make them strategic priority sectors, simpli- IT and Digital Economy. fying and increasing the efficienand economic stability.

strategic projects, developing Services, Telecommunications,

long-term competitiveness, ing major development projects,

labour market, launching major Logistics, Industrial, Financial strategies. The focus is on making citizens the first choice in the labour market, facilitating enhancing endeavours for finan-The plan introduces sev- commercial procedures and in- cial sustainability and economic cy of commercial procedures and eral initiatives and strategies creasing their effectiveness to stability by achieving financial achieving fiscal sustainability to enhance the Kingdom's attractinvestments, implement- balance by 2024.

Sector-wise, the strategy fo- for which the concerned au- and developing promising secthe '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

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 responsibility to safeguard their online accounts while at-

o one knows what to do

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 is an IT manager of a financial The Daily Tribune office has, their seemingly vast networks that BD860 was robbed from account. Since my account and

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

after losing bucks from their Ajeesh P K, a resident in the 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 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.

transactions, mainly of BD99 and same bank, I asked the branch lesser amounts. I also saw two manager to block both of them. missed calls from a WhatsApp number not in my contacts.

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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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