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HM King thanked by Indian President

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from the President of India Droupadi Murmu in response to the congratulatory cable sent by HM the King on India's Independence Day.

HM King returns after paying respects to Queen Elizabeth II

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday returned to Bahrain after visiting UAE, UK and paying his respects to Queen Elizabeth II, laid to rest alongside her beloved husband after 70 years on the throne.

Upon arrival in Bahrain yesterday, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al



Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister welcomed HM King. Earlier yesterday, HM the King left the UAE and was seen off by UAE President HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed.

During talks, the two leaders reviewed the solid fraternal Bahraini-UAE relations and the latest regional and global developments.

The funeral, according to

BBC, was watched by 32.5 million viewers there. Among the 2,000 congregations were some 500 presidents, prime ministers, foreign royal family members and dignitaries, including Joe Biden of the United States.

HM King Hamad offered condolences and sympathy to His Majesty King Charles III, the UK Royal Family, the British people and the government.

HRH Prince Salman calls, congratulates Chef Tala Bashmi



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday congratulated Bahraini Chef, Tala Bashmi, for being honoured as one of the 100 Best Chefs in the world, in a phone call.

Tala Bashmi was selected as one of the 100 Best Chefs of the world at the sixth edition of the Best Chef Award, held in Madrid, Spain.

HRH wished Chef Bashmi continued success and expressed pride in her accomplishment, which builds on those already made by Bahraini women across fields.

Putin's war call-up spurs exodus

● Demand soars for flights out of Russia, border traffic up

● Ukraine's Zelenskiy appeals to world to punish Moscow

● UN Security Council to discuss Ukraine conflict

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Some draft-age Russians headed abroad yesterday to escape their country's biggest conscription drive since World War Two, while explosions shook southeastern Ukraine on the eve of referendums planned there by pro-Moscow separatists.

President Vladimir Putin's

300k

Putin's defence minister has said the call-up is intended to enlist about 300,000 men.



Cars queue to enter Finland from Russia at Finland's most southern crossing point Vaalimaa, around three hour drive from Saint Petersburg, in Vaalimaa, Finland

new mobilisation campaign escalates a war that has already killed thousands, displaced millions, pulverised cities, damaged the global economy and revived Cold War confrontation.

Though polls have suggested widespread domestic backing for Russia's intervention in Ukraine, mass conscription may be a domestically risky move after past Kremlin promises it would not happen and a string of battlefield failures in Ukraine.

"Every normal person is (concerned)," said one man, identifying himself only as Sergey, disembarking in Belgrade after a flight from Moscow. "It is OK to be afraid of the war."

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Moscow does not fully control any of the four regions it is apparently seeking to annex, with only around 60% of Donetsk and 66% of Zaporizhzhia regions held by its forces.

Prices for air tickets out of Moscow soared above \$5,000 for one-way flights to the nearest foreign locations, with most sold out for coming days. Traffic also surged at border crossings with Finland and Georgia.

One Russian man arriving at Istanbul Airport said he left partly over the Kremlin's decision. "It can lead to lots of problems for lots of Russians," said Alex, grabbing his suitcase at a baggage carousel.

Addressing world leaders at the annual UN General Assembly in New York, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy urged the United Nations to create a special tribunal and strip Moscow of its Security Council veto power.

"A crime has been committed against Ukraine, and we demand just punishment," Zelenskiy, dressed in his trademark green military T-shirt, said by video on Wednesday.

Israeli PM Lapid backs two-state solution with Palestinians



Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid called on yesterday for a two-state solution to decades of Israeli-Palestinian conflict and reiterated that Israel would do "whatever it takes" to stop Iran from developing a nuclear bomb.

Saudi mission on SpaceX Capsule to include first female Arab Astronaut



The man is currently recovering. The new jaw bone prepared using his leg fragment was aided by 3D-printed missing parts. The team used 3D MRI & CT scans to develop an exact fitting model of the missing jaw parts.

Cancer that appears in the jaw region is a rare type of head and neck cancer

Life saving tech

3D printed jaw, a life changer for a cancer patient in Saudi

● Tumour removed and new jaw fitted after a 15-hour operation

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Surgeons in Saudi Arabia gave a new lease of life to a patient



suffering from a tumour in the lower left jaw for three years using a 3D printed jaw.

The challenging procedure was successfully done at Buraidah's General Hospital (central Saudi Arabia).

The 18-year-old man, Qassim Health cluster said, received the new jaw in a procedure that lasted for 15 hours.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

10346769

ACTIVE CASES

2795

DEATHS

1520

DISCHARGED

673352

NEW CASES

425

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HM King returns following visits to UK, UAE

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday returned to Bahrain following visits to the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. HM the King also visited the UAE, where he met President His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

UAE selects Bahrain's 'AMAN' for PHI-1 satellite mission



Circular: Sunni Endowment tells candidates to take leave until end of elections



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Preachers, imams, and muezzins wishing to run for the upcoming parliamentary and municipal elections were asked to take official leaves starting the 10th of October and until the end of the electoral process.

This is according to a circular issued by the Sunni Endowments based on the directives of the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister, Nawaf bin Mohammed Al-Maawda.

The circular also forbids candidates from using mosques and their annexes in electoral campaigns.

Violators will be held legally accountable, warns the circular.

The ministry also prohibits delivering statements or sermons before and after Friday prayers, except for the translation of sermons in the authorised mosques.

"Lessons or sermons shall not be given in mosques unless official approvals have been obtained from the Sunni Endowments Directorate," the circular said.

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● MBRSC is providing Bahrain with a 5U slot within the 12U modular setup of PHI-1

● UAE is also providing Nepal with a slot for its "Danfe Space Mission"

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'AMAN' conceptualised by Bahrain for testing 'Advanced Encryption Standard' was awarded a slot on the United Arab Emirates PHI-1 satellite under its Payload Hosting Initiative.

Under PHI, engineers at the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) would construct two small satellites each year, allowing companies or university students to add their technology for testing in space.

Accordingly, AMAN, developed by a team from Bahrain, aims to secure communication between the satellite and the ground station.

MBRSC is providing Bahrain with a 5U slot within the 12U modular setup of PHI-1 built in partnership with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

The move follows an MoU



Team at MBRSC stand At IAC 2022



From left, Niklas Hedman of UNOOSA, Janardhan Silwal Antarikchya Pratisthan of Nepal, Mohamed Al-Aseeri of NSSA and Salem Humaid AlMarri Director General of MBRSC

signed last year at the 72nd International Astronautical Congress (IAC) held in Dubai.

"We are delighted and honoured that the "Aman" project was selected by UNOOSA and MBRSC in the first round of the PHI initiative. Aman is considered the first Bahraini payload fully designed, integrated, and tested by NSSA. This opportunity is unprecedented in our quest to contribute meaningfully to the global effort towards sustainable, peaceful use of outer space and building national capacity in the space field," said the CEO of NSSA, Mohamed Al-Aseeri.

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Mission" to study the operation of PX4 Autopilot, a middleware for drones in space.

Both the winning payloads, MBRSC said, will provide practical experience, knowledge, and skills to the teams and contribute to capacity-building in space technology.

This 'Access to Space for All', PHI-1 initiative will facilitate the end goal that no one is left behind on the path to space exploration and sustainable development on Earth.

Salem Humaid AlMarri, Director General of MBRSC, said: "We have made tremendous progress in the year, since the initial announcement of the Pay-

load Hosting Initiative. Today we are congratulating the entities that have been selected to participate in the PHI-1 mission."

UNOOSA Acting Director, Niklas Hedman, said: "The Access to Space for All initiative has been ground-breaking for the 21st-century capacity-building in space science and technology. I already look forward to seeing the results of the PHI programme boosting the space industry in Bahrain and Nepal."

Abhas Maskey, the Founder of Antarikchya Pratisthan Nepal, said: "If Nepal is to progress as a spacefaring nation, the coun-

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try has to take each and every opportunity available to develop self-reliance, perform R&D and build capacity for space. I strongly believe that Nepal's involvement in PHI-1 will be a small step toward future potential collaboration for Vision 2050, a vision to launch our nation's first astronaut in space by 2050. Space is the new limit, even for Nepal."

"This initiative will further raise awareness to utilize the space sector as a driver for economic and social development and look at it as a long-term driver for innovation and strengthening international cooperation on an all-inclusive basis."

Celebrating Saudi National Day

Bahrain yesterday turned green marking the 92nd Saudi National Day and the anniversary of King Abdulaziz forming the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1932.

**Indian Ambassador, Shaikh Salman hold talks**

The President of the Court of the Crown Prince, Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, yesterday received Indian Ambassador, Piyush Srivastava. Shaikh Salman welcomed the Ambassador, highlighting the strength of Bahrain-India relations. For his part, the Ambassador of India expressed his appreciation to the President of the Court of the Crown Prince wishing Bahrain further progress and development.



No end to traffic chaos

Traffic worries 'still persist' despite school time change

Staff Reporter
TDT | Manama

Despite best efforts to address the traffic woes that erupted following the reopening of schools in the Kingdom, tailbacks are a common scene and commuters are reportedly having difficulties in moving from one point to the other across the nation.

School day timings and bus departures were rescheduled last week by the authorities as part of easing the traffic jams, which had become notorious.

The move aimed at ensuring the interests of students, parents and commuters by implementing mechanisms to facilitate an easy flow of traffic across the Kingdom's road networks.

As per the Education Ministry's decision, the school day now begins at 7:05 am at all public educational institutions and end at 12:35 pm at primary schools (including those of the Religious and Jaffari institutes), 1:30 pm at intermediate schools, 1:45 and 2:15 pm at secondary schools and the Religious and Jaffari institutes (for both the intermediate

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ANOTHER BAHRAIN RESIDENT

and secondary levels).

Regarding technical schools, the school day timings remain unchanged, from 7:05 am to 1:45 for morning period students, and from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm for the evening period students.

Earlier, the Ministry of Interior confirmed that efforts are being intensified to ensure the smooth flow of traffic across the country.

The Community Service Police in all four governorates and the General Traffic Department have increased their presence in the vicinity of schools and kin-

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dergartens to ensure safe passage for students and teachers.

Speaking to *The Daily Tribune*, commuters said they continue to have difficulty across the Kingdom due to heavy traffic near schools and highways.

"We acknowledge the efforts being taken by the government to ensure the smooth traffic flow. However, things don't seem to be working well. The traffic peaked during the mornings as drivers and parents rushed to drop children on the premises of schools," a Bahrain resident said.

"Traffic jams near schools

expand to highways and other road networks, leading to huge tailbacks that one can hardly imagine. Escaping traffic jams isn't an easy task," he added.

Traffic jams are mainly felt on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Highway, Al Estiqlal Highway, Shaikh Salman Highway and Budaiya Highway, according to commuters.

Another Bahrain resident told *The Daily Tribune* that the traffic ordeal has worsened his life beyond words. "I live in Deraz and my office is in Riffa. Every day it takes me nearly 40 minutes to cross the Janabiya circle. Earlier, it was just a ten minutes drive.

"I know many who are planning to change their residences owing to this traffic chaos. But that is not an easy task. However, despite these difficulties, I am hopeful that the authorities will

be gradually able to solve the issue. We appreciate their efforts in this regard."

Previously, the Ministry of Education hosted a workshop to prepare for the start of the new school year and to provide information on various aspects of traffic regulations near schools.

"This course is part of our careful planning to ensure the safety of kids when they return to school. We were keen to acquaint the security guards with a variety of potential scenarios and how to handle them during the training in order to prepare them to act quickly when anything seemed out of the norm," Professor Muhammad Al Abbasi, Head of the School Safety and Security Department at the Ministry of Education, had said.

The traffic chaos began after more than 147,000 students returned to 210 government schools following a long gap of almost three years.



Student proved guilty in false attack accusation levelled against school teacher in viral video uploaded by parent

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A teacher - accused falsely of attacking two students by a parent in a viral video - turned innocent in a Ministry of Education investigation, which also termed the student involved as the real culprit.

Following an investigation, the ministry turned the tables on the student and charged the student for offending, insulting and attempting to provoke the teacher.

The teacher now stands cleared of all charges levelled against him.

Based on the evidence, the ministry said it awarded the student ten-day isolation and educational and disciplinary tasks within the school.

The ministry also referred



Representative picture

the woman to the General Department for Combating Cyber Crime to take necessary legal actions for publishing false accusations against the teacher.

The ministry also called on the parents and social media users to exercise extreme caution while dealing with such incidents and report such incidents to the

school administration before surmising that something may be true.

The ministry also urged all to refrain from publishing and sharing videos related to the incident citing the irreversible harm it will cause to school employees who work with honesty and dedication to the educational process.

The news also evoked several responses, with some social media users asking the ministry to tighten control over private schools.

Another user, thanking the Ministry of Education for bringing out the truth, points out that several had falsely accused the teacher and sympathised with the video publishers without verifying its authenticity.

Education Ministry opened the investigation after a video published by a parent accusing a teacher of attacking her son and another student, who suffered bruises, went viral.

Pursuantly, the Ministry of Education, represented by the Operations Department of the third educational district, contacted the parent.

As per the Instagram account of the Education Ministry, the incident reportedly occurred at Isa Town Primary Preparatory School.

The ministry said it summoned the teacher and sent a team to the school to investigate the circumstances leading to the incident.

Investigators recorded the statements of the students in-

involved in the video and took testimonies from other students and teachers who knew about the incident.

Based on the evidence collected, the ministry confirmed it didn't find any evidence against the teacher for beating up the students.

The investigators, however, said that, on the contrary, it was the student who offended the teacher, insulted and tried to provoke him.

Investigators also accused the student of being a habitual offender, citing records of his hostile behaviour towards other students in the school.

The student, the ministry said, behaved rudely with administrative staff and was never on time for classes.

The student, the ministry said, also failed to attend distance learning classes in the last academic year and is currently repeating the school year.

The ministry also said that the investigation showed that the allegation raised by the second student in the video was also false.

The bruises on his body, shown in the video, the student confessed, were old and not caused by the claimed attack.

Ministry said the same was confirmed by the student's parent when approached by the ministry's investigators.

The parent, the ministry said, revealed that the photograph showing bruises was taken and posted online without their consent.

Measures 'will be in place to end begging on streets'

Rising number of beggars is fast becoming an inconvenience to citizens, residents



Representative picture

Staff Reporter
TDT | Manama

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number of beggars, mainly women carrying children, are seen begging for alms, most often annoying the public.

Sources said they even enter shops, asking for money from shopkeepers as well as customers across Manama and Gudai-biya.

They added that the number of beggars would be increasingly found across the streets during the beginning of the month as it is the time when people receive their salaries.

"Begging cases can be reduced with the cooperation of all members of society. It is the responsibility of all members to address such matters."

As part of the clampdown, police have been arresting many beggars, mainly expatriates, for begging in the streets as part of the efforts to curb the act of begging.

"We call upon citizens not to support begging and report such cases to the police for legal action to be taken. Community efforts are also needed to combat this negative phenomenon," the police directorate said.

A surge in beggars was witnessed across the Kingdom during this year's Holy Month, becoming an inconvenience to the citizens and residents, most often annoying them.

Earlier, commenting on the matter, Dr Anna Mostafa, a leading psychologist in the Kingdom, had said: "There could be psychological factors for begging; perhaps the individual's mental and cognitive capacity may play a role. Perhaps, they are unaware of the resources available to them by charities and shelters set in place to support them."

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AND SECURITY CULTURE

Dr Anna also stressed the significance of rehabilitation. "Public awareness campaigns and increased efforts at disseminating information of available services to police, mosques, public transport and other areas where people gather could be beneficial."

Begging is legally prohibited in the Kingdom and offenders face imprisonment and fines.

"Dar Al Karama" has been taking care of beggars and the homeless. It is a governmental social institution affiliated with the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Department of Social Welfare. It is concerned with the provision of care and different services for first-time beggars and homeless people.



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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, conveyed to the President of the United States, Joe Biden, the greetings 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. This came as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Bahraini Ambassador to the United States, Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, attended the reception ceremony hosted by the US President for leaders and heads of delegations participating in the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

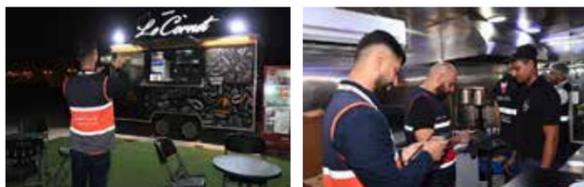


President of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH), Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, yesterday opened the first Bahrain International Medical Conference for AIDS, affirming Bahrain's commitment to delivering the best medical services to all the citizens and residents. The event, which concludes today, is being held at Gulf Hotel. Health Minister, Dr Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad Hassan, and health sector officials were present. Organised by the Ministry of Health, in cooperation with "EducationPlus", the conference is attended by more than 400 in-person and online participants.



Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi met with UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay during his participation in the Education Transformation Summit. They discussed cooperation and the projects that the ministry aspires to implement with UNESCO.

Awareness campaign for mobile food carts in Seef



Officials during the campaign in Seef
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The Ministry of Industry and Trade has launched an awareness and control campaign for mobile Food and Beverage carts parked in the Seef suburb.

Abdulaziz Al-Ashraf, the Assistant Undersecretary for Control and Resources, said the ministry is keen to conduct campaigns for mobile food outlets in all governorates of the Kingdom. The campaign,

he said, on Wednesday, detected minor violations and is being followed up by competent authorities.

He also called on owners of mobile food outlets to abide strictly by the requirements to practice such activities in the Kingdom.

File complaints through Tawasul or by calling the hotline at 80008001. Whatsapp number is 17111225. Also, email complaints to inspection@moic.gov.bh

Man killed by lightning strike on cruiser boat

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A man, an Asian national, was killed yesterday in a lightning strike during a fishing sail on a cruiser boat.

The head of Muharraq Governorate Prosecution said they were notified of the tragic incident by the Coast Guard General Command.

According to Public Prosecution, two sailors were on the boat when lightning struck one of them.

The men were on a fishing expedition in the Fasht Al Azm area as the waters went chop-

py amid a thunderstorm.

"My friend was at the helm when the lightning struck the cruiser's engine, causing him to fall off into the sea."

The public Prosecution said they opened an investigation soon after receiving a notification.

Coast Guard patrol brought the deceased's body to the Sitra port for a forensic doctor to examine.

Prosecutors also examined the boat by sending a team to the accident scene.

The investigation is still ongoing.



Bahrain International Airport celebrated the 92nd Saudi National Day yesterday by welcoming Saudi passengers arriving at Bahrain International Airport.



Bharat Billpay and Federal Bank partner with LuLu Financial Group

Deal to enable direct utility bill payment for NRIs

● This arrangement allows Indians living in the GCC to remit money directly to pay for their utility bills back home through any LuLu Exchange branch

TDI | Dubai

In a major boost towards strengthening the scope of cross-border remittances into India, the much-awaited Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) has been activated for Indian expats living in the GCC region.

Federal Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, launched this facility in association with Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) - the wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and Lulu Financial Group, at the Global FinTech Festival held in Mumbai earlier this week.

This arrangement - considered a long-pending ask of NRIs, will now allow Indians living in the GCC to remit money directly to pay for their utility bills back home through any LuLu Exchange branch, as well as the digital money transfer app,



Officials during the launch held at the Global FinTech Festival



The move will benefit the Indian diaspora in the GCC countries who can now remit money directly to 20,000 billers for domestic utility bill payments through any LuLu Exchange branch or through the LuLu Money app

LuLu Money.

At present, over 20,000 billers across 20 categories are cov-

ered for receipt of inward remittances in a cost-effective and convenient option, through the LuLu Exchange network.

Commenting on this historic launch, Shalini Warriar, Executive Director, Federal Bank, said: "We are delighted to be the first mover in launching this much-awaited facility for Non-Resident Indians in collaboration with NBBL and Lulu International Exchange at the Global Fintech Festival in Mumbai. The direct payment facility in cross-border transactions has optimized the digital payment ecosystem and will equally delight the beneficiaries as it enables seamless bill payment."

Adeeb Ahamed, MD, LuLu Fi-

ancial Group, said, "The BBPS facility enables Indian expats to have greater control over the hard-earned money remitted to meet the expenses of their families back home. This facility has immense applications in widening the scope of cross-border payments beyond its traditional role, and Lulu Exchange is proud to partner with Federal Bank and NBBL to make this a reality for Indians living in the GCC region."

The arrangement comes on the heels of RBI's recent decision to permit foreign inward remittances to be received under the rupee drawing arrangement (RDA) through the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).

Gulf Air Acting CEO reflects on Airline's role as an effective international citizen

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Gulf Air Acting Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed AlAlawi reflected on the airline's achievements during a number of interviews and media opportunities conducted with him by several local and international media publications.

Captain AlAlawi stated: "We are pleased to have the Gulf Air services and products recognized by so many renowned aviation related entities; while maintaining our status as an effective and conscience international citizen. We are constantly striving to deliver excellence to our passengers by enhancing a broad spectrum of deliverables from our convenient flight schedules, numerous international and regional flights, and a variety of products and services both on the ground and onboard. Winning these awards is a reflection of Gulf Air's ongoing commitment to fulfil the ever-changing travel needs of our passengers; placing us truly in 'a class of our own'."

During the pandemic, and being one of the few airlines in the world that never stopped flying; Gulf Air repatriated many citizens and non-citizens who were affected by the close down, and helped take them back home. Also, the airline shipped food and medical supplies into Bahrain, using its Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner cabin seats for cargo. Moreover, The American Government officially thanked Gulf Air for repatriating US citizens out of Afghanistan, as a token of appreciation for the national

carrier's humanitarian gesture. Gulf Air received the Skytrax Five Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating after a vigorous audit by Skytrax Research that took place between November and December 2021. The rating came as a direct result to the success of airline's operations in flying safely throughout the pandemic and enhancing its airport and onboard protocols to combat the spread of COVID-19. The airline received this recognition by providing the highest standards to customers and staff whilst maintaining its boutique strategy to deliver its renowned Arabian hospitality.

Gulf Air also received, for the second consecutive year, APEX's Five Star Major Official Airline Rating. Based solely on certified passengers' feedback, the rating came as proof of the success of Gulf Air's boutique strategy and the major developments in its products and services since the launch of the recent brand refresh and fleet modernization programme.

Captain AlAlawi added "I am so proud to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated team represented by the national carrier's workforce, to help turn around Gulf Air and make it the customer-centric airline it has become today. The immense team effort paid towards realizing this goal has led to the many achievements and accolades we now enjoy at Gulf Air".

More recently, the national carrier was honoured at Singapore's Changi Airline Awards, winning in the "Connectivity Award" and the "New Airline Award".

Helping hand



In its efforts to support the welfare and living care aspects for orphans in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Gulf Hotels Group made a donation to the Child Care Home; Garfield Jones - Group Chief Executive Officer - presented Dr Akbar Mohsen, Vice Chairman of Child Care Home with the cheque. The center cares for servicing orphans and children of broken families to naturally assume their future role in society.

Tesla recalls nearly 1.1 m US vehicles to update window reversing software

Reuters | Washington

Tesla (TSLA.O) is recalling nearly 1.1 million US vehicles because the window automatic reversal system may not react correctly after detecting an obstruction, increasing the risk of injury.

The electric vehicle manufacturer told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) it would perform an over-the-air software update of the automatic window reversal system. The recall covers some 2017-2022 Model 3, 2020-2021 Model Y,



Tesla vehicles are shown at a sales and service center in Vista, California and 2021-2022 Model S and Model X vehicles.

Tesla said it was not aware of any warranty claims, field reports, crashes, injuries, or deaths related to the recall.



Transportation and Communications Minister Mohammed bin Thamer Al Kaabi and ABM Terminals Chief Executive Officer Keith Svendsen discussed the development and promotion of the maritime and logistics sector. The meeting also discussed training and equipping Bahrainis with the skills to assume leading positions in the sector.

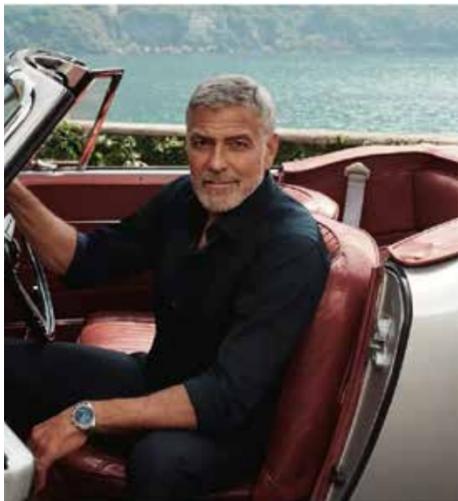
George Clooney, Hyun Bin Wear 'The OMEGA Speedmaster '57'

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The actors George Clooney and Hyun Bin are taking a front seat role in the promotion of OMEGA's new Speedmaster '57 collection.

Perfectly complementing both sides of the famous chronograph, Clooney brings his classic style and iconic character to the campaign, yet again highlighting his long-standing connection to OMEGA. On the other hand, Hyun Bin is the rising star, with a cool and modern spirit that epitomises the Speedmaster's constant evolution.

As the name suggests, the Speedmaster '57 is emblematic of the original Speedmaster design, which was released in 1957 for racing car drivers and engineers on the track. As a tribute, today's Speedmaster '57 collec-



tion of eight new watches has been delivered with a slim style, colourful dial choices, a vintage



bracelet, and an outstanding Co-Axial Master Chronometer 9906 movement - reaching the

pinnacle of precision, magnetic-resistance, and performance. Raynald Aeschlimann, Pres-

ident and CEO of OMEGA, says "The Speedmaster '57 is known for its quality and timeless charm. George Clooney and Hyun Bin are the perfect leading men to showcase these values and prove exactly how the timepiece fits with the dashing style of today."

George Clooney is a long-time friend of OMEGA and, in many ways, both he and the Speedmaster share the same story. Both their lives began in the optimistic years of the space age, and both are known for their lasting popularity and qualities of excellence.

For this shoot, George wears the stainless steel model with a PVD blue dial (ref: 332.10.41.51.03.001). Amongst the new portraits, the actor can be seen wearing the timepiece

while driving a vintage car near his home around Lake Como - a nod to the Speedmaster's racing origins.

The South Korean actor, Hyun Bin, recently joined the OMEGA family. Exuding his typically confident and laid-back style, he was shot on location with a classic car in Korea, this time wearing a 40.5 mm stainless steel model with a black dial (ref: 332.12.41.51.01.001).

Coinciding with the 65th anniversary of the Speedmaster line, the full OMEGA Speedmaster '57 collection now includes eight new models. Along with blue and black dial models, there are also green and burgundy choices. Signature 1957 details include the brushed metallic bezel with its "Dot Over Ninety", as well as the famous Broad Arrow hands.

News in brief

UN rights envoy warns that Myanmar's election will be a 'fraud'

The United Nations human rights expert on



Myanmar said yesterday that an election planned by the country's junta will be a "fraud" and warned other countries against offering assistance that would help legitimise it. The junta declared a state of emergency after seizing power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in a coup in February last year, and has tentatively planned for elections by August 2023. "What is very important is that countries in the world don't fall into the trap of trying to provide technical assistance or support for what is going to clearly be a fraud. If you do that, you are actually making things worse," said Andrews, saying this would give the polls a "mirage of legitimacy".

Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan yesterday said sorry in a contempt of court case and promised not to hurt the dignity of the judiciary, the court said, a concession that could avoid his disqualification from politics.

Former Pakistan PM Khan apologises to avert court case



The charges are related to a speech by Khan in which he allegedly threatened police and a female judge last month after one of his close aides was denied bail in a sedition case. "He stated that he realized during the proceedings that he may have crossed a red line," the court said in a short order seen by Reuters. Kahn had previously denied being threatening. The high court had been expected to indict Khan, a move that could have led to his exclusion from politics if convicted..

Fugitive in massive Navy bribery case caught in Venezuela

A Malaysian defense contractor nicknamed "Fat Leonard" who



orchestrated one of the largest bribery scandals in US military history has been arrested in Venezuela after fleeing before his sentencing, authorities said. The international manhunt for Leonard Glenn Francis ended with his arrest by Venezuelan authorities Tuesday morning at the Caracas airport as he was about to board an airplane for another country, the U.S. Marshals Service said. Interpol Venezuela Director General Carlos Garate Rondon said in a statement posted on Instagram that Francis came to Venezuela from Mexico. Rondon said he was headed to Russia.

North Korea may be preparing to launch a new submarine believed to be capable of firing ballistic missiles, a U.S.-based think tank reported yesterday, citing commercial satellite imagery.

Imagery shows N.Korea may soon launch new missile submarine



Images of the Sinpo South Shipyard, on the east coast of the country, from Sept. 18 revealed six barges and vessels gathered around the construction hall quay, said 38 North, which monitors North Korea. "While barges and a dry dock have been occasionally observed around the submarine launch quay at the main construction hall, the presence of six vessels and barges in this area has not been observed before," said the report, which concluded that the activity suggests preparations to launch a submarine.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths
1 USA	97,721,719	1,080,356
2 India	44,553,042	528,429
3 France	35,050,133	154,854
4 Brazil	34,651,742	685,656
5 Germany	32,854,286	149,275
6 S. Korea	24,535,940	28,009
7 UK	23,585,305	189,484
8 Italy	22,241,369	176,775
9 Japan	20,840,785	44,071
10 Russia	20,641,559	386,447
11 Turkey	16,852,382	101,068
12 Spain	13,393,196	113,845
13 Vietnam	11,467,619	43,146
14 Australia	10,164,301	14,820

Global tally
618,878,256
Deaths
6,535,328
Recovered:
598,759,340
New cases
+304,905
New deaths
+662

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	815,609	+80	9,337	+2	802,840	3,432
UAE	1,024,457	+372	2,342		1,003,764	18,351
Kuwait	658,520		2,563		655,316	641
Oman	397,993		4,260		384,669	9,064
Qatar	445,027	+853	682		437,976	6,369

Israeli PM Lapid backs two-state solution with Palestinians

Reuters | United Nations



Prime Minister of Israel Yair Lapid addresses the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid called yesterday for a two-state solution to decades of Israeli-Palestinian conflict and reasserted that Israel would do "whatever it takes" to stop Iran from developing a nuclear bomb.

His mention of a two-state solution, the first by an Israeli leader in years at the United Nations General Assembly, echoed U.S. President Joe Biden's support in Israel in August for the long-dormant proposal.

"An agreement with the Palestinians, based on two states for two peoples, is the right thing for Israel's security, for Israel's economy and for the future of our children," Lapid said.

He added any agreement would be conditioned on a peaceful Palestinian state that would not threaten Israel.

Lapid spoke less than six weeks before a Nov. 1 election that could return to power the right-wing former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a longstanding opponent of the two-state solution.

Israel captured East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza - areas that Palestinians seek for an independent state - in a 1967 Middle East war. US-sponsored Israeli-Palestinian peace talks collapsed in 2014.

In his speech, Lapid again denounced Iran and voiced Israel's determination to prevent its longtime foe from gaining a nuclear weapon.

"The only way to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon is to put a credible military threat on the table," he said. "We have capabilities and we are not afraid to use them."

Widely believed to have the Middle East's only nuclear weapons, Israel regards Iran

YOU KNOW WHAT

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as an existential threat. Tehran denies trying to develop a nuclear weapon.

Palestinians, US react

Efforts to reach a two-state Israeli-Palestinian deal have long been stalled.

Palestinians and rights groups say Israel has entrenched its control of the occupied Palestinian territories through its military rule over millions of Palestinians and persistent settlement construction.

Wasel Abu Youssef, a senior

member of the Palestine Liberation Organization, told Reuters that Lapid's words "mean nothing."

"Whoever wants a two-state solution must implement it on the ground," he said, by respecting previously reached agreements, stopping settlement expansion and recognising East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

US Ambassador to Israel Tom Nides called Lapid's speech "courageous" for supporting the two-state solution.

Lapid praised efforts by Middle Eastern countries to normalise relations and cooperate with Israel. He urged Muslim countries, from Indonesia to Saudi Arabia, to make peace with it.

No let strikes

Explosion hits a crowd regions effectively ann

Russian forces fired nine missiles at Zaporizhia, hitting a hotel and a power station, killing one, says the regional governor

AP | Kyiv

Russian and Ukrainian forces exchanged missile and artillery barrages yesterday as both sides refused to concede ground despite recent military setbacks for Moscow and the toll on the invaded country after almost seven months of war.

Russian missile strikes in the southern city of Zaporizhzhia left one person dead and five wounded, Ukrainian officials said. Officials in the separatist-controlled city of Donetsk said Ukrainian shelling killed at least six people.

While the hostilities continued, the two sides did manage to agree on a major prisoner swap. At the same time, Russian President Vladimir Putin began calling up reserve troops to supplement his forces in Ukraine.

Kyrylo Tymoshenko, the deputy of the Ukrainian president's office, said a hotel in Zaporizhzhia was struck and rescuers were trying to free people trapped in rubble.

The governor of the Zaporizhzhia region, Oleksandr Starukh, said Russian forces had targeted infrastructure and damaged

China's former justice minister faces life in prison for bribery

Reuters | Beijing



A videograb shows former Chinese justice minister Fu Zhenghua is escorted by court police as he attends a court session in Changchun

China's former justice minister faces life in prison after a court handed him a suspended death sentence yesterday for taking bribes and "bending the law".

Fu Zhenghua's death sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment after a two-year reprieve, the Intermediate People's

Court in the city of Changchun said in a statement.

The high-profile sentencing -- part of a sweeping anti-graft campaign -- comes just three weeks before a key political meeting where President Xi Jinping is expected to secure an unprecedented third term.

The court said former politician Fu had abused his power while in a range of senior positions from 2005 to 2021.

"(He is) deprived of political rights for life and all personal property should be confiscated," it added.

Fu, 67, had accepted bribes

worth over 117 million yuan (\$16.5 million), the court said.

Between 2014 and 2015, when Fu was head of the Beijing Public Security Bureau, the court said he hid evidence of suspected crimes committed by his brother, Fu Weihua, and failed to handle the case in accordance with the law.

During his tenure as Beijing's top cop, Fu is thought to have led the corruption investigation into Zhou Yongkang, the former security chief who was jailed in 2015 in one of the anti-graft campaign's most high-profile cases.

BETTER YOU KNOW

Fu Zhenghua pleaded guilty to abusing his powers in roles including minister and chief of police for the Chinese capital, Beijing, in 2005-21 to hide crimes by his brother and others

University of Cambridge

Reuters | London

Britain's University of Cambridge said yesterday it had benefited from the proceeds of slavery over its history, and promised to expand scholarships for Black students and fund more research into the murderous trade.

The acknowledgement comes as a string of leading institutions - from the Bank of England to the Church of England - have been re-evaluating the central role that slavery had in enriching Britain and how they benefited from its injustices.

Cambridge said an investigation it commissioned had found no evidence that the university itself ever owned slaves or plantations directly. But the findings showed it had received "significant benefits" from slavery.

Those came from university benefactors who had made their money from the slave trade, the university's investments in companies that participated in it, and fees from plantation-owning families, according to the investigation's report.

Researchers found that fellows from Cambridge colleges were involved with the East India Company, while investors in the Royal

1122

Concordat of Worms agreed between Pope Calixtus II and Holy Roman Emperor Henry V

1821

Fall of Tripolitsa, Greek forces massacre 30,000 Turks during Greek War of Independence

1884

American Herman Hollerith patents his mechanical tabulating machine, the beginning of data processing



2018

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches "Modicare", free healthcare for 500 million, world's biggest healthcare program

Up in fighting as missile attacks keep hitting Ukraine

Shelling in Melitopol on the eve of "referendums" that could see four Ukrainian regions annexed by Russia



100 prisoners of war are seen arriving, following successful mediation efforts by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, from Russia to King Khalid International Airport, in Riyadh

Just hours before yesterday's attacks, the high-profile prisoner swap saw the announcement of an exchange of 215 Ukrainian and foreign fighters – 200 of them for a single person, an ally of Putin's

apartment buildings. The region is one of four where Moscow-installed officials plan to hold referendums starting Friday on becoming part of Russia, but the city itself is in Ukrainian hands. The mayor of the separatist-controlled city of Donetsk, Alexei Kulemzin, said Ukrainian shelling hit a covered market and a minibus. Overnight, one person was killed during Russian shelling

in Nikopol, across the river from the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, according to the Dnipropetrovsk regional governor.

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Among the freed fighters were Ukrainian defenders of a steel plant in Mariupol during a long Russian siege, along with 10 foreigners, including five British citizens and two US military veterans, who had fought with Ukrainian forces. Some of those freed had faced death sentences in Russian-occupied areas.

Russia defends war in Ukraine as US, others call for accountability at UN



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly

AP | Kyiv

World leaders at the United Nations yesterday called for Moscow to be held accountable for human rights violations in Ukraine as Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov defended Moscow's war and accused its neighbor of committing atrocities.

Addressing a meeting of the UN Security Council on atrocities committed in Ukraine since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion, Lavrov accused Ukraine of creating threats against Russian security and "brazenly trampling" the rights of Russians and Russian-speakers in Ukraine.

"I can assure you that we will never accept this," said Lav-

rov, who came to the council chamber to speak and then left. "Everything I've said today simply confirms that the decision to conduct the special military operation was inevitable."

He said countries supplying weapons to Ukraine and training its soldiers were parties to the conflict, adding that "the intentional fomenting of this conflict by the collective West remained unpunished."

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken pledged that Washington would continue to support Ukraine to defend itself.

"The very international order we've gathered here to uphold is being shredded before our eyes. We can't let President Putin get away with it," Blinken told the council.

Saudi mission on SpaceX capsule to include first female Arab astronaut



General view of a SpaceX Starship prototype

Reuters | Paris

Saudi Arabia's mission to the International Space Station next year aboard a SpaceX capsule will include a woman who would become the world's first female Arab astronaut, according to Axiom Space, the U.S. company arranging the mission for the kingdom.

Neither Axiom nor the Saudi government provided the name for the female astronaut, who will be accompanied by another Saudi and two Americans as part of Axiom's second private mission to the space station, slated for early 2023.

A US official familiar with the mission said the Ax-2 passengers have yet to receive approval from a NASA-chaired panel of the space station's international partners. Astronauts' identities are not usually confirmed publicly until that panel provides approval.

Reuters first reported Axiom's deal with Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, and that the mission is slated for early 2023 under a deal signed earlier this year.



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How much more climate havoc do we have to witness? We have 45 days to #COP27. Today at #UNGA I urged world leaders to have the courage to back the decisive #ClimateAction the world needs - on mitigation, finance, adaptation, and loss & damage.

@antoniogettes

02



The new @WHO report shows how governments can #BeatNCDs and risk factors with cost-effective interventions that every country, no matter its income level, can and should be using and benefiting from - saving lives and saving money.

@DrTedros

03



Had a cordial conversation with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin #Salman. Thanked for facilitation in the release of foreign citizens, involvement in mediation and the leading role of Saudi Arabia in the region. We discussed Ukraine's energy security, post-war recovery and joint investment projects

@ZelenskyyUa

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Hugely welcome news that five British nationals held by Russian-backed proxies in eastern Ukraine are being safely returned, ending months of uncertainty and suffering for them and their families.

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Cambridge says it gained from slave trade



General view shows the University of Cambridge



It is not in our gift to right historic wrongs, but we can begin by acknowledging them

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African Company also had links to Cambridge - two companies both active in the slave trade.

The university also received donations from investors in both companies, and also directly invested in another company active in the slave trade, the South Sea Company, according to the paper,

which was produced by a group of Cambridge academics.

"Such financial involvement both helped to facilitate the slave trade and brought very significant financial benefits to Cambridge," the Legacies of Enslavement report said.

It also said that while notable abolitionists such as William Wilberforce were educated at Cambridge and developed their campaigns there, their full legacy needed to be examined further, while prominent members of the university also defended the intellectual underpinnings of the slave trade.

Strong night time earthquake jolts sleeping Mexicans, at least one death reported

Reuters | Mexico City

A magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck western Mexico early yesterday, claiming the life of a woman in Mexico City who fell and hit her head as residents evacuated their homes during the country's second major temblor this week.

The Mexico City government said the woman stumbled on the stairs of her home in the city's central Doctores neigh-



People wait outside their homes after a tremor was felt in Mexico City

bourhood as quake alarms rang out and buildings began to shake.

The city also reported that a man in the south of the capital suffered a fatal heart attack after the quake.

Elsewhere around the country, there were no immediate reports of serious damage, authorities said.

The quake, which the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) first measured at magnitude 7.0, was weaker and deeper than Monday's temblor, striking at

a depth of 20.7 km (12.9 miles).

In Mexico City's Roma Sur neighbourhood alarmed residents ran outdoors in night dresses and pajamas, some wrapped only in blankets. Neighbours comforted each other, holding crying children and pets, as the quake alarm sounded four times.

The epicenter of yesterday's earthquake, which struck at around 1.16 a.m. local time (0616 GMT), was logged in the state of Michoacan, not far from Monday's temblor.

Monday's more powerful quake was the third major earthquake to strike on Sept. 19 – in 1985, 2017 and now 2022. The 2017 and 2022 Sept. 19 quakes came very shortly after the annual earthquake drill conducted every Sept. 19 to commemorate the devastating 1985 temblor that killed some 9,500 people

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Iran issue warning as protests over woman's death spread

Iran's Revolutionary Guards issue warning over unrest as security forces come under attack

● **US sanctions Iran's morality police**

● **Social media platforms have also been cut off in areas of Tehran and Kurdistan as videos of dissent go viral**

Reuters | Dubai

Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guards called on the judiciary yesterday to prosecute "those who spread false news and rumours", in an apparent bid to take the steam out of nationwide protests over the death of a young woman in police custody.

Protesters in Tehran and other Iranian cities torched police stations and vehicles earlier yesterday as public outrage over the death showed no signs of abating, with reports of security forces coming under attack.

Mahsa Amini, 22, died last week after being arrested in Tehran for wearing "unsuitable attire". She fell into a coma while in detention. The authorities have said they would launch an investigation into the cause of her death.



Protesters chant slogans during a protest over the death of a woman who was detained by the morality police, in downtown Tehran

In a statement, the Guards expressed sympathy with the family and relatives of Amini.

"We have requested the judiciary to identify those who spread false news and rumours on social media as well as on the street and who endanger the psychological safety of society and to deal with them decisively," the Guards, who have cracked down on protests in the past, said.

Pro-government protests are planned for Friday, Iranian media said.

"The will of the Iranian people is this: do not spare the

criminals," said an editorial in the influential hardline Kayhan newspaper.

The United States yesterday imposed sanctions on Iran's morality police, accusing them of abuse and violence against Iranian women and of violating the rights of peaceful Iranian protesters, the US Treasury said.

The Treasury also said it had put sanctions on the heads of the Iranian army's ground forces and of the morality police as well as on Iran's minister of intelligence. It said it held the morality police responsible for the death of Amini.



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A new mobile internet disruption was registered in the country, internet monitoring group Netblocks wrote on Twitter, in a possible sign that the authorities fear the protests will intensify.

A group of United Nations experts, including Javaid Rehman, special rapporteur on human rights in Iran, and Mary Lawlor, special rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, demanded accountability for Amini's death.

"(Amini) is another victim of Iran's sustained repression and systematic discrimination against women and the imposition of discriminatory dress codes that deprive women of bodily autonomy and the freedoms of opinion, expression and belief," the experts said in a statement.

A member of an Iranian pro-government paramilitary organisation, the Basij, was stabbed to death in the north-eastern city of Mashhad on Wednesday, two semi-official Iranian news agencies reported yesterday.

The Tasnim and Fars news agencies reports of the stabbing appeared on Telegram as both their websites were not functioning yesterday. There was no official confirmation of the death.

Khmer Rouge tribunal ends work after 16 years, 3 judgments



Khieu Samphan, right, the former head of state for the Khmer Rouge, sits in a courtroom

AP | Phnom Penh

The international court convened in Cambodia to judge the Khmer Rouge for its brutal 1970s rule ended its work after spending \$337 million and 16 years to convict just three men of crimes after the regime caused the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people.

In its final session, the UN-assisted tribunal rejected an appeal by Khieu Samphan, the last surviving leader of the Khmer Rouge government that ruled Cambodia from 1975-79. It reaffirmed the life sentence he received after being convicted in 2018 of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Busloads of ordinary Cambodians turned up to watch the final proceedings of a tribunal that had sought to bring justice, accountability and explanations for the crimes. Many of those attending yesterday's session lived through the Khmer Rouge terror, including survivors Bou Meng and Chum Mey, who had given evidence at the tribunal over the years.

US appeals court says Trump criminal probe can resume classified records review

Reuters | Washington

The US Justice Department can resume reviewing classified records seized by the FBI from former President Donald Trump's Florida home pending appeal, a federal appellate court ruled on Wednesday, giving a boost to the criminal investigation into whether the records were mishandled or compromised.

The Atlanta-based 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals granted a request by federal prosecutors to block US District

Judge Aileen Cannon's stay barring them from using the classified documents in their probe until an independent arbiter, called a special master, vets the materials to weed out any that could be deemed privileged and withheld from investigators.

The appeals court also said it would agree to reverse a portion of the lower court's order that required the government to hand over records with classification markings for the special master's review.

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Holy Land shipwreck reveals tenacity of ancient traders as empires shifted

AFP | Maagan Michael

An ancient shipwreck found off the shore of Israel and loaded with cargo from all over the Mediterranean shows that traders from the West still came to port even after the Islamic conquest of the Holy Land, researchers say.

A surprise storm? An inexperienced captain? Whatever the reason, the merchant ship made from fir and walnut trees and carrying containers with delights from far-off lands sank in the shallow waters off what is today the Israeli coastal community of Maagan Michael more than 1,200 years ago.

It was around the time the largely Christian Byzantine Empire was losing its grip on this area of the eastern Mediterranean region and Islamic rule was extending its reach.

The shipwreck, dated to the 7th or 8th century AD, is evidence that trade persisted with the rest of the Mediterranean despite the religious divide, said Deborah Cvikel, a nautical archaeologist at the University of Haifa and director of the dig.

"The history books, they usually tell us that ... commerce almost stopped. There was no international commerce in the Mediterranean. We had mainly smaller vessels sailing along the coast doing cabotage," she said.

But this no longer seems to be the case.



An aerial view shows the excavation of a 25-metre cargo ship

"Here we have a large shipwreck, which we think the original ship was around 25 metres (82 feet) long, and...laden with cargo from all over the Mediterranean."

Artefacts on deck show the ship had docked in Cyprus, Egypt, maybe Turkey and perhaps as far away as the North African coast.

The excavation is backed by the Israel Science Foundation, Honor Frost Foundation and the Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A&M University.

Ship graveyard in shallow seas

The coast of Israel is abundant with ships that sank over the millennia. The wrecks are more accessible to study than elsewhere in the Mediterranean because the sea here is shallow

and the sandy bottom preserves artefacts.

A storm might shift the sands and expose a relic, which is what happened with the new discovery at Maagan Michael. Two amateur divers spotted a piece of wood sticking out from the bottom and reported it to authorities.

Eight excavation seasons later, Cvikel's team has mapped out much of the 20-metre-long, five-metre-wide wooden skeleton that remains.

Using underwater vacuums to clear out 1.5 meters of sand, they found over 200 amphoras that still contained ingredients from the Mediterranean diet, like fish sauce, and a variety of olives, dates and figs.

There were sailing tools like ropes and personal items such



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as wooden combs, as well as animals, including the remains of beetles and six rats.

"You have to be very attentive because some of the remains, like fish bones, or rat bones, or olive pits, they are so tiny that it could be lost in a split second," Cvikel said.

Some of the cargo bore symbols of the Christian Byzantine church and others had writing in Arabic.

Researchers hope to find a hall to display the ship in its entirety to the public, otherwise they will cover it with sand and leave it at the sea bottom with the countless other wrecks.

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Tom Hardy snuck into a jiu-jitsu tournament and beat everyone

Fox | Los Angeles

Critically acclaimed actor Tom Hardy shocked the internet after he snuck into a martial arts competition and beat all of his opponents over the weekend.

The 45-year-old entered the 2022 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Open Championship using his less-known first name, Edward, according to The Guardian. The competition was hosted by the Ultimate Martial Arts

Championships in Milton Keynes, approximately 90 minutes north of London.

Hardy surprised attendees with his entrance and won the competition by defeating all his opponents. A spokesperson for the tournament praised the "Dark Knight Rises" actor, calling him a "really nice guy."

Pictures of Hardy's weekend performance went viral on social media, showing him dressed in a blue gi with a patchy gray beard.

Last month Hardy competed and also won the REORG Open Jujitsu Championship, which helped to raise charity funds for veterans and emergency service workers.

"Everyone recognized him, but he was very humble and was happy to take time out for people to take photographs with him," the tournament's spokesperson told the Guardian. "It was a real pleasure to have him compete at our event."



Tom Hardy in action during the event

Shakira speaks up about her split from ex-Gerard Pique

ANI | Washington

Almost three months after singer-songwriter Shakira and Gerard Pique confirmed their split, she has now spoken up and shared how their kids are coping with the breakup.

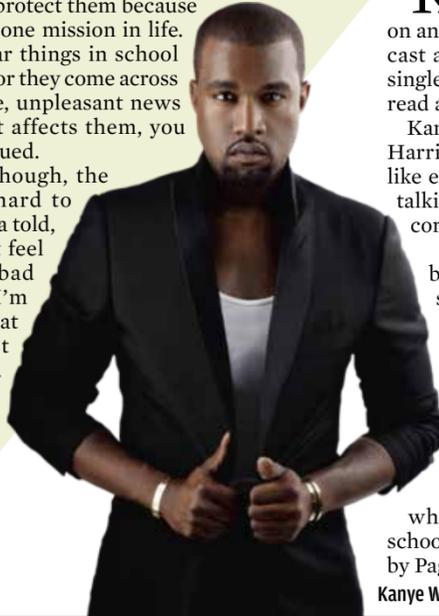
According to E! News, recently she told a magazine, "I've remained quiet and just tried to process it all. Um, and yeah, it's hard to talk about it, especially because I'm still going through it, and because I'm in the public eye and because our separation is not like a regular separation. And so it's been tough not only for me but also for my kids. Incredibly difficult."

"I have paparazzi camping outside, in front of my house, 24/7. And there's not a place where I can hide from them with my kids, except for my own house. You know, we can't take a walk in the park like a regular family or go have an ice cream

or do any activity without the paparazzi following us. So it's hard," Shakira added.

However, she is doing her best to shield her kids from the breakup and the media attention. "I try to do it and to protect them because that's my number one mission in life. But then they hear things in school from their friends or they come across some disagreeable, unpleasant news online, and it just affects them, you know?" she continued.

Months later, though, the breakup is still hard to process. As Shakira told, "Sometimes I just feel like this is all a bad dream and that I'm going to wake up at some point." But that's not the case. In fact, Gerard has seemingly moved on from their relationship, reported E! News.



Kanye West

Kanye West says he has never read a book in his life!

ANI | Washington

Kanye West has given yet another unusual remark! West appeared on an episode of the 'Alo Mind Full' podcast and revealed that he hasn't read a single book. He said, "I actually haven't read any book".

Kanye West further told hosts, Danny Harris, and Alyson Wilson, "Reading is like eating Brussels sprouts for me. And talking is like getting the Giorgio Baldi corn ravioli".

His statement has shocked many because ironically, Kanye runs a school in California - DONDA Academy. Also, the statement comes right after a Page Six report that revealed Kanye West's "secretive school" called Donda Academy makes parents sign an NDA or non-disclosure agreement for enrolment.

The statements of two parents, whose kids have been attending the school, confirming the news were quoted by Page Six. However, Tamar Andrews, a

consultant to the school, tried to debunk the families' claims.

Page Six further quoted a Rolling Stones report wherein Tamar revealed that "the parents of each student only have to sign an informal agreement -- but didn't specify what that agreement was."

"Honestly, we don't care if people know about the school," Andrews added.

"The people that want to come to the school are looking for a good Christian school in that area and they know that we're there ... there is also certain notoriety that comes with being affiliated with Donda. So, I don't know that we have to advertise, which is a blessing and a curse."

Malik Yusef, Kanye West's longtime friend and collaborator, agreed, saying the school provides students with opportunities that other institutions do not.



Mariah Carey

Mariah Carey has a 'themed album' on the way

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Mariah Carey has a number of projects in the pipeline, including a "themed album".

The 'Hero' hitmaker has revealed she's been working on lots of music, including brand new tunes for what looks set to be either a "scripted series or documentary".

Speaking on the 'Rolling Stone Music Now' podcast, she spilled: "It's about three or four different things. One is a project that I'm almost finished with that I was do-

ing some background vocal tweaks on. One is (new) songs that could be for the scripted series or could be for a documentary. And then, there's a themed album. "It's something that people have been asking me to do for years, but it's not done in the traditional sense. It's not done yet, but I'm really excited about it. I'm working (on that album) with some very eclectic, newer artists, as well as some legendary folks."

The 53-year-old pop icon also admitted it did her voice good to have a rest amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as it had been "damaged" and started sounding "hoarse".

She said: "Travelling and getting

hoarse and doing this and doing that did damage my voice for a minute.

"But having that moment to kind of get it back to a place where I felt really good about it was its own gift. I mean, none of us were thrilled to be dealing with Covid, but that did give me a chance to get back into the studio and just strictly focus on music."

Last week, the Grammy winner celebrated the 25th anniversary of her seminal 1997 LP 'Butterfly'.



Shakira

SUDOKU

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Yesterday's solution

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How to play
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

CROSSWORD

Across

- Former Russian rulers; 6- Terra _; 11- Attorney's org; 14- ... who lived in _; 15- The Little Mermaid; 16- Armed conflict; 17- Attack on all sides; 18- Water vapor; 19- Prince Valiant's son; 20- Makes lace; 22- Buddy; 24- Spider's traps; 28- Crescent-shaped; 30- Concur; 31- The devil; 32- Snow conveyances; 33- Having bristles; 37- French possessive; 38- Long hard seat; 39- Hot tub; 40- Institute; 43- Long-winded speech; 45- Feed on grass; 46- Governor; 47- Writer; 49- Entrails; 50- Country album; 51- Gopher Aoki; 52- "Fancy that!"; 53- Fulcrum for an oar; 56- Gathers; 61- One-million link; 62- Coherent light beam; 63- Very, to Verdi; 64- _ gloom of night...; 65- Give the slip; 66- Gravy, for one;

Down

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Yesterday's solution

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Bahrain to play Cape Verde in friendly

Senior men's national football team return to pitch tonight for first of two tune-up matches in their ongoing training camp

● **Match scheduled for 6.30pm kick-off at National Stadium**

● **Entrance is free for all fans who wish to attend the game**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain lock horns with Cape Verde tonight in an international friendly football match at the National Stadium in Riffa.

The game is scheduled for a 6.30pm kick-off and all are welcome to attend. Entrance is free of charge.

The nationals are using the fixture as part of their preparations for their upcoming tournaments, including their much-awaited title-defence in the Gulf Cup and their participation in the continent's biggest event, the AFC Asian Cup, both happening next year.

The Bahrainis have been in their local training camp over the past week under head coach Helio Sousa and his staff.

The Cape Verde national team, coached by Pedro Leitao Brito who is commonly known as Bubista, have already been in the Kingdom the past few days with a 24-player squad.

The Confederation of African



Bahrain's star midfielder Komail Al Aswad during training at the National Stadium

Football side features Marcio da Rosa, Elber Delgado, Dylan Silva, Ianique Tavares 'Stopira', Edilson Borges 'Diney', Steve Furtado, Dylan Tavares, Logan Costa, Joao Correia, Kelvin Pires 'Djack', Jorge Xavier 'Jojó', Kenny Rocha, Deroy Duarte, Patrick Andrade, Jamiro Monteiro, Joao Paulo Fernandes, Telmo Arcanjo, Ryan Mendes, Garry Rodrigues, Tiago Correia 'Bebé', Gilson Tavares, Bryan Teixeira, Luis Lopes 'Duk' and Alessio da Cruz.

Overseas

All their national team play-

ers play overseas with clubs from Portugal, Angola, Hungary, Morocco, Bulgaria, France, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Serbia, the US, the UAE, Greece, Spain, Austria, Scotland and Belgium.

Bahrain's squad features only two foreign-based professionals in Ali Madan and Abdulla Yusuf, who play in the UAE and Indonesia, respectively. The rest of the team is comprised of Ali Haram, Hamad Shamsan, Jassim Al Shaikh, Komail Al Aswad, Mohammed Jassim Marhoon, Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Sayed Redha Isa, Abdulwahab Al



Cape Verde players pose for a photograph in Bahrain (pic from Cape Verdean Football Federation)



Bahrainis set to also play CONCACAF giants Panama in friendly game on Tuesday next week at the National Stadium in Riffa

Malood, Amine Hasan, Rashed Al Hooti, Sayed Mohammed Jaafar, Waleed Al Hayam, Mahdi Humaidan, Mohammed Adel, Sayed Dhiya Saeed, Ammar Abbas, Ebrahim Al Khattal, Mahdi Abdullatif, Hussain Al Khayyat, Jassim Khelaif, Abdulaziz Mohammed, Ebrahim Luthfallah.

After their Cape Verde friendly, the Bahrainis will also be facing Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) side Panama on Tuesday next week. It will be their second warm-up of this period and

it will close out their camp.

The friendlies are the second and third scheduled by the Bahrain Football Association for the senior men's national team. They have added to the game Bahrain will be playing against FIFA World Cup 2022 participants Serbia on November 18, also at home.

The upcoming Gulf Cup is scheduled to take place in Basra, Iraq, from January 6 to 19 next year. It will be the 25th edition of the prestigious competition. The Asian Cup 2023 will take place in June and July at a yet-to-be-determined venue.

Federer to bow out in style with Nadal by his side

Reuters | London

Some of the most iconic moments of Roger Federer's glittering career featured Rafa Nadal across the net but on Friday his great Spanish rival will be alongside him for his final bow.

The 41-year-old Federer, winner of 20 Grand Slam titles and for many the greatest player to wield a tennis racket, is back in one of his favourite cities to bring down the curtain on a 24-year professional career that scaled staggering heights.

He will partner Nadal for a doubles match on the opening day of the Laver Cup at London's O2 Arena -- a three-day team event in which Europe takes on the Rest of the World.

Federer announced last week that the Laver Cup would be his final competitive event having failed to overcome a nagging right knee issue that required multiple surgeries.

While that injury means he is unable to feature in a singles match here in London, he will conclude the opening day alongside men's record 22-time Grand Slam champion Nadal as they face American duo Jack Sock and Frances Tiafoe.

As farewells go, it simply could not be better.

Federer played Nadal 40 times in one of the most compelling rivalries witnessed in tennis.

Who could forget their 2008 Wimbledon final when Nadal denied Federer a sixth consecutive title, the time Federer cried following defeat in a brutal 2009 Australian Open final, or the 2017 Australian Open final when Federer ended a five-year



Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray of Team Europe pose for a photograph following a practice session

This one feels a whole lot different. I'm happy to have him on my team and not playing against him. Playing with Rafa feels really different. To be able to do it one more time, I'm sure it will be wonderful and I'll try my very best. I'll enjoy it but it will be very hard

ROGER FEDERER

wait for his 18th major title by defeating Nadal in a classic.

No quarter has ever been given on the court but despite the ferocity of their duels, deep respect endures.

Which is why Federer said earlier this week that playing with Nadal would be a beautiful way to conclude a career that

caught fire when he claimed his first Grand slam title in 2003 by winning Wimbledon.

Europe's captain Bjorn Borg, not surprisingly, granted him his wish.

"It's going to be a different kind of pressure to be part of this historic moment," Nadal told reporters.

"It's going to be something amazing and unforgettable for me. I'm super excited. maybe we can create a good moment and maybe win the match."

Federer cut a relaxed figure as he sat with his team mates, including 21-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic and twice Wimbledon champion Andy Murray.

But he said the emotions could hit him on Friday.

"I'm not sure if I can handle (all the emotions) but I will try," Federer, whose presence had fans flocking to watch practice sessions yesterday, said.

"This one feels a whole lot dif-

Federer one of the greatest athletes of any sport: Djokovic

Reuters | London

Novak Djokovic hailed the retiring Roger Federer as one of the greatest athletes of all time and said he would leave a lasting legacy for the world of tennis.

"His impact on the game has been tremendous, the way he was playing, his style, effortless, just perfect for an eye of a tennis coach, player or just a tennis fan," Serbian Djokovic told reporters on Wednesday at London's Tower Bridge.

"He has left a huge legacy that will live for a very long time."

Djokovic beat Federer in four major finals including at Wimbledon in 2019, the Swiss's last Grand Slam final.

"Both Andy and I didn't know that this is going to be his last match, his farewell this weekend, so that makes this occasion even greater because he's one of the greatest athletes ever to play sport, any sport," said Djokovic, who is one major title

ferent. It's super special playing with Rafa. "Feels very different you know."

Nadal was asked to highlight some of his best moments against Federer, not surprisingly picking the 2008 Wimbledon final as one of his most cherished.

He also spoke warmly of their enduring friendship.

"I think we are very proud it's been a friendly rivalry," said Nadal, who beat Federer in six Grand Slam finals.



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behind Nadal's men's record of 22.

"His popularity on and off the court speaks for itself. So I'm sure we're going to have a blast this weekend."

This week's Laver Cup will be the first time that Federer, Nadal, Murray and Djokovic are playing together in an event since the 2019 Australian Open.

"It's great we will have a chance to spend some quality time off the court together," Djokovic told Eurosport.

"We have team dinners and

"Not easy because we are playing for such important things for our tennis careers, but at the same time we were able to understand that personal relationships are more important than sometimes professional things. "Tomorrow is going to be special thing"

Rest of the World captain John McEnroe said there had been some "coin flicking" to see who would face Nadal and Federer in Friday's doubles -- saying that

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC

will chat about tennis, sports, life. We don't normally do that on tour, we have our own teams and families, so this is quite unique.

"We all want to win and perform well but at the same time because of Roger's farewell and the opportunity to be alongside some of my greatest rivals in my career you also want to share some good times off the court too.

"The WhatsApp group is what keeps us together."

whatever the result of the match it would be a magical night for tennis.

"It's a very unique situation that we are all fortunate enough to be around," McEnroe said. "This is like an incredible moment for our sport.

Sock said he was stoked to be part of an iconic night while Tiafoe, who reached the US Open semi-finals, added: "I'm just excited to play two up-and-comers!"

Al Ahli claim Super Cup 'three-peat'

Holdings defeat challengers Manama 85-70 to retain coveted title for third successive season

● Al Ahli lead by as many as 19 points in resounding victory against arch-rivals

● American professional Jerry Jefferson scores 35 points to spearhead victors

TDT | Manama

Al Ahli last night completed an impressive "three-peat" after winning the Bahrain Super Cup title for the third successive season.

Ahli clinched the coveted 2022/2023 trophy with a resounding 85-70 victory over arch-rivals Manama.

The game was played at the Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam, and it was held in honour of former Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) president the Late Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa.

The winners were presented their trophy in a ceremony following the game.

With the result, Ahli not only won the cup for the third straight year; they also clinched it for the fourth time in the game's history, equalling the record previously held by Manama, who triumphed from the 2015/2016 to the 2018/2019 seasons.

Ahli and Manama earned their places in this year's Bahrain Super Cup—the traditional curtain-raising game of the new national basketball season—with Ahli being the reigning Khalifa bin Salman Cup champions and Manama finishing as the league winners from last season.



Al Ahli players and officials celebrate after the awarding ceremony



Al Ahli's Mohammed Qurban, right, receives the Bahrain Super Cup



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per Cup—the traditional curtain-raising game of the new campaign—with Ahli being the reigning Khalifa bin Salman Cup champions and Manama finishing as the league winners from last season.

Ahli enjoyed leads as big as 19 points during last night's clash but Manama periodically showed signs of threatening. Ahli held a slim 23-19 advantage at the end of the first quarter and then extended the gap to eight 42-34 at the interval.

Then, in the third, versatile forward Mohammed Kowayed put Ahli ahead 63-44 with a three-pointer. Manama battled back and got to within 10 in the period's closing moments, but Kowayed was on target once more from beyond the arc just before the quarter buzzer to make it 72-59 heading into the

final canto. There, Ahli did well to keep Manama adrift by double digits and stave off any late charge.

American Jerry Jefferson scored 35 points and took down 16 rebounds while playing all 40 minutes to spearhead Ahli. Star guard Hesham Sarhan added 18, while Kowayed had 11 and Maitham Jameel 10.

For Manama, Ahmed Salman scored 20 points coming off the bench while former NBA first round pick Jordan Lee Crawford from the US added 15 and Mohammed Ameer had 12. Ahmed Hassan Aldurazi, who was facing his former club, chipped in with 11.

The naming of this year's Bahrain Super Cup after the Late Shaikh Mohammed was in appreciation of his great efforts in

developing Bahrain basketball as his contributions as head of during his presidency, as well basketball at Muharraq Club.



Hesham Sarhan looks to penetrate against the tough defence of Ahmed Hassan Aldurazi

Raducanu feels the love to surge into Korea Open quarter-finals

AFP | Seoul

Emma Raducanu enjoyed support from the Korea Open crowd on the way to a straight-sets win over 396th-ranked Yanina Wickmayer and a place in the quarter-finals yesterday.

Raducanu, who crashed out of the US Open in the first round last month as her title defence fell flat, overcame some late resistance to beat the experienced Belgian 6-3, 7-5 in Seoul.

The 19-year-old Briton said that her serving, including nine aces, formed the backbone of victory and she next faces third seed Magda Linette of Poland.

"I think that serving big and serving well and a lot of aces, especially in the second set, helped me get off to a pretty good lead, 4-1 up, which gave me bit of a cushion because Yanina started fighting back and it was a competitive second set," said the sixth seed.

Eyeing up the 30-year-old Linette in the last eight, the former US Open champion added: "Linette is a challenging opponent with many years more experience than me. I'm focused on that match and not thinking further ahead."



Emma Raducanu in action



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EMMA RADUCANU

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

Champions Najma defeat Samaheej to stay undefeated

● Barbar edge past Tubli for first win of new season in 2022/2023 Khalid bin Hamad Bahrain Handball League

TDT | Manama

Defending champions Al Najma outclassed Samaheej 37-28 last night in their week three game of the 2022/2023 Khalid bin Hamad Bahrain Handball League, being played at the Bahrain Handball Association Arena in Um Al Hassam.

Najma enjoyed a commanding 21-14 advantage in a high-scoring first half, and despite Sama-



Action from Najma's win against Samaheej

heej getting as close as two goals after the break, Najma were just too good on the night and built a comfortable lead in the closing minutes.

Najma won their third succes-

sive contest to kick off the new campaign while Samaheej were handed their second defeat in three tries.

In yesterday's other game, Barbar edged past Tubli 24-21.

The result earned Barbar their first win of the season after drawing and then losing their opening two fixtures. Tubli, on the other hand, suffered a third successive loss and stayed bottom of the league standings.

League action continues tonight with just one game on schedule. At 7pm, Al Ettifaq face off with Al Shabab.

Osaka pulls out of Pan Pacific Open with stomach pain

AFP | Tokyo

Former tennis world number one Naomi Osaka pulled out of her home Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo yesterday after complaining of abdominal pain.

The Japanese 24-year-old was set to play Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia in the second round but withdrew saying her



Naomi Osaka

"body won't let" her compete. "It's an honour to be able to play at the Toray Pan Pacific



This has and always will be a special tournament for me and I wish I could have stepped on court today, but my body won't let me

NAOMI OSAKA

Open in front of the amazing fans here in Japan," Osaka said in a statement released by organisers.

"This has and always will be a special tournament for me and I wish I could have stepped on court today, but my body won't let me."

"Thank you for all your support this week and I will see you next year," she added.