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**HRH Prince Salman praises research studies' key role towards development**

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday remotely met International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Director-General and Chief Executive Dr John Chipman.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets Dr Chipman online

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the important role research studies play towards building strategies to achieve sustainable development and enhance the foundations of communication and dialogue to promote progress, development, security and stability.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the joint cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the IISS through the ongoing successful regional security forum, the Manama Dialogue, which attracts leading policy makers and regional and international

security dignitaries. For his part, Dr Chipman expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, noting His Royal Highness's continued commitment to supporting the cooperation between Bahrain and the IISS.



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**Individuals vaccinated**



**World Bank may cut Lebanon's vaccine aid**  
Beirut

The World Bank threatened yesterday to suspend its multi-million dollar financing for Lebanon's COVID-19 vaccination drive over politicians jumping the line.

The controversy, which echoed favouritism by elites in other countries as the world rushes to inoculate against the coronavirus, added to frustration among Lebanese over delays and violations in the vaccination campaign. Local media and politicians said that some lawmakers got shots in parliament yesterday - despite not necessarily being in priority groups.

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

**ACTIVE CASES**

7081

**DEATHS**

433

**DISCHARGED**

111691

**NEW CASES**

675

210 fils (includes VAT)



# Tehran is secretly keeping 'undeclared nuke material'

Iran produced 17.6 kgs of 20 percent enriched uranium, reveals IAEA confidential document

● Overall, it increased its stockpile of enriched uranium to 2,967.8 kilograms, up from 2,442.9 kilograms reported on November 2

Tehran

The UN's atomic watchdog IAEA said yesterday Iran has produced 17.6 kg of uranium enriched to up to 20 percent, a step away from producing weapons-grade levels.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported in a confidential document distributed to member countries and seen by international news agencies AP, AFP and Reuters that as of February 16, Tehran had added 17.6 kilograms of uranium enriched to 20 percent to its stockpile.

Overall, it increased its stockpile of enriched uranium to 2,967.8 kilograms, up from 2,442.9 kilograms reported on November 2. "The agency is deeply con-



Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium is growing dangerously

cerned that undeclared nuclear material may have been present at an undeclared location and that such nuclear material remains unreported by Iran under its safeguards agreement," the IAEA said.

The nuclear deal signed in 2015 with the US, Germany, France, Britain, China and Russia, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, allows Iran only to keep a stockpile of 202.8 kilograms. It also allows enrichment only up to 3.67 percent.

This translates to Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium being more than 14 times over the limit set down in its 2015 nuclear deal.

The new IAEA report comes as Washington and Tehran are locked in a standoff over reviving nuclear talks.

US President Joe Biden's administration has signaled to Iran its willingness to return to talks to revive the nuclear deal Former President Donald Trump abandoned in 2018.

Biden reversed Trump's deter-

mination that all UN sanctions against Iran had been restored. And the State Department eased stringent restrictions on the domestic travel of Iranian diplomats in New York.

Yet, Tehran demanded that all Trump-era sanctions on Iran be lifted before taking any real action to return to the deal.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Monday Iran might enrich uranium up to 60 percent purity if needed, while repeating a denial of any Iranian

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IAEA STATEMENT

intent to seek nuclear weapons, for which 90 percent enrichment would be required.

Iran also decided to restrict site inspections by the UN's nuclear watchdog after a US refusal to lift existing sanctions.

Britain, France and Germany condemned on Tuesday the Iranian decision and said: "We urge Iran to stop and reverse all measures that reduce transparency and to ensure full and timely cooperation with the IAEA."

## HM King congratulates Estonia president on Independence Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to Estonia president Kersti Kaljulaid on her country's Independence Day. HM King Hamad extended his best wishes to President Kaljulaid on the national occasion.



HM the King

## Strategic research and studies praised



Dr Al Zayani with Dr Chipman and other guests

### Foreign Minister receives IISS Director-General and Chief Executive

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani yesterday received the Director-General and Chief Executive of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)-Middle East, Sir Tom Beckett, and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa.

The Foreign Minister welcomed Dr Chipman, and praised the tangible efforts undertaken by IISS in the field

of conducting research and studies and organising forums, including the "Manama Dialogue", which has gained great international attention.

He also affirmed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' constant keenness to enhance cooperation and coordination between the two sides in order to achieve the desired common goals, wishing Dr Chipman and all those in charge of the institute further success.

Dr Chipman valued the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' continued support to IISS, expressing his great pride of and appreciation for the effective contributions made, including Manama Dialogue, which highlighted constructive cooperation between the two sides, and became a global platform for politicians, experts and specialists to exchange visions and ideas, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

# Peace is 'strategic choice for Bahrain'

Royal leadership's vision and commitment: Help maintain regional and international security

### Bahrain participates in virtual meeting organised by Israeli-American Council

### Kingdom an important ally of the US and headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is committed to helping maintain regional and international security as part of the royal leadership's vision to achieve lasting peace.

This was emphasised by the Embassy of Bahrain in the US as it participated virtually in a function organised by the Israeli-American Council on the Abraham Accords Declaration, which was held under the theme "Diplomacy for the Future".

Taking part in the event were the embassy's Senior Secretary, Talal Ibrahim Al Absi, head of the Communications and Public Diplomacy Department of the UAE Embassy in Washington, Hessa Butti Al Shuwaihi, and spokesperson of the Embassy of the State of Israel, Elad Strohmayr.

Bahrain is an important ally of the US and the headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet. It also hosts the Joint Maritime Forces and the International Alliance for the Security and Protection of Freedom of Navigation.

The Bahraini Embassy stressed that achieving peace is the strategic choice for Bahrain, adding that the reform



The online discussion in progress



Regarding the peace process in the Middle East, the embassy emphasised that the Bahrain government is committed to the Arab peace initiative ... and that the historic step taken by the Kingdom is to bring the region closer to achieving a just and comprehensive peace.

approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa preserved the principles of peace, dialogue and peaceful coexistence as well as the authentic aspects of the Bahraini society such as respect of religious freedom, pluralism and peaceful

coexistence.

The embassy further highlighted that His Majesty the King has important international initiatives in this field, including the establishment of the Isa Award for Service to Humanity, the Kingdom of Bahrain Declaration for Religious Tolerance, which was announced at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, and the establishment of the King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence.

The Bahraini Embassy affirmed that the royal vision had a fundamental role in the important and courageous historical step of signing a declaration supporting peace with Israel.

It pointed out growing cooperation between both countries in various economic, environmental and technological fields.

It noted that the landmark step has also led to an important regional social progress with the recent announcement of the establishment of the Association of Gulf Jewish Communities, which is chaired by Ebrahim Nonoo, a former member of the Shura Council.

## Representatives Council and EWA cooperation discussed

### Future projects on electricity and water sectors reviewed

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak yesterday received MP Ahmed Al Salloum, representative of the Capital Governorate's fifth constituency.

They discussed a number of topics related to the electricity and water sectors and reviewed future projects of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), as well as its recent achievements.

They also discussed ways to enhance cooperation between EWA and the Representatives Council, through supporting EWA's plans aimed at constantly improving its services.

The Minister lauded the dedicated efforts exerted by lawmakers to raise and discuss issues that are directly related to the citizens' interests.

## IMDO forum set for launch tomorrow

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Under the patronage of the president of Supreme Council for Health (SCH), Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the fourth edition of the Internal Medicine, Diabetes, and Obesity (IMDO) Conference will be launched virtually tomorrow.

It is organised by Education Plus, the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) and Noor Specialist Hospital.

The conference is held over a period of three continuous days and targets internal medicine, diabetes and obesity.

It has more than 750 participants from different countries of the world as it is one of the most important international conferences organised by Education Plus for the fourth year in a row and approved by NHRA with a rate of 21 credit hours.

## Live ammunition firing begins today

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The Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF) will conduct a live ammunition firing in the area of Hair Bu Amama today and tomorrow from 8am until 2pm.

Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) General Command urged citizens and residents to keep off the demarcated area for their safety.

## BDF chief attends two military and maritime exhibitions in Abu Dhabi



Lt-General Al Nuaimi tours the exhibition

### Latest global defense systems and advanced military technologies on display

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BDF Chief-of-Staff, Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, attended the 15th edition of The International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX) and the

Naval Defence and Maritime Security Exhibition (NAVDEX) that is held in Abu Dhabi on February 21-25.

Al Nuaimi toured the exhibitions and was briefed on a number of the participants in the two exhibitions, and the latest global defense systems and advanced military technologies that contribute to strengthening regional and international security and serving world peace.

He met UAE Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Hamad

Muhammad Thani Al Rumaithi, where they affirmed the depth of fraternal relations and strong historical roots and cooperation between the two countries in the military field.

The Royal Bahraini Navy is participating in the activities of NAVDEX with a ship called "Muharraq".

The participation is a gain to enrich the outcome of military knowledge, as it is considered one of the leading maritime defense exhibitions in the world.

# Sharing knowledge and expertise

Two Bahraini engineers help construct and design Emirati mini-satellite 'DhabiSat'

● **Rocket lifts off from Wallops Flight Facility and reaches International Space Station**

● **DhabiSat aims to gather data for space research and capture high-resolution images**

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Two members of the Bahrain Space Team of the National Space Science Authority (NSSA) have participated in the construction and designing of the Emirati mini-satellite "DhabiSat", which was launched on February 20, from the Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia, US and arrived at the International Space Station (ISS).

The launch marked another milestone in the UAE's space journey. Less than two weeks ago, the Emirates made history when its Hope probe successfully entered the orbit of Mars to begin a two-year data-collecting mission.

The miniature satellite DhabiSat is the second CubeSat designed and developed by students from Khalifa University of Science and Technology in



The launch of Cygnus NG-15 spacecraft, which is carrying the "DhabiSat", at Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia



**The project aims to conduct tests on a number of technologies for outer space, such as software control systems and satellite guidance, in addition to taking pictures, as well as contributing to building national capabilities in designing, building, operating and managing satellites in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE.**

Abu Dhabi with the support of the Yahsat Satellite Communications Company, "Yahsat" and Northrop Grumman International.

Bahraini Aerospace Eng. Ashraf Khater participated in the implementation of a set of structural tests and analyses to ensure the integrity of the miniature satellite's structure and all its electronic devices.

The tests are based on simulating the vibrations that the satellite is exposed to during launch, which are caused by the high pressure and intense vibrations that the carrier rocket is subjected to the satellite while penetrating the layers of the atmosphere surrounding the planet.

Eng. Khater said: "Participation in the DhabiSat project represents a unique opportunity for

the Bahrain Space Team to build experiences and gain knowledge of building satellites.

"I have had the opportunity to participate in the implementation of many analyses and tests that were carried out in the laboratories of the Khalifa University for Space and Innovation Center. During these analyses and tests, the satellite is exposed to various effects that simulate those that the satellite carrier rocket experiences during its launch into space, including vibrations and the effects of linear acceleration.

"We also applied effects that simulate those that rockets are exposed to during their transportation to airports and space launch bases, and the tests and analyses that have been carried out have shown that they are in compliance with standard specifications. This is a great achievement for me and I am very happy to represent my country, Bahrain, in this scientific project."

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Another Bahrain Space Team member, Eng. Ali Al Qaraan, also participated in designing an al-

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- ENG. ASHRAF KHATER



“We, as a team, hope will be the nucleus for creating an advanced and sustainable space sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.”

- ENG. ALI AL QARAAN



gorithm that aims to estimate the values of some variables in the satellite system through statistical operations and without the need for a special sensor for these variables.

This algorithm relies mainly on one of the most famous statistical mathematical tools in the science of statistical estimation

theories called "Kalman Filter" which is used in many engineering and non-engineering applications in today's world.

Eng. Al Qaraan explained: "The goal of such algorithms is to increase the accuracy and efficiency of control systems and determine the directions in satellites."

## Tender Board opens envelopes for 33 bids for five tenders



The bid opening process

● **Providing fair treatment to all suppliers and contractors**

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The Tender Board, the independent regulatory body tasked with supervising government bidding practices, yesterday opened envelopes of 33 bids for five tenders offered by five administrators.

The committee's agenda included the opening of a tender for the Ministry of Health regarding the supply and installation of the radiology laboratory and various medical devices for the new multiple sclerosis hospital, and 15 bids were received for this tender.

The committee also opened a tender for the Ministry of Education regarding the renewal and provision of Oracle licenses for three years from 2021

to 2023, and two bids were received for this tender.

The Al Fateh Committee opened a tender for the Electricity and Water Authority regarding the expansion of the advanced infrastructure system for smart meters, and three bids were received for this tender.

A tender was also opened for the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority regarding the appointment of a consultant to develop the security strategy for the telecommunications sector for the years 2022-2025, and nine bids were received for this tender.

Finally, the committee opened a tender in the oil and gas sector for Tatweer Petroleum for consulting services specialised in the oil and gas sector. Four bids were received for this tender.

The bid opening process was attended by a number of representatives of the administering authorities and the companies participating in the tenders.

## Ministry of Works implementing infrastructure projects in Al Aker

● **Paving and road reconstruction projects amount to BD883,000**

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Many infrastructure projects have been implemented in the eastern and western region of Al Aker and more are underway under the government's programme for the years 2021-2022.

In response to MP Ammar Abbas's question about development works in Al Aker, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Eng. Issam bin Abdullah Khalaf, said that the ministry had implemented many paving projects and re-constructed a



Drainage work in Al Aker

number of roads in the region at a total cost of BD883,000.

These projects include paving Road 2628 and surrounding roads, re-establishing Road 2609, re-paving Road 45 and re-paving Road 2617 and Road 2610 at Block 626 in Al Aker, as well as re-paving Road 2347 and surrounding roads, paving

Road 2358 and surrounding roads, paving Road 2368 and surrounding roads, re-paving Al Aker East Street, and paving Road 2459 at Block 624 in Al Aker.

Minister Khalaf added that there are also maintenance projects for a number of roads included in the government pro-

gramme for this year and next year, including the maintenance of Al Aker West Street, re-paving Road 2440 and surrounding roads, and re-paving Road 2609 and the roads surrounding Complex 626.

These include the project of paving dirt roads in Complex 624, where the preparation of designs was completed and the approval of all other service departments was obtained.

The project includes paving works and the construction of roads with a length of six kilometres to serve 350 housing units, in addition to laying a network for rainwater drainage, providing lighting poles and establishing some heights to reduce the speed and put the necessary regulatory and warning traffic signs to achieve the required safety.

## Capital Governorate road works completed

● **It will facilitate the flow of traffic and raise levels of safety in the area**

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The maintenance and development road work in Complex 745 and Sayyid 745 areas in the Capital Governorate have



Well-paved roads in the area after the project completion

been completed.

This was according to Eng. Sayed Badr Alawi, Director of

Roads Projects and Maintenance Department at the Ministry.

He noted that the project aims to develop and improve internal roads in the region to facilitate the flow of traffic and raise levels of safety and performance on the road network in order to preserve the safety of its users, in line with the Ministry's plan to implement infrastructure projects.

The project covers a length

of about 3.4 kilometres with approximately 185 housing units. It was implemented at a cost of BD500,000.

Eng. Alawi indicated that the project's works included rebuilding roads, replacing the damaged layer with new ones that fit the Ministry's specifications, and providing a rainwater drainage system on Road 4561 and Road 4571, as well as developing sidewalks and paving them with bricks.

# Muharraq: Capital city of Islamic culture

'Arts from the Islamic World' exhibition at Bahrain National Museum showcases Kingdom's unique heritage and rich history

● Part of 'International Day of Islamic Art' celebrations to enhance appreciation of cultural diversity and equality among all cultures

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The galleries of the "Arts from the Islamic World" exhibition at the Bahrain National Museum were opened as part of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities' celebrations of the "International Day of Islamic Art".

The global event, which is celebrated every 18th of November, bears witness to the commitment of the international community to enhance appreciation of cultural diversity and equality among all cultures that frame humanity. It also serves as a bridge for communication between peoples and civilisations.

BACA president Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa said: "The initiative to celebrate the International Day of Islamic Art was launched in Muharraq as



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BACA PRESIDENT SHAIKHA MAI BINT MOHAMMED AL KHALIFA

it reflects the heritage of art by building bridges of communication between different regions of the world."

For the first time, BACA held a series of events for two consecutive days to celebrate the ancient art event.

"This day reflects the nobility of Islamic art, which extends bridges of civilisational and human communication among different regions of the world and contributes to enriching the cultural landscape of many people," said Shaikha Mai.

She thanked GFH Financial Group BSC. (GFH) for its support for the activities to mark the

International Day of Islamic Art, as well as all the participants, including artists, specialists, and staff of the authority.

## International Day of Islamic Art

The world celebrated for the first time the International Day of Islamic Art, after its approval by the 40th General Conference of the Unesco to be held on November 18th of each year based on a proposal submitted by Bahrain within the programme of Muharraq, the capital of Islamic culture.

## Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy



New Souq

In the heart of Muharraq, Bahrain's former capital, the Unesco World Heritage Site "Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy" shows the unique legacy of Bahrain's pearling era, through the architecture and the urban heritage of the old city, as well as three pearl-producing oyster beds in the northern territorial waters of Bahrain. Conservation works have been ongoing in the site since 2011 and the project is scheduled to be completed by this year.

## The Pearling Path

A cruise of approximately 10 minutes departs from the Museum of Bahrain dock to the Beach of Bumahr Castle. At the Bumahr Castle Information Center, you can start exploring the "The Pearling Path: Witness of the Island Economy" site.

## Pedestrian regression site

The length of the pedestrian path is the Pearling Path site, which extends above Isa Al Kabeer Street, with length of 165.2 metres. Then from the beginning of the Pearling Path site, with the rest of the path that runs about 5.3 kilometres inside the historic city of Muharraq.

## Pearling Path Visitor Center

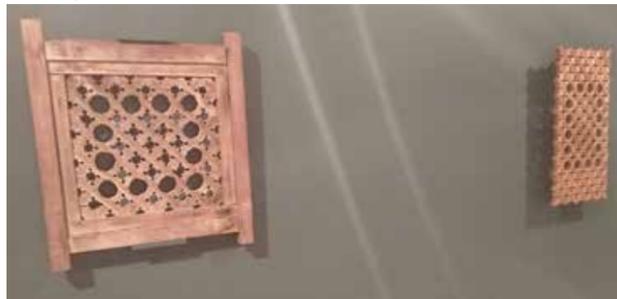
The Pearling Path Visitor Center is one of the main stops on the site, as it contains historical parts and remains the



The Unesco World Heritage Site "Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy"



Old Souq



## Islamic Art Arabisque

archaeological sites of two of the historical buildings: Yusuf bin Abdul Rahman Fakhro buildings that were built in the 1930s, in addition to a number of archaeological assets that were found on the site, in addition to its containing a number of facilities.

## Caesarea Market

Today, Al Qaysariyah Market forms part of the old Muharraq Market which dates back to the beginning of the 20th century, but studies indicate that Caesarea market is older than that, as it originated in the beginning of the 19th century and continued to expand over subsequent

years. The market is considered as one of the important parts of the Pearling Path project, as it is located on the road which runs from Herrat Pearls opposite Bumahr Castle to the heart of Muharraq and even the Siyadi House and Mosque.

## Second World Heritage Site of Bahrain

As of 2012, "Pearling, Testimony of an Island Economy" has become the second World Heritage Site of Bahrain as the testimony of its millennia old pearl collecting tradition and the globally significant single-product island economy and social system it produced.



Pearl Path bridge

## Ithmaar Bank honours 36 long-serving employees, reports 97% Bahrainisation

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Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, recognised 36 employees, including 35 Bahrainis, for their contributions to the bank's ongoing success.

They were presented with cash and certificates for completing 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.

This came as the bank was recognised by Tamkeen for its exceptionally high 97 percent Bahrainisation level.

Ithmaar Bank's performance in this area, among the best in the Kingdom, is in line with the objectives of Tamkeen's Taqdeer programme and the Bahrain government's overall goal of creating a highly skilled Bahraini workforce and positioning them as employees of choice.

The bank also has 17 Bahrainis among its 19-member Exec-



Ithmaar Bank CEO Abdul Rahim

utive Management team. "Ithmaar Bank is a people-oriented organisation, focused on our employees' growth, success, and personal development," said Ithmaar Bank Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim.

"These long-service awards reflect how deeply we value the hard work and dedication of our team members, some of whom have been with us since the bank's inception."

"The banking industry, particularly Islamic banking, offers exciting career opportunities for hardworking and

growth-oriented individuals, and we are pleased to count so many Bahrainis among our wonderful team," he said.

"Our high Bahrainisation rate reaffirms our commitment to prioritising and developing local talent, in support of the Government's Economic Vision 2030 to deliver strong economic growth and prosperity to all citizens," he said.

"We are careful to ensure a working environment where women can learn, grow their skills, and succeed. Our career progression programmes provide hard working women with as many opportunities as their male counterparts."

Ithmaar Bank is also a strong advocate of gender equality, counting several women among its management team and two on its board. It employs 103 women in total at various levels, from customer facing personnel to executives.

## Lulu celebrates unique Food Festival from today

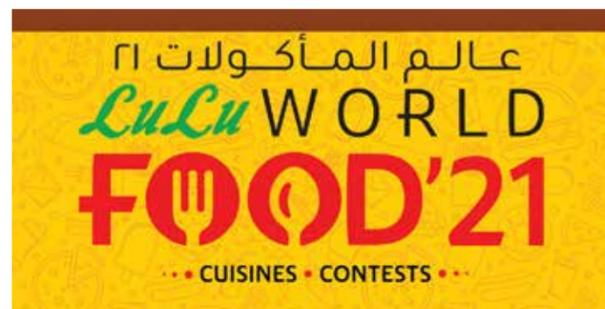
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From today until March 6, Lulu Hypermarket is inviting shoppers to its unique Food Festival, full of delicious tastes from around the world, the freshest and top-quality ingredients to make any home chef happy and promotions on kitchenware and equipment such as food processors, air fryers and bakeware to turn out great food every time.

What's more, the Hypermarket's Big Bang offers, daily and special offers will keep shoppers coming for more great bargains and give them a chance to win as well.

Over a 11-day period, Lulu shoppers can enter an e-affle draw for every BD5 spent and be one of 160 lucky winners to share a jackpot of over BD11,000 in Lulu Shopping Gift Card.

The Hypermarket is tapping the new awareness for healthy eating and its Food Festival is promoting no-sugar fruit juices, a variety of multi-grain breads, organic food ingredi-



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ents, low-sugar and high protein treats such as special ice creams, breakfast options to start the day right.

It also promotes different

specialties on different days – a biryani festival, a festival of rice and curries, a seafood festival, a cake festival to celebrate all things naughty and nice, breads and croissants festival, special deals on choicest cuts of beef and also on mince and cubed meat, fresh chicken parts, BBQ foods and even free biryani tomorrow for every 10 kilos of Basmati rice purchased.

There are also extra e-affle credits on popular brands of foods so stock up your kitchen store at Lulu and win yourself some good health, great taste and prizes!

**KIMSHEALTH HOSPITAL**

## Offering Quality with Affordability

**Dr. Sheriff M. Sahadulla, Group Chief Executive Officer of KIMSHEALTH delivers the vision behind the new KIMSHEALTH Hospital and tells us how KIMSHEALTH is bring its quality affordable care closer to the people of Bahrain.**



**How does KIMSHEALTH Hospital consolidate KIMSHEALTH's position in Bahrain?**

With KIMSHEALTH Hospital (KHH), KIMSHEALTH has become the largest private healthcare provider in Bahrain with two hospitals and four medical centres, namely Royal Bahrain Hospital, KIMSHEALTH Hospital, RBH Medical Center (Opening soon in Saar/Janabiyah) and KIMSHEALTH Medical Center in Um Al Hassam, Muharraq and Askar.

With our new medical institutions, we aim to bring our services closer to the people of Bahrain and provide a range of specialities and services through a diverse team of medical experts.

KIMSHEALTH's objective is to offer a wide spectrum of services covering the entire lifecycle of the patient within the healthcare system. Thus, KIMSHEALTH will be providing primary, inpatient, surgical, rehabilitation and post-discharge care at home.

**What should the people expect from KIMSHEALTH Hospital?**

KIMSHEALTH Hospital will be offering quality care with affordability. It will also provide continuity of care for existing patients of KIMSHEALTH Medical Center in Umm Al Hassam especially those who need to undergo surgeries or require inpatient care. KIMSHEALTH Hospital will excel in patient experience with a bigger space, new facilities and better parking amenities.

**How has KIMSHEALTH contributed towards the management of COVID-19 in Bahrain with the National Task Force?**

KIMSHEALTH has partnered with the National Task Force for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) right from the beginning. Also, KIMSHEALTH Hospital has been the only private facility to provide inpatient services to 459 COVID-19 patients till October-end 2020. This was achieved through a dedicated team of trained doctors and nurses who worked on the frontline to undertake inpatient admissions. We have also held regular discussions with the National Task Force and have promptly implemented all the guidance received and have followed strict safety protocols at all of our medical institutions.

**What happens to the KIMSHEALTH Medical Centre in Umm Al Hassam?**

KIMSHEALTH Medical Centre will continue to provide services for General Practice, Dentistry and Holistic medicine, besides continuing to serve as the approved LMRA Center. In addition, we will be adding new services which we will announce shortly. KIMSHEALTH Medical Centre will get a much-needed facelift as it has been in existence for the past 16 years in addition to expanding the existing pharmacy.

**KIMS recently underwent a brand change exercise to KIMSHEALTH? What are the new things should one expect from it?**

Over the years, KIMS has earned an exemplary reputation for its quality of service, care and affordability. After two decades of dedicated service, we felt the need for the brand to have a new name, look and philosophy. Our new brand promise is – One Brand, One Experience across all our centres in India and the Middle East. This means, there will be uniformity in our offerings and services. In terms of our new brand identity, each arrow in the new design represents one of our core values. Our core values include – Compassion, Affordability, Ethics, Quality, Excellence, Transparency, Innovation and Trust. The 8 arrows are directed towards the centre because at the centre of all that we do is our patients. The red colour symbolizes our strength, determination and passion.

**What are your views on the prevailing health situation in Bahrain due to COVID-19?**

First and foremost, I would like to applaud the Bahraini Leadership, Ministry of Health and National Health Regulatory Authority for all their efforts in controlling the spread of COVID-19 through appropriate implementation and enforcement of safety precaution within the community.

Bahrain also has the distinction of conducting the highest number of COVID-19 tests per 100,000 population in the world. This clearly shows the Government's commitment to the health and wellbeing of people living in the country.

Going forward, considering the prevailing situation, we are expecting a significant emphasis on social distancing and wearing a mask.

**How do you view the present situation of increasing COVID-19 cases in Bahrain? What would be your advice to the citizens?**

The increase in COVID-19 cases in Bahrain can be attributed to multiple reasons and we can continue to expect such fluctuations in the coming months. Combating COVID-19 is going to be a continued collaborative effort. Bahrain's authorities have set a solid framework of precautions that needs to be followed. It is our responsibility to abide by the regulations. Going forward, I would like everyone to support the ongoing vaccination drive and get ourselves vaccinated as quickly as possible. It doesn't matter which vaccine you take. It matters that you get vaccinated.

**What kind of changes in healthcare sector should one expect post-COVID-19?**

We have already witnessed a steep increase in the acceptance and usage of Telehealth during the COVID-19 period. This trend is expected to continue further. Most importantly, medical institutions will decentralize their care model and engage in spreading out through satellite clinics to exercise greater community presence. One such initiative from us is the upcoming RBH Medical Center in Janabiyah / Saar.

**What is your message to the community?**

Stay healthy. Stay safe. Please follow the recommendations from the authorities.

# GFH buys mission critical Chicago distribution centre

Facility leased to global tire giant Michelin



From left: Razi Al Merbati, CEO of GFH Capital S.A., Salem Patel, Head of Asset Management, at GFH

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GFH Financial Group (GFH) yesterday announced the acquisition of a mission-critical distribution facility in Chicago, Illinois, which has been leased since November 2015 to the blue-chip tenant, Michelin North America, the international, top-selling tire brand and global tire industry innovator. The transaction, valued at over c.US\$135 million, marks the continued expansion of GFH's global portfolio of income-generating real estate assets including prime distri-

but ion centres; well-positioned logistics assets and last-mile delivery facilities in the US and Europe. The transaction was undertaken in partnership with Silver Creek Commercial Development LLC, a US-based asset manager with a track record of over \$2 billion in logistics transactions.

Commenting, Razi Al Merbati, CEO of GFH Capital, said, "With this deal, we move further towards solidifying our position as a leading real estate investor in the US and look to transact on the strong pipeline of other unique opportunities

we have in place."

Salem Patel, Head of Asset Management, at GFH, added, "This investment is supported by its long-term lease to Michelin N.A, a highly reputable tenant and global tire industry giant, who has helped establish and maintain the facility as a state-of-the-art distribution centre. We are continuing to look at further investments in the sector globally and to maximise the value of this and our growing portfolio of logistics centres for the benefit of the Group, our shareholders, investors and partners."

## Bitcoin plummets as doubts grow over sky-high valuation

Reuters | London/Singapore

Bitcoin plummeted as much as 17% yesterday as investors grew nervous at sky-high valuations, triggering the liquidation of leveraged bets and sparking a sell-off across cryptocurrency markets.

The world's biggest cryptocurrency was facing its biggest daily drop in a month, falling to as low as \$45,000. In choppy trading, it was last

down 15.6%.

The drop took its losses to over a fifth from a record high of \$58,354 hit on Sunday and underscored the volatility of the emerging asset - though it is still up around 60% this year.

Ether, the world's second largest cryptocurrency by market capitalisation that often moves in tandem with bitcoin, also dropped more than 20% to \$1,410, down over 30% from last week's record peak.

### Kingdom of Bahrain



The Bahrain Petroleum Company BSC (Closed) hereby invites tender for the following:

TENDER TITLE	TENDER No.	INITIAL BOND (BD)	TENDER FEES (BD)	TENDER SUBMISSION DAY DATE TIME
PROVISION OF CYBERARK PRIVILEGED ACCESS MANAGEMENT (PAM) SOLUTION WITH IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	26114	500/-	15.750	21-Mar-2021

The above public tenders are issued through Bapco's EAM (Oracle) system. Bapco invites interested Vendors with proven experience in providing the above services to participate in the above tenders. Registered suppliers with Bapco's EAM system can log in with their username and password and purchase the tender. Tender documents can be downloaded after paying the tender fee.

Unregistered suppliers can register by visiting the following website:

<https://www.bapco.net/doing-business-with-us.html#prequalifications>

Under prequalification, please select new supplier registration and complete the steps.

For further clarification you may contact Bapco Procurement Department at the Refinery on Telephone 1775 5845, 1775 7054, 775 2995 or 17755684

Submission of the Tender is online through EAM system, but the Initial Bond is to be submitted in original. Initial Bond shall be payable by a Certified Cheque, Cash, Manager cheque, letter of guarantee or insurance policy. The Initial bond shall remain valid throughout the tender period specified in the relevant tender documents (6 months from the date of submission). Initial Bond can be submitted at old BBK Building (Procurement Department - Tendering Unit) located outside the refinery, near North Gate between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Sundays and Tuesdays only.

This tender is subject to the provisions of Legislative Decree No.36 of 2002 with respect to Regulating Government Tenders & Purchases and the Legislative Decree No.37 of 2002 with respect to the Tender Law's implementing regulations.

The following conditions shall be complied with:

1. Enclose a copy of the Commercial Registration Certificate valid for the current year, and be in conformity with the subject tender.
2. Enclose a copy of Certificate of Compliance with the Employment Percentage for Bahraini Manpower issued by the Ministry of Labour.
3. Submit quotations on Tender Submission Form
4. Ensure to stamp with the official seal on all the original documents and copies thereof, which form part of the offer.
5. Award of Purchase Agreement to a Contractor who is not on Bapco's Approved List of Contractors will be subject to successful pre-qualification.

• This announcement is to be read as part of the Tender Documents.

**News in brief**

◆ **Pfizer Inc expects to deliver more than 13 million doses of its COVID-19 vaccine per week to the United States by the middle of March, more than doubling its shipments from early February, a top Pfizer executive said in prepared testimony ahead of a Tuesday congressional hearing.**

Pfizer is on track to deliver 120 million doses of its two-dose regimen by the end of March, said John Young, Pfizer's chief business officer. Pfizer is also prepared to provide a total of 300 million shots to the United States by the end of July and has raised global production expectations for 2021 to at least 2 billion doses, he said.



**Pfizer to ship 13 million COVID-19 vaccine doses per week to US**

◆ **Strict coronavirus restrictions imposed by North Korea could force the World Food Programme to suspend operations in the country, where chronic malnutrition is rife, a report on the UN organisation's website said Tuesday.**

**UN World Food Programme warns could suspend work in N. Korea**



The impoverished country -- which is under international sanctions over its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programmes -- has long struggled to feed itself, suffering chronic food shortages. The World Food Programme (WFP) has by far the largest international aid operation in the country and provides specialised foods to around a million pregnant women, nursing mothers and children every month, according to its website.

◆ **Ten orangutans have been released back into the wild in the Indonesian portion of Borneo island, with helicopters used to ferry the critically endangered great apes deep into the forest from rehabilitation centres.**



**Ten rescued orangutans returned to the wild in Indonesia**

The Bornean orangutans that had all been in captivity before their rescue included Nenuah, a 19-year-old female who was repatriated from Thailand, according to the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF). In total, five males, a mother with two babies, and two other females were released with assistance from Indonesian conservation agencies.

◆ **Iran expressed hope yesterday that South Korea and Japan would agree to release about \$1 billion of Iranian funds frozen in the two countries because of U.S. sanctions, but South Korea said it still needed to discuss the matter with the United States.**

Iranian government spokesman Ali Rabiee said central bank governor Abdolnaser Hemmati had reached preliminary agreements with the ambassadors of Japan and South Korea on the fund releases.

**COVID-19 Countries worst affected**

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	28,833,194	513,051	<b>112,391,323</b>
2 India	11,022,582	156,553	
3 Brazil	10,197,531	247,276	
4 Russia	4,189,153	84,047	
5 UK	4,126,150	120,757	
6 France	3,609,827	84,613	
7 Spain	3,153,971	67,636	
8 Italy	2,818,863	95,992	
9 Turkey	2,646,526	28,138	
10 Germany	2,400,848	68,875	
11 Colombia	2,229,663	58,974	
12 Argentina	2,069,751	51,359	
13 Mexico	2,043,632	180,536	
14 Poland	1,648,962	42,436	

**Middle East**

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	178,774		10,404		138,183	30,187
Saudi Arabia	375,668	+335	6,470	+4	366,735	2,463
UAE	375,535	+3,005	1,145	+5	366,567	7,823
Kuwait	184,989		1,049		173,182	10,758
Oman	139,989	+297	1,557	+2	131,143	7,289
Qatar	161,344	+455	257		151,225	9,862

# Azerbaijan demands Justice for Khojaly

SHAHIN ABDULLAYEV



29 years passed since the Khojaly genocide, one of the bloodiest chapters of Azerbaijan's history. Events in Khojaly town in Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, on the night of February 25-26, 1992, was one of the worst tragedies of the 20th century.

Apart from the strategic objectives, Armenian aggressors wanted to destroy Khojaly as a settlement that reflects the historical and cultural heritage of Azerbaijani population. Armenian armed forces and mercenary units gave no qualms about the people of Khojaly, who had not managed to leave the city. Official figures prove that as a result of the genocidal act in Khojaly 613 people were killed, including 106 women, 63 children and 70 elderly. As a result of the massacre, 8 families were completely annihilated, 56 people were tortured to death, 27 families had only one surviving member, 25 children lost both parents, 130 children lost one parent, 230 families lost the breadwinner, 487 people became disabled, including 76 minors, 1,275 people were taken hostage, 1,165 people were released from captivity, fate of 150 people is still unknown.

The massacre in Khojaly was nothing less than criminal ethnic cleansing, a precursor of other similar crimes. The lawyers of the international organisation Human Rights Watch have classified the tragedy in Khojaly as a "massacre", and the bloodbath among the civilian population as a war crime. The Khojaly massacre matters because those civilians were in the process of fleeing their homes when they were killed. They had been warned of the consequence of staying, and they had been offered a safe corridor out. However, that promised safe passage turned into the killing fields of Khojaly.

It also matters because of the manner of the deaths of those 613. The fact that this was the biggest death toll in any one day of the conflict is obviously important, but it was the hideous nature of the attacks which made Khojaly the symbol of the more than thirty thousand people, who died between 1988 and 1994.

The Khojaly massacre matters most of all because the man who proudly boasted about the 'strategic' significance of this brutal attack, later become the President of Armenia. As reported by the British scholar and writer, Thomas de Waal in his acclaimed book Black Garden on the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict, the current Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan, who was at the time one of the commanders of the ethnic Armenian forces, said: "Before Khojaly, the Azerbaijanis thought that we were joking with them, they thought that the Armenians were people who could not raise their hand against the civilian population. We were able to break that [stereotype]. And that's what happened."

The Khojaly massacre and other war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed by Armenia in the course of the aggression against Azerbaijan constitute a serious violation of international humanitarian law, in particular Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention against Torture, Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in Emergency and Armed Conflict and so on.

The important role in international recognition of the Khojaly tragedy as the genocide, was played by the "Justice for Khojaly" international campaign. In order to bring the truth about the Khojaly genocide to the world community and to secure political and legal assessment to this bloody crime internationally Ms. Leyla Aliyeva, Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, initiated on 8 May 2008 the International Awareness Campaign under the motto of "Justice for Khojaly". To date, more than 120,000 people and 115 organizations have joined this campaign, which functions successfully in dozens of countries. As result of efforts to increase the international awareness of the Khojaly genocide, more than 20 US states, adopted a number of resolutions and declarations on condemning in strongest terms the massacre of civilian population in Khojaly and recognizing the tragedy of Khojaly as an act of genocide and crime against humanity.



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Reports, photos and footage taken by Western journalists, such as Anatol Lieven (The Times) and Thomas Goltz (Washington Post) at the scene of the massacre, shed light on this war crime. Those killed were subjected to atrocities unimaginable in a civilized society. Coverage of Khojaly massacre by the renowned international media like The Washington Times, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The Guardian, The Independent newspapers, Time and Newsweek magazines constitute testimony to those bloody days.

By telling the world the truth about Khojaly the Azerbaijani state does not intend to inculcate hostile sentiments against the Armenian people. They want the world community to know those criminals, who were representatives of the Armenian people and stayed in power for a long time. The Azerbaijani people want to convey the essence of the acts committed by them, so that such bloody tragedies will not recur. They demand, Justice for Khojaly.

Today, the souls of martyrs of the Khojaly Genocide have found peace. As under the leadership of the Victorious Supreme Commander-in-Chief, the brave Army of Azerbaijan liberated our territories from occupation, and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan is restored.

Independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan will be strengthened, and those who question these supreme principles forming the basis of statehood, and those who promote the revanchist ideas, will be faced with proper response, and all necessary steps will be taken to bring to justice those responsible for various crimes against the People and State of Azerbaijan.

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Pope Gregory XIII announces New Style (Gregorian) calendar

Battle of Karnal: Army of Iranian ruler Nadir Shah defeats the forces of the Mughal emperor of India, Muhammad Shah

US House of Representatives vote 126 to 47 to impeach President Andrew Johnson



Fidel Castro retires as the President of Cuba due to ill health after nearly fifty years

# Facebook 'refriends' Australia after media law changes

Australia and the media group have been locked in a standoff for more than a week

Australia will offer amendments, which include a change to the proposed mandatory arbitration mechanism

Canberra

Facebook said yesterday it will restore Australian news pages after negotiating changes with government to a proposed law forces tech giants to pay for content displayed on their apps.

Australia and the social media have been locked in a standoff for more than a week after the government introduced legislation that challenged Facebook and Alphabet Inc's Google's dominance in news content market.

Facebook last week blocked Australian users from sharing and posting news content on its popular media platform, drawing criticism from publishers and the government.

After a series of talks between Treasurer Josh Frydenberg and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, a deal has been struck, and Australian news expected to



Picture courtesy of BBC

**Facebook has refriended Australia, and Australian news will be restored to the Facebook platform**

JOSH FRYDENBERG, TREASURER

return to the social media site in coming days.

The issue has been widely watched internationally as other countries including Canada and Britain consider similar legislation.

"Facebook has refriended Australia, and Australian news will be restored to the Facebook platform," Frydenberg told reporters in Canberra on Tuesday.

Frydenberg said Australia had been a "proxy battle for the world" as other jurisdictions engage with tech companies over a range of issues around news and content.

While Big Tech and media outlets have battled over the right to news content in other jurisdictions, Australia's proposed laws are the most expansive and seen as a possible template for other nations.

"Facebook and Google have not hidden the fact that they know that the eyes of the world are on Australia, and that's why they have sought I think to get a code here that is workable," Frydenberg said.

Australia will offer four amendments, which include a change to the proposed mandatory arbitration mechanism used when the tech giants cannot reach a deal with publishers over fair payment for displaying news content.

# Wife of Mexican drug lord 'El Chapo' arrested

Authorities arrested the wife of Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman on Monday at an airport outside of Washington on drug trafficking charges, the Department said.

Coronel Aispuro, 31, faces charges of conspiracy to traffic cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana for importation into the United States, the department

was arrested at Dulles International Airport.

Guzman was the leader of the Sinaloa Cartel, one of Mexico's most powerful drug trafficking groups.

In an operation that delivered hundreds of tons of narcotics to the United States and was multiple murders of those



who crossed him, according to court filings.

He was extradited to the United States in 2017 to stand trial, and was convicted and sentenced to life in prison two years later.

Coronel, according to the Justice

Department, took part in cartel activities and also allegedly assisted in two plots to help Guzman escape from Mexican prison, including the successful first one in 2015.

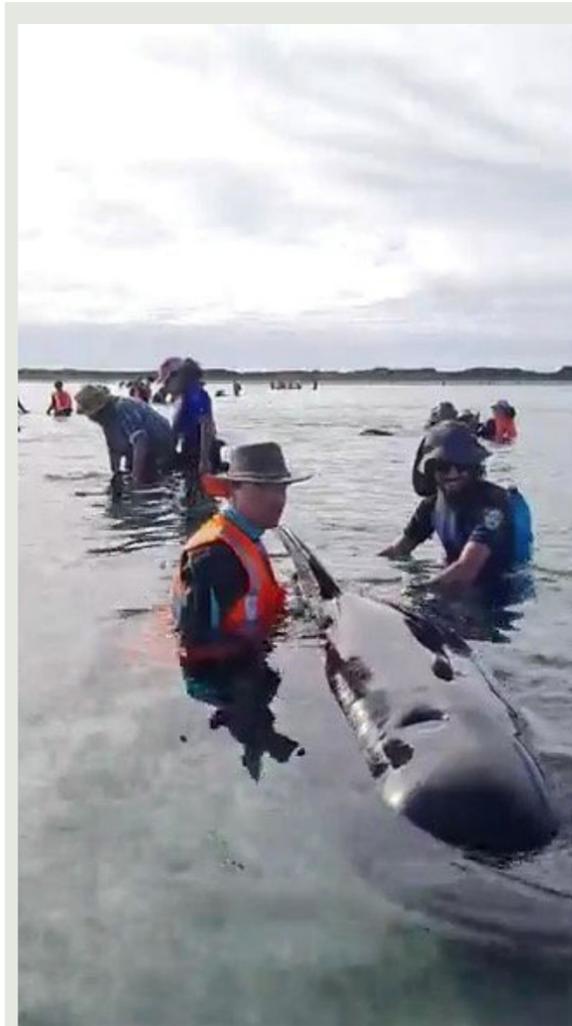
It was not previously known that US authorities intended to arrest her.

A dual US-Mexico citizen and the mother of twins by Guzman, Coronel appeared in court nearly every day of his three-month trial in New York.

She had been barred from all contact with him during more than two years of pre-trial detention.

But during the trial, each day as he entered and left the courtroom, Guzman touched his heart and blew her a kiss.

During the trial, there were suggestions that she was involved in his business and prison escape, but authorities let her come and go freely.



Social media video grab shows volunteers helping to re-float stranded whales at Farewell Spit

# Rescuers monitor whale pod off New Zealand

Reuters | Wellington

Rescuers were monitoring a pod of pilot whales swimming just off the northern tip of New Zealand's South Island late yesterday after more than a dozen of the group were killed in a mass stranding.

Rescuers have twice enticed the 28 survivors out to deep water over the past two days after they rebeached themselves and fear the whales could return for a third time overnight. At least 15 whales have died.

Officials said mammal medics and conservation experts would follow the group swimming just off remote Farewell Spit until last light.

"While the whales have come close to shore at times, they remain free-swimming," whale conservation chair Project Jonah New Zealand said on its Facebook page. "Our staff are staying onsite and will be up at first light to check the beaches."

New Zealand and neighbouring Australia are hotspots for mass whale strandings, owing to large colonies of pilot whales living in the deep oceans surrounding both island nations. Why the stranding occurs is a question that has puzzled marine biologists for years.

Last year nearly 100 pilot whales and bottlenose dolphins died in a mass stranding on the remote Chatham Islands, about 800 km (497 miles) off New Zealand's east coast.

The biggest beaching in modern history was recorded in Australia, also last year, when the majority of a 470-strong pod of pilot whales died after beaching themselves on the country's remote southern coast.

# Chinese man causes outage after sit-ups atop power pole: reports

A man in China scaled a utility pole to do sit-ups off the top of it, stunning onlookers and causing a power cut to thousands of homes, media said Tuesday.

The unnamed man was taken down by police following his antics Tuesday evening on the outskirts of a southwestern city of Chengde, the People's Daily said.

The man published a video on the Twitter app Weibo showing the man sitting about 10 metres (30



feet) in the air as he did a stomach crunch off the top of the pylon.

"The local power company initiated an emergency power cut... affecting tens of thousands of households," the People's Daily said.

Emergency services, including medical personnel, rushed to the scene, The Paper in Shanghai said. It was not clear why the man decided to do sit-ups off the pole but state media warned against anyone copying him.

"The man's behaviour is too dangerous!" said one outlet.

The incident was a hot topic on Chinese social media, with at least 1.7 million views of one hashtag relating to it.

"I was annoyed because no electricity... and when I see the news and know the reason, I feel annoyed and amused at the same time," said one Weibo user affected by the bizarre incident.

Another on Weibo did not find it so funny.

"Black-outs can waste a lot of money and potentially lead to a fatal accident," they said.



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500,000 lives lost to COVID-19. It's an unfathomable number, but each one represents a family that will never again be whole. To those who have lost loved ones: I know no words can numb the pain, but I hope you find some solace in knowing the nation grieves with you.

@JoeBiden

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The United States is rebuilding our partnerships, founded on shared principles like the rule of law. In that spirit, I'm proud to launch the @StateDept's International Anticorruption Champions Award and recognize 12 individuals committed to transparency and accountability.

@SecBlinken

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Thanks to many colleagues & partners' hard work, a groundbreaking no-fault compensation programme for eligible individuals in 92 countries & economies accessing #COVID19 vaccines via #COVAX is now signed with ESIS, a @Chubb company

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Leveraging the talent of our youth to solve global challenges.

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# Farhad to take on Uloomi Karim at BRAVE CF 47

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● BRAVE CF 47 will take place on March 11 in Bahrain

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In the world of sports, few rivalries are more intense than the one between the neighboring countries of India and Pakistan, whether they meet for a cricket test match, a game of field hockey, and, of course, inside the MMA cage.

The next chapter of this rivalry will be written inside the BRAVE CF arena; as India's Mohammad Farhad will take on Pakistan's Uloomi Karim at BRAVE CF 47.

With a professional record of 11 wins and only 3 losses, Mohammad Farhad is one of the biggest stars in Indian MMA. The feared kickboxer was part of BRAVE CF 1, back in 2016, when he beat Badr-Edine Ahlzine, and since then got two other KO wins under the truly global promotion's banner.

Uloomi Karim is one of the



most beloved and exciting Pakistani Mixed Martial Artists, as he proved in his thrilling BRAVE CF debut in 2018, in his home country of Pakistan. "Kratos", as he's also known as, holds a professional record of 7 wins and 5 losses.

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BRAVE CF 47: Asian Domination, will be headlined by the

Lightweight title eliminator between Kyrgyzstan's Abdysalam Kubanychbek and Philippine's Rolando Dy.

## Almabayev meets Ibraimov in pivotal Flyweight battle at BRAVE CF 47



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Two of the best Asian Flyweights are set for a pivotal clash on the brightest stage. BRAVE Combat Federation officials have announced that Ryskulbek Ibraimov will be fighting Asu Almabayev in the upcoming BRAVE CF 47 card, scheduled for March 11th, in the Kingdom of Bahrain, dubbed the Kombat Kingdom. These two Flyweight top contenders will be fighting for Asian Domination at the first of four events scheduled by BRAVE CF for its home nation of Bahrain, proving, once again, that the truly global MMA promotion is also the home of the best Flyweight division in the world.

With a record of 18 wins and 8 losses, Ryskulbek Ibraimov is currently on a 7-win streak, having placed his name as one of the most prominent Flyweights in the Central Asian/Eastern European region. Ibraimov is now ready to

take the leap and make his way to the big leagues, as he joins BRAVE Combat Federation to face his biggest threat and challenge so far: Kazakhstan's Asu Almabaev.

Boasting a 12-2 professional record, Almabaev has gained huge momentum lately, with an 8-fight win streak and amazing success competing in his home country but also in Russia.

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The event will be headlined by the Lightweight title eliminator between Kyrgyzstan's Abdysalam Kubanychbek and Philippines' Rolando Dy. The winner will become the best Lightweight in Asia, and will earn a shot at Amin Ayoub's world title belt.

## BRAVE CF releases stellar full fight card for Asian Domination event

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BRAVE CF 47: Asian Domination will be the first of four huge events taking place at Kombat Kingdom, the Kingdom of Bahrain. And the fastest-growing MMA organization has released the full fight card for the event, which will showcase the top Asian fighters with the best match-ups in the continent.

In the main event, a Lightweight clash of epic proportions will take place as Abdysalam Kubanychbek, from Kyrgyzstan, meets Rolando Dy, from the Philippines. The winner will be hailed as the best in Asia in their weight-class as well as becoming the next in line to fight for the world title - which is currently held by Amin Ayoub.

In the co-main event, two of the brightest stars in the Featherweight division will collide. Husein Kadimagomayev will face off against Tae Kyun Kim, from South Korea, with the winner moving forward in the hunt for a Featherweight world title shot of their own. Both young men are undefeated as professional fighters, with 7-0 records to their names.

Also set for Asia's biggest event is an India vs Pakistan match-up between Mohammad Farhad and Uloomi Karim, in the Bantamweight division.

BRAVE CF 47: Asian Domination is also set to have the debut of top fighters in the region, such as Kazakhstan's Asu Almabayev, who takes on Ryskulbek Ibraimov - another debutant,



from Kyrgyzstan -, as well as a Super Welterweight match-up between Nursulton Ruziboev, from Uzbekistan, who meets Andreas Stahl.

BRAVE CF 47: Asian Domination takes place in Bahrain, on March 11th, and kicks off 21 days of MMA Mayhem, with three more events taking place in the next three weeks, culminating in a historic BRAVE CF 50.

### BRAVE CF 47 Fight Card

Lightweight: Abdysalam Kubanychbek vs Rolando Dy
Featherweight: Tae Kyun Kim vs Husein Kadimagomayev
Super Welterweight: Nursulton Ruziboev vs Andreas Stahl
Bantamweight: Mohammad Farhad vs Uloomi Karim
Flyweight: Asu Almabayev vs Ryskulbek Ibraimov
Featherweight: Agshin Babayev vs Abdul Azim Badakhshi
Catchweight (68 kg): Nemat Abdrashitov vs Anzor Abdulkhozhayev
Catchweight (63 kg): Rana Rudra vs Ali Guliev
Flyweight: Rahmatullah Yousufzai vs Jenel Lausa

## Fajardo already an all-time great: Patrimonio

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Gentle giant June Mar Fajardo, a six-time Most Valuable Player (MVP) winner, is already on the verge of greatness in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

The 6-foot-10 center has already surpassed legends Alvin Patrimonio and Ramon Fernandez's MVP cabinet with the San Miguel Beer franchise player winning six of those plums in successive years since starting his PBA career in 2012 as the first overall pick.

Both Fernandez and Patrimonio needed six years to win their four trophies each but Fajardo was able to dominate the league for consecutive seasons.

Patrimonio strongly believes that Fajardo will be recognized as one of the greatest players in PBA history in no time.

Asked if Fajardo can be considered as one of the PBA greats sooner or later, Patrimonio undoubtedly tips his hat off to the 31-year-old cager.

"Of course, because of his achievements - too many achievements," said Patrimonio, a 10-time PBA Mythical First Team and three-time Best Player of The Conference awardee.

"He's won so many championships with San Miguel and of course he'll be up there because of his contributions." The 54-year-old PBA legend known as "The Captain" is just stating the facts though.

Fajardo has already captured eight championships in the PBA with the San Miguel franchise.

He became Finals MVP thrice and also nabbed the league MVP



Fajardo is tipped to win more MVP trophies

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ALVIN PATRIMONIO

honors for six consecutive years from 2014 to 2019.

An eight-time Best Player of the Conference, the Cebuano gentle giant continued his impressive showing after his rookie year in 2012 and barged into the PBA All-Star from 2013 to 2019.

The University of Cebu product was also named the Most Improved Player in 2014.

Fajardo already eclipsed Patrimonio's mark of five championships with eight but he still lags behind Jaworski and Fer-

nandez. Jaworski has 13 titles while Fernandez has an absurd collection of 19 championships while also holding the distinction as the league's all-time leading scorer with 18,996 points.

As for his being an all-time great, Patrimonio said he feels blessed to even be considered as one of the league's greatest.

"I'm blessed because it was my era when we played against our favorite players, the pioneers of the game [the generation that included Fernandez and Jaworski]," said Patrimonio, who is third all-time in scoring with 15,091 points, in Filipino. "All I did was give my hundred percent effort."

"I'm happy to have inspired and touched the lives of the younger generation of players, that for me is what I can call success. Also there's the lesson of loyalty because I only played for one team in my career."

## Root, Kohli fear pink ball twilight collapse



India's Virat Kohli helps England's Joe Root who is struggled with cramps on Day 1 of the first Test in Chennai

AFP | Ahmedabad

England captain Joe Root and India skipper Virat Kohli have both warned of the challenges of playing during the twilight zone in day-night Tests -- when batting collapses can happen -- ahead of their third Test clash starting today. The match will be the first time that India and England -- level at 1-1 in the four-match series -- face each other in a day-night encounter.

"It's much more challenging to play with the pink ball regardless of what pitch you are playing on," Kohli said on the eve of the match in the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad.

"And especially in the evening, if, as a batting team, you are starting your innings under lights, then that one-and-a-half hour is challenging," Kohli told reporters.

"When it starts to get dark, especially during that twilight period, it gets very tricky. Light changes, it's difficult to sight



**Both teams have had painful experiences of pink-ball cricket. India were bowled out for 36 by Australia in Adelaide in December and New Zealand skittled England in Auckland for 58 in 2018**

the ball and under lights is like playing the first session in the morning in a normal Test match. The ball tends to swing a lot."

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# Bahrain praised for 'fantastic job' in qualifiers

National team head coach Sam Vincent hails players, looks forward to getting ready for FIBA Asia Cup 2021

● **Bahrain and Lebanon have qualified from Group D**

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Bahrain head coach Sam Vincent praised the national team's players for their "fantastic job" in securing a berth in the FIBA Asia Cup 2021, taking place later this year in August.

The Bahrainis completed their qualifying campaign on Monday night with a hard-earned victory over Iraq, giving them an impressive 4-2 win-loss record in a highly competitive group that also featured Lebanon and India.

Bahrain are the lowest-ranked team among the quartet, currently placed 107th on the FIBA World Ranking. Lebanon are 58th, India 73rd and Iraq are 77th.

But the nationals showed what they are capable of, and Vincent was pleased with their overall performance in qualification.

"The guys did a fantastic job," Vincent said during his post-game Press conference following their win over the Iraqis. "We were able to finish 4-2 in a very competitive pool."



Bahrain head coach Sam Vincent during his Press conference after their win over Iraq

Bahrain's two losses were against their Lebanese counterparts, the first of which was a 43-point blowout in Beirut last year. But the Bahrainis put up a better challenge in the return game this past week, which was an improvement, said Vincent. The 1986 NBA title-winning former point guard is now aiming to build on that growth ahead of this year's continental showcase.

"The first game we lost to Lebanon, we didn't really play well there but we came back and played much better in the game here in Bahrain; had a chance to win that game," he said.

"And then we beat two tough teams: India, ranked much

## 107th

is the FIBA World Ranking of Bahrain, which is the lowest amongst all the Group D teams in the FIBA Asia Cup qualifiers. Lebanon are 58th, India 73rd and Iraq are 77th

higher, and Iraq, ranked much higher.

"So we feel pretty confident especially playing without some of our key players like Muzamil [Ameer]. We did a pretty good job.

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This year's FIBA Asia Cup will mark the 30th edition of the continent's leading basketball championship. It is currently scheduled to be held from August 16 to 28 in Indonesia, with 16 national teams in the fray. Both Bahrain and Lebanon have qualified from Group D, while India still have a chance but must play in another tournament to claim one of four remaining berths.

Bahrain have appeared in the Cup, originally known as the Asian Basketball Championship, eight times in the past, including in 1977, 1979, 1987, 1991, 1997, 1999, 2011 and 2013. The Bahrainis' best finish was 10th in the 1999 competition hosted by Saudi Arabia.

## Pogacar in control after UAE Tour climb stage win

AFP | Dubai

UAE Emirates rider Tadej Pogacar took a major step towards victory in his team's home cycling Tour winning the first climbing stage yesterday to strengthen his hold on the overall lead.

The Tour de France champion had already started the day in the leader's red jersey and finished it by beating last year's UAE Tour winner Adam Yates.

Yates, the Ineos team leader this week, now sits second, 43sec behind with one more climb stage to overhaul the on form Slovenian.

"The UAE Tour is not won overall yet. A lot can happen in the last four stages," Pogacar said on the winning line.

"We wanted a win and we got one. It was a really tough day and kind of stressful," he said mentioning the crosswind that caused breaks in the main group on the flat exposed sections of the ride.

"It was super hard but I'm super happy to win," said the 22-year-old who had his image emblazoned on the tallest building in the world the Burj Khalifa tower in Dubai after his win in September on the 2020 Tour de France.

But Yates truly took the battle to Pogacar with a series of blistering accelerations on the



UAE Team Emirates' Slovenian cyclist Tadej Pogacar celebrates upon crossing the finish line

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way up the 10km 5.4 percent gradient Jebel Hafeet summit finish climb.

Only Pogacar managed to follow Yates as the other contenders, chiefly the brilliant

Portuguese rookie Joao Almeida dropped away with Yates' relentless attacking.

But under immense pressure to win this Tour Pogacar refused Yates' pleas to launch a joint bid to distance the others.

Instead, from a position of strength he sat on Yates' wheel and then skipped away from him over the final 400m.

The Briton almost overhauled him on the line and the pair finished on the same time of 3hrs 58min 35sec.

Almeida and the chasing group crossed the line 48 seconds off the pace, leaving the Quick-Step man in third overall at 1min 03sec.

## Unseeded Rogers stuns third seed Konta in Adelaide

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Unseeded American Shelby Rogers stunned third seed Johanna Konta with a display of raw power in the second round of the Adelaide International yesterday.

Rogers served superbly and was ruthless with her returns to see off the British star 6-2, 6-2 in just 76 minutes.

The 28-year-old Rogers has been in good form in Australia, reaching the fourth round of the Australian Open last week before falling to world number one Ashleigh Barty.

She broke Konta's first service game and was never troubled after that, breaking the former world number four twice in each set to run out a comfortable winner.

"I started the match really well with a quick break and I just kept the momentum going," Rogers said.

"I knew I had to bring my best game tonight for Jo because she's got an incredible game.

"She can pretty much serve you off the court when she wants to, so I was very happy with my return game tonight."

There were no problems for the three other seeded players in action, all playing their first round matches.

Fifth seeded Pole Iga Swi-



Shelby Rogers hits a return



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atek, Petra Martic, the sixth seed from Croatia, and seventh ranked Yulia Putintseva all pro-

gressed.

French Open champion Swiatek beat American Madison Brengle 6-3, 6-4 and will now play Maddison Inglis in the second round after the Australian qualifier downed countrywoman Samantha Stosur.

Martic came back from losing the first set to Russia's Liudmila Samsonova to win 4-6, 6-0, 7-5, while Putintseva beat Laura Siegemund in straight sets 6-4, 6-4.

Martic next plays American qualifier Cori Gauff, a 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-2 winner over Italy's Jasmine Paolini, while Putintseva takes on Storm Sanders, who stunned fellow Australian Ajla Tomljanovic 6-1, 6-2 in just 63 minutes.