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HM King's royal pardon hailed by 25 human rights groups

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's royal pardon has been praised by 25 international human rights organisations, including those based in European Union countries and holding UN consultative status.

The pardon included 1,584 convicts.

Isa Al Arabi, Chairman of the Arab Union for Human Rights, expressed appreciation on behalf of the international organisations for the royal pardon issued by HM the King. He lauded the royal decree, which reflected



HM the King

the national principles and values of Bahrain.

The statement said: "While we applaud the issuance of this royal decree, which enhances Bahrain's respect for human rights, we greatly appreciate this important and courageous step by the King of Bahrain, and the opportunity for this large number of prisoners to re-engage in society in a positive way and contribute to building and developing the Kingdom."

The statement of international organisations accredited by the United Nations and in the European Union added that the initiative demonstrated the

priority given to the higher interests of the nation and the citizen, and that it contributes to achieving greater stability and prosperity.

Directives

The organisation lauded the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, regarding employing beneficiaries of the royal pardon and all those released, providing training programs to integrate them into the labour market, and initiatives that promote their positive integration

into society.

The organisations commended initiatives led by the Ministry of Interior, regarding expanding the implementation of alternative punishment programmes and open prisons, and replacing them with the implementation of custodial punishments.

The statement emphasised the importance of these humanitarian initiatives, and the Kingdom's commitment to the humanitarian approach, devoting respect and promotion of human rights, and promoting the values of tolerance led by the HM the King.

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'Invasion' threat

Fears grow for Palestinians in Rafah as Israel-Hamas war rages on 200th day

AFP | Jerusalem

The Israel-Hamas war entered its 200th day yesterday as aid groups warned that Israeli plans to invade the southern city of Rafah where most Gazans have taken refuge would create an "apocalyptic situation".

Fears have been rising that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will soon follow through on repeated threats to send troops into Rafah, where 1.5 million people have sought shelter, many in makeshift encampments.

"Everybody seems to be on a countdown to war across the largest displacement camp on Earth, which is Rafah," Norwegian Refugee Council chief Jan Egeland told AFP.

Egeland warned that a ground assault on Rafah would be an "apocalyptic situation" and that humanitarian groups "are completely in the dark on how to mitigate this countdown to a catastrophe".

Also yesterday, the United Nations rights office said it was "horrified" at reports of mass graves found at the Gaza Strip's two biggest hospitals after Israeli



People rush to landing humanitarian aid packages dropped over the northern Gaza Strip. (AFP)

sieges and raids.

Israel has repeatedly targeted Gazan medical facilities during the war, accusing Hamas of using them as command centres and to hold hostages abducted on October 7. Hamas denies the accusation.

Gaza's Civil Defence agency said nearly 340 bodies were uncovered in the past three days of people killed and buried by Israeli forces at the Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis.

Israel's army responded by saying that claims it had buried

Palestinian bodies were "baseless and unfounded", without directly addressing allegations that Israeli troops were behind the killings.

The army said that "corpses buried by Palestinians" had been examined by Israeli

troops searching for hostages and then "returned to their place".

UN rights chief Volker Turk called for an "independent" probe into the deaths at Nasser and Gaza City's Al-Shifa hospitals, noting the "special protection" awarded to medical facilities under international law.

Intense shelling

The Israeli army carried out intense shelling overnight of Gaza City, AFP correspondents and witnesses said, with the military saying it also struck Hamas positions in south Gaza.

Shelling and loud explosions were heard in southwest Gaza and Khan Yunis city, while strikes hit the Bureij and Nuseirat refugee camps in central Gaza.

The war began with an unprecedented Hamas attack on October 7 that resulted in the death of around 1,170 people, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures.

In retaliation, Israel launched a military offensive that has killed at least 34,183 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, according to the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory.

22 migrants die off Tunisian coast

AFP | Tunis

The bodies of 22 people presumed to be sub-Saharan migrants were found off the coast of the Tunisian port city of Sfax in recent days, a court spokesperson said yesterday.

"Twenty-two bodies were discovered in the Sidi Youssef port (off the coast of Sfax) since Saturday," Hichem Ben Ayed, spokesman for the Sfax court, told AFP.

"The bodies appear to be sub-Saharan African and were taken to a morgue," he added.

High-flying spectacle



Kites fly during the 37th International Kite Festival (RICV), at the beach of Berck-sur-Mer, northern France. (AFP)

Digital warfare

US sanctions Iran over 'malicious cyber activity'

AFP | Washington

The US ramped up its sanctions against Iran yesterday, designating four people and two companies it says were "involved in malicious cyber activity" on behalf of the country's military.

"These actors targeted more than a dozen US companies and government entities through cyber operations, including spear phishing and malware attacks," the US Treasury Department said in a statement.

The individuals and companies were working "on behalf of" Iran's Islamic Revolutionary

Guard Corps Cyber Electronic Command (IRGC-CEC), the Treasury said.

"Iranian malicious cyber actors continue to target U.S. companies and government entities in a coordinated, multi-pronged campaign intended to destabilize our critical infrastructure and cause harm to our citizens," the Treasury's under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence Brian Nelson said in a statement.

"The United States will continue to leverage our whole-of-government approach to expose and disrupt these networks' operations," he added.

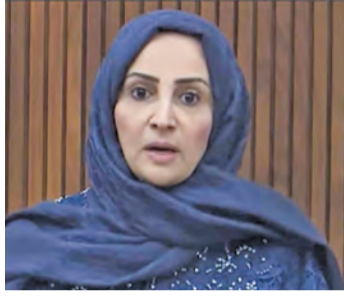
Bahrain unveils cancer stats

Health Minister reveals statistics, outlines strategy in response

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Health Minister, Her Excellency Jalila Al-Sayyid, has unveiled the official count of cancer cases in the Kingdom of Bahrain, totaling 1,146 cases up to 2022, with 630 cases affecting males and 516 affecting females.

In a recent disclosure during a session of the Council of Representatives, the Minister outlined



H.E. Jalila Al-Sayyid



MP Bader Al-Tamimi

her comprehensive approach to tackling the disease, emphasising prevention, early detection, and treatment as primary avenues of intervention.

Within this framework, she highlighted colorectal cancer as the most prevalent form of the illness, followed by prostate, lung, breast, and cervical cancers in females. Colorectal cancer, also known as bowel cancer or colon cancer, refers to cancer that

develops in the colon or rectum, which are parts of the digestive system. Responding to a query posed by MP Bader Al-Tamimi, Al-Sayyid explained her ministry's strategies for combatting the disease and addressing its multifaceted challenges.

Urgency

In his remarks following the Minister's statement, Al-Tamimi underscored the urgency

of ramping up awareness campaigns and initiatives for early and systematic detection of cancer, a pervasive and alarming issue affecting every Bahraini family.

He raised questions regarding the potential causes of the disease, including the role of dietary habits such as fast food consumption, prompting a call for deeper investigation into contributing factors.

ILA holds successful Annual Day Celebrations

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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) held the Annual Day Celebrations on Saturday, 20 April, at the Al Murjan Ballroom, Movenpick Hotel.

This event was held to commemorate the successful completion of the tenure by Executive Committee 2023 and handing over the duties to the new team of 2024.

The Chief Guest for this event was Dr. Bahia Al Jishi Member of the Supreme Council of Women, Former Bahraini Ambassador to Belgium, European Union & Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,

Winner of the Muslim World Rania Award 2024 for her contribution to the empowerment of women and diplomacy.

The other dignitaries included Mr. Yusuf Lori Director of Information and Follow-up, Capital Governorate, Ms. Basma Mubarak Member of Councillors of Representatives, and Mr. PV Radhakrishnapillai, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award Recipient. A reputed playback singer Arvind Venugopal from India enthralled the audience with vocal renditions of soulful as well as popular Hindi songs from Bollywood and his signature song "Nagumo".

The subcommittees, sponsors and all the well wishers supporting ILA during the move to the new premises were felicitated with mementos.

The outgoing team of 2023 was led by Hon. President Sarada Ajith along with Vice-President Sunanda Gaikwad, Treasurer Kiran Mangal, General Secretary Dr. Tejender Kaur Sarna, Secy Public Relations Raka Mukhopadhyay, Secy. Entertainment Kaihekushan Omar Kazi, Secy. Membership Anjana Mishra, Secy. Operations Vijay Lakshmi Sharma, and Secy. Activities Pradnya Subandh.



The new ILA executive committee, sitting from left, Treasurer Sheetal Shah, General Secretary Sarmistha Dey, President Kiran Abhijit Mangal, Vice-President Dr Tejender Kaur Sarna, Secretary Public Relations Zamini Charak, standing from left, Secy. Activities Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, Secy. Operations Smitha Mathew, Secy. Membership Hilda Elizabeth Lobo, and Secy. Entertainment Rema Nair



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Bapco successfully lowers damaged floating roof of oil tank in Sitra



Bapco oil tanks

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The Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) announced yesterday that it has successfully lowered the damaged floating roof of one of its oil tanks in Sitra.

This critical step marks significant progress in the ongoing repair operation following the incident, the company said in a statement.

The company stated that the remaining naphtha in the tank has significantly decreased, and the safe and gradual transfer of the remaining product to another tank is nearing completion.

“In a joint effort, an emergency response team, with exceptional support from the Ministry of Interior, Civil Defence, and the Supreme Council for Environment, imple-

mented all necessary safety and security measures during the operation. Specialists were also appointed to secure the damaged floating roof and ensure its stable positioning at the bottom of the tank,” the statement explained.

Safety

Bapco reiterated its commitment to prioritising the safety of the community in all its operations.

The Kingdom witnessed the nationwide spread of the naphtha gas following heavy rainfall, causing damages to the tank where the gas, described as non-toxic, was secured.

The incident forced the Ministry of Education to temporarily shut down public and private schools located in Sitra until Sunday.

Global Quran competition finale today

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the closing ceremony of the Bahrain International Quran Competition, Global Reciter, will be held today.

The competition is organised by the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, in cooperation with the

Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA).

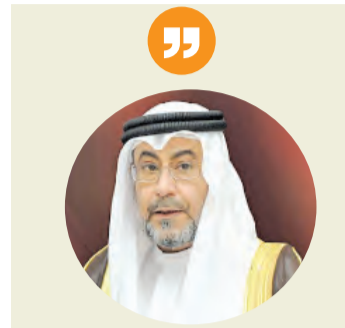
The final qualifiers of the competition are set to be held today in person in Bahrain.

More than 5,000 contestants from 47 countries participated in the previous qualifying stages of the competition.

The competition is officially sponsored by the Justice Ministry, with the Information Ministry as its media partner.

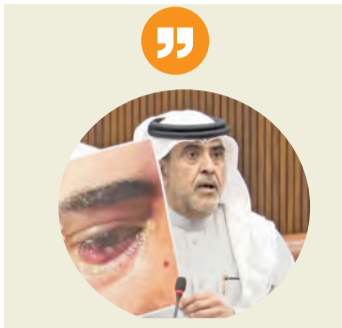
Gas Leak: MPs Fume at Bapco

British firm to probe Bapco’s safety measures, says govt



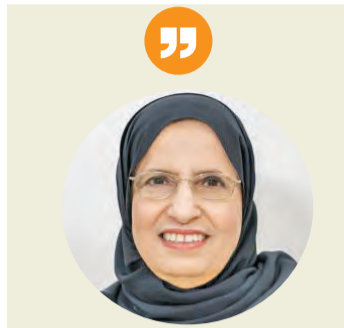
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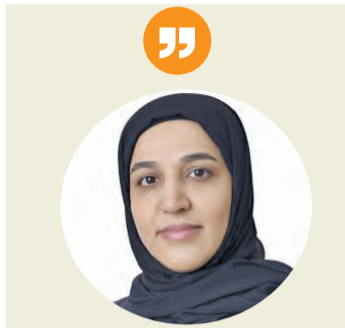
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MP KHALID BUANAQ



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MP LULWA AL ROMAIHI



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MP JALILA ALAWI SAYED

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An intense and passionate debate unfolded at the Council of Representatives yesterday over the pervasive unpleasant odour that permeated some regions of Bahrain following the alleged leakage at one of the tanks owned by Bapco Energies.

The council session, which took place amid mounting public concern and rising calls for transparency and accountability on the part of Bapco, demanded steps to restore clean air and to regain the trust of affected communities.

Recognizing the urgency of the matter, an immediate proposal was presented for discussion and unanimously passed by the Council, urging the implementation of prompt measures to alleviate the concerns of citizens and residents.

Addressing the council, MP Khalid Buanaq drew attention to reports of individuals experiencing symptoms such as nausea, itching, and suffocation in the vicinity of the affected tanks.

Consequently, he demanded that government employees working in that area be exempted from their duties, similar to the decisions made by banks and the Ministry of Education, which temporarily transitioned to remote learning for schools located near the leaking tanks until the matter was resolved.

Reproaching the situation, MP Buanaq stated, “Merging the responsibilities of environmental preservation and oil production within a single ministry is a glaring and reprehensible conflict of interest.”

MP Lulwa Al Romaihi voiced the concern that “similar issues may arise in areas such as Jaww and Asker, where residents grapple with emissions

from large-scale factories such as Bapco, in addition to the gases emitted from waste incineration.”

Al-Romaihi advocated for the adoption of modern and innovative waste management methods to address these challenges effectively.

Temporary solutions

MP Jalila Alawi Sayed criticised what she characterised as temporary solutions to an imminent threat posed by the numerous tanks surrounding Sitra, Eker, and Maameer.

Emphasizing the gravity of the situation, Alawi stated, “This incident conjures up images from the second Gulf War, where citizens resorted to taping windows and doors to prevent hazardous gases from entering their homes.”

She warned that “the absence of information from relevant authorities on the matter fuels

the spread of rumours and panic stories, creating further distress among the affected communities.”

Torrential downpours

Addressing the council, the CEO of Bapco Energies attributed the leak to the torrential downpours that occurred in Bahrain on April 15th and 16th.

Highlighting the government’s unwavering commitment to transparency, H.E. Ghanim Al Buainain, Minister for Shura Council and House of Representatives Affairs, reported that during a recent meeting with representatives from both the Council of Representatives and the Shura Council and Bapco Energies, the safety of air quality was confirmed.

Additionally, he announced the appointment of a reputable British firm to investigate the safety measures undertaken by Bapco.

New legislation bars debt-ridden foreign workers from leaving

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The Council of Representatives approved a draft law yesterday with the objective of preventing foreign workers with outstanding debts from leaving the country.

This proposed legislation mandates that departing foreign workers must present a certificate confirming the absence of any outstanding debts before being allowed to exit Bahrain.

The proposal received 24 votes in favour and two abstentions.

Second Deputy Speaker Ahmed Qarata lauded the proposal, emphasising its role in safeguarding creditors’ interests and bolstering Bahrain’s financial stability.

Regulations

He stressed the need for regulations that protect business owners and curb fraudulent activities.

The Ministry of Municipalities revealed that the total amount owed to creditors by foreign workers has reached BD5 million.

However, similar to a proposal earlier this month, this draft law faces concerns regarding its potential impact on judicial discretion.



MP Ahmed Qarata



MP Mamdouh Al-Saleh



MP Jalal Kadhemi



MP Jameel Mulla Hasan



MP Mohammed Almaarafi

Critics argue that prioritising debt settlement over deportation for foreign offenders, even in cases of serious crimes, could hinder judges’ ability to act in the best interest of public safety.

In light of this, MP Jameel Mulla Hasan proposed the establishment of a judicial panel, similar to the system in the UAE.

“Such a panel would aim to strike a balance between public and private interests, ensuring that Bahrain remains an attractive business destination while also upholding the principles of justice,” stated MP Hasan.

Offices

In response to these concerns, MP Mamdouh Al-Saleh proposed the establishment of offices for relevant ministries at the airport to assist in prevent-

ing foreign workers from departing without settling their debts.

“This approach could adversely affect Bahraini business owners. He argued that the financial burden of returning indebted foreign workers for debt settlement would fall upon the business owners, including the

cost of the flight ticket,” said MP Jalal Kadhemi.

MP Mohammed Almaarafi cautioned against hasty implementation of the legislation and instead suggested the implementation of more stringent guarantees by creditors and the requirement of additional documentation.

MPs clash over ‘boiling eggs’ analogy



MP Abdunabi Salman



MP Zainab Abdulameer

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A spirited debate erupted in yesterday’s session of the Council of Representatives over a minimum capital investment for foreign investors.

First Deputy Speaker MP Abdunabi Salman, backed by several members, clashed with Zainab Abdulameer, the Chair of the Council’s Financial Affairs Committee.

The bone of contention was the committee’s reluctance to support mandating a minimum capital investment of BD100,000 for foreign investors.

Abdulameer criticised the

proposal, suggesting that it was being put forward without proper examination by the relevant authorities. In an analogy, she likened the haste to boiling eggs.

In response, Salman levelled accusations of manipulation and deceit at MP Abdulameer. He contended that such tactics were a deliberate ploy to obstruct the legislative process and pave the way for a rival bill.

MP Abdulameer affirmed to the council the existence of a government decision that mandates a minimum investment of BD20 million for foreign investors to legally own 100 percent of a company.

Fraudster's deception exposed

Bahraini man convicted of impersonating businessman and healer to dupe women

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A Bahraini man in his 40s has been convicted of defrauding two women by posing as a successful businessman and a mystical healer.

The High Appeals Court upheld the lower court's verdict, sentencing him to two years in prison and a fine of BD1,000.

The first victim met the man during a tourist trip, where he introduced himself as a tobacco and nut trader. He claimed to be able to invest her money and generate substantial profits.

To bolster his claims, he took her to a rented villa in Amwaj, where security guards saluted him, and showed her a Porsche he claimed belonged to his sister. He also took her to jewelry stores, claiming ownership, and sent her pictures of a nut factory, alleging it was his.



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Convinced by his facade, the victim handed him BD3,300 in installments for investment.

However, after receiving the money, he disappeared. The victim realised she had been

scammed and reported the incident to the police.

Healer's help

Meanwhile, the first victim introduced her friend, the second victim, to the man, unaware he was the same individual. The second victim sought the "healer's" help to cure an illness. He demanded BD1,000 for his services, which the second victim paid through the first victim.

Suspecting foul play, the two women devised a plan to catch the man. They asked him to perform a love spell for BD800 and arranged a meeting at a mall parking lot. They alerted the police, who apprehended the man upon his arrival.

During the trial, the man confessed to his crimes. The court found him guilty of fraud and impersonation, upholding the original sentence.

Forgery appeal verdict set for tourism employee



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The High Appeals Court has scheduled a hearing for May 27 to rule on the appeal of a tourism employee sentenced to one year in prison for forging a hotel classification certificate, granting it a 4-star rating.

The Public Prosecution accused the employee of committing forgery in an official electronic record, specifically the inspection report of a hotel, attributed to the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) under the Ministry of Tourism.

He allegedly falsified the report to indicate that the hotel had met the standards stipulated in the decision on the classification of hotels, hotel apartments, and food and beverage services, when in reality, it had not.

The incident came to light when the National Audit Office received a request to audit the hotel. An investigative

audit team was formed, which discovered that the hotel did not meet the classification standards according to Decision No. 4 of 2015 concerning the classification of hotels and hotel apartments.

This contradicted the inspection report prepared by the accused, which stated that the hotel had passed the classification. The accused later admitted to the report's inaccuracy.



Furthermore, an inspector from the BTEA confirmed the incident after inspecting the hotel to verify the violations mentioned in the report prepared by the accused.

The investigation revealed that the accused had documented 16 observations containing incorrect information about the inspection findings, including those related to the general cleanliness of the hotel, service areas, restaurants, and certain requirements for the hotel's 4-star rating.

The court will now consider the appeal and issue its final verdict on May 27.

'Contemporary Crafts Competition' unveiled

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) has announced the launch of the second edition of the "Contemporary Crafts Competition".

The event is part of the celebration of the International Day of Creativity and Innovation, recognized annually on April 21

by the United Nations.

Building on the resounding success of its inaugural edition last year, this competition serves as a platform to champion creativity and innovation in the pursuit of sustainable development.

The competition, curated by BACA, underscores a commitment to spotlighting Bahraini handicrafts and traditional industries while fostering a cul-

ture of design and an appreciation for working with natural materials.

With a focus on form, function, and local environments, participants are encouraged to explore the intersection of tradition and modernity within the realm of handicrafts.

Open to aspiring talents both domestically and internationally, the competition beckons

craftsmen, artists, architects, interior designers, product designers, graphic designers, digital designers, and enthusiasts from diverse backgrounds to partake in this creative endeavor.

Whether as individuals, teams, companies, or students, all are invited to register via the BACA website (www.culture.gov.bh) until September 21, 2024.

Illegal taxi crackdown



The General Directorate of Traffic has arrested some individuals for carrying out taxi services without licences from the Ministry of Transportation and Communication. They transport people for money through unlicensed vehicles for such purposes. Legal proceedings were taken. The General Directorate asserted intensifying its campaigns in all governorates to identify gathering areas of such violators in cooperation with concerned authorities.

Hockey & Football 5-A-Side event



The Indian Club BMMI Alex Memorial Hockey & Football 5-A-Side Indian Expats (football) got underway last night at the Club premises. A total number of seven teams are playing football in the round robin league where top 4 teams will qualify for the Semis & finals which will be played on Saturday, 4th May 2024. Six teams have registered for Hockey. Games are played daily from 8pm onwards except for Thursdays & Fridays. Entrance is open to all. Above, the Bahrain Hockey Association.

Promoting inspiring stories of environmental change

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School marks Earth Day with various activities

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In a vibrant celebration of Earth Day, students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 at Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School (BIS) engaged in a series of enriching activities aimed at fostering a deep appreciation for Mother Earth and promoting environmental conservation.

The day kicked off with the youngest learners participating in a special STEAM activity where they crafted Earth out of a puzzle and engaged in various hands-on creative endeavors.

Through the interactive sessions, kindergarteners were able to witness the beauty of nature up close and develop a profound



Students transform themselves into eco-warriors to protect our planet's future

connection to their planet.

Following the craft activity, students were treated to a compelling video presentation on the importance of conserving and preserving Mother Earth. They also sang enchanting Mother Earth rhymes.

Students of Grades 1 and 2 penned beautiful quotes about our planet, all of which served to nurture their love for the natural world. Students were enlight-

ened through informative presentations and teacher led discussions about the importance of environmental conservation.

Preservation

Meanwhile, students across all grades came together to adorn display boards with a symphony of colors, images, quotes, and writings paying homage to Earth and its preservation.

The day also saw spirited tree

plantation activities, emphasizing the importance of nurturing and protecting natural resources for future generations to come.

The highlight of the event was the Grade 12 special assembly, where thought-provoking questions were posed and a compelling musical skit titled "Mother Earth versus Mankind" was performed.

In this creative showcase, Earth itself pleaded its case



against humanity's mistreatment and neglect, prompting reflection on our collective responsibility towards the environment.

Excitement

Additionally, the excitement soared as the "Wheel of Plantation" spun, with three lucky classes being awarded with the chance to contribute to the school's green initiatives.

Through a series of engaging activities, informative presentations, and thought-provoking performances, the students at BIS not only celebrated Earth Day but also reaffirmed their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability.

Directors Mr. Himanshu Verma and Mrs. Ritu Verma, and Principal Mr. Sajj Jacob hailed the success of the event.

Bank ABC wins 'Best Trade Finance Provider in the Middle East' award

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Bank ABC, one of MENA's leading international banks, has won the Best Trade Finance Provider in the Middle East, Best Trade Finance Provider in Bahrain, and Best Trade Finance Provider in Tunisia titles at Global Finance's World's Best Trade Finance



Sael Al Waary, Group CEO, Bank ABC

Awards 2024.

Announced during the BAFT Europe Bank-to-Bank Forum in Frankfurt earlier this year, these awards underscore the Bank's success in consistently

delivering a highly tailored and empowered Trade Finance and Supply Chain Finance experience for its clientele worldwide.

This year's edition of the awards recognised the most innovative financial institutions worldwide for tackling fragmented ecosystems and addressing the increasing demand for ESG solutions. Bank ABC stood out from its regional peers for its remarkable transaction volume, scope of global coverage, customer service, competitive pricing and groundbreaking digitisation initiatives that have transformed the corporate banking landscape.

Bank ABC Group CEO, Sael Al Waary said: "This recognition

underscores our ability to provide highly tailored solutions, while continuously investing in our digital transformation, creating a stronger, future-proof platform to serve our clients even better."

Global Finance's Publisher & Editorial Director, Joseph Giarraputo notes: "Bank ABC attained significant milestones following the successful deployment of the Guarantees and SBLCs modules on its Documentary Trade Platform. These included the rollout of Export LCs and Documentary Collections modules, ensuring the new Documentary Trade platform provides coverage across all Documentary Trade product offerings."

AUB recognised as Bahrain's best bank 2024 by Global Finance Magazine

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Ahli United Bank has been named Bahrain's Best Bank for 2024 by Global Finance magazine, a prestigious international publication known for its annual Best Bank Awards. This marks a significant achievement for AUB, solidifying its position as a leading financial institution in the Kingdom.

Global Finance's rigorous selection process considers a wide range of factors that reflect a bank's overall strength and performance including growth in assets, profitability, strategic



Ahmed Soud Al-Kharji, Group CEO of Ahli United Bank

relationships, new business development, product innovation,

and customer satisfaction. AUB's commitment to these areas has been instrumental in its continued success.

AUB offers a comprehensive suite of Shari'a Compliant financial products and services tailored to meet the evolving needs of individuals and businesses alike. Additionally, the bank is at the forefront of technological advancements, continuously investing in digital solutions to enhance customer experience.

"We are honoured to be recognised as Bahrain's Best Bank by Global Finance," said Ahmed

Soud Al-Kharji, Group CEO of Ahli United Bank. "This award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our entire team who consistently strive to deliver exceptional value and innovative solutions to our customers. AUB's achievements in the past year has been very significant including its successful and seamless conversion to an Islamic bank within a record time. This is a milestone event in the AUB's growth journey and will open up new avenues of growth for the bank to continue its excellence as the leading Islamic bank in Kingdom."

Alba achieves first fire of state-of-the-art gas turbine for Power Station 5 Block 4 project

TDT | Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), one of the world's largest aluminium smelters, announced a significant milestone towards the commercial operation of its Power Station 5 (PS 5) Block 4 Project with the First Fire of the Mitsubishi Power M701JAC Gas Turbine (GT) on Tuesday 23 April 2024. This achievement marks a key step towards the project's on-schedule completion in Q4 2024. Notably, it also comes just six months after the GT unit's delivery to site in October 2023.

A celebratory ceremony was



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held at the Block 4 Project site, attended by high-level officials from Alba including the Chairman of the Board Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive Officer

Ali Al Baqali, Chief Power Officer Amin Sultan, and Alba's Executive Management Team. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI)'s Senior Vice President,

Vice President, Energy Systems Takashi Tozawa, and SEPCOIII's Vice President, Kong Lingfeng, and senior officials from ESBI were also present.

Tamkeen supports employment of Bahrainis at PwC's Regional Service Center in Manama



The deal signing

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The Labour Fund, Tamkeen, has announced its support for the establishment of PwC Middle East's Regional Service Delivery Centre in Bahrain, which will provide advisory and operational services across sectors. This initiative aligns with the goals of Tamkeen's National Employment Programme and aims to offer up to 250 employment opportunities for Bahraini nationals, enhancing local economic contributions.

The initiative strengthens Bahrain's position from which local and international institutions can support the Kingdom and neighbouring countries, while working closely with other PwC delivery centres in the region.

Recruitment has begun for the first wave of Bahraini professionals, with an initial intake of 50 hires.

Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Chief Executive of Tamkeen said: "This service centre will provide valuable experience to Bahrainis and contribute to the growth and development of sectors such as financial services, which contributed 18.1% to GDP during

Q3 of last year. Upskilling in sectors such as these provides rewarding opportunities for Bahrainis, while contributing to the Kingdom's growth ambitions. The sector is considered the highest in terms of remunerative wages for Bahrainis, as it contributed to the annual wage growth by 4.2% in the private sector during the same period."

On his part, Mohamed Al Mahroos, Country Senior Partner in Bahrain, PwC Middle East, said, "Bahrain was selected as the location for our latest Regional Service Delivery Centre, due to its strategic location, favourable investment climate, and robust economic infrastructure supported by progressive regulations."

Dalal Buhejji, Executive Director of Business Development – Financial Services at Bahrain Economic Development Board, said, "Owing to progressive regulatory frameworks, a thriving financial ecosystem, and a highly skilled workforce that combines local insight with international perspectives, Bahrain continues to support the ambitious expansion plans of leading industry players giving rise to global success stories with local roots."

Experience the joy of extended Ramadan offers with Nissan



TDT | Manama

Y.K. Almoayed & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan vehicles in Bahrain, has announced the extension of its Ramadan campaign, allowing customers to continue experiencing the joy of Ramadan with Nissan. The campaign retains the exciting opportunity to win a brand-new Nissan

During this extended Ramadan period, Nissan aims to amplify the delight and enthusiasm of car ownership by providing customers with an exceptional chance to win the stylish and dynamic Nissan Kicks. Renowned for its sleek design, advanced technology,

and outstanding performance, the Nissan Kicks serves as the ideal companion for every adventure.

In addition to the captivating grand prize, Nissan's Ramadan campaign offers customers enticing deals on a wide range of vehicles to choose from the Nissan Sunny starting from BD 6,795; Altima starting from BD 9,995; Maxima starting from BD 13,995; Kicks starting from BD 7,495; X-trail starting from BD 10,495; X-terra starting from BD 11,195; and Patrol starting from BD 20,995. All models are accompanied by 5 years of roadside assistance and a 5-year warranty.

The Nissan Ramadan campaign has been extended until April 30th.



On Monday, Sameer Nass, the Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, welcomed Boomo Frank Sofonia, the Kuwait-based ambassador of Lesotho accredited to Bahrain, at the Chamber's headquarters. Nass expressed a strong interest in fostering business ties with Lesotho and extended a warm invitation to a business delegation from Lesotho to explore potential business and partnership opportunities. Ambassador Sofonia highlighted mining and diamond mining as prominent sectors within Lesotho's industry, emphasizing the presence of lucrative business and investment prospects in pharmaceuticals and textiles. In a separate meeting, Nass also engaged with Mouna Maaloul, the Chargé d'Affaires of the Tunisian embassy. They discussed the fraternal and bilateral relations between the two countries and the Bahraini private sector's eagerness to enhance cooperation with Tunisia across various economic sectors. They also addressed logistical challenges faced by both parties, aligning with the mutual aspirations for progress.



QUOTE OF THE DAY IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE NELSON MANDELA

TODAY IN HISTORY 1479BC Thutmose III ascends to the throne of Egypt, although power effectively shifts to Hatshepsut (according to the Low Chronology of the 18th Dynasty)

1184BC The Greeks enter Troy using the Trojan Horse (traditional date) 1877 Russo-Turkish War, 1877-78: Russia declares war on the Ottoman Empire



2898 Spanish-American War: Spain declares war after rejecting US ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba

News in brief

Swedish prosecutors have charged climate campaigner Greta Thunberg with civil disobedience for ignoring police orders to leave two climate demonstrations blocking Sweden's parliament in March, court documents showed.



Greta Thunberg charged over Sweden climate protests

Prosecutors yesterday accused Donald Trump of brazenly violating a gag order imposed by the judge presiding over his "hush money" trial to prevent him from intimidating witnesses.

Prosecutors accuse Trump of 'wilful' violations of gag order

Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said yesterday a peace deal with Armenia was closer than ever before, as teams from both countries began demarcating the border in a bid to end decades of territorial disputes and clashes.

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At just seven months pregnant, her mother, Sabreen al-Sakani, reached the emergency unit in critical condition after she was fatally wounded in the head and abdomen at the weekend.

Azerbaijan says 'closer than ever' to Armenia peace deal



Gaza Miracle: Baby born alive from dying mother's womb

Hospital staff said the baby was in stable condition

The newborn was transferred to the paediatrics unit of the Emirati hospital

Rami al-Sheikh, the baby's uncle, will become the orphan's caretaker

AFP | Rafah, Palestinian Territories



A Palestinian doctor tends to the baby of Sabreen al-Sakani, who reached the emergency unit of the Kuwait Hospital in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip in critical condition after she was gravely wounded in the head and abdomen in an Israeli air strike

While examining Sakani, the hospital's medical team realised she was pregnant. They decided to go ahead with a C-section immediately, despite a lack of anaesthetics.

The newborn was transferred to the paediatrics unit of the Emirati hospital, a field hospital established in December in Rafah to cope with the besieged Palestinian territory's mounting toll of injured and dead.

Rami al-Sheikh, the baby's uncle, will become the orphan's caretaker upon her release from the hospital. Palestinian journalists filmed the birth, footage of which was widely circulated Monday.

Several local media said the baby weighed less than two kilograms, and that her mother had been in her seventh month of pregnancy when she was born.

UN calls for international probe into deaths at Gaza hospitals

The UN called yesterday for an international investigation into reports of mass graves at two Gaza hospitals destroyed in Israeli sieges, saying war crimes may have been committed.

US troops targeted in western Iraq: official

American forces were Atargeted at a base in western Iraq, a US defense official said yesterday, the second such attack on the country's troops after a more than two month pause.

Israel vowed to eliminate Hamas, and its ensuing military offensive in Gaza has killed at least 34,183 people, most of them women and children



UK royals share prince birthday photo in wake of edit furore



Prince Louis is the youngest son of William and Catherine, the prince and princess of Wales

The youngest son of Prince William and his wife Catherine turned six on Tuesday, with the princess, who is being treated for cancer, credited with taking a photo released for the occasion.

Iraq says army base blast caused by stored munitions

AFP | Baghdad, Iraq

An explosion last weekend at an Iraqi military base hosting former pro-Iran paramilitaries was caused by munitions stored on-site, an investigative committee said yesterday, ruling out an air strike.

The overnight Friday to Saturday blast at the Kalsu base in Babylon province killed one person and wounded eight others.

Officials had initially blamed an "aerial bombing", but the authorities have now dismissed the possibility of a drone or air strike.

The base houses "barracks and arms depots" belonging to the Iraqi army, the interior ministry and the Popular Mobilisation Forces, or Hashed al-Shaabi, the committee said in a statement.

The explosion created a large, irregularly shaped crater at the site of the incident, (which was) used to store material, missiles and explosive materials", it said.

The committee, which conducted soil and material analyses at the site, added that "the size of the crater confirms there was a very strong explosion of weaponry and high explosive materials present at the site".

16 dead, 28 missing in migrant boat capsized off Djibouti: UN

AFP | Nairobi, Kenya

At least 16 people are dead and 28 missing in a new migrant boat disaster off the coast of the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti, the UN's International Organization for Migration said yesterday.

The accident occurred about two weeks after another boat carrying mainly Ethiopian migrants sank off the Djibouti coast, claiming several dozen lives.

"Tragedy as boat capsizes off Djibouti coast with 77 migrants on board including children", the IOM said in a post on X, without specifying when the latest incident occurred.

"At least 28 missing, 16 dead," it said, adding that the local IOM branch was "supporting local authorities with search and rescue effort".

It was the latest deadly accident on the so-called Eastern Migration Route.

He hippo in Japan zoo turns out to be a she

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Betrayed by its DNA and unmanly toilet habits, a hippopotamus in Japan thought for seven years to be a he is in fact a she, the zoo where the wallowing giant lives said yesterday.

The 12-year-old came to Osaka Tennoji Zoo in 2017 from the African Safari animal park in Mexico, where officials attested on customs documents that the then five-year-old was male.

But zookeepers long scratched their heads, a spokeswoman told AFP. In particular, Gen-chan did not display the typical male hippo behaviour of splattering faeces around while defecating -- with a propeller-like tail motion -- in order to mark territory.

Nor did it make courtship calls to females and zookeepers were unable to visually identify any male genitalia, a dangerous task in such a large and potentially aggressive beast.

"Therefore, we requested a DNA test at an external institution, and the result showed it was female," the zoo said in a statement posted last week.

"We will keep doing our best to provide comfortable environment to Gen-chan, so everyone, please come and see," it said.

France far-right mayor introduces nighttime curfew for under-13s

AFP | Beziers, France

A far-right French mayor said Tuesday that he had introduced a nighttime curfew for children under 13 in the latest such measure in France to curb alleged youth violence.

UK court to review govt decision to allow arms exports to Israel

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Britain's High Court agreed yesterday to hear a legal challenge later this year over continued UK arms exports to Israel during its war against Hamas militants in Gaza.

A coalition of legal advocacy groups wants the court to scrutinise the UK government's decision to keep selling military parts and arms to Israel despite claims that it is unlawful because they are allegedly used in war crimes.

Britain's strategic licensing criteria state that weapons should not be exported when there is a clear risk they could be used in violations of international humanitarian law.

US troops targeted in western Iraq: official

AFP | Washington, US

American forces were Atargeted at a base in western Iraq, a US defense official said yesterday, the second such attack on the country's troops after a more than two month pause.

It followed another attack over the weekend in which rockets were fired from northern Iraq at a base in Syria that houses forces from the US-led coalition against the Islamic State jihadist group.

US troops in the Middle East have been attacked scores of times since mid-October, but the cycle of rocket and drone attacks and periodic retaliatory strikes stopped following heavy American air raids on Iran-linked targets in early February.

EU parliament votes forced labour ban with China in its sights

AFP | Strasbourg, France

EY lawmakers voted yesterday to ban products made using forced labour which supporters hope will be used to block goods from China, at the risk of raising tensions with Beijing.

The law does not directly mention China, but many lawmakers hope it will be used to block imports from China involving the region where the Uyghur Muslim minority lives.

Human rights groups say at least one million people, mostly members of Muslim minorities, have been detained in China's north-western Xinjiang region and face a series of abuses, including forced sterilisation of women and coerced labour.

More than 130 arrested at NYU campus Gaza protests



New York Police Department officers detain pro-Palestinian students and protesters who had set up an encampment on the campus of New York University to protest the Israel-Hamas war

AFP | New York, United States

More than 130 people were arrested overnight during pro-Palestinian protests at the New York University campus as student demonstrations gather pace in the United States over the Israel-Hamas war.

The New York Police Department said 133 people had been arrested and released after being issued with court summons, as protests also intensify at Yale, Columbia University and other campuses.

As the holiday of Passover began Monday night, police began detaining demonstrators at an encampment at NYU.

A New York University spokesman said the decision to call police came after additional protesters, many of whom were not thought to be affiliated with NYU, suddenly breached the barriers erected around the encampment.

This "dramatically changed" the situation, the spokesman said in a statement on the school's website Monday, citing "disorderly, disruptive and antagonizing behavior" along with "intimidated chants and several antisemitic incidents."

"Given the foregoing and the safety issues raised by the breach, we asked for assistance from the NYPD. The police urged those on the plaza to leave peacefully, but ultimately made a number of arrests."

The spokesman said the school continues to support freedom of expression and the safety of students. The protests began last week at Columbia University, also in New York, with a large group of demonstrators establishing a so-called "Gaza Solidarity Encampment" on school grounds.

First ever Hindi radio broadcast starts in Kuwait

TDT | agencies

The first-ever Hindi radio broadcast has started in Kuwait, the Indian Embassy in Kuwait said on Monday. The Indian Embassy in Kuwait lauded Kuwait's Ministry of Information for starting a Hindi Programme on Kuwait Radio on FM 93.3 and AM 96.3 every Sunday.

The Embassy noted that this step taken will further strengthen the ties between the two nations. In a post on X, the Indian Embassy in Kuwait stated, "Start of first ever Hindi Radio broadcast in Kuwait! Embassy expresses appreciation to MOI for starting a Hindi programme on Kuwait Radio on FM 93.3 and AM 96.3 on every Sunday (8.30-9 pm) starting 21 April 2024, a step that will further strengthen India-Kuwait."

The Indian community with a strength of around 1 million is the largest expatriate community in Kuwait and is regarded as the community of first preference among the expatriate communities, according to Indian Embassy in Kuwait. Professionals like engineers, doctors, chartered accountants, scientists, software experts, management consultants, architects, technicians and nurses; retail traders and businessmen reside in Kuwait. The Indian Business Community in Kuwait has carved a niche in the Kuwaiti market in retail and distributorship. Notably, India and Kuwait enjoy traditionally friendly relations, which are rooted in history and have stood the test of time, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). India has been a natural trading partner of Kuwait, and until 1961, the Indian rupee was the legal tender in Kuwait. The year 2021-22 marked the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. On April 17, the Indian ambassador to Kuwait, Adarsh Swaika, called on the Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister, Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al-Sabah, and lauded his expatriate-friendly measures instituted during his tenure and apprised him of developments in the Indian community. "Amb Adarsh Swaika called on the Dy PM & Minister of Defence and Acting Minister of Interior H.E. Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al-Sabah. Amb thanked the Dy PM for the expatriate-friendly measures instituted during his tenure & apprised him of developments related to the Indian community," the Indian Embassy in Kuwait posted on X.

TOP 4 TWEETS



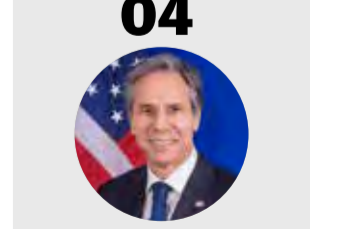
Al Awda Hospital - Nuseirat in #Gaza middle area was reportedly hit yesterday - on the fifth floor and the roof of the administration building. The attack caused disruption to the solar energy system that supplies the hospital with electricity. Damage to water and fuel tanks was also reported. This attack brings the total to 31 out of 36 hospitals that have sustained damage since October 2023. @DRTedros



A s Jewish families & communities gather to mark the beginning of #Passover, my heart breaks for all those whose Seder tables will be missing loved ones. Once again, I renew my call for the immediate & unconditional release of all hostages in Gaza. @antoniogetres



This is encouraging to see! Our Government is focussing on research, learning and innovation in a big way. In the coming times, this emphasis will deepen even further, thus benefiting our Yuva Shakti. @narendramodi



Sending warmest wishes to all those celebrating Passover tonight. Chag sameach. @SecBlinken

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celebs

Taylor Swift hated hiding her relationship with Joe Alwyn!



Taylor Swift with Joe Alwyn

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Taylor Swift said she didn't "really like" hiding her relationship with ex-boyfriend Joe Alwyn.

The Grammy-winner, 34, who has been putting on very public displays of affection with her new love Travis Kelce, also 34, since they started dating last year, but stayed out of the spotlight when she was seeing British actor Joe, 33, from 2016 to 2023.

She said in an interview that resurfaced on Wednesday and has since gone viral: "It all depends on who you're with. If they have a serious issue with it, then you, I guess, hide or whatever. But I don't really like that."

"It makes me feel like I'm running from the law or something. I don't want to feel like I'm like a fugitive. Like, 'Oh, my God, we're having a relationship. Better put on a mask and stuff!'"

Taylor added her dream romance would be "normal", saying: "That would be good. I'd just rather live my life."

She and Joe were often seen shielding

their faces from fans and photographers when they were out in public.

In contrast, she regularly kisses Travis – and rushed the field earlier this year when his team won the Super Bowl to snog the athlete.

The resurfaced video clip also included footage of Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce talking about how they deal with paparazzi.

He added: "It comes with (Taylor's fame.) You've got a lot of people that care about Taylor and for good reason."

Taylor and Travis first sparked romance rumours in September 2023, five months after news broke she had split from Joe.

And in the last month alone, the couple have put on PDAs on holiday in the Bahamas and at the Coachella music festival.

Fans have been revisiting her and Joe's relationship ahead of the release of her latest album 'The Tortured Poets Department' on Friday – as they are convinced it will contain references to the failed romance.

The album's fifth track 'So Long, London' is thought to be a reference to Taylor's time in her ex's home country.

Katy Perry planning album of 'pure joy and fun'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Katy Perry's next album will be filled with "pure joy and fun".

The 'I Kissed a Girl' singer - who has three-year-old daughter Daisy with fiancé Orlando Bloom - has teased the follow-up to 2020's 'Smile' and is looking forward to her seventh studio LP being inspired by her feeling "really happy and whole", even if other artists would dismiss that as "boring".

She told 'Access Hollywood': "I just have yet to make a record from a place of feeling really happy and whole and full of love."

"Sometimes artists are like, 'Oh, that's boring, you want to make music from kind of like a tougher place,' but actually it's very bright and joyful, like pure joy and fun and playful and celebratory and a party."

The 39-year-old star's comments echo what she previously teased about her new music, though she admitted it would take time for fans to hear because of her commitments to her daughter.

She told 'Good Morning America': "I haven't put any new material out since my darling Daisy."

"I think that I'm writing a lot and have written a lot from a place of love, because I'm feeling so much of it - so much unconditional love, that love you never knew existed. 'I'm always writing, I have been, but I think what's really important to me is to be celebrating the world that I've got to build with all of these wonderful songs and to be responsible for a life for a three year old."

"I will be back, but let me get this right."

The 'Roar' hitmaker is expect-

ed to go on a world tour in support of the record, the first time she has been on the road since 'Witness: The Tour' which ran from 2017 to 2018, with her most recent live shows coming as part of her 'Play' residency in Las Vegas.

A source previously told The Sun newspaper: "After so long spent on the West Coast of the US, she feels ready to tour again."

"The demand is there because she has so many hits, so taking her show on the road is bound to be a big draw."

"The hope is that she can head out towards the end of 2024, but it is still being worked out."

Katy Perry



Zendaya praises Challengers director Luca Guadagnino's character understanding

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Zendaya has hailed Luca Guadagnino's deep understanding of characters.

The 27-year-old star plays tennis prodigy turned coach Tashi Duncan in the romantic sports movie 'Challengers' and thinks that the director has an innate knowledge of how to craft a character.

Speaking to Deadline at the movie's Los Angeles premiere on Tuesday (16.04.24), Zendaya said: "Luca is brilliant. I

think he has such a brilliant understanding about the human experience and deeply understands characters on another level.

"That was very apparent from the first time I spoke with him about this film and about these characters. He just knew who these people were in a deep sense and understood them,



their hopes, their wants, their dreams, their desires, their fears."

Zendaya features alongside Josh O'Connor and Mike Faist in the film which centres on how Tashi must help end her husband's losing streak in a match against her former boyfriend and valued getting to work at close quarters with the filmmaker in her responsibility as a producer on the flick.

Zendaya

Zack Snyder promises 'insane' Rebel Moon director's cuts

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Zack Snyder has boasted of "insane" director's cuts for the 'Rebel Moon' movies.

The 58-year-old filmmaker's two-part Netflix sci-fi saga concludes with the release of 'Rebel Moon: Part Two - The Scargiver' and he has explained that cuts with no limitations on "running time" and "rating" will be available to viewers in August.

Zack told Screen Rant: "I'll be honest, it's probably the most rewarding part of the deal I made with Netflix. They're incredible partners, and they are able to complete the director's cuts to exactly my specs."

"Running time is not an issue. Rating's not an issue. All the things that I've been able to do with the director's cuts, really that's a dream come true for any filmmaker to have complete free hand is a cool thing."



Gwyneth Paltrow's daughter steals from her 'archive' wardrobe!

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Gwyneth Paltrow's daughter has stolen from an "archive" wardrobe the actress keeps at home as the teen loves 1990s designer looks.

The Oscar-winning Goop founder, 51, co-parents her 19-year-old girl Apple with her Coldplay frontman dad Chris Martin, 47, and has now revealed

Gwyneth Paltrow

she loves picking out pieces from her past, which include the red carpet looks she wore to promote her films from around 30 years ago.

Mum-of-two Gwyneth - who also has son Moses, 18, with Chris, and is now settled with her 53-year-old TV producer second husband Brad Falchuk - told Zanna Roberts Rassi during an interview for 'Today with Hoda and Jenna,': "She loves to go into the archive and try things on, and it's really fun.

"She's absconded with many of the '90s Calvin Klein skirts, tube skirts and all kinds of slip dresses, and she's very into the '90s -- as all the kids are apparently."

Gwyneth previously posted an image of Apple wearing the much-mocked semi sheer black Alexander McQueen dress she wore to the 2002 Oscars, with Apple posing with one hand on her hip and the other beneath her chin while smiling and looking to the side.

Gwyneth and Chris have been

separated since 2014 when they announced they were "consciously uncoupling".

The actress-turned-entrepreneur tied the knot with husband Brad in 2018, while Chris is believed to have spent years secretly engaged to his new 34-year-old girlfriend, 'Fifty Shades of Grey' actress Dakota Johnson.

Gwyneth recently admitted she had moved away from glamorous clothes - and loves wearing Spanx.

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How to play

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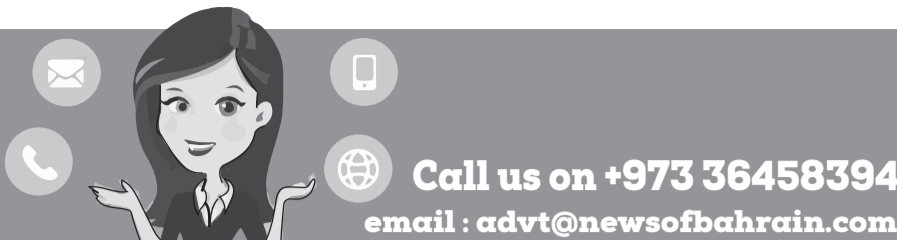
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Thailand keen to host F1 race on streets of Bangkok



Thailand's Alexander Albon in action (file photo)

AFP | Bangkok

Formula One fans could be treated to the sight of Max Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton roaring around the steamy streets of Bangkok, with Thailand keen to host a race.

Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin hosted F1 boss Stefano Domenicali on Monday to pitch the government's vision of bringing a grand prix to the sprawling, traffic-clogged Thai capital.

No timeframe or detailed plans have been announced, but Thai officials told local media they envisage the race being run on a street circuit, possibly around the city's historic centre.

"Thailand has the capacity to host Formula One in Bangkok," Srettha posted on X, formerly Twitter, after meeting Domenicali.

"If successful, I'm confident that our country will bring impressive memories to others because we have the right potential, capacity and Thai people's hospitality."

Srettha's government is keen to push "soft power" initiatives to raise Thailand's profile and landing an F1 race would give tourism a lift as the kingdom's visitor-dependent economy bounces back from the pandemic.

Formula One is meanwhile keen to host more street races. "Basically, if F1 is going to be held in Thailand, we want it to be held on the roads... we are currently working on the matter," government spokesman Chai Watcharong told local media.

Alex Albon of Williams is the only Thai currently competing in F1 and only the second driver in history to hail from the kingdom.

Murray buzzer-beater lifts Nuggets over Lakers, Knicks stun Sixers



Denver's Jamal Murray puts up a last-second shot against Anthony Davis in the Nuggets' victory over the Los Angeles Lakers

AFP | Los Angeles

Jamal Murray fired the buzzer-winner as the Denver Nuggets erased a 20-point deficit to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 101-99 on Monday and take a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference playoff series.

The drama in Denver followed a scintillating comeback by the New York Knicks, who scored eight points in the final half-minute to stun the Philadelphia 76ers 104-101 for a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference set.

Nikola Jokic delivered a triple-double of 27 points, 20 rebounds and 10 assists for Denver and Murray broke out of his shooting doldrums, with 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

The Nuggets notched their 10th straight win over LeBron James and the Lakers, a run of dominance that includes Denver's sweep in last season's Western Conference finals.

The Lakers, led by the 32 points and 11 rebounds of An-

I told my teammates when I was struggling, I'm gonna look for y'all. And every single one of them told me to keep shooting, keep shooting

JAMAL MURRAY

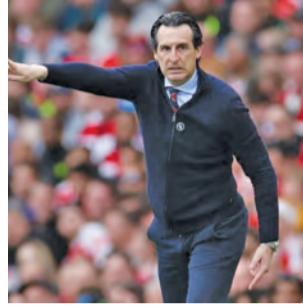
thony Davis, were in control for most of the night, pushing a 59-44 halftime lead to 20 points early in the third quarter.

James scored 26 points and handed out 12 assists, but the Nuggets kept chipping away and tied it at 95-95 on Michael Porter Jr's basket with 1:15 remaining.

James put the Lakers up 99-97 with a driving layup but Murray tied it again with a step-back jumper with 30 seconds remaining.

After James missed a three-point attempt, Murray rose over Davis and connected on a fall-away jumper with four-tenths of a second left.

Unai Emery extends Aston Villa contract



Unai Emery
AFP | London

Aston Villa manager Unai Emery has extended his contract until 2027, the Premier League club announced yesterday.

Emery has done an impressive job at Villa Park, guiding the club from a relegation fight when he took over from Steven Gerrard in November 2022 to the brink of Champions League qualification.

The Birmingham club are fourth in the Premier League table, six points ahead of fifth-placed Tottenham, who have two games in hand.

Villa are also through to the semi-finals of the Europa Conference League, where they will face Olympiakos as they hunt a first European trophy since 1982, when they were crowned European champions.

Ten Hag says reaction to Man Utd FA Cup win a 'disgrace'

United manager defends team's performance amid heavy scrutiny after narrow win

● **Ten Hag dismisses embarrassment, labels media reaction to performance a disgrace**

AFP | Manchester

Erik ten Hag says the media reaction to Manchester United's performance in the FA Cup semi-final against Coventry was "a disgrace", robustly defending his side's achievement in reaching a second straight final.

United surrendered a 3-0 lead at Wembley on Sunday and were saved from a humiliating exit in extra time only by a VAR intervention, which ruled out a goal for offside in the final moments.

They eventually scraped through against the Championship side on penalties to set up a re-match of last year's final against City.

Ten Hag admitted after the match his team had "got away



Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes (L) and manager Erik ten Hag (R) celebrate on the pitch after a match (file photo)

with it" but played down any notion of embarrassment.

But he has been widely criticised, adding to speculation he is on borrowed time at Old Trafford.

Former Premier League striker Chris Sutton said the performance would "cement his sacking".

But Ten Hag was in defiant

mood on the eve of United's Premier League match against bottom side Sheffield United on Wednesday.

"You asked the question: 'Is it embarrassing?' No, the reaction from you was embarrassing," he told reporters yesterday.

"It is the comments. Top football is about results. We made it to a final and we deserved it not



Erik ten Hag has reached four cup finals in his last four years as a manager

only by this game but also the other games.

"We lost control for 20 minutes, we also had bad luck, 3-2, 3-3. We were very lucky in the end, it is clear. Penalties was very good and we made it to the final, it is a huge achievement. Twice, in two years, is magnificent. For me as a manager, four cup finals in four years.

"The comments are a disgrace."

United, winless in their past four Premier League games, are in danger of missing out on a

European spot next season after a poor campaign.

They are already realistically out of the race to qualify for the lucrative Champions League but still have the Europa League and the Europa Conference League to aim for.

"We have to win every game, we know that," said Ten Hag. "That's what United stands for and that is our approach, go from game to game but we have to qualify for Europe and we now have two opportunities -- in the league and the FA Cup final."

Ten Hag said he would work closely with newly appointed technical director Jason Wilcox to determine the future direction of the club.

Wilcox, 53, has left second-tier Southampton to take up the job at Old Trafford with immediate effect.

"We have to form a partnership, which is very important," said Ten Hag. "We are a little bit behind in the process so we have to catch up and we will go and speed up the process."

Narine rules out West Indies return for home T20 World Cup

AFP | New Delhi

Sunil Narine says the "door is closed" on his West Indies career after his sparkling IPL form prompted calls for him to come out of international retirement for their home T20 World Cup.

The bowling all-rounder has starred for Kolkata Knight Riders as an opening batsman, with 286 runs including a century and a half-ton in the current IPL.

He has taken nine wickets with his mystery spin and stifled opposition run flow with an economy of 7.10 in a high-scoring season.

West Indies captain Rovman Powell had urged the 35-year-old to make a comeback for the



Sunil Narine plays a shot during IPL (file photo)

World Cup in June, which the West Indies will co-host with the United States.

"I'm truly flattered and humbled that my performances recently have moved many people

to publicly express their wish for me to come out of retirement and play in the upcoming T20 World Cup," Narine wrote on social media.

"I have made peace with that decision and whilst I never wish to disappoint, that door is now closed and I will be supporting the guys who take the field in June for West Indies."

Narine announced his international retirement in 2023, four years after he last played a T20 for the West Indies.

He added in his post: "Guys who have worked hard for the past few months and deserve to show our wonderful fans that they are capable of winning another title, I wish you all the best."

Djokovic skips Madrid Open but is aiming for Rome



Novak Djokovic reacts during a match (file photo)

AFP | Madrid

World number one and record 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic will not play at the Madrid Open this week but is hoping to appear in Rome.

Media reports said the 36-year-old Serbian star had pulled out of the tournament in the Spanish capital and he was not included in the draw on Monday.

Djokovic is yet to win a title this season and has only played in four tournaments this year, having decided to lighten his schedule.

After being named World Sportsman of the Year for the fifth time at the Laureus Awards in Madrid later Monday, Djokovic said he was aiming for the Italian Open before defending his French Open title from May 26.

"Unfortunately, I won't be able to play in Madrid this year... I've planned to play in Rome, so I hope I'll be able to do that, if I prepare well," Djokovic told reporters.

"This year has been a bit different for me, I haven't yet

Djokovic is a three-time champion at the two-week clay court event in Madrid

found my best level of tennis and I hope I will at Roland Garros."

Djokovic has now pulled out of the Madrid Open three times in four years.

The Serb is a three-time champion at the two-week clay court event in the Spanish capital.

It is his second Masters 1000 withdrawal this year after skipping the Miami Open in March.

Djokovic said he is "preparing his body" to be ready "especially for Roland Garros, Wimbledon, the Olympics and the US Open, the most important part of the season for me".

Warner says mammoth IPL scores won't be replicated at World Cup

AFP | New Delhi

Australia's David Warner says the T20 World Cup in the United States and West Indies will not see the same mammoth scores built on flat pitches in this year's Indian Premier League.

The current edition of the world's richest cricket tournament has seen monumental totals, including Sunrisers Hyderabad twice breaking IPL records with 277 and 287.

Warner's Delhi Capitals were at the receiving end of another run-fest when Hyderabad posted 266-7 at the weekend, courtesy of a 32-ball 89 by fellow Australian Travis Head.

But veteran opening batsman Warner said the pitches in the West Indies will have something for the bowlers when T20's showpiece global event begins on June 1.

"They can be slower and



David Warner plays a shot during IPL (file photo)

they're gonna turn a bit," Warner, 37, told reporters, leaning on his experience in the Caribbean Premier League.

"The wickets tend to get a little bit lower and slower."

Australian batters Head and up-and-coming Jake Fraser-McGurk have scored at strike-

rates of 216 and up to pummel the opposition IPL bowlers.

Warner has not been at his best with 167 runs for the season so far at a strike-rate of 135.77, but he said the anchor role will be key in the West Indies.

"Even when we played there in the 2010 World Cup, the

"It's gonna be completely different there. Add the natural elements as well. They're going to be predominantly day games, I think, because of the timings. So that plays a big factor"

DAVID WARNER

pitches weren't high-scoring," he said.

"That's when you did need an anchor, someone like Mike Hussey came out and scored runs for us. He had to come and sort of knock it around."

Warner added: "It's gonna be completely different there. Add the natural elements as well. They're going to be predominantly day games, I think, because of the timings. So that plays a big factor."

Klopp warns title-chasing Liverpool over 'derby fever' in Everton clash

Jurgen Klopp emphasizes importance of staying composed for intense Merseyside derby

● **Klopp stresses significance of Merseyside derby, citing its historical intensity**

AFP | London

Jurgen Klopp warned his title-chasing Liverpool team that they will have to cope with "derby fever" as he prepares to face Everton for the final time on Wednesday.

Klopp's men are second in the Premier League table, level on 74 points with Arsenal -- who host Chelsea yesterday -- and one clear of defending champions Manchester City.

Liverpool returned to winning ways at the weekend, beating Fulham 3-1 after a draw against Manchester United and a costly defeat at home to Crystal Palace.

"I don't know when my first derby was but I always knew



Liverpool's manager Jurgen Klopp talks with Mohamed Salah during a match (file photo)

how important it was," said Klopp. "Now I know it and I feel it. My understanding has developed over the years but they are always difficult games, especially there."

He added: "Derby fever will be in minds so we have to be cool and that is an important part in

preparing for the game."

Everton have a respectable recent record against their city rivals at their own ground, losing only once there in the Premier League since 2016.

Klopp, in his final season at Anfield, said he was happy with the way his team had responded



Everton boss Sean Dyche expresses respect for Klopp's managerial achievements and anticipates his first Merseyside derby at Goodison Park

ed after their recent setbacks, which included exits from the FA Cup and the Europa League.

"It was super-important to qualify for the Champions League," he said. "That was clear to go for that. It looks good in that department but it is not 100 percent set yet."

"We are where we are and want to win all the games. You

Derby fever will be in minds so we have to be cool and that is an important part in preparing for the game

JURGEN KLOPP

have to deal with all the little setbacks. I wouldn't say it was straightforward but until two weeks ago it was better than people would have thought.

"It's all about how you can get the right feeling back again. And I am really happy with the response."

"Let's make the best of it. If we win the league then I will be ecstatic. And as long as there's that chance we will give it a good try."

The German also said Portugal international Diogo Jota would be out for about two weeks after picking up an injury at Fulham.

Relegation fears

Everton's relegation fears have been eased after two wins in their past three games.

They are now five points clear of the drop zone despite being docked a total of eight points this season for breaches of Premier League financial rules.

Everton boss Sean Dyche said he was looking forward to his first Merseyside derby at Goodison Park.

"I didn't grow up here so I don't have the depth of understanding (of the rivalry) but what I do understand is how important it is to be Everton's manager in all games, but particularly this one for the obvious reasons," he said.

Speaking about Klopp's final derby, he added: "Aside from being Everton's manager, massive respect for what he's done here and his other clubs. It's not easy to build things, and he's done it at three clubs. Massive respect for that."

Unbeaten Stoinis ton helps Lucknow chase 211 to beat CSK

AFP | Chennai

Australia's Marcus Stoinis hit an unbeaten 124 as Lucknow Super Giants chased down a target of 211 with six wickets and three balls to spare against Chennai Super Kings yesterday.

It was Stoinis' first IPL century and his second in T20 cricket, trouncing an unbeaten 108 by Chennai skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad at his home M.A. Chidambaram Stadium.

Lucknow looked in trouble at 88-3 after 11 overs but Stoinis put on 70 runs with Nicholas Pooran, who hit 34 off 15 balls, and an unbeaten 65-run stand with Deepak Hooda to achieve victory in 19.3 overs.

Stoinis reached his hundred in 56 balls as he and Hooda, who made 17 not out off six balls, secured Lucknow's second straight win over Chennai, replacing the five-time winners in fourth spot.

Needing 17 to win in the final over, Stoinis smashed Mustafizur Rahman for a six and three



Marcus Stoinis of Lucknow Super Giants plays a shot

fours, including one off a no ball.

"Tough pill to swallow, but good game of cricket," said Gaikwad. "LSG played really well in the back end. We had the game in control till 13-14 overs, but Stoinis played a great innings."

Stoinis walked in in the first over after Quinton de Kock's departure for a duck and paced his innings to perfection as he hit 13 fours and six sixes in his 63-ball knock.

It was the highest score by a batsman while chasing in the IPL.

Hooda said Stoinis "played like a warrior, he is a kind of motivation to us".

Sri Lanka pace bowler Matheesha Pathirana took two wickets including the dangerous Pooran.

Chennai posted 210-4 courtesy of Gaikwad's second IPL ton and a 104-run stand between the captain and Shivam Dube,

Scorecard

Lucknow Super Giants (Marcus Stoinis 124*, Nicholas Pooran 34; Matheesha Pathirana 2-35) beat Chennai Super Kings 210/4 (Ruturaj Gaikwad 108, Shivam Dube 66; Matt Henry 1-28)

who smashed 66, after the hosts were invited to bat first.

Gaikwad took on the opposition attack despite losing Ajinkya Rahane and Daryl Mitchell and raised his hundred from 56 balls with a six and four.

Gaikwad became only the third Chennai player after India's Murali Vijay and Australia's Shane Watson to hit two IPL tons and moved to second in this season's batting chart with 349 runs.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru star Virat Kohli tops the chart with 379 runs.

Dube got to his fifty with a four and a six before being run out in the final over, which saw veteran M.S. Dhoni walk out to a rousing reception and hit a four off the final ball.

Luis Enrique wants to 'mark history' with PSG treble



PSG headcoach Luis Enrique (R) reacts at the end of a match (file photo)

AFP | Paris

Paris Saint-Germain coach Luis Enrique said yesterday he was chasing history as the club bid for the treble of Ligue 1, Champions League and French Cup trophies this season.

PSG can take the first step by wrapping up the Ligue 1 title for the 12th time on Wednesday with a win at Lorient and if second-placed Monaco fail to beat Lille.

But Luis Enrique, 53, who took over the Paris giants last year, has a unique hat-trick in his sights -- a feat he achieved with Barcelona in his first year as coach in 2015.

"Without a doubt, it's a motivation to do something that has never been done in France, to mark the history of the club, of the city and if it can be for the country, so much the better," the Spaniard told a press conference at Campus PSG in Poissy outside Paris.

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"But for now we just have one title (the Champions Trophy won in January against Toulouse), and we must continue to fight in the championship because the opponents deserve it."

PSG, who have not lost a Ligue 1 game since September, are now 11 points clear of Monaco in second with just five matches remaining.

"It's still a long and winding road, we will have to be focused to achieve our objectives," warned Luis Enrique.

French forward Olivier Giroud set for Los Angeles FC move

AFP | Los Angeles

France's record goal scorer Olivier Giroud has reached agreement with Los Angeles FC to join the Major League Soccer club this summer, sources close to the player confirmed yesterday.

The 37-year-old, whose contract with Italian club AC Milan expires at the end of the season, has committed to an 18-month deal with the Californian club



Olivier Giroud

starting on August 1, according to reports in France.

LAFc will be the eighth club that 2018 World Cup winner Giroud has played for over two decades.

He started his career at French side Grenoble, playing for Istres and Tours before his breakthrough with Montpellier where he won the Ligue 1 title in 2012.

Giroud then spent nine seasons in England, with Arsenal from 2012 to 2018 followed by three seasons with London rivals Chelsea, where he won the Champions League in 2021.

A move to Italy in 2021 saw him win the Serie A title with

Milan the following year.

Giroud is France's all-time top scorer with 57 goals in 131 games.

At LAFc, he will join his best friend on the national team, former captain Hugo Lloris, who retired from international football after France were beaten by Argentina in the final of the 2022 World Cup.

Goalkeeper Lloris joined LAFc from Tottenham last December.