

Bahrain condoles with Kuwait

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of condolences to His Highness Sheikh Moshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, following the passing of Sheikha Badriya Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah.

HRH Prince Salman sent similar cables of condolences to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of Kuwait, and His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait.

Cyprus President to arrive today

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The Royal Court announced that His Excellency Nikos Christodoulides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, will arrive in the Kingdom of Bahrain today on an official visit.

His Excellency will hold talks with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, focusing on the close relations and cooperation between the two countries, as well as regional and international developments.

‘Knowledge bank’

Parliament to debate proposal expanding access to academic research and studies

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A proposal to establish a ‘knowledge bank’ and develop public libraries will be debated in Parliament on Tuesday, with MPs asked to back a plan aimed at helping students and researchers reach scientific studies, academic research and reference material more quickly.

The recommendation was submitted by MP Munir Seroor and calls for upgrades to Bahrain’s public libraries alongside the creation of a central knowledge repository to support school and university students, as well as researchers.

Parliament’s Services Committee has urged the Council to approve the proposal, saying the public-interest grounds for it are sound.

State

The committee cited Article 7(a) of the Constitution, which states that the State sponsors sciences, literature and the arts, encourages scientific research,



MP Dr Munir Seroor

and guarantees educational and cultural services for citizens, including compulsory and free education in the early stages specified by law and a plan to eradicate illiteracy.

In its reasoning, the committee said Bahrain needs stronger public libraries and argued for a library in each governorate to help build reading habits among pupils and university students.

It also said the proposal would

support students and researchers by improving access to sources and references within a shorter time.

The explanatory memorandum accompanying the proposal praised the Ministry of Education’s work in supporting learning and developing students’ skills, and spoke highly of teaching staff and training programmes linked to career progression.

Books

It argued that Bahrain’s libraries hold valuable books and sources that can serve a wider public if development plans are clearer, library numbers increase, and services are strengthened, especially for school pupils.

The memorandum also called for more printed works to be made available in electronic form, with devices provided to ease access. It said postgraduate students, in particular, need reliable access to sources, studies and books to speed up thesis work, and argued that research holdings should be updated on an ongoing basis.

It also urged better use of the theses produced each year by researchers, saying they can offer practical ideas for improving government work, while adding to Bahrain’s library collections across a wide range of fields.

Services

In written comments to the Services Committee, the Ministry of Education welcomed proposals aimed at improving educational and knowledge services and said it has been working, within available resources and under Law No. 27 of 2005 on Education, to establish and develop Knowledge Resource Centres, which function as public libraries, across Bahrain’s governorates.

The ministry said eight centres operate across the four governorates on morning and evening shifts, with modern facilities and search tools, alongside large collections of books, references and periodicals. It added that these centres are updated with new publications under the standards used for depositing works.

It said it has started making the unified catalogue of the centres’ holdings available online, allowing automated searches through library systems used for cataloguing and classification.

QR code

It also said QR code services help users reach electronic books and references, including some digital books.

The ministry added that its online services, available through its website and the national eGovernment portal, allow the public to view holdings such as books, periodicals and theses, reserve items, borrow them and renew loans electronically.

It said collections are supplied with print and electronic publications based on assessments of users’ reading needs and data on requested content, with standards applied for information quality, data accuracy and language integrity, while taking account of the culture of Bahraini society.

Russian strikes

AFP | Kyiv

Russian strikes killed one person and injured 23 others in Ukraine’s capital and the northeastern city of Kharkiv overnight, authorities said early yesterday.

The country was under an air raid alert with military authorities in Kyiv warning of drones and ballistic missiles.

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Around 3.7 million people are internally displaced inside Sudan and that prior to the latest outbreak in violence, 15.8 m people -- one-third of the population -- needed humanitarian aid.



US envoys in Israel to hold talks on Gaza future

AFP | Jerusalem

US President Donald Trump’s envoys Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff arrived in Israel yesterday, where they were set to hold talks on Gaza’s future, an American official told reporters.

Kushner and Witkoff were due to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the official said, and were working to “determine what are the right next steps, so that we can keep the ceasefire and turn it into a long and enduring peace in Gaza”.

Israeli media reported that the talks would also focus on the return of the remains of the last Israeli hostage still held in Gaza.

Of the 251 people seized during Hamas’s October 7, 2023 at-

US CENTCOM chief Admiral Brad Cooper was also visiting Israel yesterday.

“Yes, I can confirm a meeting is taking place today,” Shosh Bedrosian, spokeswoman for Netanyahu’s office told AFP when asked whether Witkoff and Kushner would meet the Israeli leader in Jerusalem.

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Israeli media reports said that



Tents housing displaced Palestinians are erected on empty land near buildings destroyed by the Israeli military, in Gaza City. (AFP)

tack on Israel that triggered the Gaza war, only the body of Ran Gvili remains in the Palestinian territory.

“We ask that the Prime Minister of Israel make clear to the respected American envoys that anyone who truly seeks to advance the rehabilitation of Gaza and peace in the Middle East must first and foremost bring Rani home,” the family of Gvili said in a statement yesterday.

This week, US officials presented their vision for a “New Gaza”.

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Green growth

Advanced methods support sustainable expansion of Bahrain's date palm sector



Participants at the seminar

From local groves to international markets through modern cultivation

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Experts, investors and policymakers discussed how advanced technologies could transform date palm cultivation and green spaces in the Kingdom.

Bahrain's commitment to exploring sustainable agricultural growth was highlighted at a seminar titled "Greener Bahrain: Innovations in Date Palm Production and Landscape Strategies," organised by Bahrain Food Monitor and held recently at the Swiss-Belhotel Seef.

The seminar was graced by prominent dignitaries, including Dr. Zakaria Ahmed Hejres, Chairman of Bahrain Food Monitor and Mena Centre of Investment; Dr. Hana Kanoo, CEO of BFM and MCI; and Maryam Mattar, Director of BFM and MCI, reflecting Bahrain's commitment to integrating sustainability into both agriculture and urban planning.

A key focus of the discussions was tissue culture technology,

which enables the rapid production of thousands of uniform, disease-free date palms from a single parent tree.

This method is faster and more reliable than traditional propagation and could help Bahrain meet growing global demand, according to Dr. Biju Mullassery, Director of Clone Biotech, who led the session.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Dr. Mullassery emphasized that with the right support from the government and private sector partners, Bahrain could establish a world-class laboratory dedicated to large-scale date palm propagation.

DR. BIJU MULLASSERY, DIRECTOR OF CLONE BIOTECH

The seminar delved into the potential of large-scale production of high-quality date palm seedlings, highlighting the market and business opportunities it could generate, as well as the challenges of scaling up.

This initiative could create precision-based jobs, particularly for women, while also conserving indigenous date palm varieties through organogenesis technology.

Experts noted that it represents a promising business opportunity in the current global market where Egypt is the largest producer followed by Saudi Arabia renowned for its premium

um-quality dates, and India is the biggest consumer.

Technology

By leveraging tissue culture technology, Bahrain has the potential to capture a share of this growing international market while boosting local production.

However, challenges remain, including high infrastructure costs with an estimated BDI 1.65 million to establish a laboratory,

the need for skilled labor and training, and regulatory requirements, such as import permits for chemicals like ammonium nitrate.

Despite these hurdles, experts



are optimistic.
With proper government support, including subsidies and regulatory facilitation, this initiative could transform Bahrain into a global player in date palm cultivation.

Laboratories

Investors can participate through establishing laboratories, partnering in plant multiplication, or exporting tissue-cultured plants, creating new economic opportunities for the Kingdom.

By combining the conservation of local varieties with large-scale commercial production, Bahrain is poised to build a sustainable, high-value sector that could place the country at the forefront of global date palm innovation.

Bahrain, China sign deal on aquaculture and fisheries

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The Supreme Council for Environment of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China signed a Bahraini-Chinese implementing agreement in the field of aqua-

culture, fish farming and fisheries in the Kingdom.

The agreement forms part of the fifth phase of the technical cooperation programme between the two countries in this field, aimed at enhancing cooperation in environmental, food security and sustainable

development sectors.

His Excellency Dr. Mohammad bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, signed the agreement.

The ceremony was attended by Ni Ruchi, Ambassador of

the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Bahrain, who delivered the text signed by Wang Wentao, Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China.

The agreement supports national directions to strengthen food security.

Reweaving the Palm Tree for a New Generation

Hasan Barakat

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Once a necessity of everyday life, palm weaving is now being reexamined as a contemporary design language, as designers, researchers and artisans gathered at Al Riwaq Art Space to debate the future of palm tree heritage.

Held under the slogan When Art Meets Design, the talk brought together organisers to reconsider how khus weaving can move beyond preservation and into contemporary design, collaboration and material experimentation.

Moderated by Robert Frith, the session explored how khus, traditionally woven from date palm leaves for shelter, storage and everyday use, can carry new meaning without losing its relationship to land and labour.

Frith explained that the residency was designed to unite masters of the craft with designers and researchers from different disciplines, allowing the material itself to guide experimentation rather than forcing it into predefined design trends.

Mariam Al Noaimi, a Bahraini architect and researcher, spoke about the palm tree as a system of knowledge rather than



Sara Kanoo



Mariam Al Noaimi



Robert Frith

an object.

She stressed that khus weaving carries languages, rhythms and techniques developed through generations living alongside palm groves.

These skills, she noted, are learned through proximity to land and practice, not abstraction.

Removing the craft from its social and environmental con-

text risks turning it into surface decoration rather than lived knowledge.

Sara Kanoo, a Bahraini architect involved in family run art spaces, expanded on this idea by

Working with land, not against it: Path to smarter, greener cities



Mrs Banupriya Sivaraj

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Bahrain is embracing smart landscaping strategies to tackle challenges like saline soils, water scarcity, and extreme heat.

These topics were at the heart of a seminar on sustainable landscape and resource-based strategies organised by Bahrain Food Monitor at Swiss-Belhotel Seef.

Much of Bahrain's soil is saline, calcareous, or alkaline, limiting plant survival without careful planning.

Water quality is another concern, with high pH, salts, chloride, and sulphate levels posing risks to many species.

"Soil and water are the foundation of any successful landscape," said Mrs Banupriya Sivaraj, Senior Agricultural Engineer at Kingdom Landscapes, who led the seminar. "Ignoring these factors often creates green spaces that fail and demand excessive water. Landscaping must adapt to Bahrain's environment, not just policy targets."

Urban Solutions

With 1.7 million residents, urban areas, especially the Capital Governorate face high population density, putting pressure on green spaces.

Experts highlighted vertical gardens, rooftop greenery, and compact urban planting systems as practical solutions.

These small-scale approaches transform streetscapes, building facades, bus stops, and public facilities while reducing urban heat and improving air quality.

Irrigation

The seminar emphasized modern irrigation methods for

residential landscapes, including sub-surface drip systems and smart sprinklers.

These tools optimize water use, ensuring plants thrive even in saline or challenging soils.

Careful plant selection, focusing on heat-tolerant, drought-resistant, and wind-resilient species - was also stressed, with date palms highlighted for their natural salt tolerance.

Food security

Experts discussed how desert landscape strategies, high-tech greenhouses, desert agroforestry, and fruit orchards can boost fruit and vegetable production, particularly in rural areas.

These approaches make productive use of arid land and contribute to Bahrain's long-term food security goals.

Contribution

Mrs Sivaraj urged residents to plant at least one tree or plant each, noting that collective efforts could help achieve Bahrain's target of 3.5 million trees by 2035.

"If each person contributes even one plant, it brings us closer to our national greening goal," she said.

A Smarter, Greener Future

The seminar concluded with a clear message: Bahrain's green future depends on working with nature, not against it.

Through smart urban planning, climate-adaptive planting, modern irrigation, desert landscape strategies, and active public participation, the Kingdom can expand green spaces sustainably, improve urban livability, and make environmental and food security goals a tangible part of everyday life.

questioning how palm trees are often reduced to visual motifs in urban landscapes.

She argued that treating the palm as ornament strips it of its role as a provider of material, shade and community structure.

True sustainability, she said, lies in supporting the people who work with khus and the land that produces it, allowing the craft to evolve without erasing its roots.

Together, the discussion reframed the palm tree not as heritage frozen in time, but as a material practice capable of shaping contemporary design through care.

Homebuyer couple win court order for BD20,000 refund

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A couple who tried to buy a BD145,000 home have won a High Civil Court order requiring the seller and her guarantor to repay BD20,000, along with court costs and a contribution towards lawyer's fees.

The dispute arose after the sale fell through at the final stage, when the seller required that she remain in the property for a year after the transfer of title, a condition the bank financing the purchase would not accept.

With the bank refusing to proceed, the couple went to court to recover the outstanding amount they said was owed back to them.

Client

Lawyer Mohammed Al Mahdi said his client and her hus-



band filed a claim against two defendants, asking the court to order joint and several payment

of BD20,000, plus statutory interest from the date of demand until payment in full.

Court papers said the couple signed a preliminary sale contract for BD145,000 to be

paid in installments. They paid BD20,000 first, followed by BD55,000, then BD70,000, with the bank processing that third payment.

When the bank rejected the deal due to the one-year occupancy requirement, the claimants said a written debt acknowledgement was produced for the remaining BD20,000.

It was signed by the second defendant as guarantor for the seller, with an undertaking to pay the sum within a specified period. The amount was not paid, leading to the lawsuit.

Records

The court considered the case through its hearing records.

The claimants attended, while the defendants did not appear or file a defence disputing the debt.

The judgment referred to provisions in the Law of Evi-

dence on the standing of private documents unless the signature or handwriting is expressly denied, as well as Civil Code rules stating that contracts bind the parties and that obligations tied to future conditions do not arise unless the condition is met.

Contract

The court found that the preliminary sale contract was proven, but that completion of the sale was not possible because the seller's requirement to stay in the property for a year ran against the bank's rules.

With no challenge from the defendants and no repayment made, the court held that liability for the BD20,000 was established.

It ordered the two defendants to pay the couple BD20,000 jointly and severally, and to cover the costs of the case and lawyer's fees.

MP Al Dhaen hails Rayaat Al Watan Youth Forum



MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen with other distinguished guests



His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa at the event

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MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen said the Rayaat Al Watan Forum, run by the AlMabarrah AlKhalifa Foundation, centres on training, job skills and volunteering for young Bahrainis, and pointed to the interest shown by His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate.

Dr Al Dhaen said the forum aims to strengthen young people's educational and professional skills through structured programmes that provide practical

training and real workplace experience.

She referred to the Governor's attendance at events linked to youth development, describing it as support for programmes aimed at helping young people move from study into work and community service.

Work

Dr Al Dhaen also spoke about the wider work of the AlMabarrah AlKhalifa Foundation in education and skills-building, including its emphasis on practical training.

The Foundation is chaired by

Her Highness Shaikha Zain bint Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, with programmes that aim to raise education standards, build youth skills and prepare participants for labour market needs.

She said the Foundation also places volunteering and community service at the heart of its work, linking it to stronger responsibility and life skills alongside job skills.

Values

Dr Al Dhaen said volunteering helps build ethical and humani-

tarian values among young people and encourages them to take part in community work.

She said the Rayaat Al Watan Forum included dialogue sessions, professional workshops and recognition of trainees and participants, adding that it offers hands-on learning and new experiences aimed at preparing them for the future.

She also referred to the Southern Governorate's support for youth and community programmes and its role in helping create an environment where talent can grow and opportunities are available to young people.

MPs to review unified GCC law on plant genetic resources



Mohammed Moosa, Chairman of Parliament's Public Utilities and Environment Committee

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unified regulation, and would set out its remit and how it works.

A separate decision would fix the bands of fees due for licences and services. It would be issued by the head of the competent authority after Cabinet approval.

The bill also lays out a route for grievances against decisions issued under the unified regulation, its executive regulations and related decisions.

Notification

An affected party would have 30 days from notification by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, or electronically, to submit a grievance to the competent authority.

The competent authority would have 30 days to decide, and silence after that period would count as a refusal.

A challenge to a refusal could then be filed before the competent court within 30 days from notification of the refusal, or from the point it is treated as refused.

High Civil Court orders \$90,000 repayment to Gulf investor

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AGulf investor has won a High Civil Court judgment ordering the fourth defendant to repay \$90,000, after the court found no proof she returned the principal or paid any profit once the agreed term expired.

The court also ordered her to pay BD776.500 in court fees, BD1,000 in lawyers' fees and BD500 for the expert.

In its reasons, the court said the case papers and an expert

report commissioned by the claimant showed the \$90,000 was paid to the fourth defendant under a placement memorandum she issued in July 2007, and deposited into her designated bank account.

That, the court said, placed responsibility for managing the investment and returning the funds on her.

The court said the file contained no evidence that the defendant paid the claimant any profit or repaid the principal after the agreed five-year term,

which it treated as a breach of contract.

The investor's lawyer, Dina Al Qumaish, said her client held an investment portfolio with the

defendants and added \$90,000 after being offered an arrangement linked to an infrastructure project.

Under the terms, she said, he was due to receive the principal and profit after five years.

She said the years passed without any profit being paid and without the investment being returned.

She added that the refusal to pay continued for close to a decade, from 2014 until the claim was filed, causing direct financial loss.



Focus on sports, auditing and civil service bills



Shura Council

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Three draft laws will be on the Shura Council's agenda today, including changes to Bahrain's sports professionalism rules that would give national federations wider scope on technical matters while keeping them bound by domestic law.

Members are due to review a Youth Committee report supporting Decree-Law No. 40 of 2025, which amends Law No. 8 of 2021 on sports professionalism.

The decree-law aims to cement respect for the technical independence of sports federations, keep a single national rulebook by assigning the task of issuing general rules

for the professionalism system to the President of the General Sports Authority, and deal with matters linked to professional athletes' contracts and transfers.

Freedom

The committee recommended backing the decree-law, saying it balances federations' technical freedom with legal duties under Bahrain's laws.

It said different sports have different technical and competitive needs, and argued federations should be able to draft and issue professionalism regulations and manage contracts and transfers without cumbersome central procedures or prior approvals that, in practice, have slowed progress.

Rehab Mohammad
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Prosecutors have ordered the detention of five suspects as part of an investigation into the possession and sale of expired food products after their expiry dates were altered.

The Public Prosecutor and Deputy Head of the Prosecution for Ministries and Public Bodies said the suspects were accused of storing, modifying and marketing expired goods after tampering with their original expiration dates.

Two commercial premises and a residential property used to store the products have also been placed under seizure.

Report

The case began after police in the capital received a report from an Asian national who said his roommate was keeping expired food products at their shared residence and changing the dates before preparing them for sale in local markets.

Investigators raided the apartment and one of the suspect's commercial outlets, where they found spoiled and expired food items. Authorities said the original expiry dates had been removed and replaced with false labels.

Five detained for 'storing, modifying and marketing expired goods'



Two commercial premises and a residential property used to store the products have also been placed under seizure.



Repackaged goods bearing the names of foreign companies with no connection to the products were also seized.

Further investigations led to the arrest of additional suspects involved in distributing the altered goods.

One was found to be working at a cleaning products distribution company, where more expired and spoiled items were discovered.

Custody

Prosecutors said the five suspects have been questioned and remanded in custody pending further investigations.

Officials from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce have been tasked with inspecting the seized items and tracking similar products in the market.

The suspects are expected to be referred to criminal court once inquiries are completed.

Where Ideas Are Built, Not Shown

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In Bahrain's evolving cultural landscape, Al Riwaq Art Space occupies a position shaped less by spectacle and more by sustained engagement.

Established in 1998 as a commercial gallery, the space gradually shifted direction, expanding into a non-profit campus for art and design that prioritises process, research and public interaction over display alone.

Origins

From its early years, Al Riwaq played a quiet but influential role in supporting contemporary and conceptual practices in Bahrain.

Its programmes moved beyond exhibitions to include lectures, residencies and educational initiatives, contributing to the transformation of the Block 338 neighbourhood in Adliya.

That phase marked a turning point where art became embedded in everyday urban life rather than confined to gallery walls.

Shift

Today, Al Riwaq operates from its current location in the Qufool area, within a historic residence that once hosted private social gatherings.

The building has been reim-



Al Riwaq Art Space expands into a non-profit campus for art and design

agined as a campus for creative practice, opening its spaces to artists and the wider public.

This move reflects a deeper transformation in identity, marking an evolution from commercial beginnings to a non-profit model grounded in accessibility, experimentation and cultural exchange.

Material

Walking through the campus, materials carry as much meaning as the artworks themselves.

Many of the installations and sculptural forms are created using palm fronds, woven khouz and found objects, including a piece constructed from parts of a hand broom.

These choices foreground local craft traditions while questioning how everyday materials can be reimagined through contemporary design.

Spaces

Among the installations, An Interpretation of the Living Space presents furniture inspired by Mudhif structures and reed based craftsmanship from the marshlands.

Traditional forms are abstracted into modern seating and surfaces, accompanied by a model of the original Mudhif to trace the evolution from past to present. In Unconstrained, reed mats and Mudhif style windows define a restrained interior

where texture and tactility take precedence over polished form, offering a reflective reading of Arab urban architecture.

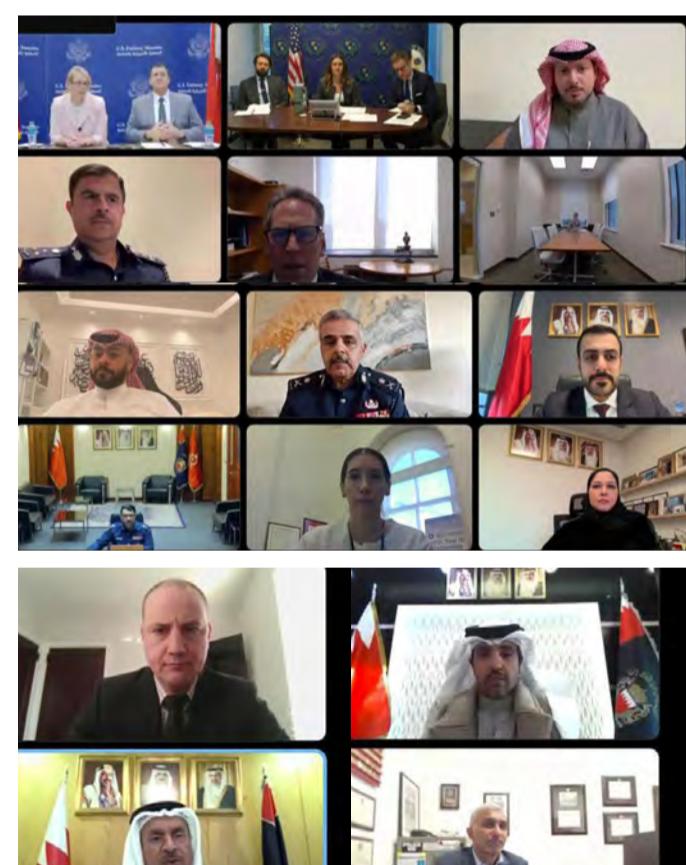
Practice

Beyond exhibitions, Al Riwaq runs programmes ranging from residencies to long and short format courses and workshops.

These initiatives emphasise experimentation, theoretical discussion and mentorship, positioning the space as a site for learning and dialogue rather than promotion.

As a non-profit institution, its role remains focused on cultivating artistic inquiry and public engagement within Bahrain's cultural ecosystem.

Bahrain-US strategic dialogue



His Excellency Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), chaired the fifth round of the Bahrain-United States Strategic Dialogue, held via videoconference, alongside Monica Jacobsen, Senior Official at the Counterterrorism Bureau of the United States Department of State. The meeting was attended by Stephanie L. Hallett, Ambassador of the US to the Kingdom of Bahrain. H.E. Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman noted the importance of the meeting as a continuation of the outcomes of the visit of General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, to the US, which underscored strengthening frameworks of security cooperation and coordination between the two countries.

Outstanding employee



The President of Customs, His Excellency Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa, attended a ceremony organised by Customs Affairs to honour outstanding employees and those who participated in the second edition of the "Fikra" customs competition. The event was held as part of the activities marking World Customs Day 2026, under the theme "Customs Protects Society through Commitment and Responsibility." The President of Customs praised the distinguished efforts and valuable achievements of Customs Affairs personnel across all customs-related fields. He noted that these accomplishments reflect a high level of vigilance and professionalism.

Man jailed after dangerous stunt driving video, vehicle seized

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Prosecutors have ordered the detention of a man and the seizure of his vehicle after a video circulated on social media showing him performing dangerous driving stunts on a public road.

The deputy head of the Traffic Prosecution said an investigation was launched after the footage showed a driver recklessly manoeuvring his car in a way that endangered his own life and the safety of other road users.

Traffic police tracked the vehicle and arrested the driver.

Wall Street intends to stay open around the clock

● NYSE parent developing 24/7 trading platform

● Would use digital tokens for shares

AFP | Washington

The closing and opening bells of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) may become a ringing ritual of yesteryear, as the market moves toward non-stop trading.

This week, the Intercontinental Exchange announced it is developing a platform for 24/7 operations that offers "instant settlement."

The around-the-clock operations would rely on digital tokens mirroring the shares of listed companies, the NYSE's parent company said in a statement.

NASDAQ, another New York-based trading exchange, could follow suit as early as this year.

The move is pending approval by federal regulators at the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and would amount to a minor revolution for the way money moves in US stock markets.

‘Waste of time’

In the early days of the exchange, investors had to be



The Wall Street bull stands in the financial district near the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

physically present in markets on Wall Street to "stand and yell at each other and wave pieces of paper, and then they would have to write down what everybody bought and sold," Sam Burns, chief strategist at Mill Street Research, told AFP.

That meant "having trading go on all day every day would sort of be impossible to keep up," Burns said.

Digitized transactions can change all that.

Off-hours trading has already

been on the rise since 2019, exploding since 2024 when the daily average topped \$61 billion, according to a NYSE report in early 2025.

But the appeal remains limited, according to Steve Hanke, a professor of applied economics at Johns Hopkins University.

"Historically, there is little evidence that supports the idea that the benefits of 24-hour trading outweigh the costs," he said, adding that there "are few market-moving events

that occur outside of normal business hours in New York City."

"Night trading proved to be a waste of time," he said.

Hanke said the real advantage in the NYSE's announcement lies in the time needed to finalize a trade -- a process that usually occurs the next day in most stock markets.

"Narrowing the settlement window may prove to be a significant competitive advantage," Hanke said.

"A lot of retail investors nowadays, particularly younger ones, seem to like the idea of being able to trade stocks all the time the way they do cryptocurrencies and other digital assets, whether it's nights or weekends," Burns said.

It is unlikely that the change would move traditional investors from banker's hours because the impacts of any change are likely to be limited," Burns added.

"Most institutional investors that trade the real money aren't really interested in working or trading on the weekends, and the fact (is) that banks are mostly still closed on the weekends," Burns said.

Libya announces \$20 bn energy deal with TotalEnergies, ConocoPhillips

AFP | Tripoli

Libya said yesterday it signed an oil agreement worth more than \$20 billion with TotalEnergies and ConocoPhillips, seeking to ramp up production by 850,000 barrels a day for the next 25 years.

Prime Minister Abdulfattah Dbeibah said the agreement with the French and American energy firms would bring in revenues of more than \$370 billion over the 25-year life of the deal, adding it was fully financed outside the state budget.

The announcement came as the Libya Energy and Economic Summit opened in Tripoli, attended by US President Donald Trump's Middle East adviser Massad Boulos, along with other officials, including from Turkey and Egypt.

Dbeibah said Libya was also set to sign an agreement with US energy giant Chevron covering exploration and production development, as well as a separate deal with Egypt to support services in the sector.

Libya currently produces around 1.5 million barrels a day, sitting on Africa's largest oil reserves at an estimated 48.4 billion barrels.

But the oil industry has faced major challenges, including security issues, with the country still divided after a NATO-backed revolt toppled and killed longtime leader Moamer Kadhafi in 2011.

Trump threatens Canada with 100% tariff if it completes China trade deal

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump yesterday warned Canada that if it concludes a trade deal with China, he will impose a 100 percent tariff on all goods coming over the border.

Relations between the United States and its northern neighbor have been rocky since Trump returned to the White House a year ago, with spats over trade and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau decrying a "rupture" in the US-led global order.

During a visit to Beijing last week, Trudeau hailed a "new strategic partnership" with China that resulted in a "preliminary but landmark trade agreement" to reduce tariffs -- but Trump warned of serious consequences should that deal be realized.

If Trudeau "thinks he is going to make Canada a 'Drop Off Port' for China to send goods and products into the United States, he is sorely mistaken," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"China will eat Canada alive, completely devour it, including the destruction of their busi-



A truck carrying vehicles prepares to cross into the US from Canada

nesses, social fabric, and general way of life," he said.

"If Canada makes a deal with China, it will immediately be hit with a 100% Tariff against all Canadian goods and products coming into the USA."

The two leaders have sharpened their rhetorical knives

in recent days, beginning with Trudeau's speech on Tuesday at the World Economic Forum in Davos, where he earned a standing ovation for his frank assessment of a "rupture" in the US-led global order.

His comment was widely

viewed as a reference to Trump's disruptive influence on international affairs, although the US leader was not mentioned by name.

Trump fired back at Trudeau a day later in his own speech, and then withdrew an invitation for the Canadian prime minister to join his "Board of Peace" -- his

self-styled body for resolving global conflict.

Initially designed to oversee the situation in postwar Gaza, the body appears now to have a far wider scope, sparking concerns that Trump wants to create a rival to the United Nations.

"Canada doesn't live because of the United States. Canada thrives because we are Canadian," Trudeau said Thursday in a national address, while acknowledging the "remarkable partnership between the two nations."

Trade spats

Canada is heavily reliant on trade with the United States, the destination for more than three quarters of Canadian exports.

Key Canadian sectors like auto, aluminum and steel have been hit hard by Trump's global sectoral tariffs, but the impacts of the levies have been muted by the president's broad adherence to an existing North American free trade agreement.

Negotiations on revising that deal are set for the start of this year, and Trump has repeat-



China will eat Canada alive, completely devour it, including the destruction of their businesses, social fabric, and general way of life. If Canada makes a deal with China, it will immediately be hit with a 100% Tariff against all Canadian goods and products coming into the USA

DONALD TRUMP

edly insisted the United States doesn't need access to any Canadian products -- which would have sweeping consequences for its northern neighbor.

Trump has also repeatedly threatened to annex Canada, and this week posted an image on social media of a map with Canada -- as well as Greenland and Venezuela -- covered by the American flag.

The two nations, along with Mexico, are set to host the World Cup later this year.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Public Prosecution Figures Point to Changing Crime Patterns



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

I followed the Public Prosecution's release of its 2025 annual statistics with close interest. Beyond the numbers, the data offers a clear picture of how crime is evolving — and how the justice system continues to respond in order to protect society and uphold the rule of law.

In 2025, the Public Prosecution handled nearly 60,000 cases, up from around 58,000 cases in 2024. This modest increase is not unexpected. Population growth, an expanding labor market, and a diverse workforce all play a role. While the statistics do not distinguish between citizens and non-citizens, the Capital Governorate recorded roughly 17,000 cases, reflecting its position as the country's main economic and employment center.

One figure that stands out is the nearly 10,000 cases handled by the Prosecution of Ministries and Public Entities. These cases often involve public funds or government bodies, making them especially significant. Their volume underscores the importance of strong oversight and highlights the Public Prosecution's role in safeguarding public resources and reinforcing accountability across state institutions.

Cybercrime is another area showing clear growth. The Cybercrime Prosecution registered close to 10,000 cases, confirming that crime has increasingly moved online. Today, phones and digital platforms are no longer just tools of convenience;

they can also become tools of crime. This shift places new demands on prosecutors, requiring technical expertise and modern investigative methods.

Financial crime and money laundering further illustrate this changing landscape. During the year, 40 cases were referred to the courts, including offenses related to tax evasion, money laundering, and corruption.

More revealing than the number of cases, however, is the financial outcome. Confiscated funds exceeded BHD 7 million, fines topped BHD 1.5 million, and recovered amounts approached BHD 7 million. These figures reflect a firm and focused effort to protect the national economy and disrupt complex financial crimes.

Despite these challenges,

Despite these challenges, Bahrain continues to enjoy a strong level of safety and stability. Violent crime remains limited, supported by social cohesion, public awareness, and effective judicial institutions. At the heart of this system is the Public Prosecution, working to maintain a careful balance between firmness and fairness as crime patterns con-

tinue to change. In conclusion, I extend my sincere appreciation to Ali bin Fadil Al Buainain, the Attorney General, for the transparency reflected in these statistics. They provide valuable insight for policymakers, researchers, and the public, and help build confidence in the justice system.

May Bahrain continue to enjoy security and stability, and may the Public Prosecution remain a central pillar in protecting the nation and upholding the rule of law..

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Indonesia landslide kills eight, more than 80 missing

The disaster struck villages in West Bandung during the early hours of yesterday

Triggered by heavy rainfall

Search and rescue operations underway

Forest loss linked to disaster risk

AFP | Washington

A landslide killed at least eight people and left more than 80 missing on Indonesia's main island of Java yesterday, a disaster official said.

Triggered by heavy rainfall, it struck villages in Java's West Bandung region in the early hours and buried residential areas.

Floods and landslides are common across the vast archipelago during the rainy season, which typically runs from October to March.

At 2:30 am (1930 GMT Friday), "there was a rumbling noise, like thunder", Oyoh, a resident of Pasirlangu village who, like many Indonesians, only has one name, told AFP.

"It had been raining non-stop since the morning, and then it (the landslide) happened. I immediately felt scared."

The 52-year-old had been evacuated to the village's government office along with dozens of others, mainly women and children.

She said her house survived the landslide, but her niece, her niece's husband and their two children were missing.



Destroyed greenhouses remain after a landslide struck in Pasirlangu village, Bandung, West Java

Abdul Muhari, a spokesman for the national disaster agency, confirmed that eight people were killed and 82 were unaccounted for.

West Bandung's mayor Jeje Ritchie Ismail told reporters that the military, police and volunteers were assisting in the search.

However, he warned the terrain was extremely difficult and the ground remained unstable.

The local search and rescue agency said it was conducting manual excavation, spraying the soil with water pumps and using drones to search for the victims.

Forest loss

The disaster comes after tropical storms and intense mon-

soon rains late last year triggered flooding and landslides that killed around 1,200 people and displaced more than 240,000 in Indonesia's Sumatra island, according to official figures.

Environmentalists, experts and the government have pointed to the role forest loss played in the flooding and landslides that washed torrents of mud into villages.

Forests help absorb rainfall and stabilise the ground held by their roots, and their absence makes areas more prone to flash flooding and landslides, David Gaveau, founder of conservation start-up The TreeMap, told AFP in December.

Indonesia lost more than 240,000 hectares of primary forest in 2024, according to analysis by The TreeMap's Nusantara Atlas project.

It is regularly among the countries with the largest annual forest loss as mining, plantations and fires have caused the clearance of large tracts of lush vegetation in recent decades, NGOs have said.

The government filed multiple lawsuits following the Sumatra floods, seeking more than \$200 million in damages against six firms. It also stripped more than two dozen permits this week from forestry, mining and hydroelectric companies in Sumatra.

EU labels India "Indispensable" ahead of landmark New Delhi summit

TDT | Agencies

The European Union on Wednesday hailed India as an "indispensable" partner for Europe's economic and security resilience, setting an ambitious tone for a landmark summit in New Delhi next week intended to bridge trade and defense divides.

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas told the European Parliament that the bloc is ready to deliver a "powerful new agenda" with New Delhi.

The 16th EU-India Summit, scheduled for January 27, will see the adoption of a strategic roadmap toward 2030, marking what officials describe as a "pivotal reset" in ties.

The high-level visit coincides with EU leadership attending India's Republic Day celebrations as chief guests.

Central to the discussions is the push to finalize a long-pending Free Trade Agreement. Kallas noted that the deal would be cru-



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (L) speaks with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi (file photo)

cial for strengthening critical supply chains in semiconductors and pharmaceuticals, sectors that have become geopolitical flashpoints.

She emphasized that the partnership is moving from "words to action" as both democracies face an international order under "unprecedented strain" from conflict and economic fragmen-

sides stand to gain from tighter military and cyber-defense coordination, noting that India is becoming a cornerstone of Europe's strategic calculus.

The summit is also expected to produce a memorandum of understanding on mobility, facilitating the movement of students, researchers, and highly skilled professionals between the two regions.

This framework aims to boost long-term competitiveness through shared innovation in artificial intelligence and green energy.

Kallas acknowledged that while negotiations have been challenging, the shared responsibility to uphold international law makes the deepening of ties a necessity for the 21st century.

As New Delhi prepares to host the EU's top leadership, the message from Brussels remains clear: India is no longer just a major partner but a vital anchor for stability in a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape.

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City of São Paulo founded in Brazil

1565

Battle of Talikota: The Deccan Sultanates destroy Vijayanagar's army and the last Hindu kingdom of Southern India

1840

American naval expedition under Charles Wilkes is first to identify Antarctica as a new continent

1949

First Israeli election won by David Ben-Gurion's Mapai party

1971

Military coup in Uganda led by Major General Idi Amin



Ukraine, Russia, US agree to more talks next week in UAE

Negotiations end constructively but Kyiv accuses Moscow of undermining them with overnight strikes

Ukraine and Russia conclude two days of talks

Russia launches major overnight strikes on Ukraine

Millions left without power and heat

AFP | Abu Dhabi

Ukraine and Russia ended two days of US-brokered direct talks yesterday and agreed to hold more next week in Abu Dhabi, even as Kyiv accused Moscow of undermining the negotiations towards ending the war by launching fresh strikes.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said of the talks that "a lot was discussed, and it is important that the conversations were constructive".

He added that next round could take place "as early as next week".

On the eve of the second day of talks, Russia launched a barrage of drones and missiles on Ukraine, cutting off millions from electricity in sub-zero temperatures. Kyiv accused Moscow of undermining the negotiations by launching yet another "night of Russian terror".

A UAE government spokesperson said the talks, which involved top military officers from both sides, had been held in a "constructive and positive atmosphere".

But weary Kyiv residents, who had gone through yet another sleepless night, had little hope for a breakthrough.

"They'll just say that everything is fine, that again, nothing has been agreed, and again there will be rockets," said



UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan (C) speaking with the heads of delegations participating in the UAE-hosted trilateral talks between the US, Russia and Ukraine, at the Al Shati Palace in Abu Dhabi

Anastasia Tolkachov, who had to spend a night in a car park.

When asked by AFP about the negotiations, another Kyiv resident, who gave only her first name, Valentina, said: "I don't think anything will happen. We'll just have to keep freezing a little longer, somehow."

At night, AFP journalists saw people running through the streets to find shelter as explosions lit up the capital's sky.

According to the Emirati spokesperson, the talks were held on "outstanding elements of the US-proposed peace framework as well as confidence-building measures".

According to Zelensky, "the central focus of the discussions was the possible parameters for ending the war".

Both warring sides say the fate of territory in the eastern Donbas region is the main unresolved issue in the search for a settlement.

'Again and again'

Over a million people in Kyiv and Chernigiv were left without electricity in sub-zero temperatures due to Russian strikes. About half of Kyiv's apartment blocks were cut off from heating, Ukrainian authorities said.

"This night in Kyiv, it's really all happening again and again," Iryna Berehova, 48, told AFP, adding: "These explosions, these sleepless nights, these worries for our children, for our safety, they are very exhausting."

"These negotiations that are taking place don't even give us any hope for the better."

The European Union, which has sent hundreds of power generators to Ukraine, has accused Moscow of "deliberately depriving civilians of heat".

Zelensky last week declared a state of emergency in the energy sector, which has been battered by relentless Russian strikes on

heat and electricity supplies.

The Moscow-installed governor in the occupied Kherson region, Vladimir Saldo, said a Ukrainian drone strike killed three people in an ambulance van heading to a sick man.

The war has killed tens of thousands, displaced millions and devastated large swathes of Ukraine.

While diplomacy to end Europe's worst conflict since World War II has gained pace again, Moscow and Kyiv appear deadlocked over the issue of territory.

Donbas territory dispute

US President Donald Trump met Zelensky at the World Economic Forum in Davos on Thursday and US envoy Steve Witkoff later held talks with Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin.

Hours after Putin met Witkoff -- and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner -- in Moscow, the Kremlin said its demand that



The talks in Abu Dhabi were the first face-to-face meeting between Russian and Ukrainian negotiators specifically discussing the US-proposed peace framework since talks in Istanbul failed last summer

Kyiv withdraw from the eastern Donbas region still stood, calling it "a very important condition".

Kyiv rejects it. "The Donbas is a key issue," Zelensky told reporters on Friday, ahead of the talks in the UAE.

Zelensky said he and Trump had agreed on post-war security guarantees in Davos.

Russian and Ukrainian negotiators are last known to have met face-to-face in Istanbul last summer, in talks that ended only in deals to exchange captured soldiers.

The Abu Dhabi meeting was the first time they have faced each other to talk about the Trump administration's plan.

An initial US draft drew heavy criticism in Kyiv and western Europe for hewing too closely to Moscow's demands, while Russia rejected later versions for proposing European peacekeepers in Ukraine.

Putin has repeatedly said Moscow intends to get full control of eastern Ukraine by force if talks fail.

Trump has in the past pressured Ukraine to agree to terms that Kyiv sees as capitulation.

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a wall bearing the names of British military personnel who have died in Afghanistan since 2001 at the British Cemetery in Kabul

died in Afghanistan," she added. "In the interview, Trump appeared unaware that 457 Brit-

September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Friday: "I consider President Trump's remarks to be insulting and frankly, appalling, and I'm not surprised they've caused such hurt to the loved ones of those who were killed or injured."

The White House rejected Starmer's comments and defended Trump.

"President Trump is absolutely right -- the United States of America has done more for NATO than any other country in the alliance has done combined," Taylor Rogers, a White House spokeswoman, said in a statement sent to AFP.

Following the 9/11 attacks, Britain and a number of other allies joined the United States

from 2001 in Afghanistan after it invoked NATO's collective security clause.

"Denmark is one of the NATO countries that has suffered the highest losses per capita," the Danish prime minister underscored.

The country's population was about 5.4 million in 2003 and, according to the Danish news agency Ritzau, around 12,000 Danish soldiers and civilians had been sent to Afghanistan over the years.

As well as Britain, troops from other NATO ally countries including Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Denmark also died.

"Let us honour the 53 Italian soldiers who fell during the mission in Afghanistan," Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said in a post on X yesterday.

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Interior Undersecretary Honors NPRA Employees for Outstanding Performance



His Excellency Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), officially honored Major Ahmed Tariq Mahrahi and employee Abdullah Ali Abdullah for their exceptional contributions to the department. The recognition, held on January 24, 2026, was awarded in appreciation of the duo's outstanding efforts and superior performance in supporting the NPRA's work system. His Excellency emphasized that the Ministry of Interior prioritizes the development of national cadres, viewing distinguished personnel as the fundamental element in enhancing efficiency and ensuring the sustainability of public services. He further praised the honorees for the commitment and seriousness they displayed in their professional duties.

'Royalty' Evening Celebrates Winners of the 'Best Dressed' Competition



The third edition of the "Royalty" evening, organized by the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, featured a high-profile "Best Dressed" competition during the 15th race of the season. Sponsored by Turkish Airlines and the Bahrain Jewellery Centre, the event added a layer of sophistication to the horseracing festivities. Victoria Mohammed secured first place, winning two tickets to the Newmarket races in the UK. Salma Carolina and Evelyn Khalifa took second and third places, respectively, receiving exquisite jewelry. The competition is a key part of the "Royalty" initiative, which seeks to empower Bahraini women and increase their engagement in equestrian sports.

Southern Governor Attends "Rayat Al Watan" Forum to Boost Youth Career Readiness



Under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Governorate, the Al Mabarak Al Khalifa Foundation (MKF) hosted the "Rayat Al Watan" forum at its new headquarters. Under the slogan "Design Your Future," the event aimed to enhance the career readiness of Bahraini graduates and students. His Highness praised the foundation's role in youth empowerment, noting that such initiatives align with the Kingdom's vision for sustainable development. Chairperson Shaikha Zain bint Khalid Al Khalifa emphasized that the forum provides practical skills and networking opportunities with leading institutions like Al Salam Bank, Gulf Air, and Tamkeen. Since 2011, the "Rayat" scholarship program has remained a vital resource for developing national talent.

Sri Lankan Embassy in Bahrain Celebrates Thai Pongal with Cultural Splendor



The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Bahrain, in partnership with the Sri Lanka Club, recently celebrated Thai Pongal at the Embassy premises. The event attracted a significant gathering of community members who joined together to mark the traditional harvest festival. Ambassador H.E. Shanika Dissanayake welcomed the guests, noting that the celebration served as an auspicious start to the Embassy's annual calendar of activities. The cultural program featured traditional dance performances by children of the community, while Mrs. Nisha Pratheepan shared insights into the spiritual and cultural importance of the festival. Concluding the ceremony, Sri Lanka Club President Mr. Chithalka Ambrose delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Embassy and participants for making the event a success. The celebration highlighted the strong community bonds and the preservation of Sri Lankan traditions within the Kingdom of Bahrain.

BDK and Thevar Piravai Host Successful Blood Donation Camp in Bahrain



Blood Donors Kerala (BDK) Bahrain Chapter, in partnership with the Tamil Nadu Thevar Piravai Bahrain Chapter, organized a successful blood donation camp at the King Hamad University Hospital. The drive received an enthusiastic response, with over 110 participants donating blood. The event was inaugurated by ICRF General Secretary Aneesh Sreedharan. Felicitations were offered by social worker Sayed Haneef and Thevar Piravai President N. Thirumeni. BDK Bahrain Chairman K.T. Salim presided over the function and was formally honored for his recent election to the Loka Kerala Sabha. BDK President Roji John welcomed the attendees, and General Secretary Jibin Joy delivered the vote of thanks. The camp's success was ensured by a coordination team including K. Sankar Raj, D. Suresh, and several BDK executive members.

UNEECO Group Marks 16 Years of Commitment to Employee Wellness with Annual Medical Drive



In a continuous effort to prioritize employee well-being, UNEECO Group successfully organized an in-house medical examination for all staff at its Hidd office. This initiative marks the 16th consecutive year the company has conducted general health screenings for its workforce. The event reflects UNEECO's long-standing commitment to maintaining a healthy and productive work environment. Company leadership, represented by Mr. Abdulrahman Juma and Mr. Jayashankar, extended their sincere gratitude to Al Hilal Healthcare Group for their professional cooperation in facilitating the medical drive. Management also thanked the UNEECO Group staff for their dedicated support in arranging and ensuring the successful completion of the health event.

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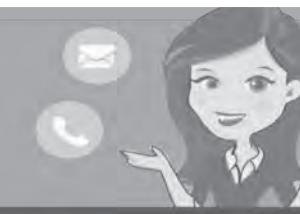
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HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid attends 15th race as RoyalTea records strong success and distinguished attendance

Manama

In the presence of His Highness Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid bin Isa Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment, Deputy Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), and Member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, the REHC held the 15th race of the 2025/2026 season at the Club's racecourse in Al Raffah, Sakhir.

The race was held over the Cups of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), Bahrain Jewellery Centre, Turkish Airlines, and Annoushka Jewellery (UK). The race featured the third edition of the RoyalTea, organized by the REHC in cooperation and partnership with the SCW, as part of ongoing efforts to enhance female participation and presence in equestrian sports and horseracing.

The evening featured a range of activities that created a dis-



tinctive atmosphere and attracted prominent female figures alongside a strong public turnout. Attendees enjoyed a unique experience combining the heritage and authenticity of equestrian sport with elegance and distinction, in addition to the accompanying activities and the excitement of the race rounds, as RoyalTea continued its success for the third consecutive season.

The winners of the race cups were crowned, with Dr. Shaikha Hessa bint Khalid Al Khalifa presenting the Supreme Council for Women Cup to the winning trainer Daniel Kubler, while HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed

bin Isa Al Khalifa received the sixth-round trophy from Mrs. Dhawiya Sayed Sharaf Al Alawi, Member of the SCW.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mustafa Dokmetas, General Manager of Turkish Airlines Bahrain Office, presented the second-round trophy to the winning owner Hussain Al Afoo, while Ms. Eleena Al Sharif, representative of Annoushka Jewellery, presented the seventh-round trophy to the winning trainer Robert McDowell.

The race rounds witnessed strong and competitive performances by elite horses, delivering exciting contests across all cups.

Harnkova and Tikhonova claim doubles title at Manama Open



Winners with their trophies

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Slovakia's Viktoriia Harnkova and Russia's Anastasia Tikhonova captured the women's doubles title at the inaugural Manama Open after defeating Belgium's Paulina Bekmotkina and Germany's Mina Hodzic in straight sets, the Bahrain Tennis Federation said

yesterday.

The duo sealed the final with a 6-4, 6-3 victory in a competitive match that showcased high technical standards, with the trophy presented by Bahrain Tennis Federation president Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa in the presence of international tennis officials.

Attention now turns to the

singles final, scheduled for Sunday at the Public Security Officers Club, where the winners of the semi-finals between France's Fiona Ferro and the Netherlands' Arantxa Rus, and between the United States' Carol Lee and Russia's Alina Kornieva, will contest the title.

The semi-final line-up was completed after Ferro advanced

due to injury to American Claire Liu, while Rus booked her place with a three-set win over France's Caroline Monnet. Carol Lee edged past France's Jessika Ponchet in a tight three-set battle, and Kornieva progressed with a dominant straight-sets victory over Belgium's Sofia Costoulas, setting the stage for a high-profile conclusion to the tournament.

for as players, competitors, to have a chance to win on Sundays. I know it's not going to be easy, it never is, and doesn't matter how big of a lead you have."

Spaniard David Puig surged into solo second following a birdie-birdie finish in a stunning 66 to reach ten under, with 2022 champion Viktor Hovland one shot further back alongside Englishman Andy Sullivan, who bounced back from bogeys at the eighth and ninth with three birdies on the back nine.

"It was a great day from start to finish," said Puig. "We were a little behind, and seeing Patrick Reed and all the guys that are up there are really good players, so I knew I needed a good one. Still a little behind but it's going really well. Hopefully tomorrow we have a good chance."

Hovland, who carded a bogey-free 65, said: "It was very nice and steady today. Hit a lot of fairways. I know I played a wonderful round of golf today. Certainly no complaints about a bogey-free 65 out here. This place is no joke. If I get off the tee and in a decent position, I can really do some damage."

Italian pair Molinari and Andrea Pavan were in a share of fifth at eight under, while Denmark's Thorbjørn Olesen and Spaniard Jorge Campillo sat at seven under.

Nicolai Højgaard led the group at six under alongside South African trio Jayden Schaper, Hennie du Plessis and amateur Christiaan Maas, as well as French pair Julien Guerrier and Martin Couvra.



as he pursues a maiden Rolex Series victory.

"I think the biggest thing right now is the driving. I feel like I'm driving the ball a little better right now," said Reed. "Once I saw putts go in this week, seems

like the putter is back behaving doing what it's supposed to, and allows me to free up the rest of my golf game."

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Reed surges four shots ahead at Hero Dubai Desert Classic

Manama

Patrick Reed stormed into a four-shot lead heading into the final round of the Hero Dubai Desert Classic, thanks to a brilliant 67 on Moving Day.

The American held a narrow overnight advantage at nine under but was quickly challenged by Francesco Molinari on the front nine. Molinari, who led after 18 holes, opened with three straight birdies to reach double figures before Reed hit back with three birdies and two bogeys in his first seven holes to join him at ten under.

Reed, the 2018 Masters champion, then finished his front nine with a birdie to edge ahead and did not look back, picking up three further shots to climb to 14 under at Emirates Golf Club

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Heat triggers Melbourne chaos as Djokovic hits landmark, Osaka out

Matches suspended for five hours on outside courts due to scorching temperatures

Novak Djokovic wins 400th Grand Slam match

Sinner, Keys and Swiatek advance

Wawrinka bids farewell to Australia

AFP | Melbourne

Brutal heat triggered a five-hour suspension of matches on outside courts at the Australian Open yesterday as Novak Djokovic powered to another landmark win but Naomi Osaka pulled out.

Players and spectators roared on day seven at Melbourne Park, where temperatures soared to 38C.

The tournament's Heat Stress Scale hit the highest level of five in the early afternoon, prompting the suspension on courts without roofs and play did not resume until after 7:00 pm.

On a dramatic day on and off court, reigning champions Jannik Sinner and Madison Keys moved into the last 16, as did 10-time winner Djokovic.

Two-time champion Osaka was supposed to be in action in the third round but pulled out hours before because of an abdominal injury.

The Japanese star, who made a grand entrance this week in a jellyfish-inspired outfit, wrote on Instagram that "it breaks my heart".

She was due to face Australian qualifier Maddison Inglis, who goes on to play Iga Swiatek in the last 16.

Swiatek, the second seed from Poland, survived a roller coaster to beat 31st Russian seed Anna Kalinskaya 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

Djokovic landmark

Serbian great Djokovic is on his latest mission to win a record 25th Grand Slam crown.

The 38-year-old swept past



Serbia's Novak Djokovic hits a return to Netherlands' Botic van de Zandschulp

Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) on Rod Laver Arena.

He becomes the first player to

win 400 Grand Slam matches.

"I'm still around, I'm hanging in there," said Djokovic, who has looked in ominous touch, yet to drop a set.

His reward is a meeting with Czech rising star Jakub Mensik.

Before that, Sinner admitted he was saved by the roof in his meeting with the American Eliot Spizzirri on Rod Laver Arena.

Play was stopped for about 10 minutes because of the baking heat, allowing time for the roof to close.

Sinner had been suffering from cramp in the fierce sun.

But with the roof shut he pulled through 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 over a gruelling 3hr 45min.

"I struggled physically a bit today as you saw. I got lucky with the heat rule, they closed the roof," said the second seed.

His reward is a clash next with fellow Italian Luciano Darderi, the 22nd seed who defeated Russia's Karen Khachanov in four sets.

On a historic day for Italy, fifth seed Lorenzo Musetti saw off Tomas Machac in five sets.

It was the first time that three Italian men had reached the last 16 of the Australian Open.

Musetti goes up against American ninth seed Taylor Fritz after he ended the run of Stan Wawrinka on the popular Swiss veteran's farewell to the tournament



Amanda Anisimova uses an ice towel during her match



Novak Djokovic became the first player in tennis history to record 400 Grand Slam match wins, achieving the milestone without dropping a single set throughout the 2026 tournament so far

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in a statement victory.

After admitting to being nervous and timid in embarking on her title defence, this was more like the Keys that stunned Aryna Sabalenka in the final a year ago.

The 30-year-old Keys said that being based in Florida meant she was used to hot temperatures.

"I am feeling really good and I was excited for the heat today, and ready for it," she said.

The ninth seed faces good friend and compatriot Pegula for a place in the quarter-finals.

The sixth-seeded Pegula powered past unseeded Russian Ok-sana Selekhmeteva 6-3, 6-2.

"Nice to be first out on court and not a super long match and didn't need to kill myself in the heat today," she said.

Pegula and Keys know each other well, even hosting a tennis podcast together.

Another title contender, Amanda Anisimova, made light work of fellow American Peyton Stearns 6-1, 6-4.



Italy's Jannik Sinner serves to USA's Eliot Spizzirri

Bahrain to host 'Run with Legends' featuring African athletics icons

TDT | Manama

Bahrain will welcome two of the world's most celebrated distance runners when the Bahrain Olympic Committee hosts the "Run with Legends" event later this month, bringing Olympic champion Derartu Tulu and world record holder Gudaf Tsegay to the Kingdom in a rare sporting exchange.

The initiative, organised in collaboration with Enat Events and Bahrain Road Runners, aims to connect Bahraini athletes, young talents and running enthusiasts with global athletics icons through a community run and interactive

sessions focused on performance, resilience and elite sporting experience.

Organisers said the event reflects Bahrain's growing ambition to strengthen its sporting culture and promote international engagement in athletics.

Scheduled for January 30 at The Avenues in Manama, the event will feature a 5km community run alongside meet-and-greet activities, highlighting the Bahrain Olympic Committee's commitment to fostering a "sport for all" culture and positioning the Kingdom as a platform for global sporting inspiration and knowledge-sharing.



Scotland to replace Bangladesh at T20 World Cup

AFP | New Delhi

Scotland will replace Bangladesh at next month's T20 World Cup, cricket's governing body said yesterday, after Bangladesh effectively pulled out of the tournament due to a row over playing matches in India.

"Scotland has been called up to take Bangladesh's place in Group C, joining England, Italy, Nepal and the West Indies," the International Cricket Council (ICC) said.

The dispute between New Delhi and Dhaka erupted this month when the Indian cricket

board ordered the Indian Premier League franchise Kolkata Knight Riders to release Bangladesh fast bowler Mustafizur Rahman.

Bangladesh then refused to play their games in India and asked that they be moved to co-host Sri Lanka, but the ICC rejected the appeal, saying there was "no credible or verifiable threat to the safety" of the team.

Their place will now go to Scotland, the next-highest-ranked T20 side, who had originally missed out on qualification.

The tournament begins on February 7.