

Bahrain gears up for F1 milestone

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HM King receives new ambassadors' credentials



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received the credentials of five newly appointed ambassadors to the Kingdom of Bahrain during a ceremony held at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday. HM the King accepted the credentials of H.E. Naif bin Bandar Al Sudairi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Dr. Ayse Hilal Sayan Koytak, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye; H.E. Sumate Chulajata, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand; H.E. Mohammad Rais Hasan Sarower, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh; and H.E. Tatjana Garcevic, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia. HM King Hamad highlighted the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and their countries, noting the continuous progress and cooperation across various sectors. He wished them success in their diplomatic duties to further strengthen ties with Bahrain.

Fake Builders Boom

Construction's Dirty Secret: Housewives own permits, workers run projects, safety leaves town.

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

More than half of Bahrain's building trade licences are held by housewives with no link to the industry, MP Ali Saqer Al Dosari told Parliament yesterday, warning that the sector has become a front for illegal business cover-ups.

"There are around 13,000 contractors in the country, yet more than half — between 50 and 70 per cent — of trade licences are in

the names of women who have no stake in the work," he said.

Practice

Al Dosari pointed to a practice where licence holders receive payments ranging from BD100 to BD200 from Asian workers who use their names to operate.

"The workers are the ones signing contracts, taking on legal duties, and running the show, while the licence holders sit on the sidelines," he said. "When something goes wrong, or when workers abscond, it leaves a



MP Ali Saqer Al Dosari mess in the courts." The size of many registered con-

tracting firms was also a concern.

"Seventy per cent of contractors have no more than five workers listed under their licences. That might be enough for small repair jobs, but not for construction, extensions, or demolition work," he said.

Al Dosari also raised the lack of engineering oversight in the field.

"More than 80 per cent of building licences don't have a single licensed engineer tied to them," he said. "This means a big chunk of the sector is work-

ing without proper supervision, which can't be left as it is."

**Disputes**

Court cases linked to construction disputes are piling up, he warned.

"People are getting caught out — whether it's unfinished work, shoddy structures, or contractors disappearing with the money."

Al Dosari called for tighter rules to stop unqualified operators from running the trade.

"No contractor should be li-

censed unless a qualified engineer is in charge of all work under clear, written agreements that protect everyone involved," he said. "We can also take lessons from Gulf and Arab countries that have already tackled these problems."

He pointed to the sheer size of the industry.

"This sector is expected to be worth over \$3 billion this year — about BD1.2 billion. Fixing its flaws isn't just about keeping order; it's about making sure people don't get burned," he said.

Bahrain welcomes UN resolution on Russia, Ukraine lasting peace

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Bahrain welcomed the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2774, which calls for a swift end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict and encourages a lasting peace.

Safeguarding mangroves



His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa highlighted Bahrain's commitment to adopting modern practices to address global climate change challenges, in line with the ambitious vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman yesterday chaired a meeting on the latest developments of the Bahrain Mangroves initiative, at Riffa Palace. He emphasised the importance of national efforts in supporting environmental sustainability by integrating strategies and practices and enhancing joint cooperation among all stakeholders to achieve the goals of the National Action Plan, including carbon neutrality. A number of senior officials also attended the meeting.

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HM King receives Azerbaijan president’s daughters



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Leyla Aliyeva and Arzu Aliyeva, daughters of Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev, along with Anar Alakbarov, Assistant to the President, at Sakhir Palace yesterday. The meeting took place during their visit to Bahrain at the invitation of Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the National Council for Arts, to attend the MAMA ‘Mother Nature’ International Art Exhibition. Leyla and Arzu conveyed to His Majesty the greetings and appreciation of President Aliyev, along with his best wishes for Bahrain’s continued progress and prosperity. HM the King welcomed Leyla and Arzu and wished them a pleasant stay in the Kingdom of Bahrain. His Majesty also relayed his greetings and best wishes to President Aliyev, wishing the Azerbaijani people further development and prosperity. HM King Hamad praised the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and Azerbaijan and the ongoing progress in various domains.

# Investing in pure talent

Labour Undersecretary highlights ongoing training to sharpen skills of Bahraini private sector workers

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour, said Bahrain has come a long way in strengthening its training system, developing skills, and ensuring the labour market benefits from capable

Bahraini workers across private sector firms.

He pointed to the role businesses play in refining workplace skills through steady professional training, drawing on the programmes run by the Ministry of Labour and the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

Shifts

These efforts, he noted, are




HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa honours Human Resources Management graduates

aimed at sharpening the abilities of Bahraini workers in private firms and keeping them ready for the shifts in job patterns and workplace needs. His remarks came during a ceremony for graduates of the Professional Certificate in Human Resources Management from various private

sector institutions. The event was organised by Origin Group in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and the Bahrain Society for Human Capital Management. Among those attending were Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al Ban-

The training programmes are aimed at keeping Bahraini workers ready for the shifts in job patterns and workplace needs.

na, Origin Group’s CEO, as well as specialists and human resources figures from public and private organisations. The graduates were awarded a professional qualification from SHRM, covering various areas of strategic human resources management. Shaikh Khalifa presented certificates to the graduates and wished them success in their careers.



### An invitation to the Annual and Extraordinary General Assembly Meetings of Zain Bahrain B.S.C.

Zain Bahrain’s Board of Directors (Commercial registration number 50603) is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the Company’s Annual and Extraordinary General Assembly Meetings (“AGM” and “EGM”), to be held at 9:00 PM on Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at Al Murjan Hall, Gulf Hotel, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, to discuss the agendas outlined below and to take the necessary decisions thereon. In line with the requirements of the Commercial Companies Law, in the absence of a quorum on the first scheduled date for the AGM and EGM, a second meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, 26 March 2025, and in the absence of quorum on such second date for the meeting a third meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, 3 April 2025, at the same venue and time.

**The agenda of the Annual General Assembly:**


- To read and ratify the minutes of the previous annual general assembly meeting held on 25 March 2024.
- To discuss and approve the report of the Board of Directors on the Company’s activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.
- To discuss and approve the financial statements for the financial year ended on 31 December 2024.
- To discuss and approve the financial statements for the financial year ended on 31 December 2024.
- To approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors for the allocation of the net profits for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 as follows:  
A. Transferring B.D. 592 thousand to statutory reserve.  
B. Cash dividends distribution to shareholders of B.D. 3,275 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 or 9 Fils per share (excluding treasury shares), or 9% of the paid-up capital, in accordance with the following dates:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Cum-Dividend Date<br>(Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)   | 20 March 2025 |
| Ex-Dividend Date<br>(First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)  | 23 March 2025 |
| Record Date<br>(The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends) | 24 March 2025 |
| Payment Date<br>(The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)                             | 10 April 2025 |

- C. Transfer of B.D. 20,25 million as retained earnings for the following year.
- To approve the remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors with a total amount of B.D. 223,612 for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.
- To discuss and ratify the corporate governance report for the year 2024 and its compliance to the requirements of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank of Bahrain.
- To update the general assembly of transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31 December 2024 with any of the related parties as shown in article 24 of the financial statements in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
- To discharge the members of the Board of Directors from any liability arising in connection with their duties for the financial year ended on 31 December 2024.
- To approve the re-appointment of the Company’s external auditor and for the financial year ending on 31 December 2025 and authorize the Board of Directors to determine their remuneration.
- To discuss any other matters in accordance with Article 207 of the Commercial Companies Law.

**The agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly**

- To read and ratify the minutes of the previous extraordinary general assembly meeting held on 27 March 2023.
- To amend and re-draft Article 3 of the Company’s Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association by adding the business activity of (Authorized Distributor, IS-CI Code 4999) to the Company’s commercial registration, subject to regulatory approvals.
- To authorize the Authorized Signatories of the Company, to undertake the necessary actions and to execute any documents necessary to implement the foregoing agenda items, including signing the fully amended and restated Memorandum and Articles of Association before the Public and Private Notary and any forms or documents required by the relevant regulatory authorities.



Ahmed bin Ali bin Abdullah Al Khalifa  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

**Important Notice to Shareholders**

- Zain Bahrain’s annual report for the year of 2024 and a copy of the Proxy Form will be available on the Company’s website [www.zain.com.bh](http://www.zain.com.bh) and through the Registrar (Bahrain Company, located at the Eastern Frontier at Harbor, P.O. Box 1001, Bahrain, Tel: +9661163833, Fax: +9661722506), e-mail: [regaffairs@zain.com.bh](mailto:regaffairs@zain.com.bh). Additionally, the said financial statements and the company’s governance report will be available on the Company’s proxy website.
- An e-voting system will be available for the Company’s members to use before and during the meeting to vote on the matters to be discussed and decided at the meeting and to attend the meeting and vote on the matters to be discussed and decided at the meeting. The Chairman or a member of the Board of Directors or an employee of the Company.
- The Proxy Form must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the date of the meeting to the Registrar, Bahrain. The Proxy Form can be delivered by hand, post or e-mail. It should be entered with the Proxy Form followed by the date and the initial, not to be used for the purpose of the meeting.
- Corporate resolutions shall be assigned and a consolidated opinion letter regarding the resolutions shall be submitted by the specified time.

For any queries, please contact the Communications and Investor Relations Department by phone at +973 36033000, via e-mail at [ir@zain.com.bh](mailto:ir@zain.com.bh).

[bh.zain.com](http://bh.zain.com)

A Wonderful World

## ICAI Bahrain Chapter organises successful ‘Money Matters’ forum



ICAI Bahrain Chapter officials with finance professionals  
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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Bahrain Chapter successfully hosted a highly engaging session on “Money Matters” on February 15, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Bahrain. The event convened over 120 finance professionals for a dynamic forum focused on wealth creation, market trends, and strategic investment approaches. Esteemed speakers, Mr. Anand Rath, Chairman of the Anand Rath Group, and Mr. Ankur Mittal, Co-founder of Inflection Point Ventures, provided invaluable perspectives and actionable insights.

Key Technical Highlights:

Macroeconomic Levers for Economic Acceleration: Session underscored macroeconomic

factors as primary growth catalysts. India’s demographic dividend, coupled with strategic inflation and interest rate management, are pivotal for sustained expansion. Resilient Indian economy, recognized as the fastest-growing major globally, is propelled by robust public and private CapEx, further enhanced by regulatory reforms and strategic development policies.

Objectives

Disciplined Wealth Creation Framework Imperative: Advocated for a structured wealth accumulation approach: Define objectives, strategize meticulously, and implement rigorous progress monitoring. Optimal asset allocation and a constructive market outlook are crucial for long-term investors. Indian markets projected for substantial index appreciation in the medium-term. Startup Ecosystem: High-

Yield Investment Frontier: Startup investments present compelling return potential, balanced with considerations of ticket size, mortality rates, and inherent risk profiles. Strategic entry into India’s burgeoning startup landscape offers opportunities for superior Internal Rates of Return (IRR). The “Money Matters” session proved to be an exceptional platform for finance professionals to gain practical investment strategies and valuable market foresight directly from industry leaders. ICAI Bahrain extends its sincere gratitude to Mr. Anand Rath, Mr. Ankur Mittal, and event Emcee CA Chintan Seth, the Ex-com, the sub committee members and all the participants for their invaluable contributions, and to all attendees for making this event a resounding success.

30-day window,  
half the price  
for traffic fine

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After some back and forth between those arguing for leniency and those pushing for deterrence, Parliament yesterday approved a bill to extend the discount period for traffic fines from seven days to 30.

If enacted, the change would allow drivers who accept reconciliation to settle fines at half the minimum rate for up to a month, rather than only within the first week.

Supporters of the move said the extra time would encourage more offenders to settle their fines, easing pressure on courts and cutting the number of cases going to trial.

They argued the one-week window was too short for many to find the money, especially as living costs rise.

Extending the timeframe, they said, would lead to better compliance and help clear minor offences more quickly.

The government opposed the change, saying it weakened deterrence and risked making penalties less effective.

Justice Minister, H.E. Nawaf Al Maawda, defended the existing system.

# No licence, no mercy

Bahrain cracks down on misleading advertising with BD20,000 fine and jail time

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

A BD20,000 fine and jail time could face advertisers who mislead authorities or operate without a licence under a government-drafted bill tightening Bahrain's advertising rules.

The proposal, now before Parliament's Public Utilities and Environment Committee, seeks to curb harmful practices and smooth the licensing process.

The bill, amending Decree-Law No. 14 of 1973, would place stricter controls on advertising, particularly roadside promotions and commercial displays under the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs.

A memorandum from the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission outlines that the law aims to improve efficiency, protect the sector from harmful outfits, and set up clearer rules for obtaining permits.

Punishment

Those who breach the rules face jail terms or fines between BD1,000 and BD20,000.

This applies to advertising without a licence, breaking licence conditions, providing false information, or using unlawful means to secure a permit.

Obstructing ministry inspectors or concealing records and documents needed for oversight would also attract penalties.

Each breach would be treated



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separately, with courts ordering the removal of unauthorised adverts at the advertiser's expense.

The proposed law defines advertising as any medium designed to inform the public or a specific group about a product, service, or offering.

This includes visual, audio, or illuminated adverts, as well as

The bill would place stricter controls on advertising, particularly roadside promotions and commercial displays.

Advertisers would receive at least 15 days' notice before removal, and they would be required to cover the cost of restoring the site.

The ministry could also cancel an advertising licence permanently or for a set period.

Penalties would apply to each offending advertisement.

Cost

Courts would be required to order the removal of adverts that breach the law, with advertisers bearing the cost of restoring the affected sites.

Anyone who removes, damages, or defaces a licensed advertisement, or any part of it, would face a separate fine of up to BD1,000.

## Cabinet supports nationwide road upgrades

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Countrywide roadworks have been approved by the Cabinet, with Riffa Road set to be widened to four lanes as part of a drive to ease congestion and

improve Bahrain's transport network, the Works Minister, His Excellency Ibrahim Al Hawaj, told Parliament yesterday.

The expansion, which includes redesigned junctions and upgrades to key links such as

Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway, will be handled by a specialist firm brought in to oversee the design and construction.

"The ministry is pressing ahead with a full-scale upgrade of roads across all governorates,"

Al Hawaj said.

He confirmed that government backing had been secured for a long-term plan to strengthen the country's transport links, with Riffa Avenue among the key routes identified for work.

He said while preparations were in motion, electricity infrastructure in the area needed to be addressed before construction could begin.

"Roadworks are moving ahead quickly," he noted.

INVITATION TO THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

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The Board of Directors of Seef Properties B.S.C. is pleased to invite you to attend its Ordinary General Meeting that will be held on **Wednesday 19 March 2025** at **01:00 pm in Al Liwan Cinema** to discuss and resolve the agenda items set out below. If the required quorum is not met for the abovementioned meeting, a second meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26 March 2025** or a third meeting, if required, will be held on **Sunday 6 April 2025** at the same time and venue.

**FIRST: ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

1. Read and ratify the Minutes of the previous Ordinary General Meeting dated 1 July 2024.

2. Discuss and approve the Board of Directors' Report on the Company's activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

3. Listen to the External Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

4. Discuss and approve the Company's consolidated audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

5. Approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors for the appropriation of the net profits for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with the following: Distribution of cash dividends of **9% (9 Fils per share)** excluding treasury shares amounting to a total of **BD 4,087,844.856** to be distributed in accordance with the following:

| Event             | Date          |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Cum-Dividend Date | 26 March 2025 |
| Ex-Dividend Date  | 27 March 2025 |
| Record Date       | 02 April 2025 |
| Payment Date      | 16 April 2025 |

a.Allocation of **BD 170,000** in support of charitable and community causes under the Company's Corporate Social Responsibility Programme; and

b.Transfer of **BD 1,108,899** to retained earnings for the coming year.

6. Approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to approve Directors' remuneration in the aggregate amount of **BD 240,000** for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

7. Discuss and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 in compliance with the requirements of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank of Bahrain.

8. Present the Related Party Transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31 December 2024 as stated in note (29) of the Company's consolidated audited financial statements in accordance with Article (189) of the Commercial Companies Law Decree No. (21) of 2001.

9. Discharge the Directors of the Company from liability arising in connection with their duties during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

10. Elect six (6) Board Member for a three (3) year term (2025-2028), and the four (4) remaining positions to be appointed by the Company's shareholders.

11. Approve the re-appointment of Ernst & Young as External Auditor for the financial year ending 31 December 2025 and authorise the Board of Directors to set their fees, subject to the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities.

12. Discuss any other matter in accordance with Article (207) of the Commercial Companies Law Decree No. (21) of 2001.

**IMPORTANT NOTES TO SHAREHOLDERS:**

1. Shareholders can download the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the Corporate Governance Report, all other related documents and the Proxy Form from the following websites:

a. Bahrain Bourse (Company Announcements) **www.bahrainbourse.com**

b. The Company's website **https://www.seef.com.bh/investor-relations/general-meetings/**

2. Shareholders whose names are registered on the Company's shareholders' list on the date of the Meetings are entitled to attend in person or appoint a proxy from amongst the shareholders or otherwise, to vote their behalf, provided that the proxy may not be the Chairman, director or employee of the Company, unless the proxy is a first degree relative of the concerned shareholder.

3. The Proxy Form must be filled and signed by the shareholder/shareholder's legal representative, in which case the notarised/legalised Power of Attorney must be attached to the Proxy Form. If the shareholder is a corporate entity, the Proxy Form must be executed by a duly authorised representative of the said entity and the stamp of the respective corporate shareholder must be affixed on the Proxy Form.

4. Shareholders must ensure that the proxy forms are submitted to the Company's Share Registrar, Messrs. Bahrain Clear B.S.C.(C), at least twenty-four (24) hours before the date of the meetings either via hand delivery or e-mail as indicated below. Proxy forms received after twenty-four (24) hours will be considered invalid for the purpose of the meeting.

a. Address: Bahrain Financial Harbor, Harbor Gate (4th Floor). King Faisal Avenue P.O. Box 3203, Manama- Kingdom of Bahrain.

b. Hotline: +973 17108775/ 17108833

c. WhatsApp: +973 33510008

a. Email: **registry@bahrainclear.com** (copy to **investors@seef.com.bh**)

5. Shareholders or their proxies are requested on the day of the meeting to present clear and valid identify cards or passports for inspection as proof of identity.

6. For more information, please contact Investor Relations on +973 77911111 and email **investors@seef.com.bh**



# Bahrain Flour Mills Company B.S.C.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 31 December 2024

|   | 2024<br>BD        | 2023<br>BD        |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                               |                   |                   |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                   |                   |                   |
| Property, plant and equipment               | 7,541,233         | 6,997,749         |
| Intangible assets                           | 93,117            | -                 |
| Right-of-use assets                         | 4,553,229         | 1,205,026         |
| Investment securities                       | 3,918,414         | 1,889,001         |
|   | 16,105,993        | 10,091,776        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                       |                   |                   |
| Investment securities                       | 12,992,041        | 13,316,344        |
| Inventories                                 | 5,841,463         | 4,589,576         |
| Trade receivables and other assets          | 396,639           | 487,078           |
| Bank balances, short-term deposits and cash | 4,377,581         | 7,064,161         |
|   | 23,607,724        | 25,457,159        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                         | <b>39,713,717</b> | <b>35,548,935</b> |
| <b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>               |                   |                   |
| <b>Equity</b>                               |                   |                   |
| Share capital                               | 2,481,877         | 2,481,877         |
| Share premium                               | 1,350,000         | 1,350,000         |
| Statutory reserve                           | 1,241,625         | 1,241,625         |
| Other reserves                              | 3,463,628         | 3,463,628         |
| Retained earnings                           | 18,326,466        | 18,539,295        |
| <b>Total equity</b>                         | <b>26,863,596</b> | <b>27,076,425</b> |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>              |                   |                   |
| Employees' end of service benefits          | 146,531           | 153,320           |
| Lease liabilities - non-current portion     | 4,496,510         | 1,196,722         |
|   | 4,643,041         | 1,350,042         |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                  |                   |                   |
| Lease liabilities - current portion         | 226,981           | 54,790            |
| Term loan                                   | 2,202,091         | 1,832,871         |
| Trade payables and other liabilities        | 616,926           | 941,170           |
| Import finance loans                        | 2,258,413         | 2,210,479         |
| Amount due to the Government                | 2,902,669         | 2,083,158         |
|   | 8,207,080         | 7,122,468         |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                    | <b>12,850,121</b> | <b>8,472,510</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>         | <b>39,713,717</b> | <b>35,548,935</b> |

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 31 December 2024

|  | 2024<br>BD          | 2023<br>BD          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue  | 7,605,900           | 7,677,225           |
| Cost of revenue  | (18,917,485)        | (23,870,016)        |
| <b>Gross loss before Government subsidy</b>  | <b>(11,311,585)</b> | <b>(16,192,791)</b> |
| Government subsidy   | 12,417,783          | 17,849,307          |
| <b>Gross profit</b>  | <b>1,106,198</b>    | <b>1,656,516</b>    |
| Other operating income   | 370,449             | 402,044             |
| Other operating expenses   | (1,685,310)         | (1,524,571)         |
| Charge for expected credit losses  | -                   | (45,000)            |
| <b>Operating (loss) profit</b>   | <b>(208,663)</b>    | <b>488,989</b>      |
| Net change in fair value of investment securities at fair value through profit or loss | 433,757             | 1,734,232           |
| Interest income from investment securities at amortised cost - net                     | 211,168             | 117,135             |
| Finance costs  | (388,192)           | (179,974)           |
| Other income   | 384,721             | 340,797             |
| <b>Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year</b>                          | <b>432,791</b>      | <b>2,501,179</b>    |
| <b>Basic and diluted earnings per share (fils)</b>                                     | <b>17.43</b>        | <b>100.75</b>       |

The financial statements were audited by Ernst & Young - Middle East, approved by the Board of Directors on 25/02/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr.Basim AlSaie  
(Chairman)

Mr. Salah Mohamed Al Kulaib  
(Vice Chairman)

Mr. Wayne Henry Craig  
(Chief Executive Officer)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 31 December 2024

|  | Share<br>capital<br>BD | Share<br>Premium<br>BD | Reserves                   |                         | Retained<br>earnings<br>BD | Total<br>BD       |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
|  |                        |                        | Statutory<br>reserve<br>BD | Other<br>reserves<br>BD |                            |                   |
| At 1 January 2024                                      | 2,481,877              | 1,350,000              | 1,241,625                  | 3,463,628               | 18,539,295                 | 27,076,425        |
| Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year | -                      | -                      | -                          | -                       | 432,791                    | 432,791           |
| Charity approved for 2023                              | -                      | -                      | -                          | -                       | (25,000)                   | (25,000)          |
| Dividends for 2023                                     | -                      | -                      | -                          | -                       | (620,620)                  | (620,620)         |
| <b>At 31 December 2024</b>                             | <b>2,481,877</b>       | <b>1,350,000</b>       | <b>1,241,625</b>           | <b>3,463,628</b>        | <b>18,326,466</b>          | <b>26,863,596</b> |

|  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| At 1 January 2023                                      | 2,481,877        | 1,350,000        | 1,241,625        | 3,463,628        | 16,683,756        | 25,220,886        |
| Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year | -                | -                | -                | -                | 2,501,179         | 2,501,179         |
| Charity approved for 2022                              | -                | -                | -                | -                | (25,000)          | (25,000)          |
| Dividends for 2022                                     | -                | -                | -                | -                | (620,640)         | (620,640)         |
| <b>At 31 December 2023</b>                             | <b>2,481,877</b> | <b>1,350,000</b> | <b>1,241,625</b> | <b>3,463,628</b> | <b>18,539,295</b> | <b>27,076,425</b> |

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 31 December 2024

|  | 2024<br>BD         | 2023<br>BD       |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                    |                  |
| Net profit for the year  | 432,791            | 2,501,179        |
| Adjustments for:   |                    |                  |
| Depreciation on property, plant and equipment  | 833,483            | 413,354          |
| Amortisation of intangible assets  | 20,487             | -                |
| Depreciation on right-of-use-assets  | 265,287            | 91,433           |
| Net change in fair value of investment securities at fair value through profit or loss | (433,757)          | (1,734,232)      |
| Interest income from investment securities at amortised cost- net                      | (211,168)          | (117,135)        |
| Interest income from bank balances and short-term deposits                             | (221,113)          | (254,381)        |
| Finance costs  | 388,192            | 179,974          |
| Charge for slow moving and obsolete inventories  | 83,414             | 34,746           |
| Charge for expected credit losses  | -                  | 45,000           |
| Provision for employees' end of service benefits                                       | 28,149             | 41,044           |
| Operating profit before working capital changes  | 1,185,765          | 1,200,982        |
| Working capital changes:   |                    |                  |
| Inventories  | (1,339,563)        | 3,960,028        |
| Trade receivables and other assets   | (10,594,308)       | (13,247,824)     |
| Trade payables and other liabilities   | (325,790)          | 284,965          |
| Net cash used in operations  | (11,073,896)       | (7,801,849)      |
| Employees' end of service benefits paid  | (34,938)           | (728)            |
| Donation paid  | (15,000)           | -                |
| Net cash flows used in operating activities  | (11,123,834)       | (7,802,577)      |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                    |                  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment  | (1,447,869)        | (2,142,195)      |
| Purchase of intangible assets  | (17,262)           | (18,290)         |
| Purchase of investment securities at amortised cost                                    | (2,041,641)        | (1,114,922)      |
| Redemption of investment securities at amortised cost                                  | 758,060            | -                |
| Interest income received from investment securities at amortised cost- net             | 211,002            | 113,855          |
| Interest income received from bank balances and short-term deposits                    | 235,443            | 223,454          |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities  | (2,302,267)        | (2,938,098)      |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                    |                  |
| Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities                                      | (191,023)          | (57,727)         |
| Term loan availed - net  | 369,220            | 1,832,871        |
| Repayment of import finance loans  | (10,252,003)       | (9,259,374)      |
| Import finance loans availed   | 10,299,937         | 3,299,948        |
| Amount paid to the Government  | (2,093,634)        | -                |
| Advance received from the Government   | 13,595,956         | 18,982,911       |
| Finance costs paid   | (368,173)          | (223,687)        |
| Dividend paid  | (620,759)          | (620,640)        |
| Net cash flows from financing activities   | 10,739,521         | 13,954,302       |
| <b>NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>   | <b>(2,686,580)</b> | <b>3,213,627</b> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January   | 7,064,161          | 3,850,534        |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER</b>  | <b>4,377,581</b>   | <b>7,064,161</b> |

## Bahrain braces for cold wave as temperatures drop to 4 degrees

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Bahrain is currently experiencing unusually cold weather, with medium to strong winds and an apparent temperature dropping to just 4 degrees Celsius.

Most areas have reported actual temperatures ranging between 12 and 14 degrees, marking a significant drop not seen in recent times.

According to official data from the Meteorology Department of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, along with global weather model forecasts, the cold wave is expected to reach its peak at dawn today.

### Rising dust

The weather will remain very cold throughout the day, with rising dust in some areas and a chance of scattered rain at night.

The minimum temperature will be 10 degrees, with a maximum of 16 degrees.

Winds will be north-westerly, reaching speeds of up to 27 knots, and wave heights are expected to range from two to three feet along the coast, and four to seven feet at sea.

### Wind gusts

The highest wind gusts were recorded yesterday at King Fahd Causeway Station, where 39 knots were noted, followed by Bahrain International Airport at 37 knots, Rashid Equestrian Club at 36 knots, and several other locations around the Kingdom.

## RHF campaign for solidarity

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) launched its annual Ramadan campaign, "Changing Their Lives," to encourage community support for its charitable projects during the holy month.

Mai Ahmed Al Sa'ai, Director of Charitable Resources Development at RHF, noted that the campaign aligns with the foundation's strategy to engage society in humanitarian initiatives and promote social solidarity.

This year, contributions will support healthcare, including insulin pumps for children and cataract surgery; education, through scholarships for RHF beneficiaries; and economic empowerment, by assisting productive families in achieving financial independence.

Additionally, 325 daily Iftar meals will be prepared by 17 RHF mothers and children in collaboration with Netaj Khair Al Bahrain.

The RHF encourages community participation, providing multiple donation channels, including in-person contributions at its Seef headquarters, its website, and digital payment platforms such as BenefitPay, Talabat, STC Pay, Bankily, and Sadad, as well as donation kiosks in shopping malls.



# NBB full-year profit grows 4%

● The Board of Directors proposed a cash dividend of BHD 79.2m or 35% per share equivalent to 35 fils, inclusive of 10% interim dividend

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National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has reported a 19% reduction in net profit attributable to shareholders reaching BHD 16.2 million (USD 43.0 m) for the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2024, compared to BHD 20.1 m (USD 53.3 m) in the same period of 2023. The decrease was partially influenced by timing differences as some transactions that contributed to overall performance materialised in previous quarters affecting the year-over-year quarterly comparison. The Group continued to maintain a strong balance sheet in the fourth quarter with total assets continuously exceeding BHD 5.5 billion (USD 14.6 bn). Earnings per share decreased to 7 fils (USD 2 cents) for the fourth quarter of 2024 compared with 9 fils (USD 2 cents) in the same quarter of 2023. Total comprehensive income



Hala Yateem, Chairperson of NBB

attributable to NBB's shareholders for the quarter increased by 70% to BHD 19.6 m (USD 52.0 m) compared to BHD 11.5 m (USD 30.5 m) in 2023. The increase is mainly attributable to the mark-to-market movements of the bond and equity portfolios.

### Year-to-date

NBB has reported a 4% growth in its net profit attributable to the shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2024, recording BHD 81.9 m (USD 217.3 m) compared to BHD 79.1 m (USD 209.8 m) in 2023. The increase in net profit is mainly due to higher

net interest income driven by a 19% customer loan growth and higher gains from investment securities and treasury activities. Earnings per share increased to 36 fils (USD 10 cents) for the year compared with 35 fils (USD 9 cents) in 2023. Total comprehensive income attributable to NBB's shareholders for the year increased by 22% to BHD 91.0 m (USD 241.4 m) compared with 74.8 million (USD 198.4 m) in 2023. The increase is mainly attributable to the positive mark-to-market movements of the bond and equity portfolios.



Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer of NBB

### Balance sheet

The Group's total equity attributable to shareholders of 31 December 2024 is at BHD 583.8 m (USD 1,548.6 m) compared to BHD 565.0 m (USD 1,498.7 m) reported as of 31 December 2023. The Group's total assets increased by 3% during the year to BHD 5,522.2 m (USD 14,647.8 m) compared to BHD 5,372.5 m (USD 14,250.7 m) recorded on 31 December 2023. The increase was mainly due to loans and advances registering a growth of 19% from 31 December 2023.

### Dividends

Following the Group's strong performance, the Board of Directors proposed a cash dividend of BHD 79.2 m or 35% per share equivalent to 35 fils, inclusive of 10% interim dividends announced during August 2024. The appropriations are subject to the approvals of the regulatory authorities and the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. On the occasion, Mrs. Hala Yateem, Chairperson of NBB said, "2024 marked a record year for NBB Group as we closed

with an attributable profit of BHD 81.9 million, representing a 4% increase from 2023. Our 14.3% return on average equity reflects our commitment to deliver consistent value to our shareholders. We remain focused on strengthening our market position and advancing initiatives that support Bahrain and the wider region's long-term economic growth. We look forward to building on our strengths, adapting to evolving market needs, and creating new opportunities for sustainable progress." Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer of NBB commented, "Our continued growth trajectory in 2024 reflects the trust of our customers across Bahrain, UAE and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our operating profit of BHD 90.5 million was driven by an increase of 19% and 7%, respectively in loans and customer deposits. During the year, we continued to invest and innovate, introducing digital solutions, such as the digital Yalla family account and the NBB Go mobile point-of-sale product. Our strategy for the future remains centered around serving the evolving needs of our customers while advancing our sustainability agenda and delivering long term value for our shareholders."



## Recommendation of Declaration of Dividends

The Board of Directors of National Bank of Bahrain B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 25 February 2025, to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ending 31 December 2024 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the Bank's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities and the Bank's shareholders at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follow:

- **Cash Dividend:** 35% of share nominal value, equivalent to 35 fils per share amounting to BD 79.2 million\* (includes interim cash dividend of 10 fils per share that has already been distributed to the shareholders on 29 August 2024).

Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

| Event  | Date      |
|--|-----------|
| <b>General Meeting Date</b><br>(Shareholders' approval date)   | 27/3/2025 |
| <b>Cum-Dividend Date</b> **<br>(Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)   | 2/4/2025  |
| <b>Ex-Dividend Date</b> **<br>(First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)  | 3/4/2025  |
| <b>Record Date</b> **<br>(The day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends) | 6/4/2025  |
| <b>Payment Date</b><br>(The day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)                                | 15/4/2025 |

\* Based on the number of shares outstanding (net of treasury shares) as of 31 December 2024.  
\*\* If a public holiday falls on any of the specified dates above, the recommended date will be moved to the next business day.

Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem  
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# BisB Partners with Majestic Car Centre for Auto Deals



Officials during a group photo opportunity following the deal signing

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has signed a partnership agreement with Majestic Car Centre to offer exclusive Auto Finance deals. The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Abdulla Yousif Bahzad, Acting Head of Priority Banking at BisB, and Mr. Ebrahim Abdulla Al Senan, Owner of Majestic Car Centre, along with senior officials from both organisations. This partnership provides BisB customers with exclusive benefits when purchasing vehicles from Majestic Car Centre. Customers visiting the showroom will gain access to preferential rates and tailored financing solutions designed to enhance affordability and convenience. As part of the agreement, BisB customers will enjoy a repayment grace period of up to six months, ensuring greater financial flexibility. Additionally, the collaboration extends for three years, from 16th February 2025 to 16th February 2028, providing customers seeking lucrative financing solutions the best competitive profit rates. During the upcoming holy month of Ramadan, customers visiting Majestic's dealerships



will also benefit from exclusive in-store offers, further enriching their vehicle purchasing experience. The initiative aligns with BisB's ongoing efforts to enhance its service offerings by establishing strong partnerships with key market players. By collaborating with Majestic Car Centre, the Bank reinforces its commitment to delivering tailored financial solutions that cater to the evolving needs of its customers.

## Consolidated Financial Statements

### For the year ended 31 December 2024

#### Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2024

|  | 2024           |                 | 2023           |                 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|  | BHD millions   | USD millions    | BHD millions   | USD millions    |
| <b>Assets</b>  |                |                 |                |                 |
| Cash and balances at central banks                         | 184.8          | 490.2           | 181.3          | 480.9           |
| Treasury bills   | 196.1          | 520.2           | 186.1          | 493.6           |
| Placements with banks and other financial institutions     | 625.9          | 1,660.2         | 1,038.9        | 2,755.7         |
| Loans and advances   | 3,020.0        | 8,010.6         | 2,535.1        | 6,724.4         |
| Investment securities                                      | 1,167.6        | 3,097.1         | 1,155.0        | 3,063.7         |
| Investment in associates                                   | 44.1           | 117.0           | 26.3           | 69.8            |
| Interest receivable and other assets                       | 158.3          | 419.9           | 127.6          | 338.4           |
| Property and equipment                                     | 74.3           | 197.1           | 70.3           | 186.5           |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets                       | 51.1           | 135.5           | 51.9           | 137.7           |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>5,522.2</b> | <b>14,647.8</b> | <b>5,372.5</b> | <b>14,250.7</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                |                 |                |                 |
| Due to banks and other financial institutions              | 579.7          | 1,537.7         | 671.0          | 1,779.8         |
| Borrowings under repurchase agreements                     | 384.8          | 1,020.7         | 460.7          | 1,222.0         |
| Customer deposits  | 3,743.8        | 9,930.5         | 3,504.8        | 9,296.6         |
| Interest payable and other liabilities                     | 216.9          | 575.3           | 158.8          | 421.2           |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                   | <b>4,925.2</b> | <b>13,064.2</b> | <b>4,795.3</b> | <b>12,719.6</b> |
| <b>Equity</b>  |                |                 |                |                 |
| Share capital  | 226.6          | 601.1           | 226.6          | 601.1           |
| Treasury shares  | (2.5)          | (6.6)           | -              | -               |
| Shares unallocated under share incentive scheme            | (0.5)          | (1.3)           | (0.9)          | (2.4)           |
| Share premium  | 15.1           | 40.1            | 13.6           | 36.1            |
| Statutory reserve  | 113.3          | 300.5           | 113.3          | 300.5           |
| General reserve  | 32.4           | 85.9            | 32.4           | 85.9            |
| Other reserves and retained earnings                       | 199.4          | 528.9           | 180.0          | 477.5           |
| <b>Equity attributable to the shareholders of the Bank</b> | <b>583.8</b>   | <b>1,548.6</b>  | <b>565.0</b>   | <b>1,498.7</b>  |
| Non-controlling interest                                   | 13.2           | 35.0            | 12.2           | 32.4            |
| <b>Total equity</b>  | <b>597.0</b>   | <b>1,583.6</b>  | <b>577.2</b>   | <b>1,531.1</b>  |
| <b>Total liabilities and equity</b>                        | <b>5,522.2</b> | <b>14,647.8</b> | <b>5,372.5</b> | <b>14,250.7</b> |

#### Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

For the year ended 31 December 2024

|  | 2024         |              | 2023         |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | BHD millions | USD millions | BHD millions | USD millions |
| Interest income  | 308.2        | 817.5        | 267.7        | 710.1        |
| Interest expense   | (164.8)      | (437.1)      | (126.3)      | (335.0)      |
| <b>Net interest income</b>   | <b>143.4</b> | <b>380.4</b> | <b>141.4</b> | <b>375.1</b> |
| Net fee and commission income  | 15.4         | 40.8         | 12.9         | 34.2         |
| Other income   | 32.9         | 87.3         | 29.7         | 78.8         |
| <b>Total operating income</b>  | <b>191.7</b> | <b>508.5</b> | <b>184.0</b> | <b>488.1</b> |
| Staff expenses   | 52.3         | 138.7        | 49.3         | 130.8        |
| Depreciation, amortisation and equipment expenses  | 21.7         | 57.6         | 20.5         | 54.4         |
| Other operating expenses   | 27.2         | 72.1         | 26.2         | 69.5         |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>  | <b>101.2</b> | <b>268.4</b> | <b>96.0</b>  | <b>254.7</b> |
| <b>Profit before results of associates, impairment, other provisions and tax</b>         | <b>90.5</b>  | <b>240.1</b> | <b>88.0</b>  | <b>233.4</b> |
| Share of profits from associates, net  | 1.4          | 3.7          | 1.1          | 2.9          |
| Loans, placements and securities impairment, net   | (9.1)        | (24.1)       | (6.5)        | (17.2)       |
| Other impairment and provisions, net   | 0.5          | 1.3          | (1.2)        | (3.2)        |
| <b>Profit before tax</b>   | <b>83.3</b>  | <b>221.0</b> | <b>81.4</b>  | <b>215.9</b> |
| Tax expense  | (0.3)        | (0.8)        | -            | -            |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>   | <b>83.0</b>  | <b>220.2</b> | <b>81.4</b>  | <b>215.9</b> |
| <b>Attributable to:</b>  |              |              |              |              |
| Shareholders of the Bank   | 81.9         | 217.3        | 79.1         | 209.8        |
| Non-controlling interest   | 1.1          | 2.9          | 2.3          | 6.1          |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>   | <b>83.0</b>  | <b>220.2</b> | <b>81.4</b>  | <b>215.9</b> |
| <b>Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the shareholders of the Bank</b> |              |              |              |              |
|  | 36 fils      | 10 cents     | 35 fils      | 9 cents      |

#### Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2024

|  | 2024         |              | 2023         |               |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | BHD millions | USD millions | BHD millions | USD millions  |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>                                       | <b>83.0</b>  | <b>220.2</b> | <b>81.4</b>  | <b>215.9</b>  |
| <b>Other comprehensive income:</b>                               |              |              |              |               |
| <b>Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>  |              |              |              |               |
| Fair value through other comprehensive income (debt instruments) |              |              |              |               |
| Net change in fair value   | 13.6         | 36.0         | 11.8         | 31.3          |
| Net amount transferred to profit or loss                         | (9.5)        | (25.2)       | (10.5)       | (27.8)        |
| <b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>    |              |              |              |               |
| Net change in fair value of equity FVOCI instruments             | 5.0          | 13.3         | (5.6)        | (14.9)        |
| <b>Total other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year</b>    | <b>9.1</b>   | <b>24.1</b>  | <b>(4.3)</b> | <b>(11.4)</b> |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>                   | <b>92.1</b>  | <b>244.3</b> | <b>77.1</b>  | <b>204.5</b>  |
| <b>Attributable to:</b>  |              |              |              |               |
| Shareholders of the Bank   | 91.0         | 241.4        | 74.8         | 198.4         |
| Non-controlling interest   | 1.1          | 2.9          | 2.3          | 6.1           |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>                   | <b>92.1</b>  | <b>244.3</b> | <b>77.1</b>  | <b>204.5</b>  |

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#### Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2024

|   | Other reserves and retained earnings |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      |                          | Total equity |              |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Share capital                        | Treasury shares | Unallocated shares | Share premium | Statutory reserve | General reserve | Fair value reserve | Donation and charity reserve | Retained earnings | Total owners' equity | Non-controlling interest | BHD millions | USD millions |
| Balance at 31 December 2023                 | 226.6                                | -               | (0.9)              | 13.6          | 113.3             | 32.4            | 28.5               | 13.4                         | 138.1             | 565.0                | 12.2                     | 577.2        | 1,531.1      |
| 2023 appropriations:                        |                                      |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      |                          |              |              |
| Cash dividend at 20%                        | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | (45.2)            | (45.2)               | -                        | (45.2)       | (119.9)      |
| Transfer to donations and charity reserve   | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | 4.0                          | (4.0)             | -                    | -                        | -            | -            |
| 2024 appropriations:                        |                                      |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      |                          |              |              |
| Cash dividend at 10%                        | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | (22.7)            | (22.7)               | -                        | (22.7)       | (60.2)       |
| Balance after 2023 & 2024 appropriations    | 226.6                                | -               | (0.9)              | 13.6          | 113.3             | 32.4            | 28.5               | 17.4                         | 66.2              | 497.1                | 12.2                     | 509.3        | 1,351.0      |
| Employee shares assigned                    | -                                    | -               | 0.4                | 1.5           | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | -                 | 1.9                  | -                        | 1.9          | 5.0          |
| Movement in treasury shares                 | -                                    | (2.5)           | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | -                 | (2.5)                | -                        | (2.5)        | (6.6)        |
| Comprehensive income for the year:          |                                      |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      |                          |              |              |
| Profit for the year                         | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | 81.9              | 81.9                 | 1.1                      | 83.0         | 220.2        |
| Other comprehensive income                  | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | 9.1                | -                            | -                 | 9.1                  | -                        | 9.1          | 24.1         |
| Total comprehensive income For the year     | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | 9.1                | -                            | 81.9              | 91.0                 | 1.1                      | 92.1         | 244.3        |
| Utilisation of donation and charity reserve | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | (3.2)                        | -                 | (3.2)                | -                        | (3.2)        | (8.5)        |
| Disposal of equity securities               | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | (0.1)              | -                            | 0.1               | -                    | -                        | -            | -            |
| Reclassification of equity securities       | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | (2.2)              | -                            | 2.2               | -                    | -                        | -            | -            |
| Other movements                             | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | (0.5)             | (0.5)                | (0.1)                    | (0.6)        | (1.6)        |
| Balance at 31 December 2024                 | 226.6                                | (2.5)           | (0.5)              | 15.1          | 113.3             | 32.4            | 35.3               | 14.2                         | 149.9             | 583.8                | 13.2                     | 597.0        | 1,583.6      |

#### Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2023

|   | Other reserves and retained earnings |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      | Total equity             |              |              |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Share capital                        | Treasury shares | Unallocated shares | Share premium | Statutory reserve | General reserve | Fair value reserve | Donation and charity reserve | Retained earnings | Total owners' equity | Non-controlling interest | BHD millions | USD millions |
| Balance at 31 December 2022                 | 206.0                                | -               | (1.1)              | 12.3          | 103.0             | 32.4            | 28.2               | 13.0                         | 172.1             | 565.9                | 10.0                     | 575.9        | 1,527.6      |
| 2022 appropriations:                        |                                      |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      |                          |              |              |
| Cash dividend at 25%                        | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | (51.3)            | (51.3)               | -                        | (51.3)       | (136.1)      |
| Bonus shares issued at 10%                  | 20.6                                 | -               | (0.1)              | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | (20.5)            | -                    | -                        | -            | -            |
| Transfer to donations and charity reserve   | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | 3.4                          | (3.4)             | -                    | -                        | -            | -            |
| Transfer to statutory reserve               | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | 10.3              | -               | -                  | -                            | (10.3)            | -                    | -                        | -            | -            |
| 2023 appropriations:                        |                                      |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      |                          |              |              |
| Cash dividend at 10%                        | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | (22.7)            | (22.7)               | -                        | (22.7)       | (60.2)       |
| Balance after 2022 and 2023 appropriations  | 226.6                                | -               | (1.2)              | 12.3          | 113.3             | 32.4            | 28.2               | 16.4                         | 63.9              | 491.9                | 10.0                     | 501.9        | 1,331.3      |
| Employee shares assigned                    | -                                    | -               | 0.3                | 1.3           | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | -                 | 1.6                  | -                        | 1.6          | 4.2          |
| Comprehensive income for the year:          |                                      |                 |                    |               |                   |                 |                    |                              |                   |                      |                          |              |              |
| Profit for the year                         | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | 79.1              | 79.1                 | 2.3                      | 81.4         | 215.9        |
| Other comprehensive income                  | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | (4.3)              | -                            | -                 | (4.3)                | -                        | (4.3)        | (11.4)       |
| Total comprehensive income for the year     | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | (4.3)              | -                            | 79.1              | 74.8                 | 2.3                      | 77.1         | 204.5        |
| Utilisation of donation and charity reserve | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | (3.0)                        | -                 | (3.0)                | -                        | (3.0)        | (7.9)        |
| Disposal of equity securities               | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | 4.6                | -                            | (4.6)             | -                    | -                        | -            | -            |
| Other movements                             | -                                    | -               | -                  | -             | -                 | -               | -                  | -                            | (0.3)             | (0.3)                | (0.1)                    | (0.4)        | (1.0)        |
| Balance at 31 December 2023                 | 226.6                                | -               | (0.9)              | 13.6          | 113.3             | 32.4            | 28.5               | 13.4                         | 138.1             | 565.0                | 12.2                     | 577.2        | 1,531.1      |

#### Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024

|   | 2024           |                  | 2023           |                |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | BHD millions   | USD millions     | BHD millions   | USD millions   |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>   |                |                  |                |                |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>  | <b>83.0</b>    | <b>220.2</b>     | <b>81.4</b>    | <b>215.9</b>   |
| Adjustments to reconcile profit for the year to net cash from operating activities: |                |                  |                |                |
| Depreciation and amortisation   | 10.0           | 26.5             | 9.7            | 25.7           |
| Amortisation of right-of-use leased property  | 1.9            | 5.0              | 1.9            | 5.0            |
| Fair value (gain) / loss of investment property                                     | (0.7)          | (1.9)            | 0.5            | 1.3            |
| Loans, placements and securities impairment, net                                    | 9.1            | 24.1             | 6.5            | 17.2           |
| Other impairment and provisions, net  | (0.5)          | (1.3)            | 1.2            | 3.2            |
| Share of profits from associates, net   | (1.4)          | (3.7)            | (1.1)          | (2.9)          |
| <b>Profit for the year after adjustments</b>  | <b>101.4</b>   | <b>268.9</b>     | <b>100.1</b>   | <b>265.4</b>   |
| <b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>                                  |                |                  |                |                |
| Balances with central banks (mandatory cash reserves)                               | (12.2)         | (32.4)           | (3.1)          | (8.2)          |
| Treasury bills  | (0.6)          | (1.6)            | (25.9)         | (68.7)         |
| Placements with banks and other financial institutions                              | (15.8)         | (41.9)           | (1.0)          | (2.6)          |
| Loans and advances  | (497.0)        | (1,318.3)        | (46.8)         | (124.1)        |
| Investment securities   | (5.4)          | (14.3)           | 109.6          | 290.7          |
| Interest receivable and other assets  | (31.9)         | (84.6)           | (58.8)         | (155.9)        |
| Due to banks and other financial institutions                                       | (91.3)         | (242.2)          | 198.7          | 527.1          |
| Borrowings under repurchase agreements  | (75.9)         | (201.3)          | 216.3          | 573.7          |
| Customer deposits   | 239.0          | 634.0            | 174.6          | 463.1          |
| Interest payable and other liabilities  | 52.5           | 139.3            | 4.7            | 12.4           |
| <b>Net cash (used in) / from operating activities</b>                               | <b>(337.2)</b> | <b>(894.4)</b>   | <b>668.4</b>   | <b>1,772.9</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>   |                |                  |                |                |
| Dividends received from associates  | 0.1            | 0.3              | 0.4            | 1.1            |
| Capital reduction of associates   | 0.7            | 1.9              | -              | -              |
| Net investment in associates  | (6.3)          | (16.7)           | -              | -              |
| Purchase of property and equipment, net   | (11.3)         | (30.0)           | (9.0)          | (23.9)         |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>  | <b>(16.8)</b>  | <b>(44.5)</b>    | <b>(8.6)</b>   | <b>(22.8)</b>  |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>   |                |                  |                |                |
| Dividends paid  | (68.0)         | (180.4)          | (74.1)         | (196.6)        |
| Donations and charities paid  | (3.7)          | (9.8)            | (3.4)          | (9.0)          |
| Payment of lease liabilities  | (2.4)          | (6.4)            | (2.3)          | (6.1)          |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>  | <b>(74.1)</b>  | <b>(196.6)</b>   | <b>(79.8)</b>  | <b>(211.7)</b> |
| <b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>                       | <b>(428.1)</b> | <b>(1,135.5)</b> | <b>580.0</b>   | <b>1,538.4</b> |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January</b>                                       | <b>1,092.9</b> | <b>2,898.9</b>   | <b>512.9</b>   | <b>1,360.5</b> |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>                                     | <b>664.8</b>   | <b>1,763.4</b>   | <b>1,092.9</b> | <b>2,898.9</b> |

The above consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of cash flows and consolidated statement of changes in equity have been extracted from the Group's consolidated financial statements audited by KPMG, who expressed an unqualified opinion on 25 February 2025.

Reviewed by KPMG - 25 Febraury 2025

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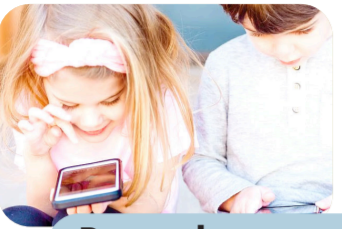
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News in brief

◆ **Smartphones will be banned at schools** under new legislation proposed in Denmark, the education minister announced yesterday. "We have decided to give the government's support to this idea and that's why we are starting to prepare a change in the law," Mattias Tesfaye told the Danish daily newspaper Politiken. The details of the law have not yet been signed off but Tesfaye said "mobile phones and personal tablets will not be allowed at school, neither during break times nor during lessons". "I believe screens are robbing many of our children of their childhood," culture minister Jakob Engel-Schmidt said at a press conference. The plan follows recommendations from a youth wellbeing commission, which also recommended restricting the use of smartphones to those aged 13 and older. Rasmus Meyer, president of the commission, said the age restriction was "clearly not something that should be decided by law".



**Denmark announces plans to ban smartphones at schools**

◆ **Republican billionaire businessman Vivek Ramaswamy** kickstarted his campaign for governor of Ohio on Monday, one month after quitting US President Donald Trump's Department of Government Efficiency. Ramaswamy had co-led the DOGE with tech entrepreneur Elon Musk, the world's richest person and Trump's biggest donor, in its mission to gut federal staffing and spending. "President Trump is reviving our conviction in America, we require a leader here at home, who will revive our conviction in Ohio," Ramaswamy said in a speech on Monday. A former 2024 presidential primary candidate, Ramaswamy went on to endorse Trump, who returned the favor by appointing him to the DOGE. His departure from the commission was announced soon after Trump's inauguration in late January. There were already reports then that he intended to run for governor of the state.

◆ **US President Donald Trump** on Monday called for the revival of the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline project opposed by environmental activists that was blocked under his predecessor Joe Biden. Biden formally rescinded a permit for the pipeline -- first proposed in 2008 -- by executive order on his first day in office in January 2021 over environmental concerns, reversing course from Trump during his first term. While the project had long been backed by Canada, Keystone XL had been opposed by environmentalists and Indigenous groups, who organized rallies against it in Washington, Ottawa and in other affected areas. "The company building the Keystone XL Pipeline that was viciously jettisoned by the incompetent Biden Administration should come back to America, and get it built -- NOW!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, referring to the Canadian company involved in the project.

**Trump calls for revival of Keystone XL Pipeline project axed by Biden**



SPOTLIGHT

**Israeli opposition leader: Egypt should run Gaza for 8 years**



A Palestinian child receives a polio vaccine at a camp for displaced people in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip

Washington, United States

Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid said yesterday that Egypt should run the Gaza Strip for at least eight years once the war is over, in exchange for massive debt relief. "The solution is Egypt will take responsibility for the management of the Gaza Strip for eight years with an option to extend to 15 years," he told the hawkish Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) think tank in Washington. "At the same time, its foreign external debt will be paid off by the international community and regional allies," Lapid, a former Israeli prime minister, continued. Egypt would lead a "peace force" of the Gulf states and the international community for the management and rebuilding of Gaza," he said. "During that period, the conditions for self-governance in Gaza will be created, and the process of the total demilitarization of Gaza will be completed," he said of the region, currently controlled by Palestinian militant group Hamas.

● **The video was "briefly" played on screens at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

● **An inscription that read "Long Live the Real King" was superimposed over the video**

● **The looping footage appears to have been produced using artificial intelligence.**

TDT | Washington



Screen grab from the video posted online

An AI-generated video of US President Donald Trump sucking Elon Musk's feet was shown inside the headquarters of a US government department, prompting an investigation, a

spokesperson said.

The video was "briefly" played on screens at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on Monday, the New

York Times reported.

It criticized Trump's close relationship with Musk, the world's richest person, who has been put in charge of the Department of

Government Efficiency (DOGE) and tasked with cutting federal staffing and spending.

An inscription that read "Long Live the Real King" was superimposed over the video.

**Six newborns die as cold snap grips Gaza: civil defence**

AFP | Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Gaza's civil defence agency said yesterday that six newborn babies have died in a cold snap which has gripped the war-ravaged Palestinian territory over the past week.

"As a result of a severe cold wave and the lack of heating, we have recorded the deaths of six newborns during the past week up until today," agency spokesman Mahmud Bassal told AFP.

Meteorologists say temperatures have fallen to zero degrees Celsius (32 degrees Fahrenheit) in recent days as a cold front has gripped the eastern Mediterranean.

Although an ongoing ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has seen a surge in the volume of humanitarian aid entering Gaza,



A prematurely-born infant receives care while lying in an incubator at the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at the Patient Friend's Benevolent Society hospital in Gaza City

hundreds of thousands of Palestinians continue to live in tents.

Many are camped out in the rubble of their former homes and are struggling to survive as temperatures drop.

Hamas has repeatedly accused Israel of preventing shelter materials from being delivered to Gaza's 2.4 million people, most of whom have been displaced at least once during the war.

It blamed the deaths of the six newborns on Israel's blocking of aid materials.

"We call on the mediators to take immediate action to stop the occupation's violation of the ceasefire agreement ... and facilitate the entry of essential supplies such as shelter, heating and urgent medical items into Gaza," Hamas said in a statement.

"This is crucial to protect the children of Gaza."

**New York's Met museum returns stolen Greek bronze**

● **Athens has been trying for years to broker deals for the repatriation of antiquities without resorting to legal action.**

AFP | Athens, Greece

Greece yesterday said it had recovered from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art a 2,600-year-old bronze artifact stolen from ancient Olympia in the 1930s.

The Greek culture ministry in a statement said the bronze griffin's head, dated to 650-625 BC and was an "exquisite sample of



ancient Greek metalwork."

It had previously been "prominently" displayed at the Met's ancient Greek and Roman art collection, the ministry said.

The 25.8-centimetre (10.1 inch)

head was originally a decorative part of a tripod cauldron, which in antiquity were popular religious offerings to gods.

The culture ministry said it had established "beyond any doubt" that the head, willed to the Met in 1971 by financier and former museum vice-president Walter C. Baker, was stolen from Olympia, birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games.

It had been found in 1914 in a riverbed, near an ancient gymnasium used by athletes during the Games.

It is believed to have disappeared from a local museum in 1936 before it could be properly catalogued, the culture ministry said.

The head was sold that year to American art dealer Joseph Brummer, it said.

The Met on its website noted that over 600 bronze griffin heads from cauldrons are known today.

Most have been found at the sanctuary of Zeus at Olympia or at that of Hera on Samos, it said, adding that the head formerly in its collection was "one of the finest" ever found.

The artifact was handed back Monday in a ceremony at the US museum by its director Max Hollein.

"We don't want to have any object in our collections that came illegally," the Austrian art historian, who has headed the Met since 2018, said in 2023.

The griffin head was not actually claimed by Athens. It was the Met itself that in 2018 undertook to examine its provenance, Greek Culture Minister Lina Mendoni said.

Greece has an agreement in place with the Metropolitan Museum to acquire 161 Bronze Age antiquities formerly in the collection of US billionaire and philanthropist Leonard Stern.

The 2022 agreement involves the artifacts gradually returning to Greece over the next 25 years after display at the museum.

Athens has been trying for years to broker deals for the repatriation of antiquities without resorting to legal action.s

**Musk gives federal workers 'another chance' to justify jobs**



People hold signs during a protest against the administration of US President Donald Trump in Detroit, Michigan

● **Musk on Monday said Saturday's email "was basically a check to see if the employee had a pulse and was capable of replying to an email."**

AFP | Washington, United States

Elon Musk said US federal workers had "another chance" to justify their work or lose their jobs, as the original deadline passed Tuesday with staff at multiple federal agencies told to disregard his request.

Musk, the world's richest person and President Donald Trump's biggest donor, had originally given federal government employees until the end of Monday to explain their work achievements in an email.

The demand represents the latest challenge from Musk against government workers as his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) works toward gutting federal staffing and spending.

"Subject to the discretion of the President, they will be given another chance," Musk said Monday evening on X, which he owns. Failure to respond a second time will result in termination," he added, without providing a new deadline.

The deadline came and went

with much confusion among an already anxious workforce after several US federal agencies -- including some led by prominent Trump loyalists -- told staff to ignore the email, at least temporarily.

Referring to his original email request, Musk said it had been "utterly trivial... yet so many failed even that inane test, urged on in some cases by their managers."

DOGE, a wide-ranging entity run by the tech entrepreneur, has faced increasing resistance on multiple fronts to its cost-cutting campaign, including court rulings and some pressure from lawmakers.

More than two million federal employees received an email on Saturday from the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) -- the government's HR department -- giving them until 11:59 pm Monday to submit "approximately 5 bullets of what you accomplished last week."

The message followed Musk's post on X that "all federal workers" would receive the email and that "failure to respond will be taken as a resignation."

As confusion over what to make of the threat spread, Trump had defended Musk's Saturday message, calling it "ingenious" as it would expose whether "people are working."

"If people don't respond, it's very possible that there is no such person or they're not

working," Trump told reporters. Non-responders would be "sort of semi-fired" or fired, Trump added without explaining his thinking further.

Musk on Monday said Saturday's email "was basically a check to see if the employee had a pulse and was capable of replying to an email."

"This mess will get sorted out this week. Lot of people in for a rude awakening and strong dose of reality. They don't get it yet, but they will," he added on X.



**Unions quickly opposed Musk's request, with the largest federal employee union, the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), vowing to challenge any unlawful terminations. Several recent polls indicate that most Americans disapprove of the disruption to the nationwide federal workforce.**

**Judge declines to immediately grant AP access to White House events**

Washington, United States

A US judge on Monday declined to immediately order the White House to restore full access to President Donald Trump's events to the Associated Press news agency.

District Judge Trevor McFadden denied the AP's emergency request but set a date next month for a more extensive hearing about the dispute.

The White House began blocking AP journalists from the Oval Office two weeks ago over the wire service's decision to keep using "Gulf of Mexico," despite a Trump executive order renaming the body of water as the "Gulf of America."

The AP, in a suit filed in Wash-

ington against three White House officials, said the move violates the First Amendment of the US Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech



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and of the press.

Lawyers for the White House rejected the argument saying "the president has discretion to decide who will have special media access to exclusive events."

McFadden, a Trump appointee, declined the AP's request to issue a restraining order temporarily restoring AP's access to all Trump events and scheduled a March 20 hearing to revisit the case.

The judge also appeared skeptical about the ban, according to US press reports, calling it "problematic" and saying the White House may want to reconsider its position.

The White House welcomed McFadden's initial ruling.



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



One area in particular where Assam has progressed significantly is semiconductors and this is wonderful for the state's development.  
@narendramodi

02



Thank you @POTUS, dear Donald, for your warm welcome during this very important visit. The United States of America and France share a long history of friendship. We have shown that our relationship is of mutual trust.  
@EmmanuelMacron

03



The nuclear option is not an option at all. It's a one-way road to annihilation. We need to avoid this dead-end at all costs.

@antonioiguterres

04



This is our one & only chance to restore democracy from the dictatorship of the bureaucracy. It is now or never. It must be now.

@elonmusk

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# UN warns of last chance for two-state Israeli-Palestinian solution

● Kaag called on Hamas and Israel to agree on the second phase of the ceasefire

AFP | United Nations, United States

The Middle East is undergoing changes that could represent the last chance for the long-sought goal of a two-state solution to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a UN official said Tuesday.

Sigrid Kaag, the UN envoy for the peace process in the region, also warned against calls for Israel to annex the occupied West Bank.

"The Middle East today is undergoing rapid transformation -- its scope and impact remain uncertain, but it also presents a historic opportunity," Kaag told the UN Security Council.

"The people of the region can emerge from this period with peace, security, and dignity. However, this may be our last chance to achieve the two-state solution," said Kaag.

She said Israeli settlement building in the West Bank, Israeli military operations in this



Mourners attend the funeral procession of 14 Hezbollah fighters killed during battles with the Israeli army in southern Lebanon

occupied territory "and continued calls for annexation, present

an existential threat to the prospect of a viable and independent

Palestinian State and thereby the two-state solution."

Kaag called on Hamas and Israel to agree on the second phase

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Hezbollah, once Lebanon's most powerful military and political force, suffered major setbacks in more than a year of hostilities with Israel including two months of all-out war, including an Israeli ground invasion, that halted with a November 27 ceasefire.

of the ceasefire in the Gaza war and avoid a resumption of fighting.

The international community must ensure that Gaza -- which President Donald Trump wants to put under US control, displacing its entire population -- must be part of a future Palestinian state joining it with the West Bank and east Jerusalem, she said. "Palestinian civilians must be able to resume their lives, to rebuild, and to construct their future in Gaza," said Kaag.

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## Ailing pope works on canonisations as Catholics pray for recovery

AFP | Vatican City, Holy See

Pope Francis has approved the canonisation of two new saints from his hospital bed, the Vatican said Tuesday, as the 88-year-old pontiff, who has pneumonia in both lungs, remained hospitalised for a 12th day.

Despite his critical condition, the leader of the world's nearly 1.4 billion Catholics has striven to keep up with Church matters during his stay, according to the Vatican.

After revealing a "slight improvement" in the Argentine pope's condition Monday evening, the Vatican said Tuesday that he had received its secretary of state Cardinal Pietro Parolin the day before, and his number two, Venezuelan Archbishop Edgar Pena Parra.

Francis approved the canonisation of two Venezuelan and Italian laymen who died in the early 20th century, while authorising the first steps towards sainthood for three 19th-century priests from Spain, Italy and Poland, the Vatican said.

The pope has been working from his special papal suite on the 10th floor of Rome's Gemelli hospital, where he was admitted February 14 with breathing difficulties.

His condition worsened, with asthmatic respiratory attacks at the weekend that required high levels of oxygen and blood transfusions to combat anaemia.

Catholics across the globe have gathered to pray for the



Pope Francis takes a throat sweet from a tin box during the weekly general audience

pope as some expressed hope he may have turned a corner on what doctors warn could be a long path to recovery.

The Vatican's Monday update offered a glimmer of light, saying that Francis had suffered no new respiratory attacks that required "high-flow oxygen", and that his laboratory tests had improved.

He had also called the Gaza parish priest, as he has routinely done since the war broke out, the Vatican said. This time, he was thanking him for a video the parish sent him.

"The whole world is praying for you... and everyone wishes you good health", the priest said in the video, which was published on Vatican News and showed him surrounded by his flock.

The pope remains fragile, and his medical team has cautioned

it will take time for drug treatments to show positive effects.

"Considering the complexity of the clinical picture," his doctors decline to "decide on the prognosis", the Vatican said Monday.

Hundreds of faithful are expected to gather again in St Peter's Square on Tuesday evening.

Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, a former coordinator of the pope's Council of Cardinals, told La Repubblica daily Tuesday he felt hopeful the pope would pull through.

"It's not yet time for him to go to heaven," Maradiaga said.

"He is someone who does not back down in the face of difficulty, does not get discouraged, does not freeze, and does not stop moving forward," he told the paper.

# celebs

## George Clooney ‘didn’t think he had a chance’ with Amal Clooney because of the age gap



George and Amal Clooney  
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

George Clooney “didn’t think he had a chance” with wife Amal because of the age gap.

The 63-year-old actor tied the knot with lawyer Amal Alamuddin, 47, in 2014 and they have seven-year-old twins, Alexander and Ella together but he admitted that he thought the fact that he was 17 years older than her may have been a problem.

He told the New York Times: “I wasn’t really in the market for being a dad. Then I met Amal and we fell in love.

“I have to say that, after that, everything made sense. “[When we first met] I was like ‘Oh my God!’ Then I didn’t really think I’d have much of a chance with her because I was 17 years older and she seemed to have everything she needed.”

The former ‘ER’ star addressed his age with Amal on his last milestone birthday

He said: “I had this conversation with Amal when I turned 60 as he shared his concerns with her that he will not be able to do all the things he does now as the years roll on.

“I said, ‘Look, I can still play full-court basketball. I can still run around. I can still do pretty much everything I did when I was 30. “But in 30 years, I’m 90. There are some things you’re not doing [at that age] no matter how many granola bars you eat.”

## Amy Adams had ‘a very specific idea of how to parent’

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Amy Adams used to have a “very specific idea” of how to parent her daughter.

The 50-year-old actress - who has Aviana, 14, with her husband Darren Le Gallo - admits that her approach to parenting has evolved over time.

The ‘Big Eyes’ star - who has been married to Darren since 2015 - told OK! magazine: “Strangely, I think I had a more succinct idea of how I thought I should do everything when she was younger - a very specific idea of how I would parent.”

Amy believes parenthood has actually helped her to become more patient.

The Hollywood star explained: “Each person brings their own special skill set and it gets developed over time.

“I have become more patient because I learned that skill through parenting.”

Amy also revealed that she’s made a specific promise to her daughter.

She

shared: “I’ve promised I won’t talk too much about her now and how she is. I’ll talk about her in the past, but not now.”

“I

just try to stay available to her so that when she is in these moments where she wants to talk and share, I’m present for them.”

Amy recently acknowledged that motherhood has changed her life and her career.

The actress explained that her daughter has become the focus of her attention, rather than her career in the movie business.

She told Variety: “Every moment needed to be dedicated to the care and keeping of my child. “Motherhood did redirect my priorities. And I think that changed some relationships. That was hard, but I don’t think it’s uncommon.”

Amy also enjoys the experience of being an older actress in Hollywood.

Amy Adams

## Cate Blanchett ‘never imagined’ she would be an actress

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Cate Blanchett “never imagined” she would be a professional actress.

The 55-year-old star has been on the silver screen for decades and won two Academy Awards during the course of her Hollywood career but admitted that acting was just something she enjoyed doing in her youth, and it never occurred to her that she could actually make a living out of it.

She told The Guardian: “We had an amazing drama teacher. It was really messy and it felt circus-like, with all the girls who didn’t fit into other groups, all the mismatched ragamuffins. We just made stuff, and when you make people laugh it’s quite addictive.

“But I never, ever, ever thought it was something I would do, or that I could do, that one did with one’s life.”

The ‘Borderland’ star had every intention of getting a “proper job” after she left finished her education but ended up auditioning for

drama school on a whim, and actually got a place.

She said: “I was doing it for fun, and then I was going to go and get a proper job. This is where it’s a vocation I think – it sounds very precious these days when you say that – but in the sense that I didn’t pursue it, it pursued me. Someone suggested I try out for drama school and I did, kind of as a dare, and I got in.”

Prior to that, the ‘Tar’ actress had studied fine arts and economics at the University of Melbourne simply so she could “be around artists” but admitted that she is “not a painter” and doesn’t show anyone anything she does these days.



Cate Blanchett

## Justin Bieber is ‘happiest he has been in a while’, despite recent public behaviour, says insider

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles



Justin Bieber is “happier than he has been in a long time”, according to an insider.

The 30-year-old pop star - who is married to model Hailey Bieber, 28, and has six-month-old son Jack with her- has insisted that he is a “happy camper” right now and is in a good place.

A source told UsWeekly: “Justin is a happy camper right now, he’s happier than he’s been

Justin Bieber

in a long time.”

In recent weeks, the ‘Peaches’ hitmaker has caused some concern amongst fans after he unfollowed his wife on Instagram, and has been spotted leaving a spa in LA looking disheveled on more than one occasion.

But the insider insisted that these are not the signs of a “breakdown” and he “doesn’t care” what others think anyway.

The source added: “There’s no breakdown, and he just really doesn’t care what people think. He knows he looks strange leaving spas shirtless, but it’s just him. And after the rumors he’s doing it out of spite now, he’s just being himself and won’t create a squeaky clean image



Justin Bieber is reportedly happier than ever, dismissing public concerns and emphasizing his commitment to his wife, Hailey Bieber

just because the public wants him to.”

In early January, Justin insisted that his unfollowing of Hailey on Instagram was a result of a hacking.

He said: “Someone went on my account and unfollowed my wife. S\*\*\* is getting suss out here.”

Just days before that, the ‘Baby’ singer declared that he would go “anywhere” with his significant other, as he appeared to brush off speculation that they had split.

He commented on a series of photos posted by Hailey on Instagram to ring in 2025, which showed her posing in a bikini: “Um. Goin anywhere with u bb. Happy new year.”

Hailey captioned her carousel of images: “Wake up, it’s 2025!”

It included snaps from her and Justin’s New Year’s Eve party, which included caviar-topped In-N-Out burgers and martinis.

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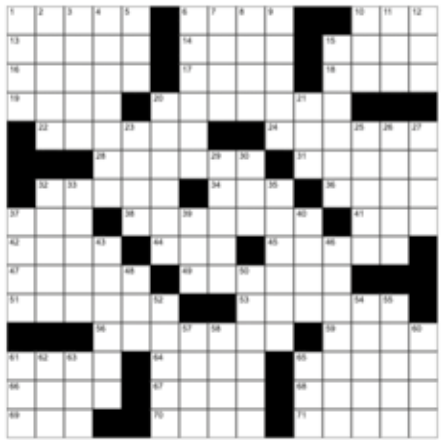
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Yesterday’s solution

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SALIMAN KHAN SERVICES CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35306735 or [SALIMANKHANBH12@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SALIMANKHANBH12@GMAIL.COM)

BLACK FOX GARAGE has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35492313 or [abdulazezakram98@gmail.com](mailto:abdulazezakram98@gmail.com)

MCSIX FOR RECRUITING MANPOWER W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17402050 or [dheya@mcsix.me](mailto:dheya@mcsix.me)

MANDVI INTERIOR DECORATION W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DECORATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33286823 or [ZCHO98436@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ZCHO98436@GMAIL.COM)

YENEPPOYA CENTRE FOR ADVANCED LEARNING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33447855 or [SAAD@YENEPPOYA.ORG](mailto:SAAD@YENEPPOYA.ORG)

WANJARI INTERIOR DECORATION W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33286823 or [GHULAMRASOOL951@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GHULAMRASOOL951@GMAIL.COM)

TALAL MARKETS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of BUTCHER (ANIMALS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 34369200 or [HHASHIMPP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HHASHIMPP@GMAIL.COM)

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SAUDI GEOPHYSICAL CONSULTING OFFICE COMPANY BRANCH OF A FOREIGN COMPANY has a vacancy for the occupation of TRADE / VOCATIONAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33326575 or [PUBICRELATION@SAUDIGEOPHYSICAL.COM](mailto:PUBICRELATION@SAUDIGEOPHYSICAL.COM)

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T FOR TECH W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39002738 or [DOAA.SELIM.AMER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DOAA.SELIM.AMER@GMAIL.COM)

DELMA MARINE CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of BOATMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39611333 or [DELMA@DELMA.COM.BH](mailto:DELMA@DELMA.COM.BH)

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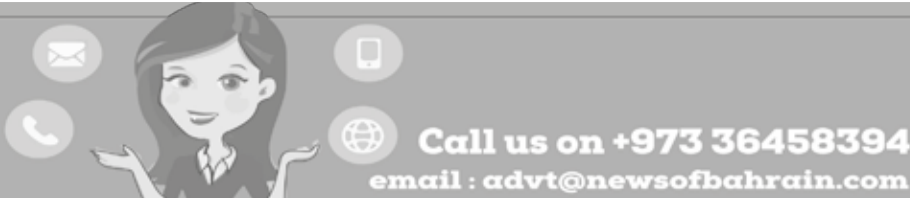
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SM BAKERY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of BAKER(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 34597798 or SMBAKERYBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

MOHAMED JALAL CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17536956 or RASHID\_BUALI@JALAL.COM

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MARABEE CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY PROJECTS CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33805197 or OFFICE@MARABEEGCC.COM

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UNISKILLS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17224578 or INFO@JANIKINGBAHRAIN.COM

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TULEEN CARPENTRY & UPHOLSTERY has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39033911 or Tuleencarpentry@gmail.com

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FIXIT FACILITY MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS W L L has a vacancy for the occupation of MARKETING EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39193918 or faisal39193918@gmail.com

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KAHRAMANA COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of KITCHEN AIDE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35585215 or ASAADALJOBORY@GMAIL.COM

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GENERAL CONTRACTING & TRADING SERVICES CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700663 or info@gcts-bahrain.com

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# Salah's Ballon d'Or hopes tied to silverware: Slot

Liverpool boss Slot says trophies are key to Salah's chances of winning award

● Salah favorite for Ballon d'Or after stellar season

● 30 goals, 21 assists so far this campaign

AFP | London

**A**rne Slot says Mohamed Salah will have a “far better chance” of winning the Ballon d’Or if runaway Premier League leaders Liverpool win silverware this season.

The Egyptian superstar, 32, is favourite to win the award, regarded as the top individual prize in football, after a sensational campaign so far.

Salah, who is yet to sign a new deal to keep him at Anfield beyond the end of this season, has scored 30 goals and provided 21 assists in all competitions during the current campaign.

But Liverpool manager Slot said yesterday that despite those stellar numbers, the club need to win major trophies to help their forward win his first Ballon d’Or.

“It’s a good thing that Mo is in the discussion because it means he does well and it means we are doing well,” the Dutchman said yesterday.

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“And I think, in general, someone that wins the Ballon d’Or needs to win something as well, so it’s a challenge that is in front of us, but also in front of him.”

Liverpool, who host Newcastle on Wednesday, are 11 points clear of second-placed Arsenal at the top of the Premier League with 11 games to go but Slot said he does

not fear complacency.

“We all know these players are so long in this competition, even much longer than me, so they know how difficult every single game is, and if you have to play 11, it’s still a long way to go,” he said.

Liverpool are also in the final of the League Cup, where they will face Newcastle again, and will meet Paris Saint-Germain in the last 16 of the Champions League.

Slot was asked at his pre-match press conference whether Salah’s current form could be compared with that of Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi at

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If Salah wins the Ballon d’Or, he would become the first African player to claim the award since George Weah in 1995

their peak but he shied away from direct comparisons.

“He (Salah) has had some outstanding seasons here at Liverpool, and we hope he can continue this for a longer period of time, but to do that he first has to extend his contract of course,” he said.

The Liverpool boss was also asked whether Salah’s red-hot form would make it easier or more difficult for the club to agree a new deal.

“You can look at it in both ways,” he said. “You can say the better he does, the more expensive he might become, and if he would do really worse, we would have second thoughts if we wanted to extend his contract.

“So I think for everyone it’s the best that he brings in the performances he does now. Maybe only for the one that has to pay him it’s not the best, but for everyone else it’s the best.”

## Bahrain's FIBA Asia Cup dreams on the line after Syria loss

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**T**he road to Jeddah just got tougher for Bahrain. The national team is grappling with the reality of missing out on direct qualification for the FIBA Asia Cup 2025 after a tough 76-67 loss to Syria in Doha on Monday night. While the defeat ends their automatic bid, Bahrain’s journey isn’t over yet—there’s still one last shot at redemption.

Last night’s showdown against Syria was a must-win for Bahrain in Group F. Entering the game at 2-2, Bahrain had a direct path to qualification but fell victim to a fourth-quarter collapse. Syria’s Myron Gordon turned the game on its head, leading a late surge that erased Bahrain’s early lead and sealed the 76-67 upset.

Bahrain had previously battled hard in this final qualification window, losing 84-78 to Lebanon in Manama before heading to Doha. The Syria loss dropped them to 2-3, tied with the UAE but edged out on tiebreakers. Meanwhile, Syria (2-3) clinched the second qualification spot behind Lebanon (5-0), leaving Bahrain’s fate hanging.

Jeddah Dream: Not Over Yet

The FIBA Asia Cup 2025, set for August 5-17 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, already has 12 qualified teams, including Lebanon,



Action from the match

Japan, China, and Australia. Four more spots remain, and Bahrain’s only way in now is through the Final Qualifying Tournament later this year.

This last-chance tournament will feature Bahrain, India, Kazakhstan, Guam, Mongolia, and the UAE—all third-place finishers from the qualifiers—along with pre-selected teams Iraq, Thailand, and Chinese Taipei. The stakes mean only four teams will make it to Jeddah.

What’s Next

## Afghan cricketers in ‘tricky situation’, says their English coach



Afghanistan's head coach Jonathan Trott  
AFP | Lahore

**A**fghanistan’s cricket players are facing a “tricky situation” and know there are “things that are not correct” in their country, the team’s English coach told media yesterday.

Afghanistan is set to face England in Lahore on Wednesday in their second group-stage match of the Champions Trophy, marking their debut in the tournament.

Ahead of the contest, more than 160 British politicians have called for England to boycott the game in protest against the Taliban government’s restrictions on women’s rights in Afghanistan.

“They know the difference between right and wrong. It is a real tricky situation for them,” head coach and former England batsman Jonathan Trott told the BBC from Lahore.

# Hamilton’s Ferrari era begins

Seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton makes Ferrari debut at Bahrain testing, igniting F1’s 2025 season

- **Hamilton drives Ferrari SF-25 for the first time**
- **Bahrain’s track offers ideal testing conditions**
- **Red Bull’s Verstappen debuts RB21 alongside rivals**

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Lewis Hamilton makes his long-awaited Ferrari debut today at the Bahrain International Circuit, kicking off Formula 1’s 2025 season with a bang. The seven-time world champion takes the wheel of the scarlet SF-25, ushering in a new phase of his illustrious career. With the paddock abuzz and fans locked in, the 2025 season starts under Bahrain’s desert sun.

Lewis Hamilton’s switch to Ferrari dominates 2025 headlines. After 12 years and six world titles with Mercedes, his Maranello arrival reverberates across the sport. Today, he drives the SF-25 in an official session for the first time, a milestone eagerly awaited since the transfer news broke. This debut signals the start of a partnership poised to influence the championship battle. Observers will

track Hamilton’s adjustment to Ferrari’s car and team, with the test offering an initial look at this landmark transition.

Perfect Proving Ground

The Bahrain International Circuit stands out as an optimal testing venue. Its 5.41-km layout includes high-speed corners, demanding braking zones, and a rough surface that tests cars and tires alike. Unlike Europe’s chilly, erratic February weather, Bahrain’s warm, steady conditions



tions allow teams to maximize track time and collect consistent data. From today, the 2025 cars undergo their first real-world evaluation here, setting the stage for the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne and the Bahrain Grand Prix from April 11-13.

On-Track Action

The pit lane opens this morning, kicking off three days of essential testing. Teams unveil their 2025 contenders, with drivers rotating through sessions. Ferrari and Aston Martin, among others, completed private shakedowns in the last 24 hours to confirm basic reliability.

The final 90 minutes unfold under floodlights, mirroring the night-race setup of the upcoming Bahrain Grand Prix. Hamilton joins drivers like reigning champion Max Verstappen, who debuts Red Bull’s RB21, on track.

Key Elements to Observe

Teams are focused on reliability checks, ensuring their cars function smoothly, and showcasing new technologies, including aerodynamic designs and energy recovery systems. The driver market’s biggest



A McLaren in action at BIC

move, Lewis Hamilton’s transition to Ferrari, is a key point of interest. While teams are yet to reveal their full potential, long runs and tire management data provide initial clues about performance. The testing period will offer early indications of whether any team can challenge Red Bull’s dominance.

Hamilton’s adaptation to Ferrari draws intense focus, as does the SF-25’s performance compared to his dominant Mercedes tenure. His past with Mercedes yielded six titles and countless accolades, setting a high bar. Now, his integration into Ferrari’s setup and the car’s competitiveness against his former team fuel anticipation for 2025.

Ferrari Gamble

Hamilton’s arrival bolsters Ferrari’s championship aspirations. His experience and skill elevate the team’s prospects against Red Bull’s stronghold, led by Verstappen. Meanwhile, Mercedes recalibrates without their long-time star. The testing

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Lewis Hamilton’s move to Ferrari marks the first time since 1954 that a seven-time world champion has switched teams, adding historic significance to the 2025 season

the competitive order. Bahrain offers the initial platform to observe these developments in action, hinting at their impact on the season ahead.

A Season of Anticipation

Hamilton’s Ferrari chapter heightens the stakes for 2025. Ferrari’s potential to disrupt Red Bull’s reign, alongside Mercedes’ response to Hamilton’s exit, stirs excitement. The grid brims with change—months of design and development now face reality across these three days. The midfield, featuring teams like Aston Martin and McLaren, also aims to narrow the gap to the leaders.

Engines roar to life this morning, signaling the official start of F1 2025. The Bahrain test serves as a crucible—not just for the cars, but for the stories defining the season. Hamilton in Ferrari red, Verstappen defending his title, and a field ripe with unknowns all converge today. The track awaits, the tension builds, and Formula 1 returns.

## Rain washes out Australia-South Africa Champions Trophy match

AFP | Rawalpindi

The Champions Trophy clash between Australia and South Africa was abandoned without a ball being bowled because of rain at the Rawalpindi Stadium yesterday.

Rain began to fall from early morning and despite being relenting into light drizzle the weather continued to worsen with bad light, delaying the toss scheduled for 1:30 p.m. local time (0830 GMT).

With rain not stopping and the ground staff unable to remove pools of water from covers protecting the playing surface, umpires took the decision to abandon the Group B match.

A handful of spectators with South African and Australian flags waited anxiously for the start of the match but had to leave without watching any action. With one point each from this match, Australia and South Africa are both well placed for the semi-finals, having both won their opening fixtures in the tournament.

South Africa, who beat Afghanistan in their first match by 107 runs, are top of the table with three points and a net run-rate of 2.14. Australia are second on the same number of points and a net run-rate of 0.475.



Spectators leave the stands after the match abandoned due to rain

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STEVE SMITH

England face Afghanistan in Lahore on Wednesday in a must-win match for both teams after they lost their opening games.

Australia captain Steve Smith said the rain-out at least left his team knowing that a victory over Afghanistan on Friday would secure their place in the semi-finals.

“I did look at the Apple weather and it showed rain for the next few days but didn’t expect it to be a wash-out, you can’t do much about it,” said Smith.

“The equation is pretty simple now, on to the next one against Afghanistan and if we win we are locked into top four.”

South African skipper Temba Bavuma said the abandonment was disappointing for all involved.

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This was the first Champions Trophy match to be abandoned without a ball being bowled since the tournament’s inception in 1998

“Yeah, it’s frustrating, we wanted to have some cricket and so did the fans, also wanting to watch two sides in confidence,” said Bavuma, adding that batter Heinrich Klaasen had fully recovered from a sore elbow.

“Klaasen is fit and adds value to our team. We will watch England play Afghanistan (in Lahore on Wednesday) to have an idea against them in our last match (in Karachi on Saturday).”

India and New Zealand qualified for the semi-finals from Group A on Monday as title-holders Pakistan and Bangladesh crashed out of the tournament.

## Injured champion Martin to miss MotoGP season opener

AFP | Paris

World champion Jorge Martin will miss the opening MotoGP race of the season in Thailand at the weekend after suffering several fractures in a fall in training, his Aprilia team said.

The Spaniard was already recovering from fractures to his right hand and left foot sustained in a horror crash on his



Jorge Martin prepares to ride Aprilia during the opening day of pre-season testing in Malaysia earlier this month.

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# Bahrain gears up for F1 milestone

● **Gulf Air and BIC unveil plans for a star-studded race weekend in April**

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The Bahrain International Circuit and Gulf Air announced preparations for the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2025, marking the 75th anniversary of Formula 1. The race, the fourth round of the 2025 season, will take place from April 11th to 13th.

The race weekend will feature international racing, family entertainment, and concerts, with the official slogan “The Desert Pulse Never Stops.” Formula 1 Aramco pre-season testing will be held at the circuit from Wednesday to Friday, with the public invited on Thursday and Friday. Supporting races include Formula 2, Formula 3, and the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East. A charity auction featuring Formula 1 memorabilia will also be held. Corporate lounges are sold out, with high demand for hospitality and grandstand



BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa and McLaren F1 driver Oscar Piastri during the press conference

tickets.

The announcement was made at a launch event attended by McLaren Formula 1 driver Oscar Piastri, Bahrain International Circuit Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, Gulf Air Chairman Khalid Hussain Tagi, Gulf Air Chief Customer Experience Officer Hanadi Al Ali, and Formula 1 presenter

Laura Winter.

Shaikh Salman emphasized the huge interest in the 75th-anniversary event. Al Ali highlighted Gulf Air’s pride in its 75th-year alongside Formula 1, noting its role in promoting global presence and tourism in Bahrain.

The “Desert Pulse Never Stops” slogan reflects the unique qualities of the Bahrain Grand

Prix, a night race with a unique desert backdrop. Shaikh Salman explained the circuit’s goal to integrate Bahraini culture into the Grand Prix identity.

Formula 1 pre-season testing at the Bahrain International Circuit from February 26th to 28th will feature all ten Formula 1 teams. The public can attend on Thursday and Friday. Tick-

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As a venue, we have always sought to have our own individual identity. In fact, every F1 race will be known by fans for its own special characteristics. For us, we like to incorporate elements of our culture and surroundings into the race weekend

SHAIKH SALMAN BIN ISA AL KHALIFA



Gulf Air’s 75-year milestone aligns with F1’s, boosting Bahrain’s global spotlight with a signed Bottas glove up for auction

ets are available online and via the circuit hotline. Formula 1 Grand Prix ticket holders purchased before December 7th, 2024, can attend the tests for free.

Supporting races will feature Formula 2 and Formula 3 championships, and the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East. Family entertainment will include circus acts, stage shows, carnival games, and a giant Ferris wheel. Children’s activities will feature Sonic and Snoopy shows.

The charity auction will raise funds for the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, featuring unique Formula 1 memorabilia and donations from Gulf Air. Items include a signed 2024 Bahrain Grand Prix number board, a signed Mercedes F1 car design board, signed racing gloves from Valtteri Bottas, and commentary notes from David Croft.

Shaikh Salman confirmed that corporate lounges are sold out and grandstand tickets are in high demand. He noted that last year’s race drew record crowds, with 37,000 attendees on race day and 100,000 over the weekend, including 11,000 international visitors.

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