



Bahrain, Qatar discuss ways to bolster relations

Doha
 The Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani, was received by the Qatar Amir, Highness Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, as they discussed ways to bolster bilateral ties. Present in the meeting was the Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister of Qatar, Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jasim Al Thani. It is part of the Foreign Affairs Minister's tour that has covered a number of Arab countries. HH the Amir praised the strong relations between Bahrain and Qatar and peoples and the joint keenness to develop and enhance them in all fields. Dr. Al Zayani praised the development and growth of the relations between the two countries.

HH Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad requested Dr. Al Zayani to relay his greetings to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, and Prime Minister, and wished Bahrain further success and prosperity. HH The Amir expressed his wishes for the success of the 33rd Arab Summit in Bahrain, under the leadership of HM the King, to further strengthen Arab cooperation and integration. Dr. Al Zayani conveyed the greetings of His Majesty and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to HH the Amir.

Kingdom welcomes Azerbaijan-Armenia border agreement
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The Kingdom of Bahrain has welcomed the agreement reached by the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia regarding demarcating the borders in the lands belonging to four villages. It highlights that these diplomatic efforts pave the way towards signing the final peace agreement between the two countries, resulting in consolidating security and peace at the regional and international levels.

Bahrain, UAE strengthen ties and cooperation

Abu Dhabi
 His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, reviewed the strong historical relations and cooperation between the two countries. They emphasised their mutual keenness to further develop these ties to fulfill the aspirations of both nations and peoples across all sectors. This came as HM the King received yesterday at his residence in Abu Dhabi, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid. During the meeting, they discussed regional and international developments, noting the importance of promoting peace, security, and stability for the prosperity of the region.



HM the King with HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid



United in grief

Palestinians mourn victims of Israeli attacks amid Rafah invasion fear

AFP | Jerusalem

Palestinians yesterday mourned people killed in Israeli bombardment of Rafah, the crowded southern Gaza city where Israel says it is advancing plans for a ground invasion. Global concern has mounted over the looming operation against Hamas fighters in Rafah, where much of Gaza's population has sought refuge from more than six months of war in the narrow coastal strip. Aid groups warn any invasion would add to already-catastrophic conditions for Gaza's 2.4 million people. Israeli officials have for more than two months vowed to enter Rafah, near the Egyptian border, but even before any ground operation, the area has been regularly bombed, including overnight Wednesday-Thursday. At the city's Al-Najjar Hospital yesterday, among the mourn-

ers were two men crouching, grief-stricken, in front of a white body bag. Those killed in an Israeli strike on Rafah included Abdallah Nabhan, 33, who worked for Belgium's Enabel development agency. Brussels said it would summon Israel's ambassador to explain the death. Israeli government spokesman David Mencer said Israel's war cabinet met yesterday "to discuss how to destroy the last battalions of Hamas". He has said the four battalions that remain in Rafah "will be attacked". The war began with an unprecedented Hamas attack on October 7 that resulted in the deaths of about 1,170 people in Israel, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures. Israel vowed to destroy Hamas, with a retaliatory offensive that has killed at least 34,305 people in Gaza, mostly women



Health workers prepare bodies for identification after they were unearthed from a mass grave found in the Nasser Medical Complex in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. (AFP)

and children, according to the ministry. Yesterday's toll included at least 43 more deaths over the Hamas-run territory's health ministry. Yesterday's toll included at previous day.

Focus on tourism strategy and government projects



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, presided over the 481st Coordination Committee meeting yesterday. During the session, the Committee scrutinised advancements in the implementation of the 2022-2026 tourism sector strategy as part of the Economic Recovery Plan. It reviewed progress in the priority project frameworks of ministerial committees. The Committee also assessed updates in the government services development project and deliberated on enhancements to various regulatory procedures concerning commercial activities. It examined a proposal aimed at refining the organisation of the exhibitions and conferences sector.

Bahrain committed to boosting UK partnership

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed the Kingdom's commitment to advancing the Bahrain-UK partnership across various sectors to achieve mutual aspirations.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted that joint visits and agree-

ments have consolidated the multisector bilateral collaboration currently in place.

This came as HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister met yesterday with the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Excellency Alastair Long, at Gubaibiya Palace. The Deputy King affirmed that longstanding relations between Bahrain and the

UK are based on solid foundations and strategic partnerships.

During the meeting, the latest regional and global developments were discussed, in which both parties affirmed that security and peace are the basis of development.

The Minister of Cabinet Affairs, His Excellency Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, attended the meeting.



HRH Prince Salman receives UK Ambassador, H.E. Alastair Long

Compassion in action

MP Basma Mubarak takes action for dismissed delivery workers and seeks solutions



MP Basma Mubarak holds talks with the laid-off delivery workers

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MP Basma Mubarak has announced significant measures taken to address the plight of workers terminated from a delivery company.

Following a meeting with the dismissed individuals, Mubarak initiated steps to expedite a satisfactory resolution to the unfortunate event.

"We have engaged with His Excellency Mr. Jamil Hu-

maidan, Minister of Labour, to explore avenues for assisting the terminated individuals, including expediting compensation and employment opportunities with benefits comparable to their previous roles. We have received a positive response from the Minister," she said.

The MP added: "We have also corresponded with His Excellency Mr. Khalid Humaidan, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain, to discuss the possibility of deferring bank loans for the

affected individuals and restructuring them until they secure alternative employment. This is crucial given the challenging living conditions and substantial income reduction they face.

"Our commitment to pursuing a satisfactory solution for all parties remains unwavering. Additionally, we are collaborating with fellow representatives to bolster the rights of Bahraini workers in the private sector and prevent unjust contract terminations."

Tourism Minister chairs BTEA board meeting



H.E. Fatima Al Sairafi with other tourism stakeholders at the meeting

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Her Excellency Fatima Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, presided over the Board of Directors meeting of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, in the presence of Her Excellency Sarah Buhijji, CEO of BTEA, alongside several managers and staff members from the Authority, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Gulf Air, Mumtalakat Company, the Association of Bahrain Travel and Tour Agents, and representatives from the tourism sector.

Minister Al Sairafi initiated the session by expressing gratitude to all stakeholders in the public and private sectors who contribute directly or indirectly to the advancement and prosperity of the tourism sector and empha-

sized its role in enhancing the GDP and creating more employment opportunities for Bahraini citizens.

In this context, her excellency highlighted that the tourism strategy of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the years (2026-2022) constitutes a comprehensive national plan encompassing the whole of the Kingdom.

Tourism strategy

Al Sairafi underlined the key statistics and accomplishments of the tourism sector, emphasizing the strides made in aligning with the overarching goals and pillars outlined in the Kingdom of Bahrain's tourism strategy for the years (2026-2022).

Notably, Her Excellency discussed the significant tourism initiatives launched in the first quarter of the current year and

their positive impact on the national economy, and commended the efforts of the authority in promoting these initiatives and integrating them into its marketing campaigns.

This is in addition to underscoring the imperative of intensifying these efforts to achieve further successes, thereby enhancing Bahrain's tourism standing, and strengthening relations with local tourists and coordination with relevant government entities. During the meeting, the Board of Directors of BTEA received a comprehensive overview from Her Excellency Sarah Buhijji, CEO of the Authority, regarding the array of initiatives launched in the first quarter of 2024, and the forthcoming implementation of tourism and entertainment events.

Indian delegates



Delegates from the Central Travancore Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Kerala, India who are in Bahrain to participate in the Manama Entrepreneurship Week (MEW) pose during a photocall. The delegates included those from Toms Pipes Pvt Ltd, Lalgy Printers & Advertisers, KRS Group, Tanvin Costruzione, Palathra Constructions, Advika Escapes, Kallukalam Traders, DeCarbon Tech Solutions, Heavenford Estate, Prith We Construction, Malankara Plantations Ltd, Waferchips Techno Solutions Pvt Ltd, and Nova Engineering Solutions. Over 6,000 participants from across the world are participating in MEW held under the patronage of the Capital Governorate in strategic partnership with Tamkeen.

BKS Gears Up for GCC 'Kalotsavam' finale

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The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) is abuzz with excitement as the finale of the highly anticipated Devji-BKS GCC Kalotsavam 2024 approaches.

Scheduled to dazzle audiences on May 1st (Wednesday), the event promises to be a grand celebration of talent, creativity, and cultural heritage.

Renowned as one of the most prestigious talent hunts for children in the GCC region, the 'Kalotsavam' provides a coveted platform for young talents to showcase their skills across various disciplines. Originating as 'Balakalotsavam', the GCC 'Kalotsavam' has evolved over two decades to become a cornerstone event, featuring over 135 individual events across diverse age groups, as well as fifteen group events.

This year's 'Kalotsavam' kicked off at the end of March with individual events and is currently in full swing with group competi-



Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam officials speak at a press conference



A. N. Shamseer



Pramod Narayanan



Jayadeep Bharatji

Festivities

While individual events were open exclusively to children of Indian origin, group events welcomed participants from diverse backgrounds, with over 600 students from 12+ schools enthusiastically participating in the festivities.

The grand finale, set to take place at the BKS Diamond Jubilee Hall at 5PM on May 1st, promises to be a truly captivating event. Esteemed dignitaries including A. N. Shamseer, Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, and Pramod Narayanan, Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, will grace the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively, alongside Jayadeep Bharatji, Joint Managing Director of Devji Group of Companies.

Selected group event winners will have the opportunity to perform during the finale, with all prize winners across individual and group events to be felicitated during the evening. Titles such as 'Kalathilakam', 'Kalaprabhaha',

'Balathilakam', and 'Balaprabhaha', as well as group championships and special recognitions, will be awarded to deserving participants.

Anticipation

As anticipation builds towards the finale, remaining group competitions including Western Dance, Patriotic Song, Group Song, 'Oppana', Mime, and Cinematic Dance are set to entertain audiences in the days leading up to the event. The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam extended heartfelt congratulations to all participants and their families for their dedication and commitment to the Kalotsavam. President PV Radhakrishana Pillai, General Secretary Varghese Karakkal, and Convenor Noushad Cheriyil warmly invited all to join in the festivities of the Devji-BKS GCC Kalotsavam 2024 Finale. For any inquiries related to the 'Kalotsavam', interested parties can contact General Convenor Noushad Cheriyil at 39777801.

tions, captivating participants and spectators alike with its vibrant display of talent.

Led by the dedicated convener Noushad Cheriyil and supported by a team of over 100 volunteers,

the 'Kalotsavam' has garnered praise for its exceptional standard of performances. With six expert judges flown in from India, specializing in classical dance and music, alongside local Bahraini

judges, the event has showcased remarkable proficiency, particularly in classical dance forms such as 'Bharathanatyam' and 'Kutchippidi'.

Double Trouble

Summer heat and recent floods pose threat of vehicle fires in Bahrain

Ashen Tharaka

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With Bahrain bracing for another scorching summer, experts are warning of a potential rise in vehicle fires. This year, the threat is compounded by the recent floods that may have compromised the electrical systems of many cars.

A visit to repair shops in Tubli, Sitra, and Hamala revealed a surge in customers seeking repairs for electrical shorts and engine troubles following the heavy rainfall. Workers attributed the problems to water damage within vehicles' electrical systems.

"Car fire incidents are common during summer," said Aziz Mohamed Alqaseer, a former National Ambulance Service member, safety officer and Vice President of the Paramedic Academy Team. "This year, the situation could be worse due to the recent flooding."

Alqaseer emphasized the importance of regular vehicle check ups before summer driving, particularly focusing on the radiator cooling system.

He also warned against leaving flammable items like lighters and perfume bottles inside cars



A car receiving repairs in Tubli



A vehicle at Sitra's repair center

during hot weather.

Fire safety concerns extend beyond vehicles.

Alqaseer, who has experience dealing with house fires, high-

lighted the risks associated with kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans malfunctioning and sparking fires. Previously, 11 house fires had been reported within a month in the kingdom.

Potential solution

Nishad Abdulkhader, Quality, Health, Safety Manager at SGS Bahrain, suggests smart home automation as a potential solution. Systems that monitor kitchen LPG gas levels and automatically activate exhaust fans, alarms, and building power shutoffs in case of leaks could significantly reduce fire risks.

Abdulkhader also stressed the

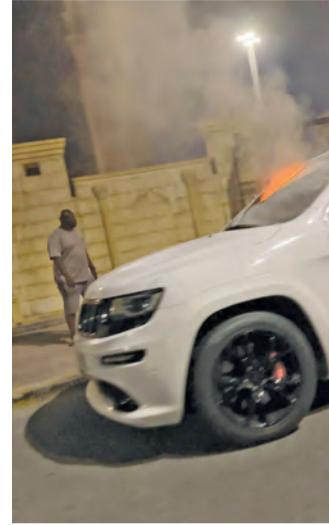


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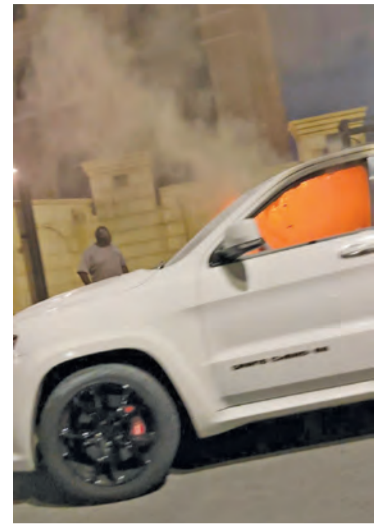
AZIZ MOHAMED ALQASEER, A FORMER NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE MEMBER, AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PARAMEDIC ACADEMY TEAM

importance of annual fire audits conducted by certified electricians to prevent short circuit-related fires.

However, Abdulkhader believes the most significant step lies in a cultural shift towards



An SUV that caught fire in front of the EWA building at Umm Al Hassam on Thursday night. Pic credit: Ashen Tharaka



Cases of vehicle fires are on the rise during summer

domestic safety. He argues that negligence and apathy are major contributors to accidents.

Safety discussions

"Families need to prioritize safety discussions," Abdulkhader said. "Regularly checking their homes and implementing

preventive measures can ensure everyone's well-being."

He proposes monthly family safety meetings and suggests local community groups organize safety talks to raise awareness, which is key to achieving zero fire incidents," Abdulkhader said.

Southern Municipal Council approves proposals for new seaport, sidewalk

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The Southern Municipal Council has approved a series of proposals aimed at enhancing public services and infrastructure in the Southern Governorate.

During its session held this week, one of the key proposals approved was the establishment of a new seaport in the southern region to serve the residents of Riffa and nearby areas. This initiative aims to improve maritime accessibility and boost economic activity in the region.

In recognition of his contributions to the community, the council unanimously approved naming the street connecting Al Hunainiyah Avenue and Al Muaskar Highway after the prominent figure Abdullah bin Hamad Al Majid Al Nuaimi.

Additionally, the council unanimously approved the



A proposal to build a new seaport will serve Riffa and nearby residents

construction of a sidewalk on Road 36 in Block 746 in Aali to improve traffic flow and reduce accidents on the busy road.

Recognising the challenges faced in managing tree maintenance, the council unanimously

approved assigning these tasks to the Southern Municipality's cleaning company.

This decision is expected to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and contribute to waste recycling and beautification efforts.

Doctor faces disciplinary action for illegal issuance of medical certificate to patient

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The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) issued a statement, announcing that it has taken the step of referring a doctor employed at a private healthcare institution to the Disciplinary Committee for Licensed Medical and Dental Practitioners.

The referral has been made in response to a violation that was detected during the NHRA's routine inspection visits to various healthcare facilities across the region.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that the doctor in question had issued a medical certificate to a patient, despite there being no recorded visit or medical file present within the center's system.

This particular action is considered to be a severe breach of both ethical and professional standards, according to the NHRA.



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In light of this incident, the NHRA has reiterated its unwavering dedication to bolstering its regulatory role, as well as intensifying its efforts to hold healthcare institutions and practitioners accountable for any violations of established regulations.

Rules and regulations

Furthermore, the NHRA stressed the paramount importance of adhering to the rules and regulations that govern the creation and management of healthcare institutions, along

with the licensing procedures for healthcare professionals.

The NHRA made it explicitly clear that failure to comply with these regulations can have serious legal consequences, including potential disciplinary action and the suspension or revocation of licenses.

It is vital for all healthcare professionals to understand and abide by these regulations, ensuring the highest possible standards of patient care and safety, the statement concluded.

Bahraini fined BD400 for violating shrimping ban

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The Second Minor Criminal Court has imposed a fine of BD400 on a Bahraini defendant and ordering the confiscation of the seized goods for violating the shrimping ban.

According to the Chief Prosecutor of Ministries and Public Entities, the decision follows an incident reported to the Public Prosecution by the



Coast Guard Command, alleging the illegal sale of shrimp by a Bahraini individual during the banned period.

Subsequently, the accused was referred to criminal trial, leading to the aforementioned judgment.

Maritime regulations compliance



The Coast Guard has continued its land and sea inspection campaigns to ensure fishermen's compliance with fishing regulatory rules. The campaigns, which included sea and land patrols, were carried out along the southern coastline. They aim to enforce the law, eliminate violations in the territorial waters of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and ensure adherence to the decisions regulating fishing, the validity of vessel licenses, and the availability of marine safety tools.

Lane closure begins for four-day paving work

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The Ministry of Public Works, through its Road Affairs Department and in collaboration with the General Traffic Department of the Ministry of Interior, has declared the need for lane closure on Janabiya Street to facilitate paving work for southbound traffic.

Commencing from yesterday at 11pm until Sunday at 5am, one lane will be closed in stages while another lane remains open for traffic flow.

Zero tolerance for online hate

Public Prosecution takes action against social media offenses

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The Public Prosecution announced that it has taken action against two separate incidents involving the misuse of social media platforms.

In the first case, the Public Prosecution received a report from the Cybercrimes Department regarding a Bahraini national who posted a video on his social media account inciting hatred towards a specific religious sect in the community. The Public Prosecution ordered the suspect's pretrial detention pending investigation.

In the second case, the Public Prosecution received a report from the same individual, this time as the victim. He claimed that another Bahraini national had exploited his voice from the previous video and created a new video where he appears to be addressing the victim with insulting and defamatory language. The suspect then shared this fabricated video publicly on his social media account.

The Public Prosecution immediately initiated an investigation and questioned the suspect, who confessed to creating the video with the intention of targeting the victim. The Public Prosecution ordered the suspect's detention for seven days pending further investigation before referring the case to criminal trial.

The Head of the Public Prosecution emphasised the importance for social media users to adhere to regulations regarding online content and ensure that their posts and recordings do not harm others. She also stressed the need to carefully select online content and ensure it does not threaten social peace or incite division within the community.

"The Public Prosecution will not hesitate to take all necessary legal measures against anyone who attempts to undermine the unity of the Bahraini society, regardless of their background or affiliation," she stated.

Participants lauded the workshop for its comprehensive approach and pragmatic insights, expressing fervor to integrate the acquired strategies into their educational milieu. Ms. Kavitha Nair, in her concluding remarks, extended gratitude to all stakeholders and reiterated the collective commitment towards fostering a vibrant educational ecosystem in Bahrain.

CBSE Bahrain Chapter Hosts Capacity Building Programme for School Leaders

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In a concerted effort to bolster the educational landscape in Bahrain, CBSE Schools Bahrain Chapter, in collaboration with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi, orchestrated a dynamic Capacity Building Programme tailored for the leadership cadre of CBSE-affiliated schools in Bahrain.

The program spanned from March 20th to March 27th, 2024, encompassing a spectrum of enlightening sessions aimed at enriching educational methodologies and strategies.

The inaugural session, held at Al Noor International School, radiated an aura of enthusiasm and commitment towards educational excellence.

Dr. Biswajit Saha, Director of



Dr. Biswajit Saha speaks at the event



Al Noor International School officials, along with principals and senior leadership members from various CBSE schools

Training and Skills at CBSE, New Delhi, graced the occasion as the esteemed Chief Guest, illuminating the gathering with his profound insights.

Ceremony

The ceremony witnessed the presence of Dr. Muhammad Mashood, Director of Al Noor International School, along with

principals and senior leadership members from various CBSE schools across Bahrain.

Setting the tone for the program, Ms. Monika Sethi, Principal CBSE Curriculum at Al Noor International School, emphasized the indispensable role of continuous learning for educators to adeptly navigate the evolving educational landscape.

Dr. Biswajit Saha, in his interactive discourse, underscored CBSE's unwavering commitment to ensuring quality education, elucidating the board's initiatives towards enhancing the proficiency of teachers and principals.

Delving into the intricacies of educational policy, Dr. Saha expounded upon the latest developments in the National Education Policy (NEP), National Curriculum Framework (NCF), and National Credit Framework (NCF), aligning the discussions with CBSE's vision for 2020.

The subsequent workshop, conducted by Ms. Sampa Das, a distinguished Master Trainer CBSE and Principal of South Valley School, Indore, delved into

a kaleidoscope of educational paradigms.

Topics

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CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, for the three months ended 31 March 2024

(All figures in Bahraini Dinars)

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY (B.S.C)



CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 31 March 2024			
	31 March 2024 (reviewed)	31 December 2023 (audited)	
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	33,707,708	33,591,757	
Investment property	29,713,937	29,913,554	
Investment in an associate	5,466,639	6,525,967	
Investment securities	5,201,894	4,839,767	
Total non-current assets	74,090,178	74,871,045	
Current assets			
Inventories	72,943	74,604	
Investment securities	1,137,497	1,118,806	
Trade receivables and other assets	825,725	599,753	
Bank deposits	1,800,000	2,300,000	
Cash and cash equivalents	5,647,199	3,862,115	
Total current assets	9,483,364	7,955,278	
Total assets	83,573,542	82,826,323	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Non-current liabilities			
Employees' end of service benefits	287,720	278,775	
Total non-current liabilities	287,720	278,775	
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	2,917,622	1,514,654	
Total current liabilities	2,917,622	1,514,654	
Total liabilities	3,205,342	1,793,429	
EQUITY			
Share capital	12,127,500	12,127,500	
Statutory reserve	6,063,750	6,063,750	
General reserve	1,087,579	1,087,579	
Property revaluation reserve	14,418,702	14,418,702	
Investments fair value reserve	1,554,865	1,583,771	
Share of reserves of associate	170,001	166,152	
Retained earnings	44,945,803	45,585,440	
Total equity	80,368,200	81,032,894	
Total liabilities and equity	83,573,542	82,826,323	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS for the three months ended 31 March 2024			
	31 March 2024 (reviewed)	31 March 2023 (reviewed)	
Revenue from contracts with customers	2,051,835	1,998,787	
Operating costs	(1,198,139)	(1,122,115)	
GROSS PROFIT	853,696	876,672	
Share of profit of an associate	336,823	465,141	
Dividend income	132,116	116,741	
Interest income	123,201	106,505	
Change in fair value of investments at fair value through profit or loss	18,691	(1,520)	
Other income	3,795	2,030	
Depreciation	(523,879)	(537,478)	
General and administration expenses	(128,972)	(129,565)	
Profit for the period	815,471	898,526	
Basic and diluted earnings per share (in fils)	7	7	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the three months ended 31 March 2024			
	31 March 2024 (reviewed)	31 March 2023 (reviewed)	
Profit for the period	815,471	898,526	
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:			
- Net movement in fair value of investments in equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income during the period	(28,906)	11,814	
- Share in associates' other comprehensive income	12,110	3,260	
Other comprehensive income for the period	(16,796)	15,074	
Total comprehensive income for the period	798,675	913,600	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the three months ended 31 March 2024			
	31 March 2024 (reviewed)	31 March 2023 (reviewed)	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit for the period	815,471	898,526	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	523,879	537,478	
Share of profit of an associate	(336,823)	(465,141)	
Change in fair value on investments at FVTPL	(18,691)	1,520	
Dividend income	(132,116)	(116,741)	
Interest income	(123,201)	(106,505)	
Impairment on financial assets	(2,340)	(8,931)	
Provision for employees' benefits	21,015	14,834	
Operating profit before working capital changes	747,194	755,040	
Change in inventories	1,661	(3,066)	
Change in trade receivables and other assets	226,346	(157,797)	
Change in trade and other payables	(198,960)	(116,101)	
Cash generated from operating activities	776,241	478,076	
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(12,070)	(5,008)	
Directors' remuneration paid	(130,750)	(210,000)	
Net cash from operating activities	633,421	263,068	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(434,491)	(195,770)	
Purchase of investment property	(5,725)	(75,772)	
Purchase of investments at FVOCI	(398,823)	-	
Bank deposits	500,000	4,200,000	
Dividends received from an associate	1,400,000	1,400,000	
Dividend received	24,000	116,741	
Interest received	66,702	11,342	
Net cash from investing activities	1,151,663	5,456,541	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividend paid	-	(1,450,411)	
Treasury shares	-	30,250	
Net cash used in financing activities	-	(1,420,161)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,785,084	4,299,448	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	3,862,115	1,948,604	
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	5,647,199	6,248,052	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the three months ended 31 March 2024										
2024 (reviewed)	Share capital	Treasury shares	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Property Revaluation reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Share of Reserves of associate	Retained earnings	Total	2023 (reviewed)
- Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	815,471	815,471	-
- Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(28,906)	12,110	-	(16,796)	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(28,906)	12,110	815,471	798,675	15,074
Adjustment to associate's reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,261)	-	(8,261)	-
Dividends declared for 2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,455,108)	(1,455,108)	-
Balance at 31 March 2024	12,127,500	-	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,554,865	170,001	44,945,803	80,368,200	80,227,897

Faisal Ahmed Al Zayani (Chairman)

Adel Nahabah Hamadeh (Vice Chairman & Managing Director)

US economic growth slows significantly in first quarter

AFP | Washington, United States

The US economy cooled markedly in the first three months this year, expanding less than anticipated as consumer spending and exports decelerated, according to government data released on Thursday.

The world's biggest economy grew 1.6% in the first quarter, the Commerce Department said, missing analysts' expectations of a larger 2.4% rise.

This was also a clear slowdown from the 3.4 percent increase in the final three months of last year, and the weakest rate since mid-2022.

President Joe Biden maintained that the "report shows the American economy remains strong, with continued steady and stable growth."

He also stressed that unemployment has remained below four percent for more than two



Representative picture

years.

"But we have more work to do. Costs are too high for working families, and I am fighting to lower them," Biden said in a statement.

The latest figure still shows expansion, but economic pressures could weigh on Biden as he seeks reelection in November.

Biden has been working to improve perceptions surrounding his handling of the econ-

omy even as soaring inflation has eased since the Covid-19 pandemic and the jobs market remained solid.

Slower spending

On Thursday, the slowing in growth "primarily reflected decelerations in consumer spending, exports, and state and local government spending," said the Commerce Department.

Consumer spending grew 2.5 percent, pulling back from the

fourth quarter.

There was also a "downturn in federal government spending," the Commerce Department said.

Residential investment, however, had a strong showing with new housing construction boosted by demand and a lack of resale inventory, analysts noted.

Consumption has been more resilient than anticipated last year, even as economists predicted that spending would cool as households depleted their savings from the pandemic period and while borrowing costs stayed high.

A key factor has been a robust labour market, fueling job and wage gains.

All of this boosted optimism that the country is achieving a "soft landing" where inflation moves lower on the back of higher interest rates without triggering a recession.

Mideast tensions threaten global progress on inflation: World Bank

Washington, United States

The ongoing tensions in the Middle East threaten to halt -- or even reverse -- some of the recent progress made in tackling global inflation, the World Bank said yesterday.

Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza has caused tensions to rise across the region and pushed up oil prices.

"Heightened tensions in the Middle East have been exerting upward pressure on prices for key commodities, notably oil and gold," the World Bank announced in its outlook for global commodity markets.

"Disinflationary tailwinds from moderating commodity prices appear essentially over," it added.

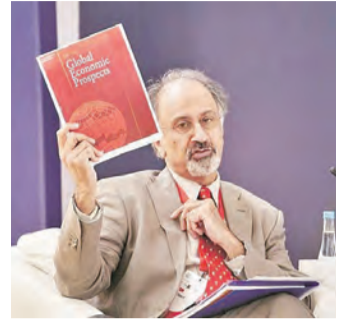
A worst-case scenario shock to oil prices meanwhile could raise global inflation.

Regional tensions remain high more than 200 days into Israel's devastating war in Gaza, launched after Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack.

Disinflation 'hit a wall'

"A key force for disinflation -- falling commodity prices -- has essentially hit a wall," World Bank chief economist Indermit Gill said in a statement.

"That means interest rates could remain higher than cur-



World Bank chief economist Indermit Gill

rently expected this year and next," he continued.

"The world is at a vulnerable moment: a major energy shock could undermine much of the progress in reducing inflation over the past two years," he added.

The World Bank estimated that a "moderate conflict-related supply disruption" could raise the average cost of a barrel of Brent crude oil to \$92 per barrel, while a "severe disruption" could push it above \$100.

That worst-case scenario would have the impact of raising global inflation by nearly one percentage point this year, the World Bank said.

As well as delaying interest rate cuts, it could also cause an increase to food insecurity, which had already "worsened markedly last year reflecting armed conflicts and elevated food prices," the Bank added.

Ukraine agriculture minister suspected of corruption offers resignation

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine's agriculture minister offered to resign Thursday after he was named a formal suspect in a multimillion-dollar corruption inquiry.

Investigators earlier this week accused Mykola Solsky of illegally seizing land worth more than \$7 million when he was the head of a major farming company and a member of parliament.

"I have written a letter of resignation... I believe it the right step," Solsky said in a post on Telegram.

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) said Tuesday that Solsky headed a group that expropriated state land in the northeastern Sumy region worth 291 million hryvnias (\$7.3 million) between 2017 and 2021. Solsky said the deals related to a "dispute" and the land had been handed over "in accordance with the law".

US reinstates open internet rules rescinded under Trump

AFP | Washington, United States

The US Federal Communications Commission voted on Thursday to reinstate tougher rules to guarantee open access to the internet, reversing a decision made during the Trump administration.

"This agency, the nation's leading communications authority, believes every consumer deserves internet access that is fast, open and fair," said FCC chair Jessica Rosenworcel ahead of the vote.

The rules bring back government oversight for internet providers by classifying broadband as a utility-like service, regulated like water and phone companies.

The commission voted 3-2 along party lines to reinstate the open internet rules that were originally adopted in 2015.

"These net neutrality policies ensure you can go where you want and do what you want online without your broadband provider making choices for



Proponents of an open and unregulated internet attend a news conference at the U.S. Capitol

you," Rosenworcel added.

"They make clear your broadband provider should not have the right to block websites, slow services, or censor online content," she said.

Under president Donald Trump, after a politically-charged debate, the FCC scrapped the order.

Backers of net neutrality argue the rules, which were challenged in court, prevented powerful internet providers

like Comcast and AT&T from shutting out rival services and creating "fast" and "slow" lanes for online services.

But others worried that such rules were a heavy-handed effort to reclassify internet providers as utilities, which could discourage investment in the fast-evolving sector.

Under Trump, the FCC said the change in the approach to net neutrality taken by the FCC was part of a return to "a light-touch regulatory framework."

India's IndiGo to buy 30 A350 planes

AFP | Paris, France

Airbus said Thursday that Indian airline IndiGo had agreed to buy 30 A350 long-range jets as the carrier made its first-ever order for wide-body passenger planes.

"Airbus confirms that IndiGo, India's largest airline, has agreed to place an order for 30 Airbus A350-900 aircraft," the European planemaker said in a statement, hailing "an exciting new chapter in our close partnership with IndiGo".

The deal, to be signed in the coming days and worth \$9.5 billion at list prices, will also see the Indian low-cost carrier, the country's biggest by market share, place an option to buy 70 additional planes from the A350 family.

Deliveries will start from 2027 as IndiGo positions itself as a significant player in the long-haul market.

IndiGo carried 100 million



Representative picture

passengers last year, primarily on domestic routes.

The A350 planes, with ranges of up to 15,000 kilometres (9,300 miles), will allow it to further expand its network.

"This is an exciting new chapter in our close partnership with IndiGo," said Benoit de Saint-Exupery, Airbus's executive vice president for commercial sales.

The order comes 10 months after Airbus and IndiGo agreed at last year's Paris Air Show on the largest civil aviation order ever for single-aisle aircraft, for 500 aircraft from the A320neo family.

Nestle denies adding sugar to baby food in lower-income countries

AFP | Zurich, Switzerland

Swiss food giant Nestle yesterday rejected accusations from an NGO that it added sugar to products in developing countries that it sold sugar-free in European markets.

"There is no double standard," the company said in a statement. "We apply the same nutrition, health and wellness principles everywhere."

In a report published last week, Swiss NGO Public Eye said that "two of the best-selling baby-food brands marketed by Nestle in low- and middle-income countries contain high levels of added sugar, while such products are sugar free in its home country, Switzerland." Nestle, which owns infant



An employee is seen in front of powdered milk cans at a analysis laboratory, during the inauguration of the Institute of agricultural sciences of Swiss giant food Nestle in Vers-chez-les-Blanc near Lausanne

milk brands including Laboratoire Guigoz and Nestle Nidal, said its formula for babies under

12 months of age do not contain added sugars. It said it has been phasing out added sugars world-

wide in products for children older than one year.

"Our range of cereals for infants and young children are available with and without added sugars in many parts of the world -- in Europe as well as in markets in Asia, Latin America, and North America," the company said.

"We are continuing to roll out options with no added sugar, and our ambition is to have these available everywhere we offer infant and nutrition products," it said.

In its report, Public Eye cited the Cerelac brand of flour-based cereals for six-month-olds, which it said had more than five grams of sugar per portion in Ethiopia and six grams in Thailand while it had none in Germa-

ny or Britain.

Published the day before Nestle's annual general meeting, the report added to the pressure the company was already facing from the ShareAction NGO and activist shareholders who demanded a vote on the health impact of Nestle products.

The motion failed, but it forced company executives to address the issue at the AGM.

Public Eye's report also came on top of warnings by French

regulators about contamination of Nestle-branded mineral waters in France.

The flow of negative news "is raising concerns among shareholders," Jean-Philippe Bertschy, an analyst at Vontobel, said in a commentary.

Patrik Schwendimann, an analyst at the Zurich cantonal bank, said "investor sentiment towards Nestle has not been this low in more than 25 years".



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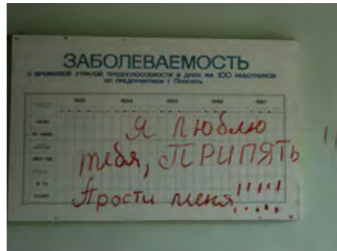
QUOTE OF THE DAY

BE YOURSELF; EVERYONE ELSE IS ALREADY TAKEN OSCAR WILDE

TODAY IN HISTORY

1478 Pazzi conspirators attack Lorenzo de' Medici and kill Giuliano de' Medici in Florence

1956 First modern container ship, the Ideal X, leaves Port Newark, New Jersey for Houston, Texas



1986 World's worst nuclear disaster: 4th reactor at Chernobyl nuclear power station in USSR explodes, 31 die, radioactive contamination reaches much of Western Europe

2005 Under international pressure, Syria withdraws the last of its 14,000 troop military garrison in Lebanon, ending its 29-year military domination of that country.

News in brief

◆ A crew of three astronauts from China's Shenzhou-18 mission took off on a rocket bound for the Tiangong space station yesterday the latest mission in Beijing's space programme that aims to send astronauts to the Moon by 2030. The crew took off on a spaceship on top of a Long March-2F rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in China's northwest at 8:59 pm local time (1259 GMT). The mission is led by Ye Guangfu, a fighter pilot and astronaut who was previously part of the Shenzhou-13 crew in 2021. He is joined by astronauts Li Cong and Li Guangsu, who are heading into space for the first time. They plan to stay at the Tiangong space station for six months. While there they plan to carry out experiments "in the fields of basic physics in microgravity, space material science, space life science, space medicine and space technology", the China Manned Space Agency has said.



China's Shenzhou-18 mission takes off bound for space station

◆ At least 155 people have died in Tanzania as torrential rains linked to El Nino caused flooding and landslides, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said yesterday. He told parliament that about 200,000 people had been affected and that there had been significant damage in several parts of the country, with homes, infrastructure and crops destroyed. El Nino often has devastating consequences in East Africa, a region already hit by repeated climate shocks. In Kenya, 13 people have been killed in flash floods that hit the capital Nairobi this week, while 100,000 people have been displaced in Burundi by months of relentless rainfall. "The heavy El Nino rains, accompanied by strong winds, floods, and landslides in various parts of the country, have caused significant damage."

155 killed in Tanzania as heavy rains cause floods, landslides: PM



Majaliwa told parliament in Tanzania's capital Dodoma.

◆ Lebanon's parliament yesterday delayed municipal elections for a third time in two years, state media reported, as Hezbollah fighters in the country's south exchanged near-daily fire with Israel for over six months. The powerful Iran-backed Hezbollah group has been trading fire with Israeli forces across the border since the day after its Palestinian ally Hamas carried out a deadly attack on Israel on October 7, triggering the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip. Lebanon is supposed to hold municipal elections every six years, but cash-strapped authorities last held a local ballot in 2016. Parliament approved "extending the existing municipal and elective councils' mandate until a date no later than May 31, 2025," despite objections from lawmakers opposed to Hezbollah, said the official National News Agency.

Lebanon postpones local elections again as violence rocks south



CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Japan karate practitioner kicks away bears



Representative picture

Tokyo, Japan

A pair of bears picked the wrong person to mess with Thursday in Japan when they approached a 50-year-old karate practitioner only to be kicked away, police and media said. Masato Fukuda was lightly injured in his encounter with the bears on Thursday morning in Nayoro city, on the northern island of Hokkaido, police told AFP. The man was visiting from Japan's central Aichi region to see a waterfall in Nayoro's mountainous area when he chanced upon the two brown bears poking their faces out of bushes, the Mainichi newspaper reported. One of them came towards him -- but unfortunately for the animal, Fukuda was experienced in the martial art of karate, according to media reports. "I thought I should make my move or else I will be killed," he told a local broadcaster. Fukuda kicked it in the face -- twice -- and in the process twisted his leg, but his attack swiftly scared away the hapless duo, reports said. Both animals looked to be about 1.5 metres (five feet) tall, according to media. Brown bears can weigh half a tonne (1,100 pounds) and outrun a human.

Leaders of 18 nations call on Hamas to release hostages



A girl looks at the rubble of a building destroyed in overnight Israeli bombardment in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip

AFP | Washington, United States

The leaders of the United States, Britain, France and more than a dozen other countries called in a joint statement yesterday for Hamas to release the scores of hostages it is holding. "We call for the immediate release of all hostages held by Hamas in Gaza for over 200 days. They include our own citizens," the leaders said. "We emphasize that the deal on the table to release the hos-

tages would bring an immediate and prolonged ceasefire in Gaza, that would facilitate a surge of additional necessary humanitarian assistance to be delivered throughout Gaza, and lead to the credible end of hostilities," they said. "We strongly support the ongoing mediation efforts in order to bring our people home." Israel estimates 129 of the roughly 250 people abducted during the Hamas attack on October 7 remain in Gaza, including 34 who the military says are dead.

#SaveToomaj: Iran urged to spare rapper after 'grotesque' verdict



People hold placards bearing portraits of Iranian rapper Toomaj Salehi (R), who is arrested in Iran, and portraits of children (L), who were killed during the protests in Iran, during a rally in support of Iranian women in Istanbul

AFP | Paris, France

Iranian authorities yesterday faced pressure to release and clear a prominent rapper sentenced to death in a verdict supporters say is merely revenge for his music backing anti-government protests. Toomaj Salehi, 33, one of the best-known figures arrested in a crackdown on protests that began in 2022, risks being hanged after the conviction on the sharia charge of "corruption on Earth" by a Revolutionary Court. The verdict, which can still be appealed, stunned activists as the lower court disregarded a move by the supreme court to overturn a prison sentence Salehi had been given on the same charge. "This grotesque manipulation of the judicial process aims to silence dissent," said Hadi Ghaemi, the executive director of the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI). "Toomaj's imprisonment stems from his vocal advocacy against state oppression." Supporters used the hashtag #SaveToomaj on social media in a bid to create momentum for an international campaign

for his life to be spared. "This is devastating news and we must all be outraged and do everything in our power to #SaveToomaj. He is a national hero and treasure," the Iran-born British actor Nazanin Boniadi wrote on X, formerly Twitter. The announcement of the death sentence comes with Iran in the throes of a new crackdown against women deemed to be flouting the Islamic dress code and also ratcheting up executions, which according to Norway-based Iran Human Rights (IHR) have already reached 130 this year. The verdict was announced shortly after another rapper arrested in the crackdown, Saman Yasin, who had initially been sentenced to death by a lower court, was sentenced to five years in prison, a term to be served in exile in the eastern Kerman province. "We call for their immediate release. These are the latest examples of the regime's brutal abuse of human rights, and fear of the democratic change the Iranian people seek," said the office of the deputy US special envoy for Iran, Abram Paley.

Macron says Europe 'is mortal'

He urged Europe to emerge from a "strategic minority" that had left it over-dependent on Russia for energy and the United States for security.

AFP | Paris, France

French President Emmanuel Macron yesterday urged Europe to rise up to the challenges of a changed world, warning that "our Europe, today, is mortal and it can die." "It can die and this depends only on our choices," Macron said in a keynote speech, warning that Europe was "not armed against the risks we face" in a world where the "rules of the game have changed". "Over the next



French President Emmanuel Macron delivers a speech on Europe in an amphitheatre of the Sorbonne University in Paris

decade... the risk is immense of (Europe) being weakened or even relegated," he said at the speech at the Sorbonne university in Paris, billed as the president's vision for Europe's future. He urged Europe to emerge from a "strategic minority" that had left it over-dependent on Russia for energy and the United States for security.

80,000-100,000 Gazans crossed into Egypt since October 7: envoy

AFP | Cairo, Egypt

Between 80,000 and 100,000 Palestinians have crossed into Egypt from Gaza since the start of the war triggered by Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel, the Palestinian ambassador to Cairo

said yesterday. Ambassador Diab Alouh told AFP that they had made their way over the frontier, without specifying how. The Rafah border crossing is the sole entry and exit point to Gaza not directly under the control of Israeli forces.

COP29 host says deal on climate aid essential but offers few details

AFP | Berlin, Germany

The world must agree this year on how to raise billions of dollars to help poorer countries adapt to global warming, the president of the UN climate talks said yesterday. Mukhtar Babayev of Azerbaijan offered little detail about how to broker this deal but said climate finance would be a "pillar" of the COP29 summit in the petro-state in November. "We know that the world needs to increase the overall flow of climate finance by several multiples... At COP29, we need to agree a new climate financial goal," he



Mukhtar Babayev

told ministers and diplomats at the Petersberg Climate Dialogue in Berlin. Just a small fraction of the money needed to fund clean energy and build resilience to extreme weather in less developed countries is raised each year, eroding much-needed trust in climate negotiations.

New York court overturns Harvey Weinstein sex crime conviction

AFP | New York, United States

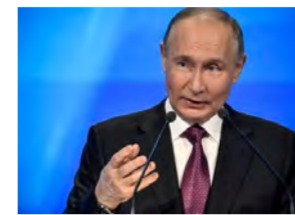
New York's highest court yesterday overturned disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's 2020 conviction on sex crime charges, a shock reversal in one of the defining cases of the #MeToo movement. In their 4-3 decision, Court of Appeal judges cited errors in the way the trial had been conducted, including admitting the testimony of women who were not part of the charges against him. "Order reversed and a new trial ordered," the ruling said. "The accused has a right to be held to account only for the crime charged and, thus, allegations of prior bad acts may not be admitted against them for the sole purpose of establishing their propensity for criminality," wrote Judge Jenny Rivera, in an opinion for the majority. "The court compounded that error when it ruled that defendant, who had no criminal history, could be cross examined about those allegations



Harvey Weinstein leaves the Manhattan Criminal Court

as well as numerous allegations of misconduct that portrayed defendant in a highly prejudicial light." Weinstein, 72, was convicted in February 2020 by a court in New York of rape and sexual assault of ex-actress Jessica Mann in 2013 and of forcibly performing oral sex on former production assistant Mimi Halesy in 2006. He was later sentenced to 23 years in prison.

Putin says plans to visit China in May



Putin

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin said yesterday he plans to visit China in May, in what would be his first trip abroad since re-election as the two forge closer ties. "A visit in May is planned," Putin said at a business forum in Moscow, without providing further detail. Beijing and Moscow declared a "no limits" partnership days before Russia launched its full-scale military assault on Ukraine, and the two have expanded ties even as most Western countries turned their back on Moscow.

119 Nigerian prisoners flee as rain wrecks 'colonial-era' jail

AFP | Kano, Nigeria

Nearly 120 inmates escaped from a prison in central Nigeria after torrential rains destroyed the perimeter fence, a Nigerian prisons service spokesman said yesterday. An hours-long downpour on Wednesday "wreaked havoc" on the medium security jail in Suleja near Nigeria's capital Abuja, destroying buildings and the perimeter fence. This led to "to the escape of a total of one hundred and nineteen inmates of the facility" in Niger State, Adamu Duza said. Prison staff along with other security personnel were able to recapture 10 and a manhunt was underway for the rest, he said.

Kremlin says Ukraine access to ATACMS will not impact outcome of conflict

AFP | Moscow, Russia

The Kremlin said yesterday that Ukraine's access to long-range weapons, including ATACMS provided by the United States, would not fundamentally change the outcome of the conflict, now in its third year. That comments came hours after the State Department said the United States had secretly sent ATACMS missiles to Ukraine for use inside its own territory, and that the weapons had arrived this month. "The United States is directly involved in this conflict. It is on the road to increasing the range of the weapons systems it already supplies," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told

reporters. "This will not fundamentally change the outcome of the special military operation. We will get our way. But it will cause more problems for Ukraine itself," Peskov added. Some ATACMS missiles can hit targets up to 300 kilometres (190 miles) away, and a Defense Department spokesperson confirmed that was the long-range variant supplied to Ukraine. The details on ATACMS came on the same day US President Joe Biden signed a bill to provide \$61 billion in new aid for Ukraine, clearing the way for the Pentagon to announce an assistance package featuring desperately needed artillery and air defence munitions.

Up to 160 pilot whales stranded on Australian beach



Pilot whales stranded at Toby's Inlet near Dunsborough in Western Australia

AFP | Sydney, Australia

Marine biologists raced yesterday to save more than 100 pilot whales after a mass stranding on an Australian beach, with officials fearing many will have to be euthanised. Western Australia's Parks and Wildlife Service said 26 of the beached pilot whales had already died. As many as 160 pilot whales became stranded Thursday morning at Toby's Inlet, officials said, located about three hours' drive south of state capital Perth. "A team of experienced staff including wildlife officers, marine scientists, veterinarians are on site or on their way," the

Parks and Wildlife Service said in a statement. Wildlife officers will try to guide some of the pilot whales away from the beach and into deeper water. But the service said that "these events usually result in the beached animals having to be euthanised as the most humane outcome". "We always hope for the best outcome," the wildlife service added. Scientists do not fully understand why mass strandings occur, but some researchers think pods go off track after feeding too close to shore. Pilot whales -- which can grow to more than six metres (20 feet) long -- are highly sociable, so they may follow podmates who stray into danger.

Oman, UAE deluge 'most likely' linked to climate change: scientists

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Global warming caused by fossil fuel emissions "most likely" exacerbated the intense rains that lashed the UAE and Oman last week, causing deaths and widespread flooding, an expert group of scientists said Thursday. Extreme rainfall in El Nino years has become 10-40 percent heavier in the region affected, a study published by the World Weather Attribution (WWA) group found. Climate change caused by fossil fuel emissions is the probable reason but cannot be pinpointed "with certainty", added the study compiled by 21 international researchers. Twenty-one people died in Oman and four in the United Arab Emirates, which was battered by the heaviest rainfall since records



Municipality water trucks transport storm water to drain it in the sea in Sharjah

began for the desert Gulf state 75 years ago. "Warming, caused by burning fossil fuels, is the most likely explanation for the increasing rainfall," WWA said in the study. "There are no other known explanations" for the sharp rise in precipitation, added the international group of scientists

that investigates the role of climate change in extreme weather events. "The UAE and Oman floods have shown that even dry regions can be strongly affected by precipitation events, a threat that is increasing with increasing global warming due to fossil fuel burning," said Sonia Seneviratne, a WWA member and professor at Zurich's ETH university. Severe disruption The WWA study analysed historic weather data and climate models to determine changes in rainfall patterns in the area, including in El Nino years -- a recurring pattern when global temperatures rise. It found extreme rains were significantly less intense in the years before 1.2 degrees Celsius of warming above pre-industrial

levels. "Extreme rainfall events have become at least 10 percent heavier in the UAE and Oman," said Mariam Zachariah, a WWA member and researcher at London's Imperial Collegew. "This finding... agrees with the basic physics that a warmer atmosphere can hold more moisture." The storm first landed in Oman on April 14, killing at least 21 people in flash floods and other incidents, according to the official

Oman News Agency. It hit the UAE on April 16, dumping nearly two years' worth of rain that flooded homes, roads, malls and offices and left four people dead. Financial hub Dubai faced severe disruption for days with major roads blocked by floods, power outages and some residents trapped in their homes. Dubai airport, the world's busiest by international travellers, cancelled 2,155 flights, diverted 115 and did not return to full capacity until Tuesday. "The situation was unprecedented in its severity but we are a country that learns from every experience," Dubai ruler and UAE Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum said on Wednesday, announcing a \$544 million package to repair homes. "Destructive floods" Reports of cloud seeding, the practice of spraying clouds with chemicals to increase rainfall, were denied by UAE officials last week. The WWA said it did not investigate "the possible influence of cloud seeding" but added: "Given the huge size of the storm system, massive rainfall would have fallen regardless of whether (cloud seeding) operations had been carried out."



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TOP 4 TWEETS



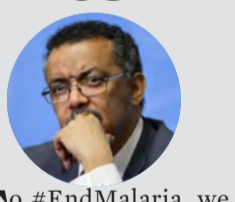
Fewer women than men have access to the Internet - effectively shutting them off from work & education opportunities. We must equip & support more #GirlsInICT. The world cannot afford to lose their talent.

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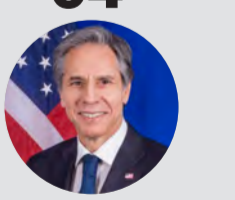
Spoke with PM @GiorgiaMeloni and extended greetings as Italy celebrates its Liberation day today. Thanked her for the invite to the G7 Summit in June. Discussed taking forward #G20India outcomes at the G7. Reaffirmed commitment to deepening our Strategic Partnership.

@narendramodi



The #EndMalaria, we have to address the inequity that drives it. In 2022, malaria claimed the lives of over 600,000 people and there were 249 million new cases. On #WorldMalariaDay, let's accelerate the fight against malaria for a more equitable world.

@DrTredos



I'm in China to make progress on issues that matter most to the American people, including curbingentanyl trafficking. We will discuss work under way to fulfill commitments made by @POTUS and President Xi last fall, as well as the areas where we have significant disagreements.

@SecBlinken

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celebs

Celine Dion 'can't answer' when she will be back on stage

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Céline Dion has no idea when she will be able to get back to touring.

The 'My Heart Will Go On' singer, 55, was left devastated when she was diagnosed with ultra-rare Stiff Person Syndrome, and was forced to cancel her European tour in February 2023 due to her ongoing battle with its symptoms.

She told the latest issue of Vogue France when asked if she would be back on stage: "I can't answer that... because for four years I've been saying to myself that I'm not going back, that I'm ready, that I'm not ready."

"As things stand, I can't stand here and say to you: 'Yes, in four months!'"

"I don't know... my body will tell me. On the other hand, I don't just want to wait."

But Céline added she was sure her burning desire to fight back would never end.

She said: "It's morally hard to live from day to day. It's hard, I'm working very hard and tomorrow will be even harder. Tomorrow is another day."

"But there's one thing that will never stop,

and that's the will. It's the passion. It's the dream. It's the determination."

Céline revealed in 2022 she was suffering SPS, and has said the thing she draws most strength from as she lives with the illness is the love of her kids.

She added when asked what helps her the most in the health fight: "Above all, the love of my family and my children, the love of the fans too, and the support of my team."

"People who suffer from SPS may not be lucky enough or have the means to have good doctors and good treatments. I have those means, and this is a gift. "What's more, I have this strength within me. I know that nothing is going to stop me."

Céline and her late husband René Angélil - who died aged 73 in 2016 from throat cancer - had three sons: René-Charles, 23, and 13-year-old twins Nelson and Eddy.

The singer also said her dream now is to "live in the present" and insisted despite her health woes she considers herself "truly very lucky".



Celine Dion

'More famous for not playing Bond': Idris Elba laughs off long-running 007 speculation

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Idris Elba joked he's "more famous for not playing James Bond" than past actors who have had the role.

The 51-year-old actor has long been linked to taking over the role from Daniel Craig - who bowed out of the franchise after 2021's 'No Time To Die' - but he insisted the speculation was only ever a rumour, though he was flattered to be associated with one of cinema's most iconic roles.

Asked about the speculation on 'The Chris Moyles Show' on Radio X on Thursday (18.04.24), he said: "I have several times, several sort of half-a-million times."

"No, it was definitely one of the biggest rumours. I'm arguably more famous for not playing

Bond than some of the actors who did!"

"And you know, it's been one that I've taken lightly at times. You know, everyone loves Bond. Such a fantastic character, and just to me, I found it as a compliment to be considered all those years ago."

The 'Luther' star insisted he's too "ancient" to take on the role now, in the unlikely event it was offered to him.

When Chris said the idea of Idris as Bond was "not dead", his guest replied: "Well, I mean yeah it is. The rumour has definitely done. And I mean, I'm ancient now. I don't know what kind of Bond I'd be."

And with Aaron Taylor-Johnson most recently tipped to be the next 007, Idris wouldn't be interested in joining him in a movie as the film's villain as he's

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IDRIS ELBA

had his fill of action franchises. Asked about the possibility of being a Bond villain, he said: "Well, I think probably, if I'm really honest, I did the 'Luther' movie. And my instinct about doing the movie version versus the TV, is to take it bigger. Bigger, bigger landscapes and maybe fill that void."

The 'Pacific Rim' actor previously accused racist trolls of putting him off wanting to play

Bond. He told the 'Smart-Less' podcast: "Essentially, it was a huge compliment that every corner of the world except from some corners, which we will not talk about, were really happy about the idea that I could be considered."

Idris Elba



Drew Barrymore says getting sober was most 'honouring' thing she has done for her family

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Drew Barrymore thinks getting sober was the most "honouring" thing she has done for her alcoholism-plagued family.

The 'ET: The Extra Terrestrial' actress, 49, infamously got hooked on drugs and drink by the time she was a teen and was sent to a rehabilitation institution to get sober aged 13 - before she decided to quit booze for good in 2019 and announced her sobriety in 2021.

Referring to her family history of alcoholism, she has now told People: "I think, for me, stopping drinking is one of the most

honouring things I can do to the Barrymore name because we have all been such hedonists."

"Don't look to me as the pillar of health and wellness and having it all together."

"It's just like, 'You know what? This didn't work for our family, and I'm going to stop it.'"

"I'm going to be the one to break the link in that chain and maybe my kids and their kids will be better off for it."

Drew comes from a long line of stars including her actor dad John



Drew Barrymore

Barrymore, whose siblings were Oscar-winners Ethel and Lionel Barrymore.

He struggled with alcoholism from the age of 14, while her grandad succumbed to it in 1942.

Drew revisited the Van Nuys Psychiatric Hospital where she battled to get sober during an emotional segment of her 'The Drew Barrymore Show' in September 2021 to reflect on her journey to sobriety.

Dua Lipa reveals she ran into her parents at nightclub during her party days!

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Dua Lipa ran into her parents at a nightclub during her party days.

The 28-year-old singer opened up in a new cover story for Elle magazine about how the incident was typical of her family's love of partying and music.

She said about running into her mum Anesa Rexha and dad Dukagjin Lipa at The Box nightclub in New York City while she was with fellow pop star Charli XCX, 31, in the city's Lower East Side.

Dua Lipa

She said after the publication's profile on her mentioned the moment: "(My family) celebrate everything and anything, and we just love a party."

"When I go to my aunt's house, it all starts off pretty tame."

"Then the music comes on, and we're all dancing in the house. And that's a Tuesday!"

Dua also opened up about regularly spending time in nightclubs throughout her teenage years, adding: "When I started (songwriting), I worked at La Bodega Negra, a Mexican restaurant that looked like a sex shop."

"I'd finish work, then go out to whatever nightclub was happening until, like, three in the morning. Then I would wake up and go to the studio until I had my shift again at, like, 8pm."



Rihanna reveals why she'd love to swap places with her kids for a day

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Rihanna would love to swap places with her children for the day.

The 'Don't Stop The Music' hitmaker - who has young sons RZA and Riot with her rapper boyfriend ASAP Rocky - admitted her kids live "the greatest life" and she would be delighted to experience that.

At the launch for her

FENTY x PUMA Creeper Phatty Earth Tone sneakers, she was asked whose shoes she'd like to jump in for a day, and told Entertainment Tonight: "You know what? My kids. "Cause they're living the best, the greatest life. And the love they have for everyone. They know they're loved."

"I just beam to see it in their eyes knowing that everybody in this house is at your beck and call."

Rihanna and Rocky announced the birth of RZA in May 2022, and wel-

comed baby boy Riot into the world in August 2023.

She recently admitted she would love to expand her family and have another two kids in the future.

Speaking to Interview magazine, she said: "I don't know what God wants, but I would go for more than two. I would try for my girl."

Rihanna also reflected on the changes her body has been through since she gave birth, as the 'Diamonds' singer insisted "third-trimester cellulite is no joke".



Rihanna

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Nadal cruises in Madrid farewell

Rafael Nadal begins farewell tour in Madrid with emphatic victory over teenager Darwin Blanch

● Nadal to face De Minaur in second round

AFP | Madrid

Rafael Nadal breezed to a straight sets victory over 16-year-old Darwin Blanch to reach the Madrid Open second round yesterday as he began his farewell appearance in the Spanish capital.

The 37-year-old said this week he was not fully fit but demolished his American opponent 6-1, 6-0 in one hour and three minutes as he continues his comeback from injury.

Nadal, a 22-time Grand Slam champion, is expecting 2024 to be his final season in tennis and this his last appearance at the



Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates after beating US' Darwin Blanch

Madrid Open.

He made his first competitive appearance since January at the Barcelona Open last week,

where he was defeated in the second round by Alex de Minaur. The Australian will be Nadal's second round opponent in



Despite not being fully fit, Nadal didn't drop a single game in the second set against Blanch

Madrid too as the Spaniard tries to find form and fitness ahead of Rome and then the French Open, where he is the record 14-time winner.

"I am hoping to do as well as possible and I hope to be competitive against De Minaur," said Nadal.



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Nadal broke in the second game against the overpowered and initially overawed American, ranked 1,028th in the world.

Blanch got on the board in the fourth game but Nadal broke again in the sixth after the youngster drove a forehand into the net.

Blanch saved two break points at the start of the second set but Nadal converted the third to take further control.

The merciless tennis great broke again after an entertaining rally for a 3-0 lead and once more when Blanch went long to make it 5-0.

Nadal served it out, triumphing on his second match point with a powerful serve that Blanch could not control.

Exciting encounters continue in Inter-Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament



Vijay Ramaswamy (The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain) receive "Man of the Match" certificate from Adeel Ali (IT Manager, The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain)

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The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain Inter-Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament witnessed another exciting day of action on Day 9, with five captivating matches played on April 24.

In the first match, The K Hotel edged out Sofitel Bahrain by two wickets in a thrilling encounter. Nazrul Islam from The K Hotel was ad-

judged the Man of the Match for his outstanding all-round display.

The second match saw The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain B secure a 15-run victory over Diplomat Radisson Blu A. Vijay Ramaswamy of The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain was awarded the Man of the Match for his match-winning contribution.

In the third encounter, The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain A domi-



Farrukh Farooq (The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain) receiving Man of the Match certificate from Pervaiz Iqbal (Dir. Of Banquets, The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain)

nated Wyndham Garden & Ramada Amwaj, registering a comprehensive 48-run win. Farrukh Farooq from The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain was named the Man of the Match for his crucial role in his team's victory.

The fourth match witnessed Movenpick Bahrain prevail over Jumeirah Bahrain by 11 runs in another closely fought contest. Santosh Murudkar of Movenpick Bahrain was adjudged the

Man of the Match for his exceptional performance.

The final match of the day was a nail-biter, with Marriott Executive Apartments and Residence Inn edging out Ramada Manama City Centre by two wickets. Akshay Kariyil from Marriott Executive Apartments & Residence Inn was the star performer and claimed the Man of the Match award.

President, fan support key in decision to stay: Barca coach Xavi



Barcelona's Uruguayan defender #04 Ronald Araujo celebrates with Barcelona's Spanish coach Xavi

AFP | Barcelona

Xavi Hernandez said yesterday he has decided to stay on as Barcelona coach for a "cocktail of reasons", including support from key figures at the club and supporters.

In January, with Barcelona on a miserable run of form, Xavi said he would walk away from his post in the summer despite having a year left on his contract.

However this week, after a meeting with president Joan Laporta and the board, Xavi pulled off a dramatic U-turn and decided to stay, despite the club poised to end the season trophyless.

Barcelona were knocked out of the Champions League by Paris Saint-Germain last week and lost against Real Madrid in the Clasico, trailing their rivals by 11 points in La Liga.

"It was a not a simple decision, in January I said (I would leave) because I thought it was best for the club," Xavi told a news conference.

"I am full of hope, these three months have made me change, the players believe in it, and wise people are willing to rectify, here I am.

"It's not about ego, or money, I have energy, I see the fans are happy and proud -- it's a cocktail of reasons, above all the confidence of the president and (sporting director) Deco."

Xavi said although the team he took to La Liga glory last season have failed to achieve their objectives, they have



Barcelona, who have struggled with financial issues in recent seasons, appointed Xavi as boss in November 2021 and he helped turn their fortunes around, lifting the league title last term

now proved they can equal Europe's best sides.

"Above all I said yesterday to Deco, the president... that the team has improved a lot," explained Xavi.

"Two years ago we went to Bayern (Munich) and I had the feeling that we weren't up to it. Now I think we're in shape to compete with the biggest teams in Europe.

"I have the feeling that this year (the Champions League) escaped us by just a couple of small things, we will try again, I'm excited to -- now it's in our hands."

Xavi said reports he was only staying because of money were designed to "hurt" him.

In January he claimed coaching Barcelona was "unpleasant" and "cruel", and Xavi said he did not expect that to change.

Liverpool need Arsenal, Man City 'crisis' to win Premier League - Klopp

AFP | London

Jurgen Klopp conceded Liverpool need a collapse from Arsenal and Manchester City to win the Premier League after a shock 2-0 defeat at Everton on Wednesday.

Klopp tasted defeat in front of a crowd in the Merseyside derby for the first time to leave the Reds' title hopes hanging by a thread.

Liverpool trail Arsenal by three points with four matches remaining and are just one point clear of City, who have two games in hand.

"You can read the table. We need a crisis at City and Arsenal and we need to win football games," said Klopp, who is nearing the end of his tenure at Anfield.

The German had enjoyed a dominant record over Everton with only one previous defeat in 18 games, but his final taste of the Merseyside derby was a bitter one.

"It was not the most inspired



Liverpool's German manager Jurgen Klopp applauds the fans

performance," added Klopp.

"I really feel for the people, I'm really sorry for that. People tell me before about record in the derby. It feels really different (to have lost).

"It was unnecessary but it happened."

A run of four wins in nine games has seen Klopp's men crash out of the Europa League

and FA Cup as well as falling off the pace at the top of the Premier League.

Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk called on the players not to let Klopp's farewell fizzle out with a whimper.

"I think everyone has to look in the mirror and look at their performance and if they've given everything. Do they really



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want to win the league?" Van Dijk said.

"We weren't good enough. We all have to do much better. We can't let the season go out like tonight. We have to do much better in every sense."

Bahrain Cricket Federation wins ICC Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Award for Asia region

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In a significant milestone for Bahrain on the international cricket stage, the Bahrain Cricket Federation (BCF) has been honoured with the ICC Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year Award for the Asia Region.

This prestigious award from the International Cricket Council (ICC) recognises the BCF's profound impact on the community through its initiatives that have united and expanded the cricketing community in Bahrain.

The BCF's efforts have successfully brought together members from schools, community clubs,



HH Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad AL Khalifa, and Mohammad Mansoor at the Unveiling of ICC CWC Mens Trophy Tour in Bahrain

and women, fostering a vibrant and inclusive cricket community that has made a lasting social impact on Bahrain's sports scene.

The ICC, as the global governing body for cricket, represents 108 members and is dedicated to the growth and administration of the game. It also organizes all ICC Events and appoints match officials for sanctioned international matches.

This accolade is a testament to the Federation's unwavering commitment to leveraging cricket as a force for positive social change within the Bahrain community.

"At the heart of this achievement lies the visionary sup-

port and encouragement of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. His patronage has not only propelled the growth of cricket but has also fostered a sense of community and sportsmanship among us all," said Mohammad Mansoor, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Bahrain Cricket Federation.

"We are also thankful to Mohammed Shahid, Advisor to the President, Bahrain Olympic Committee, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, CEO of KHK Sports, for instrumental in adopting cricket into KHK sports vision."

The recognition also highlights the collective efforts of

the General Sports Authority, Bahrain Olympic Committee, the Federation's board members, supporters, players, coaches, and staff, whose dedication and passion have been the driving force behind the Federation's initiatives.

"Your enthusiasm and love for the game have propelled us forward, turning dreams into reality," added Mansoor.

From promoting youth development programmes to fostering gender equality and social inclusion, the Federation's endeavours have culminated in this momentous achievement, using cricket as a catalyst for social progress and community development.

Spinners help IPL's lowest ranked Bengaluru defeat Hyderabad

Spin duo Karn Sharma and Swapnil Singh lead Royal Challengers Bengaluru to crucial victory

● RCB sets a target of 207 with Kohli and Patidar's contributions

AFP | Hyderabad

Indian spinners Karn Sharma and Swapnil Singh took four key wickets to help IPL's lowest-ranked Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 35 runs in Hyderabad yesterday.

Earlier, Faf du Plessis-led RCB won the toss and scored a par 206-7, setting a 207 run target for Hyderabad's in-form batting unit which has already broken some IPL batting records this season.

Hyderabad could only score



RCB's Karn Sharma takes a catch off his own bowling to dismiss SRH's Abdul Samad

171-8 as RCB registered only their second win in nine games and are still languishing at the bot-

tom of the 10-team table.

Indian batting superstar Virat Kohli hit a slow 43-ball 51 and

Scorecard

Royal Challengers Bengaluru 206 for 7 (Kohli 51, Patidar 50, Unadkat 3-30, Natarajan 2-39) beat Sunrisers Hyderabad 171 for 8 (Shahbaz 40, Green 2-12, Karn 2-29, Swapnil 2-40) by 35 runs

stitched a 48-run opening partnership with Plessis, who fell after hitting 12-ball 25.

England's Will Jacks (6) fell early before Rajat Patidar's explosive 20-ball 50 propelled Bengaluru to 130 in the 13th over, when the rookie batter fell to Indian veteran pacer Jaydev Unadkat.

Kohli fell in the 15th over leaving RCB reeling at 140-4 as their innings lost some momentum and wickets of Mahipal Lomror (7) and Dinesh Karthik (11) by

the 19th over.

Australia's star all-rounder Cameron Green hit an unbeaten 20-ball 37 to provide a final flourish as Unadkat (3-30) and T Natarajan (2-39) finished with five wickets between them.

Hyderabad's explosive openers, Australia's Travis Head and Indian rookie Abhishek Sharma, failed to build a partnership yesterday.

Head (1) fell in the very first over of the chase to spinner Jacks and Sharma hit 13-ball 31 before he fell in the fourth over to leave Sunrisers at 2-37.

Bengaluru's Karn and Swapnil took three key middle-order wickets -- Aiden Markram (7), Nitish Kumar Reddy (13), and Heinrich Klaasen (7) -- to leave Hyderabad at 5-69 in the eighth over of the chase.

Hyderabad skipper Pat Cummins, who hit 15-ball 31 with three sixes, provided some lower-order flourish before dismissal to national teammate Green, who bowled two tight overs for 12 runs and two wickets.

Hyderabad is still comfortably placed on the third spot in the IPL table and Cummins said that he "won't dwell on this one too much".

Winning captain Plessis said that their team had "been close for a while but you need to win matches to get confidence in the group".

"Massive win for us. When you're not winning it does affect you mentally, it does affect your confidence," he added.

"You can't speak confidence into the group, you can't fake confidence into the group."

BIC set for final two rounds of National Race Day this weekend

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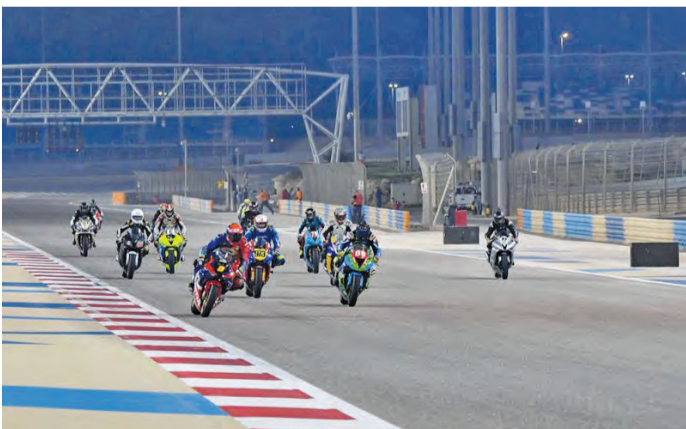
Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", turns up the heat this weekend with back-to-back days of thrilling racing, featuring a pair of highly competitive local championships.

Each event of National Race Day is being organised and run by BIC, in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor Federation, the Circuit Racing Commission, the Bahrain Motorcycle Commission, and the Bahrain Autocross Commission.

Both days' programmes are scheduled to start at 3pm in daytime conditions and continue until 9pm.

The BMC is set to hold its fourth and fifth rounds of its 2024 season.

The championship features



Bikers ride on the track at BIC

the Kingdom's leading motorbike racers, going wheel-to-wheel in two different classes, namely the 1,000cc and 600cc. In each meeting, there will be Practice and Qualifying sessions.

Time Attack, meanwhile, is to take place with five differ-

ent categories for participants. Each class will kick off their events with Practice, to be followed by the Heats.

After all the action on both nights, podium ceremonies will be held for the winners of each round in the BMC and Time Attack.

Red Bull design guru Newey to quit over Horner controversy

AFP | London

Adrian Newey, widely regarded as the greatest Formula 1 designer and a chief architect of Red Bull's title dominance, is set to leave the world champions in the aftermath of the Christian Horner controversy, media reports claimed yesterday.

Newey, 65, has been with Red Bull since 2005 and has played a key role in all of the team's 13 world titles -- seven drivers and six constructors -- since 2010.

However, he is believed to have become unsettled at the team ever since team principal Horner was accused of sexual harassment and inappropriate behaviour by a female employee.

Horner was cleared of wrongdoing by an internal investiga-



Adrian Newey, the Chief Technical Officer of Red Bull Racing looks on from the grid prior to a race (file photo)

tion carried out by Red Bull's parent company before the employee was then suspended. She is appealing that decision.

After Germany's Auto Motor und Sport first reported New-

ey's position yesterday, the BBC claimed they had "independently verified (the information) with high-level sources close to Red Bull and Newey".

They confirmed that his desire to leave stems from his unhappiness over the Horner situation which has sparked a power struggle at Red Bull.

World champion driver Max Verstappen has also become frustrated with the situation.

His Red Bull future was thrown into doubt last month after his father, Jos, said the team was in danger of being "torn apart" if Horner remained its principal.

Last year, Verstappen and Red Bull produced the most dominant season in F1 history, with the Dutchman winning 19 of the 22 races and the team all but one.