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His Majesty King Hamad congratulates GCC leaders

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, yesterday extended congratulations to the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries on the occasion of the GCC's 42nd anniversary.

The first summit in Abu Dhabi in 1981 marked the inception of the GCC, where leaders laid the foundation for political and economic development, societal progress, and advancements across various fields within member states.

During a meeting with officers from Bahrain and the UAE, His Majesty the King expressed well wishes to the armed forces and the citizens of all GCC states.

His Majesty expressed hopes for continued achievements, progress, and prosperity for the GCC countries and their brotherly peoples.

Dubai assault stemmed from family dispute: police

AFP | Dubai

Police in Dubai said yesterday a dispute between two families was behind the fatal assault of an Israeli man by eight other Israelis who have been arrested in the emirate.

Ghassan Shamsyeh, 33, died of wounds suffered in Wednesday's attack in the Business Bay area of Dubai, the main tourist hub of the United Arab Emirates, according to the authorities.

The eight suspects, all of whom are in police custody, "had arrived from a European country for tourism and shopping", Dubai police said in a statement.

They encountered Shamsyeh in a cafe which led to a "confrontation and a mutual assault that eventually resulted in the death of the victim due to the use of a sharp tool".

"The fatal assault stemmed from an ongoing dispute between two families," said the police statement.

A spokesman for Israel's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that the victim had been "stabbed to death".

General Budget



Yesterday, the executive and legislative members continued their joint meetings to deliberate on a proposed legislation aimed at endorsing the overall budget of the state for the fiscal years 2023-2024.

More Bahrainis return as Sudan violates truce

● Bahrain so far returned 252 citizens and residents

● Citizens returned yesterday in a Gulf Air aircraft

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As the warring parties in Sudan continued to trade blame for breaches of the latest ceasefire, more Bahraini citizens and residents returned to the Kingdom as part of ongoing evacuation efforts. The evacuees arrived at the Bahrain International Airport aboard a Gulf Air plane.

Since April 15, Sudan's capital and other parts of the country have been engulfed in fierce urban warfare involving the regular army, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

According to Ambassador Dr Mohammad Ali Bahzad, the Un-



Officials welcoming Bahraini citizens and residents returning from Sudan

dersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Consular and Administrative Affairs, Bahrain has successfully repatriated 252 citizens and residents so far, in light of the critical security situation in Sudan.

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The conflict has so far killed more than 1,800 people, according to the latest figures from the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project. More than a million Sudanese people have been displaced, in addition to 300,000 who have fled to neighbouring countries, according to the United Nations.

A new beginning

BIA receives first direct flight from Qatar as air traffic resumes

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In a milestone development, Bahrain International Airport yesterday celebrated the arrival of the first direct flight from Doha, signifying the resumption of air traffic between Bahrain and Qatar.

The flight touched down at Bahrain International Airport at 12:03 pm, following an half-an-hour-flight, with passengers sharing their happiness about the restart of direct flights be-



tween the two countries.

Gulf Air, in an official statement, confirmed that they

successfully reinstated the air connection with Qatar after obtaining necessary approvals

Qatar Airways resumes daily flights to Bahrain

from the Civil Aviation Affairs. This development follows the decision of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations to restore ties with Qatar, which was reached during a meeting in Riyadh in January 2021. The meeting aimed to resolve the issues that led to the imposition of a blockade in 2017.

Gulf Air had said they will

operate three daily flights from Bahrain International Airport to Hamad International Airport in Doha. This renewed air link is expected to enhance connectivity and provide convenience for travellers.

Furthermore, Gulf Air hinted at the possibility of increasing the number of flights in the near future, reflecting the growing demand and positive outlook for air travel between Bahrain and Qatar.

US sees 'serious threat' as Iran unveils new missile

AFP | Washington

The United States yesterday called Iran's missile programme a "serious threat" after the state unveiled a new model with its longest range to date.

"Iran's development, and proliferation of, ballistic missiles poses a serious threat to regional and international security and remains a significant non-proliferation challenge," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller told reporters. The Kheibar missile will have a range of 2,000 kilometers (1,242 miles) and be able to carry warheads weighing over one tonne, Iran's defence ministry said.



The testing of the fourth generation Khorramshahr ballistic missile, named Kheibar, at an undisclosed location

Cargo ship briefly grounded in Egypt's Suez Canal

AFP | Ismailia

A cargo ship ran aground yesterday in Egypt's Suez Canal before it was quickly refloated without interrupting traffic, the authority in charge of the vital waterway said.

The Hong Kong-flagged Xin Hai Tong 23 bulk carrier was refloated after "a sudden malfunction of the machinery" while it was crossing on its way from Saudi Arabia to Egypt, the Suez Canal Authority said.

Three tugboats and a marine rescue team were sent to refloat the vessel.



Safe return for all Bahraini nationals

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This effort is in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to ensure the safe return of all Bahraini nationals.

Ambassador Bahzad commended the continuous follow-up by Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the collaborative efforts of various ministries and government entities involved in the evacuation process. He also expressed gratitude for the supportive roles played by Saudi Arabia and the UAE in ensuring the success of the evacuation operation.

Reports have said the one-week truce was violated only minutes after it came into effect on Monday night, with residents of the capital Khartoum reporting air strikes and artillery fire shaking the city.

There have since been further breaches of the ceasefire agreement, which is meant to allow for much-needed humanitarian aid to reach war-ravaged parts of the north African country.

It is the latest in a series of truces that have all been systematically violated.

In a statement issued late Wednesday, the RSF, which is led by Mohammed Hamdan Daglo, sought to place the blame for ceasefire breaches on the army led by Sudan's de facto leader Abdel Fattah al-Burhan.

The army "launched a series of unwarranted attacks today",



In pictures, officials and medical team assisting Bahraini citizens and residents following their arrival from Sudan at Bahrain International Airport, yesterday



the RSF said, adding that "our forces decisively repelled these assaults".

"Our forces successfully shot down a SAF MiG jet fighter," it said, reiterating however that it remained "committed to the humanitarian truce" and called on the "aggressors to respect the ceasefire".

The United States and Saudi Arabia, which brokered the

ceasefire, on Wednesday pointed to reports "indicating that both sides violated the agreement" but said "fighting in Khartoum appeared to be less intense".

Conditions have been particularly alarming in the western region of Darfur, already ravaged by a conflict that erupted in 2003 and saw then president Omar al-Bashir unleash the feared Janjaweed militia to crush a re-

bellion among ethnic minority groups.

The RSF traces its origins to the Janjaweed.

The UN's refugee coordinator in Sudan, Toby Harward, said the town of Zalengei in Central Darfur state "has been under siege by armed militias for the last days".

Numerous facilities "have been attacked and looted, civil-

ians are unable to seek medical care as healthcare facilities are targeted, and gangs on motorcycles intimidate government workers and restrict civilian movements", he added.

Representatives of the warring Sudanese generals have since early May been involved in negotiations in the Saudi city of Jeddah on the Red Sea.

But analysts have repeatedly

warned that the two generals are likely prepared for a prolonged conflict.

Sudan expert Alex de Waal described the conflict as being the result of a "calamitous failure of diplomacy".

Burhan and Daglo had in 2021 staged a coup that unseated a civilian transitional government but later fell out in a bitter power struggle.

Accident triggers traffic congestion on Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman street

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An accident that occurred yesterday on Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Street near the Wadi Al-Sail area resulted in heavy traffic congestion towards Manama.

Eyewitnesses reported seeing a line of vehicles stretching along the road as authorities swiftly responded to the incident, transporting the injured to nearby hospitals for urgent medical attention.

Later, in a tweet, the Interior Ministry confirmed the presence of competent authorities at the accident site, actively working to address the situation.



The ministry said they deployed emergency response teams and law enforcement

agencies to clear the accident site and restore normal traffic conditions as efficiently as possible.



The Community Service Police Division of the Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate joined forces with the General Directorate of Civil Defence to promote community partnership. They executed an awareness campaign aimed at farm owners and workers. It focused on providing valuable advice and guidelines for dealing with fires, emphasising the importance of following correct procedures, possessing necessary safety equipment, and adopting proper methods for disposing of agricultural waste. Additionally, the campaign distributed multilingual posters outlining security and safety protocols to be adhered to in case of accidents, as well as providing guidance on the appropriate usage of fire extinguishers.

Proposal made to raise government employees' living allowances by 20%



Members of the legislative and executive authorities during a meeting on the state general budget

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A proposal was put forward yesterday to raise the living allowances of government employees by 20% during a discussion on the State's general budget, An Al Ayam report said quoting unnamed sources.

The report further said the proposals also included a recommendation to increase the allowance for retirees by approximately BD30 for those with salaries below BD1,500.

In response, members of parliament (MPs) demanded a 100% increase in the living

allowance for the government sector and a BD40 raise for retirees.

These proposals were presented during a meeting of the legislative and executive authorities to discuss a draft law to approve the state's general budget for the fiscal years 2023-2024. The meeting was chaired by Speaker of the Council of Representatives Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Minister of Finance and National Economy Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

It was attended by ministers, members of Financial and Economic Affairs Committees in the Shura and Representatives Councils and officials.

Al Ayam report said the proposals were for enhancing the living conditions and improve the purchasing power of citizens and retirees.

Representatives of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the Shura Council emphasised the importance of maintaining a balanced state budget and avoiding excessive expenditures. They stressed the need to continue implementing the financial balance programme to achieve the desired economic stability.

Metro accelerating towards reality

First phase works begin in key areas, says ministry



Picture for representation only

- 20 stations in 29 kilometers
- First phase will be linked to King Hamad station
- Project to be completed in four stages

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

If things are to progress as planned, the long-cherished dream of the Metro will soon become a reality in the Kingdom. The Ministry of Transportation and Communication said that works are progressing to bring the project to fruition, which will also be a part of the 2,117km GCC Railway connecting key cities in each of the six Gulf Cooperation Council member states. Yesterday, officials from the Ministry of Transportation confirmed that the first phase of the project, encompassing 20 stations over 29 kilometers, will be linked to the King Hamad International Passenger Station through an 8 km line with four stops. The project has already commenced in key locations such as Muharraq, King Faisal Street, Juffair, the Diplomatic Area, Seef District, Salmaniya, Adhari, and Isa Town. The first line will connect the Airport to the Seef District, while the other line will connect



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The timing of this development coincides with the celebration of the 42nd anniversary of the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) bloc and the announcement of GCC railway project. The project is expected to greatly enhance trade exchange within the GCC, improve travel connectivity for citizens and residents, and make a significant contribution to supporting investments and fostering economic integration among the GCC nations. The planned railway system will span a distance of 2,117 kilometers, stretching from Kuwait in the north and traversing through all the GCC states until reaching Oman in the south. The trains will be powered by diesel engines, allowing them to achieve a speed of 220 km/h.

Juffair to the educational area in Isa Town. Upon completion, the state-

of-the-art Metro System, fully automated and driverless, will comprise a 109km long network.



Picture for representation

Reportedly, the first stage of the four-stage project has been awarded to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). According to DMRC, they have signed BEML (formerly Bharat Earth Movers Limited) for the \$2 billion project. Ministry officials yesterday further revealed that the project, in collaboration with the private sector, will have a 35-year concession contract for designing, building, financing, operating, and maintaining the first phase of the Bahrain Metro. The developments came in response to a parliamentary question by MP Munir Sorour. The ministry's reply also mentioned the upcoming launch of a tender to appoint the primary developer after receiving final approvals. It is worth knowing that the King Hamad Bridge project, connecting Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, will feature four lanes for cars and two lanes for trains. To acquire 24 lands The statement further announced that an expropriation decision for 24 lands to lay tracks would be issued shortly,

clarifying that only a section of these lands will be acquired as the project does not require a large area. However, the final cost of the project will depend on the bidding from the participating companies in the tender. Additionally, the ministry stated that an alliance of seven internationally renowned companies, including financiers, consultants, contractors, suppliers, and train operators, are involved in the project. 13 km, 9 stops Meanwhile, DMRC has announced its plan to construct four metro lines for the Bahrain Metro in two phases. Furthermore, two interchanges, namely Bab al Bahrain and al Farooq metro junctions, will be included. As per DMRC's announcement, the initial metro line will connect Bahrain International Airport to Seef Mall. This route will run alongside Airport Road and the King Faisal Highway, covering a distance of 13 kilometers with nine stops. The second metro line will cater to

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The metro will have the capacity to carry 43,000 passengers per hour

The length of phase one is 29Km and it will include 20 stations which will operate through two lines, where the first line will be connecting Airport to Seef District, while the other line will connect Juffair to educational area in Isa Town.

LMRA, NPRA and Police conduct joint inspection campaign in Capital Governorate

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) yesterday took legal action against several in the Capital Governorate for non-compliance with labour and residency laws. The campaign was carried out in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Capital Governorate Police Directorate.



The LMRA emphasised its commitment to tackling such violations through a comprehensive and ongoing inspection plan, in close collaboration with relevant government entities. As part of their ongoing efforts, the LMRA encourages the public to report any illegal labour practices or violations on the LMRA's official website, www.lmra.gov.bh, or by contacting the Authority's call center at 17506055.



Health Minister Dr Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad Hasan, Minister of Health, yesterday met with Dr Ahmed bin Salem Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, on the sidelines of the 76th session of the World Health Assembly, held in Geneva. The minister commended the role played by the regional office

Unpaid wage woes spark protest in Sitra as authorities intervene

Workers of a well-known construction company allege non-payment of wages for five months



Workers in their uniform taking part in a protest yesterday in Sitra



- Over 340 workers took part in the protest
- The company also allegedly not granted vacation
- Embassies, Labour court register complaints
- Most workers were with the company for over 20 years

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Hundreds of workers staged a protest yesterday at a prominent

construction company in the Kingdom, demanding immediate payment of their pending wages in Sitra. The situation escalated as police intervened and removed the protesters from the location. The workers were advised by the police officers to file complaints against the company before being taken to the station. The protest saw the participation of over 340 workers who claimed non-payment of salaries for the past five months. When contacted by *The Daily Tribune*, some of the workers expressed their dire circumstances, stating that they are facing extreme difficulties in meeting basic needs like food and water due to the outstanding wage issue. They shared that they have been relentlessly pursuing

During today's protest, the police escorted a group of five to six protestors to the police station, where they recorded their complaints. The authorities have assured them of a response by the following week

A PROTESTING WORKER

the payment for the past five months, either in full or permission to resign and leave the country. It was learned that a majority of the striking workers have been associated with the company for over 20 years. One protesting worker, a Pakistani national, revealed that he had not received wages from

January to April. He mentioned that some workers have already quit their jobs, "but are still waiting for their pay." Furthermore, the company also allegedly denied vacation requests made by employees. The worker claimed that they had reported the issue to the police a few weeks ago, but no



action was taken. Following yesterday's incident, the police escorted five or six workers to the station and registered their complaints, according to the worker's account provided to *The Daily Tribune*. Police officers, he told *The Daily Tribune*, have promised a response in a week. He further said the Paki-

stani embassy has also stepped in to assist. "They have asked us to email all the issues and the names of the affected workers." Similarly, the embassies of India and Bangladesh have taken action after receiving complaints from their nationals. In addition, a complaint was lodged at the labour court yesterday. "We hope to get a response in the upcoming week," he said. The protesting workers, however, acknowledged the support received from government officials but emphasised the need for a prompt resolution to this issue. *The Daily Tribune's* attempted to contact the company officials by phone but received no response.



Minister of Health, Dr. Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad Hassan, yesterday emphasised the urgent need to address the issue of obesity during an international gathering focused on the World Health Organisation's (WHO) strategy to combat obesity. The minister stressed Bahrain's commitment to tackling this challenge in alignment with the goals of development, during the event took place on the sidelines of the 76th session of the World Health Assembly at the Palace of Nations in Geneva. With over 100 participants from around the globe, the function commenced with speeches from delegates from Bahrain, Seychelles, Portugal, and the Philippines.

Ministry announces vaccinations, awareness programmes for pilgrims

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The Ministry of Health has announced its initiative to provide preventive vaccinations and awareness programmes to all Bahraini pilgrims before their departure to the holy sites. This significant step is in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Highness Royal Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Dr Waleed Khalifa Al Manea, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, made this announcement during a workshop organised by the Ministry under the theme "We care about your health, you complete your pilgrimage." The workshop was attended by administrators, paramedics, and chefs of the official Hajj campaigns for this year. Key figures present at the event included Shaikh Adnan Al Qattan, Chairman of Bahrain's Hajj Mission, Khalid Al Maloud,



Participants during the workshop

Secretary-General of Bahrain's Hajj Mission, and Dr Ibrahim Obaid, who heads the Bahrain Medical Hajj Mission's coordinating and medical committees. The workshop aimed to en-

hance the competence of medical personnel involved in the Hajj campaigns and emphasised the collaboration between the medical committee of Bahrain's Hajj mission and the medical cadres in the campaigns. Dr. Al Manea highlighted that the Ministry has established a medical committee within Bahrain's Hajj mission to deliver healthcare and treatment services. The workshop provided valuable lectures to the medical staff on various topics, including managing cases of hypoglycemia, diabetic foot, high blood pressure, and heart attacks. Discussions also encompassed the proper storage of medications and insulin needles during Hajj, the significance of infectious disease control and vaccinations, as well as guidelines for handling cases of heat exhaustion, sunstroke, joint pain, and ensuring food safety in terms of preservation, preparation, and transportation.

Germany in recession as inflation, interest bite

- The economy shrank by 0.3%
- Germany battles a surge in energy prices
- Inflation reached 7.2% in Germany in April

AFP | Berlin

Germany fell into a recession around the turn of the year, official figures published yesterday showed, as inflation and higher interest rates curbed demand in Europe's largest economy.

Over the first three months of 2023, the economy shrank by 0.3%, the federal statistics agency Destatis said, downgrading an initial estimate of zero percent.

Following a 0.5% contraction in the last three months of 2022, it was Germany's second consecutive quarter of negative growth -- the threshold for a "technical recession".

The slump came as Germany battled a surge in energy prices in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which weighed on households and businesses.

But Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who previously expressed confidence that Germany had done enough to avoid a downturn, played down fears of a prolonged recession.

"The German economy's prospects are very good," he said at a press conference, citing significant investments in the country including in battery factories.



ECB President Christine Lagarde (L) poses with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz during celebrations of the European Central Bank ECB to mark its 25th anniversary at the ECB headquarters in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany

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Germany's last recession came as the coronavirus pandemic swept through Europe at the start of 2020, prompting governments to effectively shut down large swathes of the economy.

'Danger zone'

Inflation, which reached 7.2% in Germany in April, has been fuelled by the increased cost of energy. Consumer prices have come down only slightly from their peak towards the end of 2022. "The persistence of high price increases continued to be a burden on the German economy at the start of the year," Destatis said in a statement.

The impact was felt particularly by consumers who reined in their spending on items such as food and clothing.

Germany, which had long been heavily reliant on Russian energy imports, was left particularly exposed following the Russian invasion in February

last year.

The curtailment of gas supplies in particular left Berlin scrambling to find new sources of energy and fill reserves ahead of what was anticipated to be a harsh winter at the end of 2022.

The slump was "not the worst-case scenario of a severe recession" predicted by some following the Russian invasion, said Carsten Brzeski, head of macro at the ING bank.

But mild temperatures, a rebound in key market China and the easing of supply chain problems following the coronavirus pandemic were "not enough to get the economy out of the recessionary danger zone", Brzeski said.

"A drop in purchasing power, thinned-out industrial order books as well as the impact of the most aggressive monetary policy tightening in decades" were likely to drag on the economy further, he said, referring to the European Central Bank's interest rate hikes against inflation.

An anticipated slowdown in the US economy and the continuation of the war in Ukraine would also weigh on output, he said.

'Consumer spending rebound?'

The poor performance in the first quarter contrast the optimism showed by policymakers in Berlin who in April raised their forecast for economic growth in 2023 to 0.4%.

"We continue to expect a significant improvement over the course of the year," an economy ministry spokesman told AFP in response to the growth figures.

The negative revision by Destatis was no surprise following a string of weak economic indicators, LBBW bank analyst Jens-Oliver Niklasch said.

"The early indicators suggest that things will continue to be similarly weak in the second quarter" of 2023, Niklasch said.

Industrial orders, which give a foretaste of factory output, plummeted in March when compared with the same month last year.

By contrast, consumer confidence in Germany had continued its upward trend "amid all the negative news", Citi bank analyst Christian Schulz noted.

A rebound in consumer spending could fuel an economic recovery later in the year, Schulz said.

Qatar Airways resumes direct daily flights to Bahrain



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Qatar Airways yesterday announced it has resumed its services to Bahrain with a daily flight.

A second and third daily service will commence on 15 June 2023.

Qatar Airways currently flies to more than 160 destinations worldwide, connecting

through its Doha hub, Hamad International Airport, voted by Skytrax as the 'Best Airport in the Middle East'.

Flight Schedule:

Daily (all times local)

Doha (DOH) to Bahrain (BAH) – QR1108 departs: 20:00 arrives: 20:50

Bahrain (BAH) to Doha (DOH) – QR1109 departs: 22:20 arrives: 23:15

UK's Sunak vows to cut immigration as figures hit new high



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak (L) and Britain's Home Secretary Suella Braverman during the weekly session of Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) at the House of Commons, in London

London

Net migration in the UK hit a record 606,000 in 2022, official figures showed yesterday, heaping pressure on the government, which has pledged to cut dependency on foreign labour.

Responding to the figures, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak described legal immigration levels as "too high".

"It's as simple as that and I want to bring them down," he told ITV in an interview.

Measures announced earlier this week to tighten the number of international students allowed to bring their families with them would have a significant impact, he added.

Immigration has long been a key political issue in the UK and was one of the main battlegrounds of the Brexit referendum in 2016, which saw the

country leave the European Union.

In 2021, net migration -- the difference between the number of people leaving the UK and those arriving -- was 488,000.

Jay Lindop, director of the centre for international migration at the Office for National Statistics (ONS), said world events such as the end of the Covid-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine played a part in the increase.

China's squeeze on civil rights in Hong Kong, which led to the UK relaxing entry rules for holders of British overseas passports, also had an impact.

"A series of unprecedented world events throughout 2022 and the lifting of restrictions following the coronavirus pandemic led to record levels of international immigration to the UK," said Lindop.

US lawmakers take break as catastrophic default looms

Washington, United States

US lawmakers were set to embark on a 10-day break yesterday, despite failing to agree on raising the nation's borrowing limit to avert a looming default that could blow up the economy while they are away.

There are seven days until June 1 -- the earliest possible

point when the government estimates it could run out of money to service its debts -- and missed loan repayments would likely spark a recession, roiling world markets.

But members of the House of Representatives began hitting the road for the Memorial Day recess after their final vote Thursday morning and are not

due to return until June 4.

Senators are due back two days before the so-called "x date" but their role would likely be limited to rubber-stamping any deal hammered out between the Republican-led House and Democratic President Joe Biden. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said lawmakers would get 24 hours' notice if they were re-

quired to return for a vote. Republicans are demanding cuts of up to \$130 billion with spending next year capped to 2022 levels and have laid out three further pillars for a deal: reform of approval for energy projects, tightened work requirements for benefits claimants, and a clawback of unspent pandemic aid dollars.

Abdulridha Abbas wins April Al Watani Savings Scheme prize

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced Abdulridha Abbas as the recipient of its Al Watani Saving Scheme for April 2023, receiving a prize of USD \$100,000.

The award ceremony took place on May 18, 2023, at NBB's Istiqlal branch. In March, Radheya Kadhim Rabeei was the lucky winner of the same cash prize. NBB has expanded the opportunities for customers to win valuable rewards by increasing the number of winners.

For every BHD 50 deposited into their SaveWave, Express Saver, and Al Mumayaz accounts, NBB said their custom-



In pictures, the prize distribution ceremony



ers gain one entry into the prize draw. The prizes range from USD \$10,000 to a grand prize of USD \$1,000,000. The revamped scheme also includes a USD \$1 million grand prize in July, to be distributed among 100 fortunate winners, and a year-end grand prize of USD \$2 million for two winners (USD \$1,000,000 each).

News in brief

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in Egypt's Suez Canal



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A serial sexual predator who used Snapchat to prey on more than 100 children was jailed by a Finnish court yesterday. Most of the 120 underage girls who brought charges against Jesse Erkkonen were aged between 12 and 16. The court in Pirkanmaa in southern Finland heard the 27-year-old used the social media platform to approach young girls, asking them for naked photos and sexual videos.

Finnish abuser used
Snapchat to prey on 120 girls



Four 'Bulgarians' shot dead
in upmarket Cape Town area



South African police said yesterday four people believed to be of "Bulgarian descent" were shot dead in a upmarket Cape Town district. Police did not identify the victims, but one of the deceased was believed to be Krasimir Kamenov, a high-profile Bulgarian organised crime figure, according to judicial and government sources in Sofia. The bodies of two women and two men aged between 40 and 50 were discovered with gunshot wounds in Constantia, an affluent suburb of the South African port city, in the morning, police stated in a statement. "The motive for the multiple murders is yet to be determined," police said adding an investigation has been opened.

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Paralysed man walks again via
thought-controlled implants



Gert-Jan walks with his implants during a press conference in Lausanne

AFP | Paris

A paralysed man has regained the ability to walk smoothly using only his thoughts for the first time, researchers said on Wednesday, thanks to two implants that restored communication between brain and spinal cord.

The patient Gert-Jan, who did not want to reveal his surname, said the breakthrough had given him "a freedom that I did not have" before.

The 40-year-old Dutchman has been paralysed in his legs for more than a decade after suffering a spinal cord injury during a bicycle accident.

But using a new system he can now walk "naturally", take on difficult terrain and even climb stairs, according to a study published in the journal Nature.

The advance is the result of more than a decade of work by a team of researchers in France and Switzerland.

Last year the team showed that a spinal cord implant -- which sends electrical pulses to stimulate movement in leg muscles -- had allowed three paralysed patients to walk again.

But they needed to press a

Now I can just do what I want -- when I decide to make a step the stimulation will kick in as soon as I think about it

GERT-JAN

button to move their legs each time.

Gert-Jan, who also has the spinal implant, said this made it difficult to get into the rhythm of taking a "natural step".

The latest research combines the spinal implant with new technology called a brain-computer interface, which is implanted above the part of the brain that controls leg movement.

The interface uses algorithms based on artificial intelligence methods to decode brain recordings in real time, the researchers said.

This allows the interface, which was designed by researchers at France's Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), to work out how the patient wants to move their legs at any moment.

Wagner says handing Ba
Russian army, Japan sc

Yevgeny Prigozhin announces ruined Ukrainian city will be handed over to Russian mil

Wagner forces
begin withdrawing
from Bakhmut and

AFP | Washington

The head of Russia's Wagner mercenary group said yesterday his troops had started transferring their positions in the flashpoint eastern Ukraine city of Bakhmut to the Russian military.

Japan said it had scrambled fighter jets after detecting Russian "intelligence gathering" planes off its coastline, while Moscow announced China's special envoy would discuss Ukraine with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov today.

In Bakhmut, Wagner said it began pulling out its fighters after claiming to have fully captured the destroyed city at the weekend.

Ukraine, which denies that Bakhmut has fallen to Russia, insisted it still controlled a "micro district" of the ruined city and



Wagner Chief Yevgeny Prigozhin (L) with fighters in Bakhmut

said it was still advancing on the flanks.

The battle for Bakhmut has raged for nearly a year, levelling the city and decimating waves of Wagner recruits who have led Russia's assault on the industrial hub.

"We are withdrawing units from Bakhmut today. We are handing over positions to the military, ammunition and

everything," Wagner boss Yevgeny Prigozhin said in a video.

"We pull back, we rest, we prepare and then we will get new tasks," added Prigozhin, who was dressed in tactical body armour and a military helmet.

Earlier this week, he conceded that around 10,000 prisoners he had recruited to fight in Ukraine had been killed on the battlefield.

The 61-year-old Kremlin ally

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Russia subjected Ukraine to a campaign of aerial bombardments on infrastructure including energy facilities during the winter months but these attacks recently diminished

toured Russian prisons last year to persuade inmates to fight with Wagner in exchange for a promised amnesty on their return -- should they survive.

Wagner's announcement came days after Moscow's military said it had deployed jets and artillery on Russian soil against a "sabotage" group that crossed from Ukraine.

In Kyiv, President Volodymyr

One of last four Rwanda genocide fugitives arrested in S.Africa

AFP | Johannesburg

Fulgence Kayishema, one of four remaining fugitives sought for their role in the 1994 Rwanda genocide, has been arrested in South Africa, UN investigators said on yesterday.

"Yesterday afternoon, Fulgence Kayishema -- one of the world's most wanted genocide fugitives -- was arrested in Paarl, South Africa in a joint operation," the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (MICT) said in a statement.

Around 800,000 Rwandans, most of them ethnic Tutsis, were slaughtered over 100 days at the hands of Hutu extremists.

Kayishema, a former judicial police in-



Fulgence Kayishema, bottom left, is pictured on a wanted poster

spector, faces charges of genocide, complicity in and conspiracy to commit genocide, and crimes against humanity.

He has been on the run since July 2001, according to the MICT website, which gives

his year of birth as 1961.

He and others allegedly murdered more than 2,000 Tutsi men, women and children who had taken refuge in a Catholic church in Nyange in Kivumu district.

"Kayishema directly participated in the planning and execution of this massacre, including by procuring and distributing petrol to burn down the church with the refugees inside," the statement said.

"When this failed, Kayishema and others used a bulldozer to collapse the church, burying and killing the refugees inside.

"Kayishema and others then supervised the transfer of corpses from the church grounds into mass graves over the next approximately two days."

DeSantis White House launch plagued by Twitter meltdown

AFP | Washington

Florida governor Ron DeSantis's long-awaited entry into the 2024 presidential campaign descended into a fiasco on Wednesday as the opening of the live Twitter event intended to announce his candidacy was derailed by glitches.

The conversation repeatedly crashed as the platform's servers were apparently overwhelmed, and many of the 400,000-plus users who were hoping to listen in missed the 44-year-old conservative throwing down the gauntlet to Republican primary frontrunner Donald Trump.

DeSantis finally began speaking after almost half an hour of confusion and chaos -- although what should have been an exultant launch had been thoroughly overshadowed by the time he was able to make his case for the



The live Twitter talk with Elon Musk on a background of Ron DeSantis as he announces his 2024 presidential run on his Twitter page

Republican nomination.

"I am running for president of the United States to lead our great American comeback," he told the listeners, although tens of thousands had abandoned Twitter by that point.

As the website struggled to get the event back on track, its owner Elon Musk, performing hosting duties, could be heard noting the "massive number of people online" who had caused the servers to begin "straining

While organizers sought to highlight the event's popularity -- the DeSantis camp said it had raised \$1 million online in one hour -- Biden's team was quick to capitalize on the glitches, tweeting a link to a fundraising page and stating: "This link works."

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Dow Jones index begins with an average of 12 industrial stocks (closing is 40.94)

At Masjed Soleyman in southwest Persia, the first major commercial oil strike in the Middle East is made, rights acquired by the United Kingdom



Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company produce the last (and 15th million) Model T Ford / Tin Lizzie



South Africa elects a nationalist government under D. F. Malan with an apartheid policy

Bakhmut to rambles jets

itary by 1 June



We are withdrawing units from Bakhmut today. We are handing over positions to the military, ammunition and everything. We pull back, we rest, we prepare and then we will get new tasks

WAGNER BOSS YEVGENY PRIGOZHIN

Zelensky accused Russia of terrorising Ukrainians by launching a new wave of Iranian-made attack drones at targets across his country.

“The enemy continued to terrorise Ukraine by launching 36 Shaheds. None reached their target,” Zelensky said on social media.

“I’m grateful to our air defence forces for the 100-percent result.”

The Ukrainian military said Russia was probably targeting key infrastructure and military facilities in western Ukraine.

Russia subjected Ukraine to a campaign of aerial bombardments on infrastructure including energy facilities during the winter months but these attacks recently diminished.

Kyiv has become increasingly adept at taking down waves of Russian cruise missiles and drones after appealing to Western allies for greater air defence capabilities.

Separately, the Russian-installed head of Crimea announced that air defence had intercepted several drones targeting various parts of the territory annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

“Six drones were shot down or blocked ... in different parts of Crimea,” Sergei Aksyonov announced on social media, adding that no one had been injured.

In Moscow, Russia’s FSB security service said it had arrested two Ukrainians who had allegedly planned to target nuclear power plants in the country.

The aim was to cause “serious economic harm to Russia and damage its reputation”, the FSB alleged in a statement.

Dramatic Sydney blaze consumes seven-storey building



A video grab shows a fire in central Sydney
AFP | Sydney

More than 100 firefighters battled towering flames and thick smoke yesterday as a huge blaze consumed an unoccupied seven-storey building in central Sydney.

The flames appeared to be dying down as firefighters poured in water from multiple hoses two hours after the fire took hold in a building near the Central Station railway hub.

Shortly after it erupted, flames almost as high as the building itself shot into the sky.

The entire top floor wall leaned over and crashed in pieces into the street below, fire service video showed, as the building glowed orange with flames.

The carcass of a burning van was parked in front.

“More than 100 firefighters, from 20 fire trucks and multiple stations, continue to work to extinguish the blaze,” Fire and Res-

cue NSW said in an update after night fell in the city.

Two buildings had been affected by the fire, it said, both believed to have been vacant.

“Crews have also been dousing smaller fires which threatened to spread to surrounding buildings, including residential apartments.”

One firefighter suffered a minor burn on his right arm but did not need hospital treatment, the fire service said.

“Firefighting operations are expected to continue throughout the night,” it said.

There were no other reports of injuries from the blaze, which broke out in the afternoon in a building described by local media as a heritage-listed, unoccupied former hat factory.

“The public is urged to avoid the area as firefighting operations continue,” the fire service said, as the sound of emergency vehicle sirens echoed through the city streets.

Two police, one woman killed in Japan gun and knife attack

AFP | Tokyo

A woman and two male police officers were killed in a shooting and stabbing attack at a farm in central Japan yesterday, police said.

A suspect, believed to be a farmer in his 30s, was holed up inside a building after the incident, which also left a fourth person injured, according to police and media reports.

The suspect’s mother escaped from the building where he was hiding, Kyodo News reported late yesterday.

Authorities urged people to stay indoors in the semi-rural area around the city of Nakano in Nagano region, where the attack took place.

It was a rare instance of violent crime in Japan, which has a low murder rate and some of the world’s toughest gun laws.

Public broadcaster NHK and other major outlets said the woman was stabbed and the two police officers were shot in the afternoon attack.

The slain officers were identified as Yoshiki Tamai, 46, and Takuo Ikeuchi, 61, a Nagano police spokesman told AFP early Friday.

The deceased woman was believed to be in her 40s or 50s, the spokesman said.

Two women had escaped the



The house where a suspect has barricaded himself with a hunting gun in Nakano City

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house where the suspect was holed up, one at around 8:35 pm (1135 GMT) and the other soon after midnight, he added.

A witness told NHK he had

been working at a farm nearby when “a woman came running from the road saying ‘help me’, and she fell down”.

“Behind her came a man wearing camouflage and carrying a large knife, who stabbed her in the back,” the 72-year-old witness said.

He said he called emergency services while neighbours tried to resuscitate the woman.

NHK, citing police, said the attacker then fired what appeared to be a shotgun at the police officers who arrived at the scene.

The officers were inside a patrol car and the attacker placed the weapon against a window of the vehicle and fired twice, NHK reported.

Thieves again ram-raid luxury shop in France

AFP | Paris

Thieves yesterday smashed a car into a luxury store for the third time this year in the same French city to steal handbags and other valuables, a police source said.

The burglary at dawn from the Hermes shop in the north-eastern city of Lille comes just days after another store belonging to Louis Vuitton was targeted some 100 metres down the road on Wednesday last week.

The Louis Vuitton shop was itself already burgled in January. The thieves yesterday made off with clothes, jewellery and handbags, but part of the loot



The outside of the Hermes luxury store on rue Grande-Chaussee

was abandoned on site, the source said.

They also left behind two cars, including the one used

to ram-raid the shop, but police were on the lookout for a third vehicle used, the source added.

Vietnam jails noodle vendor who parodied Salt Bae

AFP | Hanoi

A Vietnam court has jailed a noodle seller who went viral for impersonating Salt Bae, after the celebrity chef served a gold-leaf steak to a powerful official, his lawyer said.

In 2021, Peter Lam Bui posted a parody video impersonating Salt Bae - Turkish chef Nusret Gokce who parlayed his meme stardom into high-end eateries - by sprinkling herbs on noodle soup, and calling himself “Green Onion Bae”.

But that video came after a clip of a high-ranking Vietnamese official in London tucking into a steak at Gokce’s Knightsbridge venue went viral in Vietnam.

Lam was in trouble within days of uploading his video and filmed a police visit to his home



Peter Lam Bui

in the central city of Danang.

Yesterday, the 39-year-old former activist was convicted of spreading anti-state propaganda by a court in Danang, lawyer Le Dinh Viet told AFP.

“They charged the defendant based on posts and video clips Lam had on his accounts on social media platforms,” Viet said.

There was nothing about the Salt Bae clip, he added.

Lam denied the charges and said he had only “expressed his personal viewpoint and exercised his right to freedom of speech”.

He was also sentenced to four years probation.

Lam’s parody video came after To Lam, Vietnam’s minister of public security - whose agency monitors dissent and surveils activists - was filmed eating at Gokce’s luxury Nusr-Et Steakhouse.

The restaurant serves up steaks wrapped in edible 24-carat gold leaf, reportedly costing more than US\$1,000, and the video sparked anger over the decadence on display while Vietnam struggled through the COVID-19 pandemic.



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01



People in the Horn of Africa are paying an unconscionable price for a climate crisis they did nothing to cause. We owe them solidarity. We owe them assistance. We owe them a measure of hope for the future.

@antonioguterres

02



Heart-breaking to see the devastation caused by the floods in the beautiful region of Emilia Romagna. I have come here to tell you that Europe is mourning with you. And that we are by your side.

@vonderleyen

03



The threats to health from our changing climate are here and now. #ClimateAction is essential for protecting health. This is why @WHO is mobilising the health community to take part in demanding, creating and implementing solutions. #WHA76

@DrTedros

04



Today, America mourns the murder of George Floyd three years later. I’ll never forget Gianna Floyd’s words: “Daddy changed the world.” He has - unifying people of every race and generation in peace and with purpose to say: Enough. Hate can never have safe harbor in America.

@POTUS

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celebs

Johnny Depp ‘was cleaned up’ for Cannes Film Festival

celebretrainment | Los Angeles

Johnny Depp is said to have been “cleaned up” for the Cannes Film Festival. The ‘Donnie Brasco’ actor, 59, is regularly seen in baggy jeans and shirts when he’s off duty and on stage with his Hollywood Vampires band, and an insider has claimed his grooming for the event was paid for by Dior so he looked smart on the red carpet to promote his new film ‘Jeanne du Barry’.

An insider told Page Six: “He

was cleaned up,” with the outlet adding Johnny was “tended to by a team of highly paid professionals in a suite at the JW Marriott hotel on La Croisette, where rooms start at \$1,000 a night”. Johnny was seen on the red carpet wearing a bespoke tuxedo by Dior designer Kim Jones, with his longtime stylist Samantha McMillen – who also works with Brie Larson and Elle Fanning – reportedly recruited to style him for the rest of his time in Cannes.



French actress and director Maiwenn adjusts the hair of US actor Johnny Depp

Johnny is the face of French brand Dior’s men’s fragrances, with his three-year advertising deal worth more than \$20 million. Page Six added Johnny was “also dressed by Dior for the movie’s press conference as well as a dinner thrown by the brand and Moët et Chandon champagne”. By Monday, Johnny was back in his rock gear to play a concert tribute in London for his late musician friend Jeff Beck, who died aged 78 from a bacterial meningitis infection in January.

Despite getting glammed up for his public appearances, Johnny was said to have focused on his “health and rest” instead of partying during Cannes. He last week chose a quiet night at his hotel over attending the after-party following the premiere of ‘Jeanne du Barry’. Photos showed his empty seat at the Carlton Cannes Hotel after he decided to go back to his suite — forgoing a feast of white lobster salad, flame-seared sea bass and St Honoré pastry for dessert.

Natalie Portman: Women are expected to look and behave a certain way at Cannes Film Festival

celebretrainment | Cannes

Natalie Portman has called out the double standards regarding how women are “expected to behave” at Cannes Film Festival.

The 41-year-old actress says there are “different ways we as women” are expected to “look and behave” compared to their male counterparts at the glitzy French Riviera event.

Speaking at a press conference at the star-studded film festival for her movie ‘May December’, she said: “The whole film is so much about performance and the different roles we play in different environments, for different people, for ourselves, even.”

Which, she



admits, is “something I’m definitely curious about and interested in.” Referring to the festival itself, she said: “This aspect of, even here – the different ways we as women are expected to behave at this festival even compared to men. “How we’re supposed to look, how we’re supposed to carry ourselves.” She continued: “The expectations are different on you all the time and it affects how you behave, whether you’re buying into it, whether you’re rejecting it or whether you’re doing something in between. “You’re definitely defined by the social structures upon you.” Natalie recently admitted she is “really heartbroken” over the end of the Time’s Up organisation.

Natalie Portman

Simply the best: Rock queen Tina Turner dies at 83

AFFP | Los Angeles

Tina Turner, the trailblazing Black rocker whose powerful voice and imposing stage presence thrilled global audiences for decades, died Wednesday at the age of 83. Tributes poured in from around the world, with some of music’s biggest names lamenting the loss of a singular and instantly recognizable performer, whose popularity spanned generations.

Rolling Stones front-man Mick Jagger -- who, legend has it, learned his dance moves from the diva, said the world had lost “an enormously talented performer and singer.”



Tina Turner

“She was inspiring, warm, funny and generous. She helped me so much when I was young and I will never forget her.” Bandmate Ronnie Wood called Turner “the Queen Of Rock And Soul and a dear friend.”

Fans lined up to pay tribute at the wrought iron gates of her huge compound in Kusunacht, on Switzerland’s Lake Zurich, many bearing candles and flowers. Chateau Algonquin had been the home Turner shared with her German husband Erwin Bach for almost three decades, including when she took Swiss citizenship in 2013, and relinquished her US passport.

CINEMA

THE LITTLE MERMAID (PG) (ADVENTURE/MUSICAL/ROMANTIC/FAMILY) (NEW) HALLE BAILEY, JONAH HAUSER-KING, JAVIER BARDEM

OASIS JUFFAIR :12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (3D): 11.30 AM + 2.15 + 5.00 + 7.45 + 10.30 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR:(KIDS CINEMA): 2.30 + 7.15 PM
CITY CENTRE :10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN
CITY CENTRE(IMAX 2D): 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 PM
CITY CENTRE (3D): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
CITY CENTRE (THEATRE) :1.45 + 5.00 + 8.15 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (II): 11.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.30 + 3.30 + 5.15 + 6.15 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 10.45 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II) (3D): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 11.15 AM + 12.15 + 2.00 + 3.00 + 4.45 + 5.45 + 7.30 + 8.30 + 10.15 + 11.15 PM
AL LIWAN: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
AL LIWAN (JUNIOR CINEMA) : 11.30 AM + 2.15 + 5.00 + 7.45 + 10.30 PM

KANDAHAR (PG-15) (THRILLER/DRAMA) (NEW) GERARD BUTLER, TRAVIS FIMMEL, REBECCA CALDER

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 12.00 + 5.30 + 11.00 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 12.00 + 2.00 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 10.00 + 12.00 MN + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
CITY CENTRE (THEATRE): 12.15 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (I) : 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II) : (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
WADI AL SAIL: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM
AL LIWAN:10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

SUGAR DADDY (15+) (ARABIC/COMEDY/ROMANTIC) (NEW) LAILA ELWI, BAYOUMI FOUD, HAMDY EL MARGHANI

OASIS JUFFAIR: 2.00 + 6.30 + 11.00 PM
CITY CENTRE :10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (II) : 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL:3.00 + 8.15 PM



KNIGHTS OF THE ZODIAC: SAINT SEIYA (PG-13) (NEW) MACKENYU , FAMKE JANSSEN, MADISON ISEMAN

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.45 AM + 4.15 + 8.45 PM
CITY CENTRE :10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II) : 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM
AL LIWAN:12.45 + 5.00 + 9.15 PM

THE WRATH OF BECKY (18+) (ACTION/THRILLER) (NEW) LULU WILSON, SEANN WILLIAM SCOTT, DENISE BURSE

SEEF (II) : 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM
AL LIWAN:10.45 AM + 3.00 + 7.15 + 11.30 PM

YOUM 13 (18+) (ARABIC/THRILLER/HORROR/CRIME) (NEW) AHMED DAWOOD, DINA EL SHERBINY, SHERIF MOUNIR

SEEF (II) : 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN

JUST SUPER (PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/FAMILY) (NEW) ATLE ANTONSEN, MARIE BEEDER, CHARLOTTE FROGNER

SEEF (II) : 10.30 AM + 12.00 + 1.45 + 3.30 + 5.15 PM

JACKSON BAZAAR YOUTH (PG-15) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)



LUKMAN AVARAN, MATHEW THOMAS, INDRAN
OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (I) : 11.30 AM + 4.30 + 9.30 PM
AL HAMRA-ON THURS 25 th 3.00 PM + 9.00 PM
AL HAMRA:FROM FRI 26 th 9.00 PM

LIVE (PG-15) (MALAYALAM) (NEW) MAMTA MOHANDAS, SOUBIN SHAHIR, PRIYANKA WARRIER

FROM FRI 26th
OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 4.00 + 9.00 PM
SEEF (I) : 2.00 + 7.00 + 12.00 MN
AL HAMRA: 3.00 PM

GODDAY GODDAY CHAA (PG-13) (PUNJABI/COMEDY/DRAMA) (NEW) SONAM BAJWA, TANIA, GITAJ BINDRAKHIA

FROM FRI 26th
SEEF (II) :7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN

FAST X (PG-13) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/THRILLER/CRIME) VIN DIESEL, MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ, TYRESE GIBSON

OASIS JUFFAIR : 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (ATMOS): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 2.30 + 8.00 PM
CITY CENTRE:11.00 AM + 12.30 + 2.00 + 3.30 + 5.00 + 6.30 + 8.00 + 9.30 + 11.00 PM + (12.30 MN + 1.00 AM THURS/FRI)
CITY CENTRE(ATMOS):12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN

CITY CENTRE(IMAX 2D): 8.30 + 11.30 PM
CITY CENTRE (THEATRE) :12.45 + 1.15 + 4.15 + 4.45 + 7.45 + 8.15 + 11.15 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (I): 11.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)
SEEF (II): (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
WADI AL SAIL: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM
AL LIWAN: 1.00 + 4.00 + 7.00 + 10.00 PM
AL LIWAN: (ATMOS):11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM

2018 (PG-13) (MALAYALAM) TOVINO THOMAS, KUCHACKO BOBAN, ASIF ALI

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM
SEEF (I) : 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL:12.00 + 5.15 + 10.30 PM
AL HAMRA : 12.00 + 6.00 + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE (G) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/ACTION/COMEDY)

CHRIS PRATT, CHARLIE DAY, ANYA TAYLOR-JOY

OASIS JUFFAIR:(KIDS CINEMA): 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 5.15 + 10.00 PM
CITY CENTRE :11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM
SEEF (II):10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOLUME 3 (PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY)

CHRIS PRATT, ZOE SALDAÑA, DAVE BAUTISTA

CITY CENTRE:11.45 AM + 2.45 + 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM

THE POPE'S EXORCIST (18+) (HORROR/DRAMA) RUSSELL CROWE, DANIEL ZOVATTO, ALEX ESSOE

CITY CENTRE: 2.30 + 7.15 + 12.00 MN

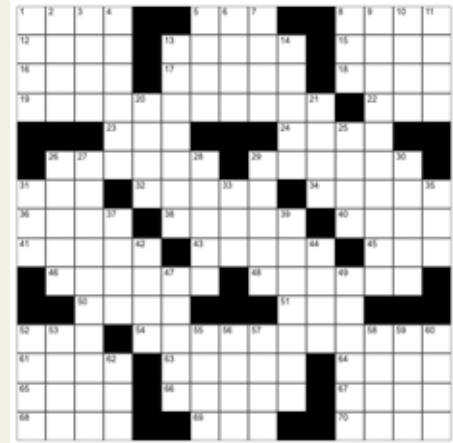
SEEF (II): 12.00 + 4.45 + 9.30 PM

RIDE ON (PG-13) (ACTION/COMEDY/DRAMA) JACKIE CHAN

CITY CENTRE:12.00 + 4.45 + 9.30 PM

SEEF (II):2.15 + 7.00 + 11.45 PM

CROSSWORD



Across

1- Son of Adam and Eve; 5- Failure; 8- Baldwin brother; 12- Actress Hatcher; 13- Pertaining to the kidneys; 15- Old Italian money; 16- Kiln for drying hops; 17- Digression; 18- Footfall; 19- Plan beforehand; 22- Canterbury can; 23- Verse starter; 24- Caspian Sea feeder; 26- Position, in Britain; 29- Was merciful to; 31- Despot Amin; 32- Plumber's tool; 34- Metal fastener; 36- Staying power; 38- Steak order; 40- ... sapiens; 41- Indian form of address; 43- Eventually become; 45- Cedar Rapids college; 46- Ramble; 48- Talks; 50- Actress Moore; 51- Charlemagne's realm; Abbr.; 52- TV attachment; 54- Financial analyst; 61- Excuse me; 63- Current location; 64- I could ... horse; 65- Cheek; 66- Wanting; 67- Broadway opening; 68- Formerly, formerly; 69- Skid row woe; 70- Ollie's partner;

Down

1- At the apex of; 2- Tolerate; 3- Gaelic language of Ireland or Scotland; 4- Chemical indicator; 5- Ricky's portrayal; 6- Military group; 7- Arp's art movement; 8- Capp and Capone; 9- Capital of the US state of Arkansas; 10- ... saw Elba; 11- ... Crunch; 13- Shining; 14- Cessation; 20- Tolkien tree creatures; 21- Ages; 25- Foot part; 26- Brainstorms; 27- Peignoir; 28- Trademark; 29- Transmits; 30- Band's sample tapes; 31- French pronoun; 33- ... Tiki; 35- Misfortune; 37- Male parent; 39- Agreeableness of sound; 42- Explosive weapon; 44- Andean country; 47- Rest atop; 49- Trojan War hero; 52- Still life subject; 53- Burn slightly; 55- Scored 100 on; 56- Nair rival; 57- Soundrels; 58- Diplomacy; 59- Bluesy James; 60- Picnic spoiler; 62- Colo. clock setting;

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Ten Hag says Chelsea struggles are a warning as Man Utd takeover drags on

AFP | London

Erik ten Hag says Chelsea's struggles are a stark warning of how difficult life can be after a change of ownership as Manchester United's takeover process drags on.

As the Glazers continue to consider a full or partial sale of United, Chelsea will visit Old Trafford on Thursday limping to the end of a hugely disappointing first campaign under their new regime.

The London club have spent about £600 million (\$740 million) since a group headed by Todd Boehly bought the club last year but are languishing in 12th place in the Premier League under interim boss Frank Lampard, their third manager of the season.

Chelsea have been criticised for a scattergun approach in the transfer market and United boss Ten Hag said their experience showed money is not the answer if spent unwisely.

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Manchester United's players celebrate during a match (file photo)

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ERIK TEN HAG

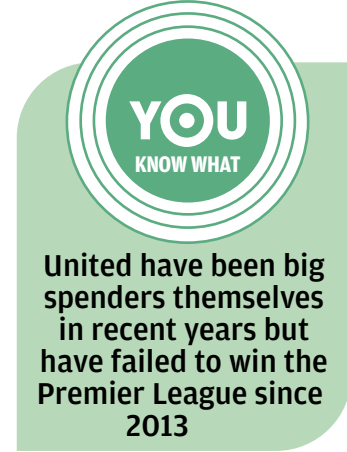
to have a strategy behind it, otherwise the money doesn't work," the Dutchman said on

the eve of the clash against Chelsea.

United have been big spenders themselves in recent years but have failed to win the Premier League since 2013.

Despite a positive season, in which United have won the League Cup and will meet Manchester City in the FA Cup final, there is uncertainty over the club's future.

The US-based Glazer family, who bought United in 2005, announced in November they were considering selling the club as they "explore strategic



alternatives".

Qatari banker Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani and British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe are the main contenders to buy the Premier League giants.

But despite the situation, Ten Hag believes United, for whom a point against Chelsea would secure a top-four finish, are moving in the right direction.

"We have to evaluate that after the season, make the right conclusions for the future and that is what we will definitely do after the season," he said.

Birthday boy Thomas resists Roglic assault to stay in Giro pink



INEOS Grenadiers's Geraint Thomas (L) and Jumbo-Visma's Primož Roglič ride during the eighteenth stage

AFP | London

Filippo Zana edged Thibaut Pinot to take the 18th stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday while Primož Roglič went on the attack and shook off all his main rivals except race leader Geraint Thomas, who was celebrating his 37th birthday.

On the first of three brutal days in the Dolomites, French veteran Pinot, who is retiring at the end of the season, drove the breakaway on as he collected enough points to take the King of the Mountains classification lead.

However, he lost out on a stage victory in the final climb to the line for the second time in a week.

Zana, the reigning Italian champion, is part of the Jayco-Alula team and was racing on home roads in his home region in north-east Italy.

Down the mountain, Roglič, paced by team-mate Sepp Kuss, went on the attack from the group of leading riders

The Jumbo-Visma pair quickly dropped all their main rivals except Welshman Thomas of the Ineos team who stuck to Slovenian Roglič's rear wheel and celebrated his



birthday by keeping the leader's pink jersey.

Thomas, the 2018 Tour de France champion who is bidding to become the oldest ever Giro champion, remained 29 seconds ahead of Roglič who took second place from Joao Almeida.

Friday's 19th stage is a 183km ride from Longarone to Tre Cime di Lavaredo that includes five significant peaks.

Saturday's penultimate stage is a ferocious 18.6km uphill time trial.

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'Devastated' Halep says doping hearing postponed again

AFP | London

Former world number one Simona Halep on Wednesday said her doping hearing, scheduled for this weekend, had been postponed for a third time by the International Tennis Federation.

The Romanian was provisionally suspended last October after testing positive for the banned substance roxadustat and was charged with a separate second anti-doping breach last week "relating to irregularities in her athlete biological passport".

Halep previously complained that the ITF cancelled hearings set for February and March.

"Once again, tonight, I am



Simona Halep in action (file photo)

devastated," she said in a post on social media.

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BOC, Royal Medical Services sign agreement



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, centre, with Dr. Shaikh Fahd bin Khalifa, left, and Faris Al Kooheji at the signing

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) has inked an agreement with the Royal Medical Services (RMS) to step up joint-cooperation and provide health services to sports people.

The signing of the deal followed directives from His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of the BOC.

RMS Acting Commander Brigadier Dr. Shaikh Fahd bin Khalifa and BOC Secretary General Faris Al Kooheji co-signed the agreement at HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad's Al Wadi Palace.

Brig. Dr. Shaikh Fahd bin Khalifa expressed thanks and gratitude to HH Shaikh Khalid

bin Hamad for his directives to seal the deal, which ushers in prospects for cooperation between the RMS and the sports sector.

"The Royal Medical Services will contribute through this agreement to providing care and medical services to players and members of the national teams (Team Bahrain)," he said.

Al Kooheji stressed the importance of the agreement, stressing HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad's keenness to supporting national teams and providing them with medical care.

Under the deal, the hospitals affiliated with the BDF RMS will provide healthcare for national teams, based on a BOC list in coordination with associations.

The list includes the BDF Hospital, the King Hamad University Hospital and the Mohammed bin Khalifa Specialist Cardiac Centre (MKCC).

Japan recall Celtic ace Furuhashi for friendlies

AFP | Tokyo

Scottish Premiership player of the season Kyogo Furuhashi earned a Japan recall yesterday after nine months in the international wilderness saw him miss the World Cup.

Furuhashi has scored 25 goals in 35 games this season as Celtic comfortably retained their league title, currently sitting seven points clear of

Rangers with one game to play.

Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu called up the 28-year-old forward for friendlies against El Salvador and Peru, along with Celtic team-mates Reo Hatate and Daizen Maeda.

"I called him up because he's getting results and making his presence felt," Moriyasu said of Furuhashi, who last played for Japan in September last year.

Bahrain set for U23 Asian Cup qualifiers

Kingdom's Olympic football team drawn in tough Group D with Japan, Palestine and Pakistan

● Eleven group winners and four best second-placed teams qualify

● AFC U-23 Asian Cup to be held in Qatar from April 15 to May 3, 2024

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's under-23 Olympic football team were yesterday drawn in a challenging Group D for the qualifiers of the 2024 AFC U-23 Asian Cup.

The draw was conducted at the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) House in Kuala Lumpur.

It divided the participating teams into 11 groups, with 10 comprising four nations and one containing three. Each group will host their matches at a centralised venue.

Bahrain have been drawn alongside Japan, Palestine and Pakistan.

The Kingdom will be staging the games in their qualification group, with the matches scheduled to take place from September 4 to 12 later this year.

Following a single round-robin, the 11 group winners and four best second-placed teams among all groups qualify for the AFC U-23 Asian Cup. They join tournament hosts Qatar, who have received automatic qualification, to form the final cast of 16 in the competition, to be played between April 15 and May 3, 2024.



Action from the Olympic team's friendly against Estonia (File)

Group A of the qualifiers will have group hosts Jordan, Syria, Oman and Brunei. Group B will see 2020 champions and group hosts South Korea, Myanmar, Kyrgyz Republic and Qatar contesting; while Group C will see group hosts Vietnam, Singapore, Yemen, and Guam. Qatar's qualifiers will be considered as friendlies.

In Group E are 2018 champions and group hosts Uzbekistan, Iran, Hong Kong and Afghanistan; while in Group F are 2013 winners Iraq, hosts Kuwait, Timor-Leste and Macau. In Group

G are the UAE, India, Maldives and group hosts China; while Group H features group hosts Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh and the Philippines.

Group I will see Australia, group hosts Tajikistan, Laos and North Korea; Group J consists of defending champions and hosts Saudi Arabia, Cambodia, Lebanon and Mongolia; and finally Group K comprises just three teams with Turkmenistan, group hosts Indonesia and Chinese Taipei.

Bahrain have qualified just once in the previous five edi-



Dario Basic



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tions of the AFC U-23 Asian Cup. That was in the 2020 event held in Thailand, when they did not make it past the group stage.

The Bahrainis, coached by Croatian Dario Basic, have already begun their preparations for the qualifiers. They played a pair of international friendly matches last March against their counterparts from Estonia.

Djokovic and Alcaraz in same half of French Open draw

AFP | Paris

Novak Djokovic could face world number one Carlos Alcaraz in the semi-finals of the French Open after both players were placed in the same half of the draw yesterday.

Djokovic is chasing a record 23rd men's Grand Slam title in the absence of the injured Rafael Nadal, who will miss the tournament at Roland Garros for the first time since his 2005 title-winning debut.

The third-seeded Djokovic, Roland Garros champion in 2016 and 2021, meets 114th-ranked Aleksandar Kovacevic of the US in the first round in Paris -- the first French Open since 1998 without Nadal or the now retired Roger Federer.

The 24-year-old Kovacevic is making his Grand Slam main draw debut.

Djokovic, who turned 36 on Monday, has been bothered by a recurrence of a right elbow injury which has disrupted his clay-court season.

He failed to go beyond the last eight at any of the three events he played on clay this spring,



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz (R) and Serbia's Novak Djokovic shake hands after a match (file photo)

losing his number one spot to Alcaraz.

Djokovic has also fallen behind Daniil Medvedev in the rankings after the Russian succeeded him as Italian Open champion last weekend.

US Open champion Alcaraz and Medvedev both start their Roland Garros campaigns against a qualifier or lucky loser.

Alcaraz is also on track to play 2021 French Open runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas in the quarter-finals.

Reigning women's champi-

on Iga Swiatek begins her title defence against Spain's Cristina Bucsa, the world number 67 who was beaten by the Pole in the third round of this year's Australian Open.

The top-ranked Swiatek, bidding to become the first back-to-back women's champion at the French Open in 16 years, is coming off a thigh injury which forced her to retire in Rome.

She is seeded to meet 2022 runner-up Coco Gauff in the quarter-finals and could face Wimbledon champion Elena

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Rybakina, last week's Italian Open winner, in the last four.

"This is my favourite tournament. I always get this extra motivation to practise harder here. I'm really excited to be here," Swiatek said during the draw ceremony.

Aryna Sabalenka, who won her maiden Grand Slam crown in Melbourne, plays Marta Kostyuk of Ukraine in round one. Sabalenka has never got beyond the third round in Paris despite making at least the semi-finals at all of the other three majors.

PSG's Qatari owners in talks over Sampdoria investment - source

AFP | Paris

Qatar Sports Investments, the owners of French champions Paris Saint-Germain, are in negotiations over acquiring a stake in Italian club Sampdoria, a source with knowledge of the matter said yesterday.

QSI, whose president Nasser al-Khelaifi is also the president of PSG, has owned the French club since 2011, transforming a struggling outfit into one of the most powerful in Europe.

It also owns a 22 percent stake in leading Portuguese side Braga and is hoping to further expand its footballing empire to create a "diverse portfolio", the same source said.

The source said that QSI is hoping to acquire a "minority stake" in Sampdoria, the club from the Mediterranean port city of Genoa who are already condemned to relegation from Serie A with two games of this season remaining.

Sampdoria were one of Italy's leading sides in the 1980s



A general view of PSG's Parc des Princes stadium

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The same source also confirmed that QSI are interested in investing in Brazilian club Santos, the former team of Pele and current PSG star Neymar, as well as Spanish outfit Malaga.

Hamilton will sign new Mercedes deal ‘in coming weeks’



Lewis Hamilton
AFP | Monaco

Lewis Hamilton on Thursday denied all reports that he has been approached by Ferrari and said he was set to re-sign with Mercedes “in the coming weeks”.

The seven-time world champion’s current contract expires this year.

He has been in discussions with Mercedes boss Toto Wolff for several months, but recently passed the task of completing what may be his final contract in Formula One to his personal management team.

“I think, naturally, when you are in contract negotiations there is always going to be speculation,” Hamilton, 38, told a news conference at the Monaco Grand Prix.

“But, unless you hear it from me, that’s all it is. There is a certain individual in this room that has written at least one of them – I don’t know, but maybe with last weekend being cancelled, they just got bored.

Manama advance to championship series

Defending champions topple bitter rivals Al Ahli in decisive third game of Golden Square semi-finals

● **Manama take control with dominant fourth quarter, outsourcing Ahli 32-19**

● **Sir’Dominic Pointer scores 24 to lead six Manama players in double figures**

TDT | Manama

Manama powered into the championship series last night of the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

The defending champions secured their place following a come-from-behind 97-85 victory over bitter rivals Al Ahli in the third and decisive game of their best-of-three Golden Square semi-final series, played at the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town.

Trailing by one, 65-66, heading into the final canto, Manama



Manama’s Hasan Nowrooz looks to make a pass as he is guarded closely by Al Ahli’s Hesham Sarhan during their game last night

used a dominant fourth quarter performance where they outsourced Ahli 32-19 to take control of the game and eventually close

out the win. Manama led by as many as 13 points on the way to the final whistle.

Manama now move on to the

finals where they have a repeat match-up against Muharraq in the best-of-five championship series.

Game one is scheduled to take place on June 2, followed by game two on June 5. The schedule of the rest of the series will be released by the Bahrain Basketball Association in due course.

Manama and Muharraq also faced off in last season’s title series, held over just three games, with Muharraq taking the opener and Manama winning the next two.

The two teams are also set to face off in the final of this season’s Khalifa bin Salman Cup basketball tournament. That will be played on Monday at the same venue.

In last night’s rubber match, Manama took a 28-20 lead at the end of the first quarter after Sir’Dominic Pointer made a lay-up with 21 seconds to go. Ahli were able to cut the deficit in the second period and Dakari Johnson brought them to within three, 40-43, with a basket prior

to the half-time buzzer.

Ahli then powered ahead at the end of the third period. After Taylor Rochestie tied the game at 60-apiece with three minutes remaining, baskets from Subah Hussain and Johnson gave them a slim 66-63 edge, but Travin Thibodeaux was able to make it just a one-point lead.

In the fourth, Manama began to pull away. They went on an 8-1 run capped by a Pointer dunk to make it 79-72, and later back-to-back triples from Mustafa Hussain and Ahmed Salman gave them their biggest advantage, 92-79, with just two minutes to go.

Ahli could not recover, and four pressure-packed free-throws from Pointer pegged the final score.

Pointer led six Manama players in double figures with 24 points and 11 rebounds, while Ahmed Aldurazi finished with 19, including four three-pointers. Salman, Thibodeaux and Mohammed Ameer each finished with 14, while Hussain had 12.

BRAVE CF becomes most global organization in MMA with event to be hosted in France

TDT | Manama

Bahrain’s own BRAVE Combat Federation will become the most global organization in mixed martial arts, having announced its debut show in France, which will take place on September 7, in Nantes. A special press conference at the H Arena, home of one of the biggest handball teams in Europe, was the launching pad for BRAVE CF in France.

With the debut of BRAVE Combat Federation in France, the sporting jewel of the Kingdom of Bahrain is now the owner of the largest market share in Europe for MMA, hosting 21 events in 12 countries in total.

Since June 2018, no other organization has visited more European countries than BRAVE CF as well as the organization

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BRAVE CF also holds the largest market share in Asia and Africa, while also being widely recognized as being the biggest sports media property in the Middle East

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The announcement of BRAVE CF’s debut in France also means that the Bahraini organization now holds the record of most internationally hosted promotion in mixed martial arts.

With France, BRAVE CF will have been hosted by 29 coun-

tries, surpassing the UFC, which has been hosted in 28 nations, becoming the undisputed leader of nations visited around the globe in the sport.

BRAVE Combat Federation is the fastest-growing MMA organization in the world, and owns the biggest development project in mixed martial arts, having empowered hundreds of athletes globally while giving them a global platform that allowed many of them to become international superstars.

BRAVE CF is a broadcasting giant, with worldwide deals that encompass 160+ countries and 800 million households, as well as providing fans hundreds of hours of premium content on its own OTT platform, BRAVE TV, the first of its kind for a sports enterprise in the Middle East.

Slot commits to Feyenoord as Spurs’ manager search goes on

AFP | London

Arne Slot has committed to staying at Feyenoord, ruling himself out of contention for the vacant Tottenham manager’s job.

The Dutchman had reportedly become a leading contender to replace Antonio Conte at Spurs after leading the Rotterdam club to the Eredivisie title.



Arne Slot

Talks between Slot’s management and Feyenoord took place this week and the 44-year-old is

set to stay at De Kuip.

“I have heard a lot about the interest of other clubs in me,” Slot told Algemeen Dagblad.

“I am grateful for the appreciation, but my wish is to stay with Feyenoord and continue to build on the foundation that has been laid there over the past two seasons.

“There are no transfer talks going on and there have not

been any and yesterday’s discussion was only about a possible extension.

“All conversations with Feyenoord are only focused on that. I look forward to the new season at Feyenoord.”

Slot is the latest manager to be ruled out of the running for the vacant head coach role at Spurs, who have had a miserable season.

Verstappen plays down importance of Monaco win



Red Bull Racing’s Max Verstappen (R) and teammate Sergio Perez celebrate on the podium after Miami Grand Prix (file photo)

AFP | Monaco

Max Verstappen shrugged off the prestige of the Monaco Grand Prix yesterday and said he lamented engine suppliers Honda’s decision to switch from his Red Bull team to Aston Martin in 2026.

The defending double world champion and early leader of this year’s title race, told reporters that the Monaco Grand Prix was the most challenging race of the season, but no more valuable than any others.

“For us, yes, it is the most difficult to win, probably,” he explained. “And especially if you have a setback in qualifying, but we will see.

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After three wins in the opening five races this year, the Dutchman leads his Red Bull team-mate Sergio Perez, last year’s Monaco winner, by 14 points ahead of Sunday’s 80th running of the classic Mediterranean street circuit contest.