

Sabalenka, Rybakina march into Australian Open final showdown

Elena Rybakina will face Aryna Sabalenka in Saturday's women's singles final after two entertaining semi-finals in Melbourne | P12

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Turkey says it is "meaningless" to restore NATO dialogue with Sweden, Finland



Mevlut Cavusoglu
 Reuters | Ankara

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said yesterday it was "meaningless" to hold a trilateral meeting with Sweden and Finland to discuss their NATO bids after protests this month in Stockholm.

Speaking at a news conference, Cavusoglu also said there is no offer to evaluate Sweden's and Finland's NATO membership separately. Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson has said his country wanted to restore NATO dialogue with Turkey after Ankara indefinitely postponed trilateral talks with Sweden and Finland over their membership.

Lane closures on Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Highway, Shaikh Daij Junction

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The slow lane leading to Hamad Town on Wali Al Ahd Flyover on Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Highway is now closed for maintenance works, said Works Ministry.

Two lanes will remain open for traffic.

The closure, effective yesterday at 11 pm, ends tomorrow at 5 am.

Besides, two lanes on stages for southbound traffic to Mina Salman will remain closed on Al Fateh Highway between the Shaikh Daij Junction and Bani Otbah Junction for improvement works.

One lane will remain open for traffic.

The closure is effective from tomorrow for 5 nights from 11:00 pm to 05:00 am.



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Big fillip to healthcare

HRH CP, PM inaugurates King Hamad American Mission Hospital



In pictures, HRH Prince Salman during the opening of KHAMH

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HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, inaugurated the King Hamad American Mission Hospital in A'ali yesterday, hailing the new \$66 million facility as an "extension of the long-standing Bahrain-US partnership."

The opening, HRH said, also highlights the 120-year-long legacy of the American Mission Hospital, one of the first hospitals in the Kingdom on the 26th of January 1903.

AMH is now serving the King-

dom from five locations, which include satellite clinics in Saar, Amwaj and Riffa.

HRH inaugurated the state-of-the-art health facility on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

"Such development projects which enhance the Kingdom's economic competitiveness and benefit citizens and residents," His Royal Highness said, enjoy His Majesty's unwavering support.

In this regard, HRH stressed that "investing in sustainable healthcare services continues to be a top priority for Kingdom.

AMH's efforts in broadening accessibility and advancing

medical care, HRH said, have contributed to improving the efficiency of Bahrain's healthcare sector and the Kingdom's development goals.

The Crown Prince and Prime Minister further reminded the importance of maintaining "quality and efficiency" in realizing development plans that benefit citizens.

Bahrain's strategic partnerships with the private sector, HRH stressed, are instrumental in advancing the Kingdom's national development and expediting the implementation of the Economic Recovery Plan and greatly improving the quality of services.

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The newly established King Hamad American Mission Hospital contains 125 beds, a ward for women and children, and another for various surgical medical specialities. It also has operating rooms, intensive care units, a dialysis unit consisting of 20 beds, and a laboratory and radiology centre with the latest technology and medical devices.

Israeli troops kill nine in Jenin clash with Palestinian gunmen, medics say

Reuters | Jenin, West Bank

Israeli commandos killed nine Palestinians, including an elderly woman, and wounded 12 others during clashes with gunmen yesterday in a flashpoint town in the occupied West Bank, witnesses and medics said.

The Israeli military said it sent special forces into Jenin to detain members of the Islamic Jihad armed group suspected of having carried out and planning "multiple major attacks", shooting several of them after they opened fire.

The death toll - the highest in Jenin in years - drew a warning from Islamic Jihad that its truce with Israel, called after a brief exchange of fire across the Gaza Strip border last year, could be in danger.

There were no Israeli casualties. At least one Palestinian was detained during the raid, the military statement said.

Jenin is an area of the northern West Bank where Israel has intensified raids over the past year after local men carried out street attacks in its cities.

The Palestinian health ministry described the nine fatalities in Jenin as an elderly woman and eight men. There were no further details immediately available on their identities. According to the ministry, at least 29 Palestinians, including gunmen and civilians, have been killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank since Jan. 1.



Israeli military vehicles are seen during clashes

Shocking

Iran sentences pregnant woman to death for burning Khomeini's portrait

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Iran has sentenced a pregnant woman in her early 20s to death for allegedly setting fire to a portrait of Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, amid protests sparked by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini while in the custody of morality police.

The United Nations Human Rights Council has called for urgent action to save her.

The woman, an ethnic Ira-



Police blocking demonstrators. (Representative picture)

nian-Kurdish woman, is being held in Urmia Central Prison, reported IranWire.

Iranian police arrested Shahla Abdi in mid-October during

mass protests triggered by the death of Mahsa Amini on Sept. 16.

The report, quoting a female inmate in Urmia Central, said

Abdi had been there with them for nearly a month and was moved to Tabriz Prison three weeks ago.

IranWire suggests she could be in a detention centre run by Iran's Ministry of Intelligence.

"When I saw this woman, she looked very young but weak and abused, and I realised that she was four months pregnant," the inmate told IranWire.

Abdi, reportedly, was in solitary confinement in Urmia Central Prison.

Earlier this month, Iran hanged two men, one of them a karate champion with several national titles, in its attempts to stamp out demonstrations, which have slowed considerably, since it began carrying out executions within weeks of arrests.

At least 517 protesters have been killed in Iran, and more than 19,200 people arrested since the wave of Amini protests first swept the country in mid-September.