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 earn pivotal
 victories, Mokaev
 ready for big time**

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Houthi aggression continues

Saudi downs ballistic missile targeting Najran

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Saudi defence forces yesterday foiled yet another attempt by the Iran-aligned Houthi militia to attack critical facilities in the Kingdom using ballistic missiles.

The attacks also came days after Riyadh presented a peace initiative that includes a nationwide truce in Yemen as the war

enters its seventh year.

An Al Arabia report citing the Saudi defence force said they intercepted a ballistic missile over the city of Najran yesterday morning.

Najran is a city in southwestern Saudi Arabia near the border with Yemen.

The Arab Coalition later confirmed intercepting the mis-

sile over the city. "The Houthis were targeting civilian objects protected under international law," the Arab Coalition said.

The attack comes less than 24 hours after the Ministry of Energy announced that a petroleum distribution terminal in Jazan was hit by a Houthi projectile, causing it to catch on fire.



Last update - 9:00 pm
 26 March 2021

Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

4 7 1 9 2 7

(Second dose)

2 4 5 4 8 1

**Egypt train
 collision kills
 32, injures 91**



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**Suez Canal
 steps up efforts
 to remove
 blockage**



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**BAHRAIN
 COVID-19**

TOTAL TESTED

3499615

ACTIVE CASES

7847

DEATHS

512

DISCHARGED

131594

NEW CASES

829

CRITICAL

47

210 fils (includes VAT)



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The thrill begins

Bahrain shines bright in the F1 spotlight

Red Bull's Verstappen off to a flying start; tops both practice sessions

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The Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2021 got underway yesterday at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in brilliant fashion, and it was star Red Bull driver Max Verstappen who was the fastest man in the first two practice sessions of the new F1 season.

All 20 of F1's star talents were on the track for both sessions, the first of which was held in the daytime followed by the second under BIC's brilliant floodlights.

Verstappen registered the fastest lap of one minute 30.847 seconds to put Red



Bull Racing atop the timesheet in yesterday's second session. It was quicker than his pace-setting time of 1:31.394 in the first practice.

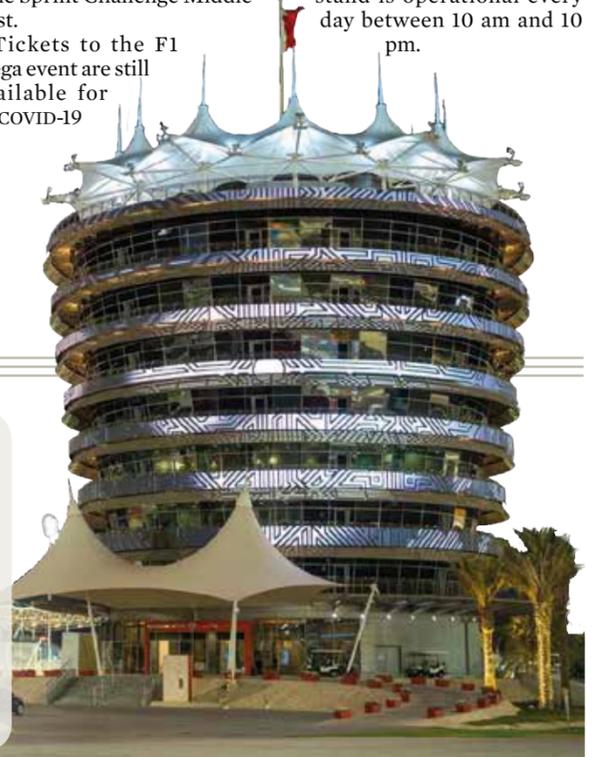
World champions Mercedes and Bahrain's "home team" McLaren also had strong starts to the weekend, with each having one of their cars in the top three for the two sessions.

The F1 action this weekend is only set to intensify as the stage is now set for the meeting's Third Practice, which will take place today

vaccinated or recovered individuals. They are being sold at a single discounted price of BD100 across the circuit's available stands. Comprehensive measures are in place at the circuit at all times to ensure spectators can enjoy the excitement of F1 in a safe environment.

Tickets can be purchased online at BIC's official website, bahraingp.com, or at the sales marquee located next to Sakhir Petrol Station right before reaching BIC. Tickets are also available at BIC's stand at City Centre Bahrain, located on the ground floor near gate number three in the West Court. The stand is operational every day between 10 am and 10 pm.

Tickets to the F1 mega event are still available for all COVID-19



Towering delight

F1 fans first to witness iconic BIC Tower in whole new light

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were mesmerised yesterday.

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nent video and lighting installation.

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brilliant lighting and a video façade wrapped around the eight-storey building.

(full story on page 2)

Iconic **BIC Tower** in whole new light

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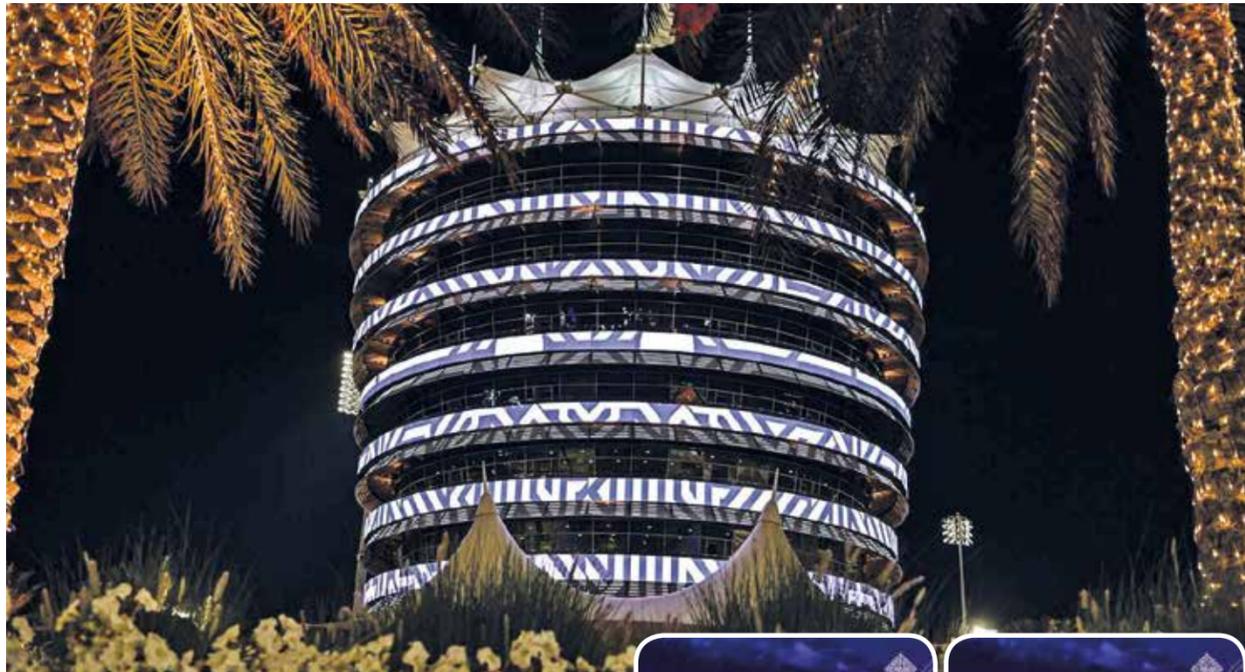
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The new lighting also enhances the BIC Tower as a key element of the international television broadcast.

The design explores the geometry of the spectacular building and articulates its elegant circular form. The dynamic de-



sign also reflects the speed and power of the motorsport that surrounds it.

Designed by international lighting designers Woodroffe Bassett, the tower features bands of high-resolution LED panels fitted to the front of the handrails and sun louvres on the top seven levels.

A complimentary lighting system lights up the sail canopy that tops the tower. The sunshade on the ground floor matches the colour and tempo of the video

on the screens.

The content that plays on the tower façade is a mixture of Bahraini cultural elements, abstract patterns, and effects and information which reacts to events over the race weekend.

Sheikh Salman Bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of Bahrain International Circuit, said: "We are delighted that the BIC Tower, an icon of the country, now can light up the circuit in such an impressive fashion. Not only does it enhance the fan



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Patrick Woodroffe, the designer, added: "The BIC Tower has had a second wind! Not only does the installation give us a fresh understanding of the elegance and circularity of Herman Tilke's design, but it also brings a completely new dynamic to the building and subsequently energy and a purpose felt across the whole circuit."

HM King, HRH CP, PM condole with Egyptian president Al-Sisi



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of condolence to the Egyptian President, Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, over the train collision in Sohag.

HM the King extended deepest condolences and sympathy to the Egyptian President, peo-

ple and the victims' families, praying to Allah the Almighty to rest the souls of the deceased in eternal peace, and bless the wounded with a speedy recovery.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also sent similar cables of condolence to the Egyp-

tian President. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister extended his deepest condolences to the victims' families and wished the wounded a speedy recovery.

HRH Prince Salaman also sent a similar cable to the Prime Minister of Egypt, Mostafa Madbouly.



Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, the Foreign Ministry Undersecretary, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Committee, and Member of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), during a meeting with the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, in Cairo. Abul Gheit congratulated Dr Shaikha Rana for winning the "Arab Women for Social Responsibility in the Era of Transformation, Developmental Inclusiveness and Digital Diplomacy" award by the Arab Council for Social Responsibility. He appreciated her efforts in empowering and advancing women and making them a model to be emulated at the regional and international levels. He also praised the Kingdom of Bahrain's support for the Arab League and its efforts to enhance security, stability and prosperity in the region

Reclaiming the million palm era

● Works are also ongoing on water park and other projects

● Farouq intersection has over 800 different types of shade and ornamental trees

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Bahrain is well on its way to reclaiming the “the land of a million palm trees” title soon, said the Works Minister.

The million palm project is right there on top of the ministry’s priority list, said Essam Khalaf, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning.

The Kingdom was once a tropical paradise with a palm tree in sight no matter where you look. Now the Works Ministry is trying to reclaim that era through several projects.

Khalaf said the ministry is actively pursuing the “Palm proliferation initiative,” through which we seek to return Bahrain as the country of one million palm trees.

“For this, the ministry has also developed an integrated system for developing and maintaining



Palm trees have existed as part of the GCC’s agricultural landscape since the beginning of civilisation in the region. Bahrain was specifically known in the Gulf for the abundance of palm trees, claiming the title “the land of a million palm trees” at one point in time.



Nakheel, a startup based in Bahrain, is tackling the ‘Red Palm Weevil’ infestation in the region. Nakheel uses advanced technology such as artificial intelligence to detect the infestation before it spreads to the rest of the tree and destroys its lifespan early on.



green areas in the Kingdom.”

Essam Khalaf, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, said the project aims to increase tree density, maintenance of irrigation system and pruning of trees and palms in the streets.

Works ministry, Khalaf said,

maintains over 200 parks and other public places annually. “We are also working on new projects like the Muharraq Grand Park, which has nearly a thousand trees and huge green spaces.”

“Works is also underway on the water park and other pro-

jects,” the minister added. “We are continuing efforts to promote sustainable urban development to increase the green cover, which also aims at enhancing the quality and efficiency of services provided to citizens and residents.”

He said, “The ministry has set

a strategy to increase afforestation, greenery and tree density in Bahrain.”

“The ministry is in direct touch with the Supreme Council for the Environment to determine the variety of plants and trees suitable for the climatic conditions of the Kingdom.”

The minister also pointed out that the beautification works of the 92 thousand square meter Farouq intersection was completed recently as part of the project.

At the Farouq intersection, there are over 800 different types of shade and ornamental trees, shrubs, evergreen flowering plants, and date palms suitable for the climate of Bahrain.

“Besides, the ministry completed the first phase of Al-Janabiya Interchange and is now moving on with the second phase.”

The project over 120 thousand square meters of areas has various types of trees and shrubs planted in geometric patterns, using Hibiscus, acacia, India jasmine and jatrophia.

The ministry is also pursuing “a Garden Friends initiative to engage the community in playing a positive role and assume responsibilities.”

He added, “The ministry is also working to beautify the streets through several projects like the agricultural oasis project.”

Khalaf said the ministry had also established agricultural nurseries in every governorate of the Kingdom. “The project also falls within the Kingdom’s greening and beautification strategy.”

Can sound waves douse a fire? Nada says, “yes”

● The equipment utilises the principle that when sound waves hit a fire source, it causes the pressure to drop, brings down the temperature, and kills the fire.

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Across the globe, deadly fires are creating new risks for both human and the planet.

The loss is immense, both in terms of lives and assets.

Nada Al-Khouli of Khawla Secondary Girls School says the solution to this growing devastation lies in technology.

An impossible task, it seems. But Al Khouli says, “it is possible to extinguish wildfires with sound waves.”

The project by Nada Al-Khouli also grabbed the top spot in the scientific innovation competition held by the Ministry of Education as part of the Future Scholars competition.



Nada’s acoustic extinguisher puts out flame by employing sound frequencies between 30 to 60 hertz without relying on water or chemicals.

Nada created the project under the supervision and guidance of her chemistry teacher Zainab Aynati.

The idea was to develop a fire extinguisher that does not leave any residue, unlike the conventional type, which leaves

a chemical residue harmful to humans and the environment.

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sound frequencies between 30 to 60 hertz without relying on water or chemicals.

The equipment utilises the principle that when sound waves hit a fire source, it causes the pressure to drop, brings down the temperature, and kills the fire.

The theory is that the sound waves act like a pressure wave pushing oxygen away from the source of a flame, eventually breaking the fire combustion triangle made up of heat, fuel and oxygen.

US failed in 2008

It, however, is not the first time that people are trying such technology for fire fighting. Acoustic technologies were unsuccessfully tested as a firefighting tool by the United States Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency back in 2008.

Researchers are continuing their work in this direction in several parts of the world. Automation and Robotic Sciences and Artificial Cognizance (AR-SAC) is one amongst them.

Owning attack-dogs may land you in jail



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The Parliament will vote this Tuesday on a bill calling for hefty fines and imprisonment for owning dangerous dog breeds.

Fines will be anywhere in the range of BD2,000 if found guilty.

The new bill also calls for hefty punishments for torturing or killing animals.

Moreover, the new law proposes fines in the range of BD10,000 and a three-year jail term for unleashing a dangerous animal against anybody.

The new bill also calls for creating a database on the public and private parks that have licenses for dangerous animal husbandry.

The bill also requires building a centre to accommodate attack dogs abandoned by owners.

The bill defines dangerous animals as any animals that rely on hunting for eating meat.

Watch “Dreams of a Traveller – A Tale from Muharraq”

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities will broadcast today the show “Dreams of a Traveller – A Tale from Muharraq” on its (CultureBah) YouTube channel at 8:00 pm, marking International Theatre Day.

World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. It is celebrated annually on the



27th March by ITI Centres and the international theatre community.

The Bahrain National Theater hosted the show, marking the closing ceremony of Muharraq – Capital of Islamic Culture 2018, after more than a year in the making.

The show reflects the unique Bahraini culture and heritage through the perspective of world-renowned award-winning creators.

The musical performance follows protagonist Aziz, who is on his journey to explore himself. He falls into a dreamlike state where the ultimate goal of his existence is revealed, as represented by the Tree of Life, an icon of knowledge past and the connection with the infinite.

The show follows a dance opera style, and despite that, the Bahraini heritage remains the heart and soul of this musical composition.

Open Data portal to get a facelift

Tender board opens 33 bids for ten tenders

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The Open Data Portal of Bahrain, which features various statistical data, is to get a makeover.

Information and communication authority is planning infrastructural and interface improvements to support direct integration with data sources from various government agencies and data owners.

The upgrade aims at reducing the administrative work required to update the portal content while also providing data owners with tools to publish and manage their data.

The authority said the move aims at enhancing data accuracy and sharing updates on time with the public.

The Information & eGovernment Authority also published a tender for the purpose and received four bids ranging between BHD 89,250,000 to BHD 1,181,460,000.

Bahrain business machines quoted the lowest amount and Almoayed computers Middle East, the highest.

The development came as the Tender Board, the independent regulatory body charged with



supervising government bidding and bidding practices, opened 33 bids received for ten tenders from eight administrative bodies.

IT support and maintenance

A tender by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy said it wants IT support and maintenance of its information and communication section. The work attracted seven parties, who quoted bids ranged between BHD 42,000,000 and BHD 253,260,000. Zayani Info-

systems Middle East was the lowest bidder.

The Electricity and Water Authority's tender said the authority is to do the periodic maintenance of its fire fighting equipment and received five bids. Sama Safety and Security, which quoted BHD 29,611,764, was the lowest bidder.

Substation kiosks

The Central Stores Directorate of EWA is looking forward to purchasing substation kiosks. Its tender received two bids.

The board also opened a tender by the National Health Regulatory Authority for developing standards and preparing the IS-Qua accreditation survey and received two bids. MB3 Healthcare Ltd's BHD 25,130,000 was the lowest quoted amount.

Software license

A tender by the Urban Planning and Development Authority for supplying and renewing productivity software licenses received a single bid. Sa-

In the oil and gas sector, the committee opened two tenders for the National Oil and Gas Authority. The first for the water auditing process received four bids. The second for developing a rainwater collection system, greywater recycling, and implementing water rationalisation techniques in Bahrain attracted a single bidder.

Laboratory chillers

The board also opened a tender by the Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) for replacing refinery laboratory chillers for which received two bids. International Agencies companies, which quoted BHD 227,850,000, was the lowest bidder.

Life insurance

The committee further opened five bids received for a tender by the Oil and Gas Holding Company for providing medical and life insurance. The bids ranged between BHD 30,235,800 and BHD 53,357,000. Medgulf Takaful quoted the lowest amount.

Representatives of administrators and companies participating in the tenders were present.



Y. K. Almoayed & Sons' BHD 341,797,000 was the lowest bid.

quoted BHD 27,891,150 for the job.

Water auditing

Injured in a mishap: Gangarajam succumbs to injuries days before returning home

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Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

This famous saying from John Lennon reflects a paradox in our lives.

If not, the life of Gangarajam Kankanala would have been

different. His life would not have ended as a heart-breaking memory to his kith and kins.

Gangarajam, who was in a critical state after he accidentally slipped off the top floor of a residential building while hanging clothes out to dry, succumbed to his injuries two days before his flight to India for ad-

vanced treatment.

A native of Telangana, Gangarajam was a carpenter with a company in the Kingdom.

The tragedy struck while Gangarajam had finalised plans to wind up his expatriate life and return home for a new beginning.

He had also completed for-

malities to resign from the company where he was working.

However, on 17 January 2021, two days before his departure, tragedy struck. He accidentally slipped and fell off the open terrace of his residential building.

Head injuries

The plunge gave Gangarajam



Gangarajam Kankanala

severe head injuries and other complications resulting in loss of mobility.

Bahrain Defence Force Royal Medical Services Military Hospital kept him in critical care.

Doctors conducted multiple surgeries to fix his head injuries and other procedures to save his life.

Learning about his fate, Sud-

heer Thirunilath, the Pravasi legal cell Bahrain country head, intervened and arranged to fly him back home with a stretcher facility, with the assistance of External Affairs Minister of India, Dr S Jaishankar.

An injury to his hip rendered Gangarajam confined to his bed, requiring travel in a stretcher.

Arrangements were also in place to accompany Gangarajam on his fly back.

However, on Wednesday night, two days before his scheduled flight, Gangarajam passed away.

His friends told *Tribune* that the prospects of getting back home had kept Gangarajam cheerful amid the adversities. He was eager to meet his family members back home.

Sudheer Thirunilath said procedures are now ongoing to repatriate his body back home.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

Man gets jail for conning people by offering government jobs

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The High Criminal Court jailed a Bahraini man in his forties to five years for embezzling half a million Bahraini dinars from customers claiming that he was a consultant in a public entity.

The suspect deceived his victims, mostly women, by claiming that he was well-connected and could employ them in the public sector or invest their money.

Court files say he transferred part of the money he received from his victims to his account and used the rest of the cash to purchase things for his family members.

Investigators also found that the man transferred BD85,000 to a destination abroad.

When questioned, the man told officers that he was in love with a European woman and that the cash went to her.

The man, a retiree, also denied the accusation that he conned his victims.

He told investigators that he took several loans, and part of that money was given to his lover and used for buying cars.

He also claimed that he was working as a car broker.

The court slapped him with a BD20,000 fine and ordered to confiscate cash or assets worth BD85,000 from him.

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER	2020	2019
	BHD	BHD
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property Plant and equipment	173,689	200,877
Investment property	538,357	538,357
Non-current portion of Available for sale investments	8,506,454	10,149,736
	9,218,500	10,888,970
Current assets		
Current portion of Available for sale investments	1,584,822	504,850
Reinsurance contract receivables	984,179	1,096,286
Other receivables and prepayments	276,613	348,371
Statutory deposit	94,091	75,000
Mudharaba deposit	500,000	1,400,000
Cash and Bank Balances	11,907,717	13,969,035
	15,347,422	17,393,542
Total assets	24,565,922	28,282,512
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	5,000,000	5,000,000
Statutory reserve	2,500,000	2,500,000
Investment Fair value reserve	1,586,544	1,845,917
Retained earnings	4,719,533	5,446,207
	13,806,077	14,792,124
Current liabilities		
Insurance liabilities	9,612,541	11,688,545
Other liabilities and provisions	1,147,304	1,801,843
	10,759,845	13,490,388
Total equity and liabilities	24,565,922	28,282,512

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

Sameer Ebrahim Al-Wazzan | **Dr. Abdulla Salah Sultan**
Chairman | Director

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER	2020	2019
	BHD	BHD
Income		
Gross premiums written	2,916,926	9,556,996
Insurance premiums ceded	(145,920)	(334,495)
Net insurance premiums written	2,771,006	9,222,501
Change in unearned premiums	650,474	(74,559)
Other Insurance Income	133,772	682,530
Total income from insurance operations	3,555,252	9,830,472
Expenses from insurance operations		
Gross claims paid	(2,204,334)	(3,873,588)
Claims recovered from reinsurers	129,216	204,190
Net claims paid	(2,075,118)	(3,669,398)
Change in provision for outstanding Claims, net of reinsurance	1,295,289	(149,389)
Commissions paid	(124,337)	(233,337)
Motor compensation fund contribution	(15,374)	(66,613)
Staff costs	(1,640,767)	(1,734,599)
General and Administrative expenses	(522,476)	(552,330)
Depreciation	(51,493)	(53,864)
Total expenses from insurance operations	(3,134,276)	(6,459,530)
Net income from insurance operations	420,976	3,370,942
Investment income	1,388,484	1,548,688
Written-off available-for-sale investments	—	(63,381)
Impairment Loss on available-for-sale investments	(109,038)	(69,908)
Directors' remuneration	(197,000)	(300,000)
Charity expense	(10,000)	(40,000)
Other income	529,904	93,949
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	2,023,326	4,540,290
Earnings per Share - Basic	405 Fils	908 Fils
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Net Profit for the Year	2,023,326	4,540,290
Other Comprehensive Income		
Net (Loss)/gain on revaluation of available for sale investments	(259,373)	408,137
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,763,953	4,948,427

These financial statements have been audited by BDO.

Facebook plans to reopen California HQ on May 10

Reuters

Facebook Inc said yesterday it plans to reopen its Menlo Park, California headquarters with 10% occupancy on May 10, if the COVID-19 situation begins to improve.

Major tech companies including Facebook were among the fastest to shift to work from home during last year's lockdowns and have regularly extended the freedom to continue to do so for their employees.

The social media company said its offices in Fremont and Sunnyvale are also scheduled to reopen at 10% capacity on May 17 and May 24 respectively, while its San Francisco office would reopen on June 7.

Ride-sharing firm Uber Technologies Inc said on Thursday it plans to reopen its offices at Mission Bay, San Francisco, with 20% occupancy on March 29, and provide an option for its staff to return to work on a "voluntary basis".

Crude jumps 4% on fears Suez Canal blockage may last weeks

● **Brent crude rose \$2.62, or 4.2%, to settle at \$64.57 a barrel**

● **The Suez Canal stepped up efforts on Friday to free the stuck mega vessel**

Reuters | New York

Oil prices rose more than 4% yesterday on worries global supplies of crude and refined products could be disrupted for weeks as workers try to dislodge a giant container ship blocking the Suez Canal.

It was a rebound from a sharp decline the previous session on concerns that fresh coronavirus lockdowns in Europe would hurt demand.



Brent crude rose \$2.62, or 4.2%, to settle at \$64.57 a barrel, after dropping 3.8% on Thursday. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude gained \$2.41, or 4.1%, to settle at \$60.97 a barrel, having tumbled 4.3% a day earlier.

Brent rose 0.1% over the last

week, while WTI dropped 0.7%, its third weekly loss.

Oil trade was volatile this week, as traders weighed the potential impact of the Suez Canal blockage which happened on Tuesday against the effect of new coronavirus lockdowns. "Today the market is up again

as traders in a change of heart decided that the Suez Canal blockade is actually becoming more significant for oil flows and supply deliveries than they previously concluded," said Paola Rodriguez Masiu, Rystad Energy's vice president of oil markets.

The Suez Canal stepped up efforts on Friday to free the stuck mega vessel, after an earlier attempt failed. Efforts to free it may take weeks, with possible complications from unstable weather.

Of the 39.2 million barrels per day (bpd) of total seaborne crude in 2020, 1.74 million bpd went through the Suez Canal, according to data intelligence firm Kpler. Additionally, 1.54 million bpd of refined oil products flow through the canal, about 9% of global seaborne oil product trade, Kpler said.

On Friday, there were 10 ves-

sels waiting at the entry points of the Canal carrying around 10 million barrels of oil, Kpler said.

Reeling from the blockage in the Suez Canal, shipping rates for oil product tankers have nearly doubled this week, and several vessels were diverted.

The oil markets were also lifted by worries over escalating geopolitical risk in the Middle East. Yemen's Houthi forces on Friday said they launched attacks on facilities owned by Saudi Aramco.

Prices also drew support from expectations that the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies will maintain lower production.

Goldman Sachs said it expects OPEC+ to keep production unchanged for May when the group meets next week, "with a still large ramp-up of 3.4 million barrels per day expected by September."

Chip shortage hits Tesla's Chinese rival

Reuters

Chinese electric vehicle maker Nio became the latest carmaker to temporarily suspend production yesterday as a result of a global semiconductor chip shortage that has led to major losses.

Ford Motor, Honda Motor, General Motors and Volkswagen were among the automakers caught off guard by the shortage, forcing many to hold back production even as car demand picked up during the pandemic.

Chip shortages have cost the global auto industry 130,000 vehicles in lost production, research firm AutoForecast Solutions estimates, with the heaviest impact in North America, with 74,000 units lost, and Western Europe, with 35,000 lost.

The chip scarcity is also a result of an increased demand from the consumer electronics industry as people worked from home and played more video games during the crisis. Sanctions against Chinese technology companies have also played a role.

Nio, one the main challeng-



Chinese electric vehicle start-up Nio Inc. vehicles are on display in front of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

ers to Tesla, which dominates the EV market in China, said it would halt production for five working days at its Hefei plant and cut its first-quarter delivery forecast by as much as 1,000 vehicles.

Nio, which also faces competition from home-grown rivals such as Xpeng Inc, now expects to deliver 19,500 vehicles in the first quarter, down from a 20,000 to 20,500 range

previously.

Ford had warned the shortage could hit its 2021 profit by up to \$2.5 billion, while larger US automaker GM expects the crisis to shave up to \$2 billion off its full-year profit.

Ford, which was until now assembled its highly profitable F-150 without certain parts, said on Thursday it will idle production of the trucks at a plant in Michigan through Sunday.

GM and Japan's Honda both said this week they would continue production suspension at plants in North America for the coming weeks.

Swedish truck maker Volvo AB meanwhile said on Tuesday the chip shortage would have a "substantial" impact on its second-quarter earnings, and it would implement stop days across its sites globally beginning in April.

Canada budget deficit swells to C\$268 billion

Ottawa

Canada's budget deficit from April to January widened to C\$268.18 billion (\$213.35 billion) from a deficit of C\$10.56 billion in the year-ago period, on massive COVID-19 pandemic aid spending, the finance ministry said yesterday.

"The unprecedented shift in the government's financial results reflects the severe deterioration in the economic situation and temporary measures implemented ... as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak during this period," it said in a statement.

Year-to-date revenues

dropped by 14.7% reflecting a broad-based decline including lower tax revenues. Year-to-date program expenses, meanwhile, jumped 83.9% largely due to emergency transfers to individuals, businesses and the provinces.

On a monthly basis, Canada posted a deficit of C\$20.01 billion in January 2021, compared to the C\$415 million surplus recorded in January 2020.

Monthly revenues were down 7.4% on a decline in other revenues, which include Crown corporation profits and returns on investments among other things. Program expenses climbed 65.5%, again on COVID-19 response measures.

Washington invites leaders of Russia, China to a climate summit

Reuters | Washington

The United States has invited the leaders of China and Russia for talks on climate change, President Joe Biden said yesterday.

Biden said he has not spoken with the two leaders yet "but they know they are invited."

India will not extend 2022 deadline for tighter fuel efficiency rules for carmakers

Reuters | New Delhi

India will not extend an April 2022 deadline to tighten fuel efficiency standards, in a setback for carmakers which are lobbying for more time, government and industry sources said.

The corporate average fuel efficiency (CAFE) requirements are designed to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles as India pushes auto manufacturers to invest in more fuel-efficient cars or cleaner technologies like electric, biofuels or compressed natural gas.



Traffic moves on a smoggy morning in New Delhi, India

"The deadline to meet CAFE norms will not be extended," a senior government official said, adding that some concessions could be considered if it sees serious intent by automakers to invest in clean technologies.

The push to delay the rules by two years is being led by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), an industry group that represents major carmakers in India including top sellers Maruti Suzuki and Hyundai Motor.

Executives from Maruti and Mahindra were part of a SIAM delegation that discussed the matter with transport ministry officials on March 2.

India introduced a first phase

of CAFE requirements in April 2017, giving carmakers until the end of March next year to cut carbon emissions from new cars to 130 grams per kilometer.

In a second phase starting from April 1, 2022, India has proposed a further cut to 113 grams per kilometer.

Automakers in India including Maruti, Hyundai, Tata Motors, Volvo and Ford Motor are closest to meeting the April 2022 target, according to auto consultancy JATO Dynamics' CAFE report, while Mahindra, Toyota Motor and Stellantis have more ground to cover. JATO's analysis is based on fuel efficiency data provided by automakers or road transport ministry guidelines.

Initiative on achieving security and stability in the Middle East



WANG YI

With many hotspots and complex issues, some of which being highly contentious, the Middle East has a bearing on global security and stability. All stakeholders in the international community ought to play a positive role for the security and stability of the Middle East. China wishes to propose the following:

First, advocating mutual respect. The Middle East is home to unique civilizations which have cultivated unique social and political systems. The characteristics, models and paths of the Middle East must be respected. It is important to change the traditional mindset and see Middle East countries as partners for cooperation, development and peace, instead of simply perceiving the Middle East through the lens of geo-competition. It is important to support Middle East countries in exploring their own paths of development, and to support regional countries and their peoples in playing a major role in pursuing political settlement of such regional hotspot issues as Syria, Yemen and Libya. It is important to promote dialogue and exchanges among civilizations to achieve peaceful coexistence of all ethnicities in the Middle East. China will continue to play a constructive role to this end.

Second, upholding equity and justice. Nothing represents equity and justice in the Middle East more than a sound solution to the question of Palestine and earnest implementation of the two-state solution. We support active mediation by the international community toward this objective and holding an authoritative international meeting on this matter when conditions are ripe. In its presidency of the UN Security Council this May, China will encourage the Security Council to fully deliberate on the question of Palestine to reaffirm the two-state solution. We will continue to invite peace advocates from Palestine and Israel to China for dialogue. We also welcome Palestinian and Israeli representatives to China for direct negotiations.

Third, achieving non-proliferation. Based on the merits in the evolution of the Iranian nuclear issue, relevant parties need to move in the same direction with concrete actions, and discuss and formulate the roadmap and time frame for the United States and Iran to resume compliance with the JCPOA. The pressing task is for the US to take substantive measures to lift its unilateral sanctions on Iran and long-arm jurisdiction on third parties, and for Iran to resume reciprocal compliance with its nuclear commitments, in an effort to achieve early harvest. At the same time, the international community should support efforts by regional countries in establishing a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

Fourth, jointly fostering collective security. In promoting security and stability in the Middle East, the legitimate concerns of all parties should be accommodated. It is important to encourage equal dialogue and consultation, mutual understanding and accommodation and improved relations among Persian Gulf countries. It is imperative

to resolutely combat terrorism and advance deradicalization. China proposes holding a multilateral dialogue conference for regional security in the Persian Gulf region in China, to explore the establishment of a Middle East trust mechanism, starting with such subjects as ensuring the safety of oil facilities and shipping lanes, and to build step by step a framework for collective, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security in the Middle East.

Fifth, accelerating development

China has signed documents on Belt and Road cooperation with 19 Middle East countries and carried out distinctive collaboration with each of them

cooperation. Enduring peace and security in the Middle East requires development, cooperation and integration. It is necessary to come together to defeat COVID-19 and achieve economic and social recovery as soon as possible. It is important to help post-conflict countries rebuild, support greater diversity in the economic growth of oil producing countries, and assist other Middle East countries in achieving development and revitalization, in light of the resource endowments of different countries in the region. China will continue to hold the China-Arab Reform and Development Forum and the Middle East Security Forum to increase the sharing of governance experience with Middle East countries.

China has signed documents on Belt and Road cooperation with 19 Middle East countries and carried out distinctive collaboration with each of them. China is working with all regional countries in fighting COVID-19. It will deepen vaccine cooperation in light of the needs of regional countries and discuss with them trilateral vaccine cooperation with Africa. As it fosters a new development paradigm, China is ready to share with Middle East countries the opportunities of the Chinese market, work with Arab countries to actively prepare for the China-Arab states summit, promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and expand new areas of growth such as high and new technologies. We also look forward to early conclusion of a free trade agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council.

(Wang Yi is the State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China)



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



Celebrations of 50 years of Bangladesh's Independence and India's Amrit Mahotsav are taking place at roughly the same time. The next 25 years will be crucial for both our nations.

@narendramodi

02



As we build the Obama Presidential Center on the South Side of Chicago, we're focused on generating sustainable jobs for the local community. Our new workforce initiative will open doors to those often left out of the construction industry.

@BarackObama

03



I want to congratulate the people of Bangladesh on your 50th anniversary. The bond between our two nations is incarnated by the 600,000 strong British-Bangladeshi community, who contribute so much to our country

@BorisJohnson

04



Join me, the @UN and people everywhere as we mark #EarthHour by switching off our lights for an hour on Saturday March 27th at 8:30 p.m., your local time. Let's show the world that we are determined to take #ClimateAction to protect the one home we all share.

@antoniouterres

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Tugs and dredgers try to free megaship blocking Suez Canal

Global shipping giants are looking into re-routing around the southern tip of Africa

AFP | Cairo

Tugboats and dredgers were working Friday to free a giant container ship blocking Egypt's Suez Canal for a fourth day, forcing companies to re-route services from the vital shipping lane around Africa.

The MV Ever Given, which is longer than four football fields, has been wedged diagonally across the entire canal since Tuesday, when social media users began posting about it.

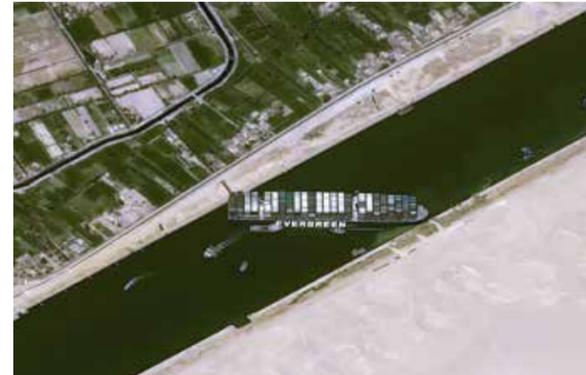
The blockage has caused huge traffic jams for dozens of ships and major delays in the delivery of oil and other products.

An official from Shoei Kisen Kaisha, the Japanese company that owns the ship, told AFP on Friday that crews were working to refloat it.

"Tugboats and dredgers are being used to crush rocks" in efforts to dislodge the boat, she told AFP, adding that the company did not have information on the exact status of damage to the vessel.

Global shipping giant Maersk and Germany's Hapag-Lloyd have both said they are looking into re-routing around the southern tip of Africa.

"With the Suez Canal set to remain blocked for at least another day or two, shipping



MV Ever Given container ship lodged sideways across the Egypt's Suez Canal

400 metres is the length of MV Ever Given, which is longer than four football fields

Fears blockage could last weeks

Egypt's Suez Canal Authority has said between 15,000 and 20,000 cubic metres of sand would have to be removed in order to reach a depth of 12-16 metres and refloat the ship.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's seaports adviser, Mohab Mamish, told AFP late Thursday that "maritime navigation will resume again within 48-72 hours, maximum".

"I have experience with several rescue operations of this kind and as the former chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, I know every centimetre of the canal," said Mamish, who oversaw the recent expansion of the waterway.

However, salvage experts had warned earlier on Thursday the shutdown could last days or even weeks.

Smit Salvage has in the past worked on the wrecks of Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia.

companies are being forced to confront the spectre of taking the far longer route around the Cape of Good Hope to get to Europe or the east coast of North America," said Lloyd's List, a shipping data and news company.

"The first container ship to do this is Evergreen's Ever Greet... a sistership to Ever Given," it said in a statement.

The Suez Canal drastically shortens travel between Asia and Europe.

The Singapore-Rotterdam route, for example, is 6,000 kilometres (3,700 miles) and up to two weeks shorter via the canal than going around Africa's Cape of Good Hope.

Gunmen kill 26 in volatile central Nigeria

AFP | Lagos

Criminal gangs have killed two dozen local vigilante guards and a soldier in central Nigeria, officials said on Friday, in the latest violence in the restive region.

Dozens of motorcycle-riding assailants called bandits by locals late on Monday opened fire on the vigilantes in an ambush, outside Kotonkoro village in Mariga district in Niger state, killing 25.

Local communities often form semi-official self-defense groups to collaborate with security forces against gangs of kidnapers and cattle rustlers who raid and pillage villages in Nigeria's northwest and central states.

"We have lost 25 members to the bandits," Abu Hashim, head of vigilantes in Mariga, told AFP.

"We have recovered 20 of the deceased but we are yet to reclaim five more bodies which are still in the bush," he said.

Vaccine row escalates as France accuses UK of 'blackmail'

Reuters | London

A row over Covid-19 vaccine access escalated Friday, with France accusing Britain of "blackmail" in its dealings with the EU, and Russia and China of misusing vaccines to boost their foreign policy clout.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian's salvo came a day after the European Union threatened to ban pharma firms from exporting coronavirus vaccines to the UK and other well-supplied countries until they make good on their promised deliveries to the bloc.

British-based AstraZeneca would likely be the first target of any such restrictions.

The UK, Le Drian said, was under pressure because it lacked doses for second vaccine shots.

"The United Kingdom has taken great pride in vaccinating well with the first dose except they have a problem with the second dose," he told France Info radio.

"You are vaccinated when you have had both doses. Today there are as many people vaccinated with both in France as the United King-



Prime Minister Jean Castex of France receiving a first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine (file photo)



You can't be playing like this, a bit of blackmail, just because you hurried to get people vaccinated with a first shot, and now you're a bit handicapped because you don't have the second one

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN-YVES LE DRIAN

dom," he added. According to data compiled by AFP, Britain has administered two vaccine doses to 4.1 percent of its population, against 3.9 percent overall in France.

1625

Charles I, King of England, Scotland and Ireland ascends the English throne

1914

1st successful non-direct blood transfusion is performed by Dr. Albert Hustin in Brussels



1958

Nikita Khrushchev becomes Soviet Premier as well as First Secretary of the Communist Party

1977

583 die in aviation's worst ever disaster when two Boeing 747s collide at Tenerife airport in Spain

More than 30 dead as Egypt trains collide

Passenger trains collide in central Egypt after emergency brakes triggered

More than 100 injured in the latest deadly rail accident

AFP | Cairo

A collision between two trains killed at least 32 passengers and left more than 100 injured Friday in southern Egypt, a country plagued by fatal rail accidents widely blamed on crumbling infrastructure and poor maintenance.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi pledged tough punishment for those responsible for the crash, which came as his government wrestles with another major transport challenge, a giant container ship blocking the Suez Canal and causing huge traffic jams at either end.

The health ministry said dozens of ambulances rushed to the scene in the Tahta district of Sohag province, some 460 kilometres (285 miles) south of the capital Cairo after the collision.

Thirty-two people were killed and 108 injured, the health ministry said in an updated casualty toll.

Springs and twisted metal jutted out from the wreckage, as dozens of people gathered around the overturned carriages, an AFP correspondent reported.

Harrowing images from inside one of the carriages posted on Facebook showed men and women screaming for help as they tried to free themselves from the wreckage.

"People are dying. Where are the authorities? Help us," one young man shouted repeatedly.

An image showed another man covered in dust trapped



People gather to inspect damaged carriages

YOU KNOW WHAT
In the country's worst train disaster, a fire tore through seven carriages of an overcrowded passenger train in 2002, killing at least 360 people

by twisted metal in what could have been the aisle of the carriage.

In another frame, a man is heard urging a middle-aged woman who appears stuck between seats to move forward. She struggles and is heard saying: "Please, my, son help me."

Egypt's rail authority said the crash occurred after unidentified passengers had "activated emergency brakes in several carriages" in one of the trains.

A statement said that one train hit the last carriage of the other, causing at least two car-

riages to overturn between the stations of Maragha and Tahta.

'Deterrent punishment'

One of the trains was travelling between the southern city of Luxor and Alexandria on the Mediterranean coast, while the other was on the way between Cairo and the southern city of Aswan.

Health Minister Hala Zayed travelled to Sohag to check on the injured, as authorities opened an investigation into the accident.

President Sisi vowed "deterrent punishment" for anyone found responsible for the collision.

"Anyone who caused this painful accident through negligence or corruption, or anything similar, must receive a deterrent punishment without exception or delay," he tweeted.

Egypt has been plagued with deadly train accidents in recent years.

One of the deadliest was in 2002 when 373 people died as a fire ripped through a crowded train south of Cairo, and there have been many fatal crashes since.

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ABDEL FATTAH AL-SISI
EGYPT'S PRESIDENT

In March last year, at least 13 people were injured when two passenger trains collided in Cairo, triggering a brief suspension of rail services nationwide.

At the time, rail managers blamed the crash on signals not functioning in bad weather.

And in February 2019, a train derailed and caught fire at Cairo's main railway station, killing at least 22 people and injuring 41, and prompting the transport minister, Hisham Arafat, to resign.

The following month, Sisi appointed a senior military officer, General Kamel al-Wazir, to head the transport ministry.

Wazir had been the head of the Egyptian military's engineering authority since 2015.

The unit is behind many of the army's mega-projects, including a new capital east of Cairo and construction of everything from hospitals to sewage treatment plants.

Since he took office in 2014, Sisi has appointed military officers to high-ranking positions, including governorships. He has repeatedly praised the military's role in delivering major projects in record time such as the expansion of the Suez Canal in August 2015.

Myanmar activists call for Armed Forces Day protests

AFP | Yangon

Myanmar activists have called for major anti-coup protests this weekend as the junta marks Armed Forces Day, after a firebomb attack on deposed civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party headquarters.

The country has been in turmoil since the military ousted the Nobel laureate in a lightning putsch on February 1, triggering an uprising demanding a return to democracy.

Nearly 3,000 people have been arrested since the coup, according to a local monitoring group, but the junta earlier this week released more than 600 from Yangon's Insein prison.

On Friday a senior official from the jail, notorious for being the holding site of longtime political prisoners, said another 322 people have been freed.

"A total of 249 men and 73



A man looks at white uniforms with black ribbons hanging on the fence of a university in Myanmar

women were released," he told AFP on condition of anonymity.

It comes on the eve of Saturday's Armed Forces Day, when the military will put on a show of strength with its annual parade.

Fears have been swirling that the day could become a flash-

point, as security forces continue to crack down on activists, protesters and political allies of Suu Kyi.

Before dawn on Friday, the Yangon offices of her National League for Democracy (NLD) were hit by a Molotov cocktail, which caused a brief fire.

YOU KNOW WHAT
More than 300 people have died in anti-coup unrest in Myanmar, according to a local monitoring group

The attack left only minor damage, but the party has been in disarray since the coup, with many of its top leaders including Suu Kyi in detention and some of its MPs in hiding.

"We do not know who did this, but it is not good at all," Soe Win, an NLD member in charge of the headquarters, said.

News in brief

Japan PM Suga says to probably invite Biden to Olympics

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said he would probably



invite US President Joe Biden to the Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo this summer, domestic media said, citing comments in a parliament session. "It's only natural," Suga said, since the heads of other Group of Seven industrialised nations had voiced support for the Summer Games to be held, according to Kyodo News. Suga was responding to a query whether he would extend the invitation next month on a visit to the United States for a summit meet.

The United Nations said that a team had reached two camps for Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region for the first time since November, finding them destroyed.

Two refugee camps in Ethiopia's Tigray 'completely destroyed': UN



UN refugee agency spokesman Boris Cheshirkov told reporters in Geneva that a team had gained access to the Shimelba and Hitsats refugee camps, and "found both camps completely destroyed, and all the humanitarian facilities looted and vandalised".

Kremlin dismisses call from Navalny's wife to free jailed critic for medical reasons

The Kremlin said it would ignore a



call by jailed opposition politician Alexei Navalny's wife to have her husband freed to receive urgent medical treatment and said his prison conditions could be worse. Navalny, one of President Vladimir Putin's most prominent critics, said that being woken up by a guard every hour during the night amounted to torture and that an appeal to be treated for acute back and leg pain had been refused in a deliberate attempt to run him down. Yulia Navalnaya, his wife, called on Putin to free her husband so he could be treated by doctors he trusted.

Myanmar security forces shot and killed three anti-junta protesters on Friday, witnesses said, as the World Bank warned the country's economy could slump 10% this year due to the turmoil since last month's coup.

Three killed in Myanmar protests, World Bank warns of slump



"Two were killed by head shots," said a witness who saw security forces open fire on protesters waving black flags in the southern town of Myeik. "We cannot pick up the (third) dead body as many security forces are there," the witness said, adding that several other people were wounded. The witness requested anonymity for fear of retribution. At least 320 people have been killed in the crackdown on dissent since the Feb. 1 coup, including nine deaths recorded overnight, according to figures compiled by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) activist group

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	30,801,808	560,236	126,489,486
2 Brazil	12,324,765	303,726	
3 India	11,908,356	161,275	Deaths
4 Russia	4,501,859	97,017	
5 France	4,465,956	92,908	2,773,515
6 UK	4,325,315	126,284	
7 Italy	3,488,619	105,879	Recovered:
8 Spain	3,255,324	73,744	
9 Turkey	3,149,094	30,316	102,003,033
10 Germany	2,743,721	75,761	
11 Colombia	2,359,942	62,274	New cases
12 Argentina	2,261,577	54,823	
13 Mexico	2,203,041	200,211	+253,226
14 Poland	2,189,966	51,305	
			New deaths
			+4,140

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	198,011		11,768		151,765	34,478
Saudi Arabia	387,292	+510	6,637	+7	376,203	4,452
UAE	450,765	+2,128	1,472	+6	434,035	15,258
Kuwait	225,980	+1,548	1,270	+12	210,024	14,686
Oman	153,838		1,650		140,766	11,422
Qatar	176,521	+602	282	+1	162,173	14,066

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Jessica Alba reveals why she stepped away from acting

People | Los Angeles

Jessica Alba is opening up about her decision to take a back seat from acting after the birth of her first child. The 39-year-old actress and co-founder of The Honest Company is on the March cover of *Romper* and talked to the publication about how becoming a mother in 2008 to her daughter Honor changed how she viewed her health and her career.

“My mother had cancer at a really young age. Many women in my family have passed from various different cancers, none of them genetic,” Alba said, adding she also “grew up with chronic illness.” “I had five surgeries before I was 11 years old. I had chronic allergies, and I was hospitalized a lot as a child. I had this real moment of, I want to live, and thrive, and spend as much time with this little person that I’m bringing into the world as possible and stay,” she said. “So, my health matters. I want this little person to be healthy. And it’s really freaking hard to

Jessica Alba says becoming a mother in 2008 to her daughter Honor changed how she viewed her health and her career

be happy when you don’t have your health.” “That’s really what motivated me,” the Sin City star said. “My motivation was not like, ‘Am I ever going to get hired again?’ Frankly, I was at the top of my career.” After Honor’s birth, Alba realized she “couldn’t go back to what I was doing before and be authentic. I just couldn’t. I just didn’t care about it anymore the same way. It was something bigger.” “I felt like if I was going to, I guess, sort of get this plat-

form, what can I do with it that could be meaningful and make a difference,” she continued. “That reality just felt so real when I became a mom for the first time.” The Honey actress is also a mother to daughter Haven, 9, and son Hayes, 3, with husband Cash Warren, 42. Alba has begun acting a bit more, most recently in the TV series *L.A.’s Finest* opposite Gabrielle Union. Last month, the actress revealed her father, Mark Alba, had thyroid cancer and was

undergoing “radiation therapy.” Alongside her announcement on Instagram, Alba also shared a video of herself and her father dancing together. “My #papasito is about to SLAY #thyroidcancer,” she captioned the father-daughter moment, alongside the supportive hashtags “let’s go” and “you got this.”



Jessica Alba

Kelly Clarkson ‘cannot imagine’ getting remarried

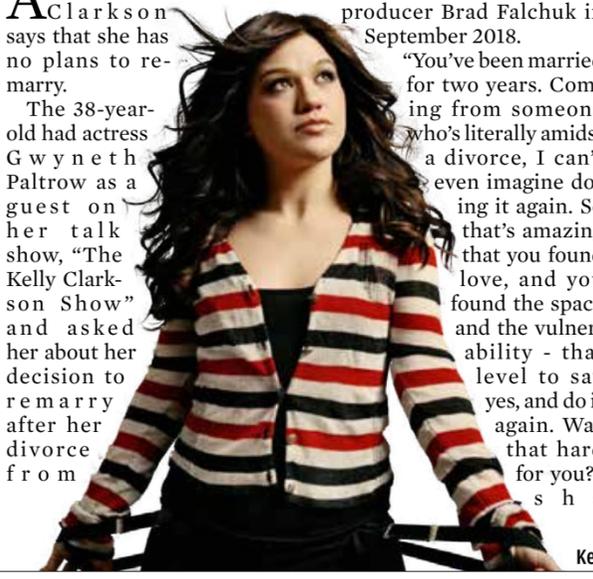
FIANS | Los Angeles

American singer Kelly Clarkson says that she has no plans to remarry. The 38-year-old had actress Gwyneth Paltrow as a guest on her talk show, “The Kelly Clarkson Show” and asked her about her decision to remarry after her divorce from

Coldplay’s frontman Chris Martin. Paltrow married TV producer Brad Falchuk in September 2018. “You’ve been married for two years. Coming from someone who’s literally amidst a divorce, I can’t even imagine doing it again. So that’s amazing that you found love, and you found the space and the vulnerability - that level to say yes, and do it again. Was that hard for you?” she

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KELLY CLARKSON



Kelly Clarkson

Sharon Stone tears into cancel culture

FOX | Los Angeles

Sharon Stone has had it with cancel culture. The “Basic Instinct” star, 63, said as much on Thursday when she joined SiriusXM’s “Just Jenny” and opened up to radio host Jenny Hutt, who asked Stone her feelings on celebrities and people in general being “afraid to have real conversations.” “I think cancel culture is the stupidest thing I have ever seen happen,” Stone fumed while discussing her new book, “The Beauty of Living Twice,” which is scheduled to be re-

leased on March 30. “I think when people say things that they feel and mean, and it’s offensive to you, it’s a brilliant opportunity for everyone to learn and grow and understand each other,” Stone continued. The outspoken actress expressed that “we all come from different ages, different cultures, different backgrounds, different things, and have had different experiences, different traumas, different upbringings, different parents, different religious backgrounds, differ-

ent everything” and thus, folks should “give people an opportunity to discuss things before you wipe out their entire person over a statement or a comment or a misunderstanding.” Added Stone: “Stop being so small.” Hutt agreed with Stone’s premise and the actress pressed further that “the world is bigger.” “People have done so much more than one sentence,” Stone said. At the end of the day, Stone urges everyone to “grow up” and “grow some empathy.” On Wednesday, Stone appeared on “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert” and during the interview, revealed the best advice she learned as an actress throughout her long career.



Sharon Stone

Scarlett Johansson jokes about being the subject of controversy in the past

Johansson previously caught backlash for roles in ‘Ghost in the Shell’ and ‘Rub & Tug’

FOX | Los Angeles

Scarlett Johansson is speaking out about her past controversies and what she’s learned from them. The actress discussed the many moments in her career in which she faced public backlash, admitting that she hasn’t always handled the situations in a way she’s currently proud of. Johansson sat down for an interview with the U.K. outlet

The Gentlewoman in which she was asked directly about the many mishaps in her career thus far. “Yeah,” she joked. “I’ve made a career out of it.” Jokes aside, the star is now willing to admit that some of her more public gaffes could have been handled better. However, that doesn’t mean that she’s learned how to be more subdued in her public persona going forward. “I’m going to have opinions about things, because that’s just who I am,” she told the outlet.



Scarlett Johansson

Johansson added: “I mean, everyone has a hard time admitting when they’re wrong about stuff, and for all of that to come out publicly, it can be embarrassing. To have the experience of, Wow, I was really off mark there, or I wasn’t looking at the big picture, or I was inconsiderate.” The star’s first public scandal occurred after she was cast as the main character in the big-screen adaptation of the popular manga “Ghost in the Shell” in 2017. At the time, many thought that Johansson agreeing to take on the role took the character, which was originally an Asian character, and whitewashed it. In 2019, she received further backlash for agreeing to play the part of a transgender man in the film “Rub & Tug.” After backlash for the casting decision and intense pressure from social media about not having a trans actor play the part, Johansson dropped out of the film. However, before that, she outraged many in the LGBTQ

community by telling *As If* magazine that she didn’t agree with the outcry. “You know, as an actor, I should be allowed to play any person, or any tree, or any animal because that is my job and the requirements of my job,” she explained at the time. Finally, the actress has routinely faced criticism for her continued support and collaboration with Woody Allen amid renewed attention being paid to the allegations of molestation brought against him by his adoptive daughter, Dylan Farrow. “I can be reactive. I can be impatient. That doesn’t mix that great with self-awareness,” the star concluded in her latest interview.

Pierce Brosnan joins the cast of Dwayne Johnson’s ‘Black Adam’

ANI | Washington

Pierce Brosnan is stepping into Fate’s shoes! The Golden Globe-nominated actor is taking on his first-ever superhero role. He has been cast as Dr Fate in DC and New Line’s upcoming movie ‘Black Adam’ alongside actor Dwayne Johnson, who is playing the titular role. Johnson welcomed the actor on board by tweeting, “Such a pleasure to announce the final member of our #JusticeSociety, the badass statesman, Mr @PierceBrosnan

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Yesterday’s solution

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St. Denis, Torres earn pivotal victories, Mokaev ready for big time

Benoit St. Denis submitted the former world champion Luan “Miau” Santiago in the main event of BRAVE CF 49: Superfights

● In the co-main event, Jose Shorty Torres earned a unanimous decision victory over Blaine O’Driscoll

TDT | Manama

BRAVE CF 49: Superfights promised, as the name suggested, a night packed with exciting fights. And it has delivered even more. From the rising of a new title contender to a much-anticipated Flyweight Tournament definition, and the maturing of a young phenom into a superstar, the fight night at the Arad Fort, in the Kingdom of Bahrain, had it all.

In the main event of the evening, Benoit St. Denis submitted the former world champion Luan “Miau” Santiago in the second round to confirm his position as the next title challenger to the Super Lightweight belt, facing the undisputed champion Eldar Eldarov.

Luan Santiago came in hot with a flying knee right on top of the ringing bell. But, despite the Brazilian having connected a few good shots during the fight, it was St. Denis who brought the bout to his own terms.

Benoit got the takedown and, while on the ground, managed to transition really well to a full



Benoit St. Denis and Luan Santiago in action during their bout

mount, which created enough space for him to push for the finish. He seemed to have it tight with two rear-naked chokes in the first round, but Luan resisted bravely. In the second round, St. Denis got the arm-head choke in and forced Luan into tapping, earning his seventh professional win, remaining undefeated, and securing the title shot.

After the fight, the “God of War” said he’s excited and looking forward to the biggest fight of his professional career. “I always wanted to fight Eldar and I hope we can do it as soon as possible. He’s a great champion but it’s my goal, my life, I will be the next world champion”, he said.

In the co-main event of the evening, Blaine O’Driscoll showed an impressive form, and

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BEENOIT ST. DENIS

put Jose Shorty Torres in danger a couple of times, but the former two-time IMMAF World Champion validated his favoritism and earn a unanimous decision victory, advancing to the prestigious BRAVE CF Flyweight World Title Tournament.

Torres shared his thoughts on the next round match-up. “I’m



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Jose Torres and Blaine O’Driscoll in action during their bout

BRAVE CF 49 results

Super Lightweight - Benoit St. Denis def. Luan Santiago by submission (arm-triangle choke) - Round 2
Catchweight 61 kg - Jose Torres def. Blaine O’Driscoll by unanimous decision (29x28, 29x28, 30x27)
Middleweight - Ikram Aliskerov def. Miro Jurkovic by submission (kimura) - Round 2
Flyweight - Muhammad Mokaev def. Abdul Hussein by unanimous decision (30x27, 29x28, 29x28)
Bantamweight - Gamzat Magomedov def. Matiss Zaharovs via unanimous decision (30-27, 29-28, 29-28)
Bantamweight - Francesco Nuzzi def. Bernardo Sopai by split decision (28-29, 29-28, 29-28)
Middleweight - Chad Hanekom def. Dominic Schober by TKO (leg kick and punches) - Round 2
Catchweight 77 kg - Gadzhimusa Gaziev def. Geraldo Coelho by TKO (punches) - Round 3
Super Welterweight - Axel Sola def. Kuitty Begaj by submission (arm-triangle choke) - Round 1
Bantamweight - Frieih Harahsheh def. Glenn McVeigh by submission (guillotine) - Round 1
Amateur Catchweight 77 kg - Ali Marhoon def. Hamad Mubarak Saad by submission (triangle choke) - Round 1

excited to face the winner of Ali Bagautinov vs Dustin Oritz, because those were two guys that I was watching even before I started in MMA, it’ll be awesome to fight one of them”, he said.

The night also saw a potential fight-of-the-year contender in the clash of former IMMAF World Champions Muhammad Mokaev and Abdul Hussein, with Mokaev having, arguably,

the toughest fight of his career so far and Hussein teaching a valuable lesson about resilience and composure while facing a decorated wrestler and grappler such as “The Punisher”.

Zhou on pole for F2 Feature Race, Beckmann for first Sprint



Guanyu Zhou in action yesterday during Qualifying at BIC

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Guanyu Zhou captured pole position yesterday for Sunday’s Feature Race in the FIA Formula 2 Championship, being held at Bahrain International Circuit as part of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2021 weekend.

The Uni-Virtuosi driver clinched the leading grid position after topping the Qualifying timesheet held yesterday afternoon with a fastest lap of one minute 42.848 seconds at the Sakhir track.

This follows the revised format for start grids that have been put in place from this 2021 F2 campaign.

David Beckmann, who finished Qualifying in 10th, will be on pole for today’s first of two Sprint Races, also in accordance with F2’s new rules.

The grid for today’s second Sprint will then be determined by reversing the top 10 finishers of the first Sprint Race.

Beckman, competing with the Charouz Racing System, had a fastest lap of 1:43.559 to take the leading grid place for F2’s season-opening race.

Finishing behind Zhou in Qualifying, and joining him as the leading three starters for Sunday’s Feature, were Christian Lundgaard with a best lap of 1:42.851—just 0.003s behind Zhou—and Felipe Drugovich at 1:43.211.

Earlier yesterday, Drugovich set the Practice pace with a best lap of 1:45.340. He completed 16 laps in the session.

Dan Ticktum of Carlin was classified second with a 1:45.481 lap, while Liam Lawson of Hitech Grand Prix came third with a time of 1:45.628.

Simmenauer, Van Kuijk top practice times in Porsche Sprint Challenge ME



BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa in action yesterday in the first Porsche practice

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Championship leader JB Simmenauer and Jesse Van Kuijk took turns yesterday in topping the practice timesheets of the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East, which is holding its season’s third and final round in support of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit.

Simmenauer had the best time in the second practice held in the evening, while Van Kuijk set the pace in the first session.

In practice two, Simmenauer had a fastest lap of two minutes 03.871 seconds, pipping Ayhancan Guven for the top spot. Guven had a fastest lap of 2:03.912. Van Kuijk came third with a best lap of 2:04.603.

Earlier yesterday, Van Kuijk kicked off the racing action in the first practice timesheet



Simmenauer had a fastest lap of two minutes 03.871 seconds, pipping Ayhancan Guven for the top spot

with a best time of 2:04.579. Simmenauer followed with a 2:04.696 best lap, while Lucas Groeneveld was third on the session’s timesheet with a mark of 2:04.970.

A total of 24 cars took to the track in each of yesterday’s sessions. The Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East ME returns for a Second Practice starting at 7.25pm.

Bairstow and Stokes star as England chase 337 to beat India

AFP | Pune

Jonny Bairstow and Ben Stokes launched a six-hitting feast as England chased down 337 against India in a series-levelling win in the second one-day international.

Bairstow (124) and Stokes (99) put on 175 for the second wicket and smashed 17 sixes between them as England romped home in 43.3 overs with six wickets to spare in Pune.

The three-match series is now level at 1-1 with the decider on Sunday.

Stokes, who hit 10 sixes in

his 52-ball blitz, missed out on his hundred after being caught behind off Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Bairstow fell to Prasad Krishna, who also bowled stand-in-skipper Jos Buttler for a duck.

England lost three wickets for three runs, but Dawid Malan (16) and debutant Liam Livingstone (27) took the team home with an unbroken stand of 50. It was England’s fifth-highest ODI chase and their best against India.

Bairstow led the charge, tearing into the Indian attack with a 110-run opening stand with Jason Roy, who made 55.

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Verstappen takes it to the max!

Red Bull Racing star makes strong start to Formula 1 season by topping both Friday Practice sessions in Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit

● Verstappen sets overall best time in second F1 practice under BIC's bright lights

● World champions Mercedes, 'home team' McLaren also have impressive first days

● F1 action heads for FP3, followed by Qualifying for season-opening Grand Prix

TDI | Manama

Max Verstappen was the star man yesterday as the 2021 FIA Formula 1 World Championship got underway with the first two practice sessions of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

Verstappen topped both sessions as he put on a fine display of Red Bull's strong early pace in the season-opening meeting.

After setting the pace in the opening hour-long practice with a best time of one minute 31.394 seconds during the daytime, the Dutchman then lit up BIC's 5.412-kilometre Grand Prix track at night with a blistering lap of 1:30.847 under the lights.

"It's been a good day again and with the heat and the wind it is not easy to find a perfect balance around the whole lap but overall I would say it was a positive day," said Verstappen after practice two.

"There are still things to improve and look into for tomorrow, tyre wise and a bit of balance tuning, plus I think it will be even more windy which is a challenge for everyone in these cars.



Red Bull's Max Verstappen in action on track with the iconic BIC Tower providing a stunning backdrop

"I am pretty happy with the start of the weekend but tomorrow is a different day and we have to see whether we can do it in qualifying when it counts"

MAX VERSATPPEN

"I am pretty happy with the start of the weekend but tomorrow is a different day and we have to see whether we can do it in qualifying when it counts."

In F1's First Practice today, Verstappen picked up from where he left off in pre-season testing, powering straight to the top of the timesheet. He completed a total of 12 laps in the session.

Valtteri Bottas for constructors' world champions Mercedes was right behind 0.298s off the

leading pace, while Lando Norris came third for McLaren 0.503s behind Verstappen.

Defending drivers' world champion Lewis Hamilton (+0.527s) was fourth in the other Mercedes and Charles Leclerc (+0.599s) fifth for Ferrari, while Sergio Perez (+0.677s) in the second Red Bull car made it into the top six.

Pierre Gasly (+0.801s) for AlphaTauri and Carlos Sainz (+0.972s) in the other Ferrari rounded out the top eight.

Completing the First Practice classification from ninth through 20th, respectively, were Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren), Antonio Giovinazzi (Alfa Romeo), Kimi Raikkonen (Alfa Romeo),

Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin), Lance Stroll (Aston Martin), Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri), Esteban Ocon (Alpine), Fernando Alonso (Alpine), George Russell (Williams), Nicholas Latifi (Williams), Mick Schumacher (Haas) and Nikita Mazepin (Haas).

In practice two, Norris was this time the runner-up in the session being classified just 0.095secs behind Verstappen. Hamilton was third 0.235s from first as Mercedes kicked off their eighth straight title-defence on the right foot.

Sainz (+0.280s) was fourth-quickest, followed by



Aston Martin's Sebastian Vettel exiting his garage



Williams driver George Russell during the first practice session

Bottas (+0.371s) in fifth and Daniel Ricciardo (+0.383s) sixth.

Tsunoda (+0.447s) and Stroll (+0.546s) were seventh and eighth, respectively.

The rest of the Second Practice classification order, from ninth to 20th, respectively, saw

Gasly, Perez, Ocon, Leclerc, Giovinazzi, Vettel, Alonso, Raikkonen, Russell, Schumacher, Latifi and Mazepin.

The F1 action resumes today with the Third Practice, starting at 3pm. It will also be held over an hour.

Bahrain GP Practice One Timesheet

Driver	Team	Time
1) Max Verstappen	Red Bull	1:31.394
2) Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes	+0.298
3) Lando Norris	McLaren	+0.503
4) Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	+0.527
5) Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	+0.599
6) Sergio Perez	Red Bull	+0.677
7) Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	+0.801
8) Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	+0.972
9) Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	+1.040
10) Antonio Giovinazzi	Alfa Romeo	+1.392
11) Kimi Raikkonen	Alfa Romeo	+1.740
12) Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	+1.763
13) Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	+1.839
14) Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	+1.935
15) Esteban Ocon	Alpine	+2.134
16) Fernando Alonso	Alpine	+2.478
17) George Russell	Williams	+2.733
18) Nicholas Latifi	Williams	+2.946
19) Mick Schumacher	Haas	+3.107
20) Nikita Mazepin	Haas	+3.581

Bahrain GP Practice Two Timesheet

Driver	Team	Time
1) Max Verstappen	Red Bull	1:31.394
2) Lando Norris	McLaren	+0.095
3) Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	+0.235
4) Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	+0.280
5) Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes	+0.371
6) Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	+0.384
7) Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	+0.447
8) Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	+0.546
9) Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	+0.636
10) Sergio Perez	Red Bull	+0.656
11) Esteban Ocon	Alpine	+0.754
12) Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	+0.765
13) Antonio Giovinazzi	Alfa Romeo	+0.893
14) Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	+0.922
15) Fernando Alonso	Alpine	+0.923
16) Kimi Raikkonen	Alfa Romeo	+1.015
17) George Russell	Williams	+1.484
18) Mick Schumacher	Haas	+2.450
19) Nicholas Latifi	Williams	+2.553
20) Nikita Mazepin	Haas	+2.602



Quicker times are usually set during the second practice on Fridays at the F1 Bahrain Grand Prix due to cooler conditions, following the noticeable temperature drop between the day and night sessions

Saturday's schedule

Time	Championship	Session
12.15pm	Porsche Sprint Challenge ME	Qualifying
1.25pm	Formula 2	First Race (23 laps or 45 minutes)
3pm	Formula 1	Third Practice
4.45pm	Porsche Sprint Challenge ME	First Race (11 laps or 25 minutes)
6pm	Formula 1	Qualifying
7.40pm	Formula 2	Second Race (23 laps or 45 minutes)

Former champion Fernando Alonso relishing return to Formula One competition

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Two-time Formula 1 world champion Fernando Alonso said he was delighted to be back in the car yesterday for the first practices of the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2021, kicking off his comeback season.

The Spaniard last raced in motorsport's top flight in 2018 with former team McLaren, and ever since returning to action in pre-season testing in Sakhir earlier this month, has been itching to get back to competing on track. Despite being classified in the bottom five for both of yesterday's ses-



Fernando Alonso speaks to the media after yesterday's practices

sions, Alonso was pleased with his day, which he rounded off with higher fuel runs in Alpine's A521 contender.

In the first practice, Alonso was 16th overall with a best lap of one minute 33.872 seconds while running for 18 laps in the daytime. In the second session at night held under BIC's bright floodlights, he went one better to 15th on the classification with a mark of 1:31.770 while completing 24 laps.

Alonso commented at the end of the day's events: "It was fantastic to be back in a free practice session today in Formula 1.

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FERNANDO ALONSO

"You feel the extra adrenaline with the traffic and everything going on around you; it's very different to testing. It felt good and I felt the racing spirit each lap, which I enjoyed.

"We got through our programme in the first session in very hot conditions and then some long runs this evening as the track cooled for FP2.

"We do still need to fine tune some of the car setup and analyse the data a bit more, but, overall, I'm happy with my day."

Alonso is racing with Alpine alongside French teammate Esteban Ocon.