Houthi suspects strikes on Saudi for three days

Yemen’s Iran-backed Houthi militia said yesterday it was suspending missile and drone strikes on Saudi Arabia for three days, in a peace initiative it said could be a lasting commitment if the Arab Coalition stepped airstrikes and lifted port restrictions.

The group also announced a three-day suspension of ground offensive operations in Yemen, including in the gas producing region of Marib, said Malhi al-Mashat, the head of the Houthis’ political office, in a speech broadcast on television.

Putin can’t stay in power: Biden

U.S. President Joe Biden said yesterday “cannot remain in power” and called the conflict in Ukraine a “strategic failure” for Moscow in a major speech in Warsaw.

Biden compared Ukraine’s invasion to the anti-Soviet resistance against a Russian command, which has achieved its goals.

Bahrain increasing efforts to ensure success of 2022-2026 ‘economic recovery’ strategy

The Kingdom’s tourism strategy for the years 2022-2026 focuses on facilitating entry, diversifying tourist attractions, including projects and events, marketing and promotion in partnership with the private sector.

High hopes for tourism

More than 73,000 visitors flocked to ‘Food Festival’ in first week

The current session will also include a variety of events and exciting activities, as the festival will include Bahraini artists performing a variety of musical and artistic acts.

Visitors will also have access to a recreation area and a children’s play area. Throughout the event, raffles for prizes are held in collaboration with hotels and restaurants in Bahrain.
MPs call for ‘remote work’ system during Ramadan

Maritime logistics services innovation important to improve seafarers’ safety

National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, Major General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received yesterday Pakistani National Security Advisor Moeed W. Yusuf and the accompanying delegation. They reviewed joint ties between Bahrain and Pakistan focusing mainly on military coordination and defence cooperation. HH Shaikh Nasser stressed the importance of developing bilateral cooperation, based on common joint visions.
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Modern Art Studio
Rolex Boutique - Bahrain City Centre
LuLu partners with RHF in Ramadan charity initiative

Under the patronage of the Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) Secretary General Dr Moustafa Al Sayed inaugurated the LuLu Group’s “LuLu Cares” campaign. The initiative aims to support the RHF’s efforts for the welfare of orphans under their care. With the simple scanning of a barcode at the checkout counter at all LuLu outlets, customers can donate any amount towards the “LuLu Cares” charity drive, and this collection shall be used by the RHF to support the orphans.

With the Holy Month being one of the busiest shopping seasons in the region, the Group is hoping to help Bahrain’s public contribute for a noble cause. “I am pleased to flag off this unique initiative of the LuLu Group in time for Ramadan,” said Dr Al Sayed. “To quote the words of H.E. the King’s Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, H.H. Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, “The LuLu Group has indeed shown exemplary corporate spirit and social responsibility by making this their cornerstone Ramadan programme”. “We believe that our progress and success is embedded in the spirit of Ramadan charity.”

An architectural wonder

Al Dana Amphitheatre is a remarkable feat of architecture, engineering and technology; put together in nature’s lap.

A bus that has been turned into a toilet at Al Dana Garden

The initial plan was to design an outdoor concert arena capable of servicing around 10,000 visitors, which would additionally serve as an attraction on the racetrack. “Red Rocks in Colorado, The Gorge in Washington and the amphitheaters of Ancient Greece and Rome were in mind when I was tasked to create a huge open-air desert rock venue. The wind factor positioned the stage to the west, positioning against the setting sun and Jabal Al Dukhan, the Kingdom’s highest point at 134 meters above sea level.”

The amphitheatre itself is nested into the natural limestone foundation and the remaining materials fit naturally on the site, for instance, stone reused from the excavation process, rammed earth walls and rusted steel.

“Some of the materials that are capable of surviving in this tough climate of desert sandstorms and high humidity.”

The plan also included making the building fully accessible to wheelchair users apart from offering an unparalleled sound quality. “At Al Dana, the plan is directed by the amphitheatre’s 90m length, which is almost identical to Red Rocks and is optimised into a fan shape that accommodates 18,143 outdoor spectators on bench seating without requiring repeating speakers. The stage is 15m tall with an up-lit limestone backdrop and a roof topography that was designed in Grasshopper to mimic the profile of the mountain range behind.”

“Limestone and stone-filled gabion retaining walls all around help with the scattering of sound, reducing echo. The whole venue has been designed to the tiniest standard with wheelchair access almost everywhere, including to all balconies and corporate boxes. A late addition to the project, these are converted shipping containers placed on top of retaining wall that flank the auditorium.”

“Discreet, low-level 3000 Kelvin warm lighting has been used across the amphitheatre to focus concentration on the stage and help the building melt into the surrounding landscape, allowing visitors to forget they are in something man-made.”

Marwan highlighted that crowd management has always been one of the major design priorities at Al Dana Amphitheatre. “The design manages to reduce entry times for 10,000 people in three minutes 40 seconds, and exit to as little as one minute 50 seconds.”

Marwan worked with Gareth Thomas on the interior design. “We wanted to bring the external experience inside. The bar is topped with a vinyl material and clad with cloth from Fender. In the bar, there are velvet curtains, an epoxy resin floor and aged leather sofas for a rocked forever look. Wall ceilings have a raw concrete finish, more epoxy resin floors, the sinks are made from chunks of rock and the taps are simple exposed copper piping. In the office ceilings are exposed, recycled pallets act as wall dividers and flooring is made from recycled car tyres.”

“While the structure mainly comprises precast concrete, which is basically a local material, other materials come from the site, are local or are recycled as much as possible. There are two buried tanks to withstand a once-in-300-years rainfall and the aluminium screens support natural solar shading giving the project a totally unexpected character.”

Al Dana Amphitheatre is an architectural wonder as it is a remarkable feat of engineering in the midst of spectacular Sakhr desert. It combines nature with the state-of-the-art technology, offering an entertainment magic under the stars to guests. Powerful natural acoustics and panoramic views of the stage are special to Al Dana Amphitheatre. Work on the garden is under progress at Al Dana and upon completion it will further boost the aesthetic experience at the Kingdom’s most celebrated entertainment centre.

"Efforts to incultuate the organic nature of desert space within the design was the greatest inspiration and it was also the greatest challenge."

— Hamad Al Khalifa, Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) Architect and Director of S/L Architects.
Restaurant shut after ‘no entry for veiled woman’

A popular restaurant in Adliya has been closed by police authorities after a veiled woman was allegedly stopped from entering the facility.

Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA) said it has launched a probe into the issue, which hogged the limelight after a video showing one of the staff blocking a veiled woman from entering the facility became viral on all social media platforms.

The BTEA has asked all tourism outlets to comply with regulations and avoid enforcing policies that violate the laws of the Kingdom. “We reject all actions that discriminate against people, especially regarding their national identity,” the BTEA said, adding that the step has been taken adhering to Decree Law No 15 of 1986, which regulates the tourism outlets including restaurants and hotels.

The authority added that it is pursuing legal actions. It further called on the public to report such incidents to the authority through National Complaints and Suggestion system Tawasul or by calling the Consumer Protection Centre on 170070703.

Meanwhile, in a statement posted on social media, the restaurant management apologised for the mistake committed by one of the staff, which brought disgrace to the organisation.

“We have suspended the duty manager based on our investigation," the restaurant said.

It is said that the discipline of the fasting and the experience of need which it brings upon us helps us to better understand the wants of the less fortunate and give and share our own fortune more willingly. That is why, paradoxically, despite the fast, food bills and consumptions grows during Ramadhan. Households tend to cook extra, buy extra food to donate or share with neighbours and charities and many more needy families are lucky to eat better. The Brexit made of the coin is that quite a bit of food gets wasted too. Annually, around 2,500,000 tonnes of leftovers are thrown away in Bahrain, making our King - dom the top Arab country in food wastage and the fourth in the world, according to a United Nations Environment Pro - gramme 2021 study.

Food waste represents a loss of energy, soil fertility and greenhouse gases, the waste of farmer energy, a waste of soil and energy lost to growing waste alone it adds up to dangerous pollution. In the landfill, food waste produces methane gas which eats up our protective ozone layer. It is also a waste of money.

If you do not budget your Ramadhan shopping and monitor the use of food, you may end up unnecessarily stressing over your finances. Since most shops offer good Ramadhan deals, shop wisely and plan your purchasing to suit your purse. Bulk purchases, special deals and shopping by list are some ways to strategically make your budget go the extra mile.

Frugality and consuming carefully so that one minimises individual carbon footprint is very important and these are personal weapons to tackle climate change.

Let us invest our nutritional knowledge and focus on making the most of the spirit of sharing, caring and giving in Ramadhan.

CAPTAIN MHMAMD AL MHMAMD

Making every morsel count
Al Salam Bank launches revamped Danat Savings Scheme for 2022

The Bahrain National Gas Company (Banagas) announced the launch of its revamped Danat Savings Scheme for 2022, which will start from April 2022 and end in March 2023, allowing winning daily prizes of 10 grams of gold, monthly prizes of 1 kilogram (kg) of gold, and in addition to a grand prize of 10 kg of gold. The revamped Danat Savings Scheme seeks to create a “gold-filled year” for customers.

Mohamed Buhijji, Head of Retail Banking at Al Salam Bank, said, “We are pleased to announce our revamped Danat Savings Scheme, which will be unique in offering a range of prizes in gold, a highly valuable asset with a guaranteed investment toward future savings. Clients currently registered in our Savers account directly through our mobile application, where the registration process can be completed within a few minutes. To qualify for the draw, clients must maintain a minimum balance of BD 50 in the account, whereas the higher the value and period in which the amount is kept in the account, the higher the chances of winning.”

Mohamed Buhijji praised the unlimited support the Company receives from the Kingdom’s wise leadership and stressed the important role portrayed by the Company’s Board of Directors in raising Banagas National Gas Company’s (Banagas) to the highest levels. Looking ahead, the Chief Executive stated that the next goal is to achieve 9 million working hours without a lost-time accident. He also expressed confidence that the employees’ continued vigilance and keenness to implement safety measures in their work field would ultimately achieve this goal.

Bahrain Stock Exchange hosts the Arab Federation of Capital Markets annual Conference

The Arab Federation of Capital Markets Annual Conference titled “Towards a Future Economy: Bahrain 2022” under the patronage of Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, was held on 6th March 2022, under the theme ‘gold-filled year’, with 350 attendees from exchanges, along with financial market regulatory bodies, brokerage firms, investment fund managers, and economic journalists. The event welcomed local and international speakers to shed light on key regulatory and critical topics, including DSE Investing, Challenges of Running the Future CSR Trends, Digitalization of Post-Trade Processes, Shari’ah-Compliant Funding, the Rise of the Newly Empowered Retail Investing, Data Monetization, and Embracing the Rise of the New BigTech Era.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, the CEO of Bahrain Bourse, said: “I am confident that the conference will bring new ideas and pave the way for further collaboration between key capital market participants to support the development of the capital markets on a local and regional level and streamline interconnectivity.”

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S&P revises Saudi Arabia’s outlook to positive

Rating agency S&P revised Saudi Arabia’s outlook to “positive” from “stable” on 6th March 2022, citing improving GDP growth and fiscal dynamics over the medium term. S&P affirmed the country’s rating at “A-/A-2”. Saudi Arabia’s GDP growth surged above $100 a barrel to 14-year highs in February after Russia invaded Ukraine, leading Western nations to urge major producers to increase output. Demand for Saudi Arabia’s crude oil has been further underpinned by demand as some countries attempt to reduce imports from Russia, S&P said.

The rating agency in its report forecast Saudi Arabia’s GDP growth for the current year to rise to 5.8% and average 2.7% from 2023 to 2025. “Higher global oil prices and rising production volumes, alongside a recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, are supporting Saudi Arabia’s fiscal and GDP growth dynamics,” S&P said.

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**Russia conducts military drills on islands disputed with Japan**

Russia was conducting military drills on islands claimed by Tokyo, Japanese media said yesterday, days after Moscow halted peace talks with Japan over an agreement on Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Russia’s Eastern Military District said it was conducting military drills on the disputed islands, and hundreds of pieces of armament, Russia’s Interfax news agency said Friday.

**Zimbabwe votes in by-elections seen as test for ruling party**

Zimbabwe’s main political and economic bloc said it had won all the seats contested in the by-elections, with the results validating the government’s claim of a “people-powered revolution”.

**West African leaders send set for talks in Libya**

West African leaders meet in Libya on Saturday for talks on the Western Sahara conflict, sources said.

**Brazil police probe Education Ministry graft allegations, says source**

A Brazilian source said the police were opening an investigation into allegations of corruption in the Education Ministry, a police source said.

**Syria constitutional talks fail again in Geneva**

Syria’s international partners cannot agree on a transition process, the UN envoy to Syria said.

**Prince William hints at backing for Caribbean nations to become republics**

Britain’s Prince William has suggested he will support and respect any decision Caribbean nations make about their future, as he tours the region.

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**Covid-19: Countries worst affected**

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**Russia, Turkey, and Russia on Kam Air and flights to Islamabad, Dubai**

Women were denied boarding domestic and international flights to Pakistan, according to the Taliban.

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**Deaths and New cases**

- Global tally: 480,445,475
- New deaths: 14,766,586
- New cases: 88,777,22
- Recovered: 414,764,681
- Active cases: 2,136

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Kelly Clarkson explains name change, kept middle name for her ‘personal life’

Kelly Clarkson is once again shedding light on her new name change. The recently divorced singer and talk show host explained the moniker she wants to go by moving forward.

“I just got divorced, so I had to drop my married last name,” Clarkson, 39, told “PEOPLE (the TV Show)” at the premiere for Fox star’s middle name. Brianne is the to Kelly Brianne. Kelly Clarkson legal name from filed a petition Grammy-winner I’m 20 years in!” son at this point. quipping “I don’t think she co-hosts with Snoop Dogg.

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Olivia Rodrigo says she’s a ‘much more confident person’
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

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HH Shaikh Khalid attends Bodybuilding Championship

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HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) was present to watch the 2nd edition of the Strongest Bahraini Man Championship.

The event was attended by many officials and guests, including HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice President of the GSA and Dr Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, CEO of the GSA, as well as Dr Rafael Santana, President of the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB).

HH Shaikh Khalid expressed gratitude and appreciation towards promoting the sports movement, affirming his support to all national federations and associations in order to meet the goals set out.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Khalid praised the endeavours of Bahraini Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation for preparing and organizing the event, underlying that the bodybuilding sport is an exciting game and has a broad fanbase.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with participants

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa and other dignitaries with winners of the Strongest Bahraini Man Championship and other events also present in the event were HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice President of the GSA along with many other officials and VIP guests.

Commenting on the event, HH Shaikh Khalid praised the performances featured throughout the event, stating that the Bahraini Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation contributed towards improving the Kingdom’s sports movement, affirming his support to all national federations and associations in order to meet the goals set out.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Khalid congratulated the winners and wished them to perform well in future events.

Mamood Abdulqader Wins Grand Prize of Nasser bin Hamad Showjumping Championship

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Mamood Abdulqader emerged as the winner of the grand prize of the Nasser Bin Hamad Showjumping Championship which was organized by Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) in Al Rifa, Sukhieh. The event featured 140cm hurdles, and the eventual winner clocked 52.68 seconds with 6 faults.

Second place went to veteran showjumper Sami Ghazwan who posted a time of 46.45 seconds with eight faults, while Haytham Al Bastaki of the Ministry of Interior team finished third in 48.84 seconds. The winners were crowned by HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Showjumping Committee at BREEF, Ghaleb Al Aghy, Secretary of BREEF and Tawfiq Al Salehi, Director of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Media Office and Information Centre in the presence of Huda Janahi.

Shaikh Abdullah praised the performances featured in the event, congratulating the winners of the top places. He also expressed utmost pride and gratitude for HH Shaikh Nasser’s patronage of the showjumping season’s 9th round which showcased strong competitions by the athletes who produced maximum efforts to win.

Sultan Al Rumaihi triumphed in the third competition of the Nasser bin Hamad Showjumping Championship. He crossed the finish line in 22.80 seconds. Ahmed Al Jumei came second in 23.46 seconds, while Ibrahim Al Ahmadi was third in 24.22 seconds. Meanwhile, Marouf Al Rumaihi won the joker event and the fifth contest.

A participant in action during the event

The cycling sport is a source of inspiration for young Bahraini people and helps them to adopt a healthy lifestyle

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs followed the conclusion of the event in the presence of HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice President of the General Sports Authority President of Bahrain Combat Sports Council and Dr Abdulrahman Aksar, CEO of the General Sports Authority and Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, congratulated the winners and wished the other participants the best of luck.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Nasser affirmed that HH Shaikh Nasser’s patronage of the cycling sport is a source of inspiration for young Bahraini people and helps them to adopt a healthy lifestyle, while expressing utmost gratitude for HH Shaikh Nasser’s patronage.

First Nasser bin Hamad Cycling Tour for Amateur Cyclists concludes

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HH Shaikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) in Al Rafia kicked off the 1st Khalid bin Hamad Cycling Tour which was organized by Bahrain Bodybuilding Championship (BOC) in the light and middle distance categories and associations in order to encourage the cyclists in the Tour.

HH Shaikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Khalifa follows the participants

The Tour comes in line with the efforts to support youth and encourage them to practice this sport. The event was attended by many officials and guests, including HH Shaikh Salah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sports Authority (GSA), President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) and many others.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Khalifa expressed satisfaction with the results of the event, congratulating the winners and wishing the other participants the best of luck.

The Tour was concluded with HH Shaikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Khalifa handing over the Grand Prize of Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa to the winners.

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Winners celebrate on the podium

Ali Hassan Jawad clinches Nasser bin Hamad Cycling Tour title

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Ali Hassan Jawad won the 2022 Nasser bin Hamad Cycling Tour title, while the Tour was concluded with HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa congratulating the winners and wishing the other participants the best of luck.

The Tour was organized by Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) in Al Rafia.

Third place went to Hassan Ali Sharif, who posted a time of 46.45 seconds, while Mousa Al Qarshi came third in the event, marking the results. Saber Mohammed clinched the white jersey, Jassim Mohammed, who posted a time of 46.45 seconds, was second, while Mousa Al Qarshi came third in the event, marking the results.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Nasser affirmed that the 2nd Strongest GCC Tour comes in line with the efforts to support youth and encourage them to practice this sport. The event was attended by many officials and guests, including HH Shaikh Salah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sports Authority (GSA), President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) in Al Rafia, Huda Janahi, Secretary of BREEF and many others.

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Alaswad fires in winner for Bahrain

Senior men’s national football team edge past African side Burundi in international friendly match played in the Kingdom

Komal Alaswad sends home winning goals against Burundi in 76th minute of play

Despite their tune-up games during their back-to-back wins in Bahrain back-to-back wins in March, the two sides and give in regular time.

About a quarter-hour remaining in the 76th minute of play, Andrey Solovey and Valery Gromyko on target in preparation for their upcoming contest, and were finally re-

His strike was enough to separate the two sides and give Bahrain back-to-back wins in their tune-up games during their current local training gathering. They had previously beaten In-

dia 2-1. The nationals take to the field once more against international opposition on Tuesday, when they went up against Belarus.

The Belarusians were also in action yesterday. They won 3-0 against their Indian counterparts in a match played at the Khalifa Sports City Stadium in the 48th minute.

This week’s upcoming contest between Bahrain and Belarus will be held at Khalifa Sports City.

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Muharraq Club Stadium in Arad.

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Artyom Bykov, Andrey Solovey and Valery Gromyko on target for Belarus against India

Malaysia.

Their qualifying matches are scheduled to be played in June in the chosen centralised venue of Kuala Lumpur. The AFC Asian Cup is scheduled to kick off on June 16 next

year in China. Bahrain are looking to secure their seventh appearance in the tournament proper. They first appeared in 1985, and have qualified for the last five tournaments in 2004, 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. The Bahrainis’ best finish in the competition was fourth in 2004. They reached the last 16 in 2016 but did not make it past the group stage the other times.

Madan under-23 Asian time trial title

Bahraini cyclist Ahmed Madan was yesterday crowned champion in the under-23 catego-

ry of the Individual Time Trial at the 41st Senior and 28th Junior and 10th Asian Road and 10th Para Cycling Championships, currently being held in Tajikistan.

Madan completed the 24-kilometre single lap around Dushanbe in 29 minutes 25 seconds to secure the title, which he added to his national time trial crown.

Following the event, Madan, who was competing on the Merida Time Warp TT bike, was delighted with his achievement. He said: “I’m very happy to be here. We’ve had an excellent training block at camp, and it’s paying off with the results. I felt good in the race, and now I’m looking ahead to the road race on Monday and another good result. Big thank you to the team for the support.

“IT’s the second time I’ve raced on the new Merida Time Warp, and it’s my second win, so I’m really enjoying the new bike.”

Madan will be back in the saddle tomorrow for the under-23 race road.

Perez claims maiden F1 pole in Jeddah

Sergio Perez claimed his first ever Formula One pole at the 215th attempt when the Mexican upstaged Red Bull teammate and world champion Max Verstappen in qualifying for the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc joined Perez on the front row after Verstappen on the second row after qualifying in fourth

behind the second Ferrari of Carlos Sainz.

Last night’s qualifying was marred by a horror crash suff-

After his Haas car bounced off a kerb. Haas reported that Schumacher appeared “physi- cally fine” and had spoken to his mother, Corinna.

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Perez celebrates after clinching pole 2022. It was a dramatic session coming just hours after it was con-

firmed the weekend would go ahead following lengthy talks overnight about racing in the aftermath of Friday’s missile strike by Yemen’s Huthi rebels on the nearby Aramco fuel plant.

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