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Justin Bieber's Justice World Tour @ Al Dana Amphitheatre

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Megastar Justin Bieber has announced he will perform at Al Dana Amphitheatre, Bahrain's newest and most exciting live entertainment destination, on the 5th of October, with fans expected to travel from across the region for the show.

Named Artist of the Year at the 2021 MTV VMAs and nominated for 13 Billboard Music Awards this year, Justin is the number-one artist on YouTube, with over 68 million subscribers worldwide. His Justice World Tour 2022 is the most ambitious of his career, having sold more than 1.3 million tickets to date. Set to stop in over 30 countries worldwide, the tour takes its name from Bieber's hit album Justice, which has sold over 8 million copies and amassed more than 12 billion global streams.

Shane Chalmers, Chief Executive Officer of Al Dana Amphitheatre, said, "It's a coup for Al Dana Amphitheatre to be included in Justin Bieber's Justice World Tour, especially as we are one of only two destinations included in his GCC programme. His performance will definitely get our new season of events off to a flying start!"

Tickets will be on sale at www.aldana.com.bh today at 9 am, starting from BD 25.



BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED
9830332

ACTIVE CASES
3875

DEATHS
1485

DISCHARGED
577770

NEW CASES
435

CRITICAL
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday remotely chaired the 426th meeting of the Government Executive Committee. HRH Crown Prince discussed agreements and Memorandums of Understandings in aviation services, developments in the afforestation plan and the National Suggestion & Complaint system (Tawasul).



Bahrain 'strong' against Monkeypox, says WHO

Monkeypox 'suspected' cases in Arab countries

WHO confirms 'Monkeypox virus not biologically manufactured or biologically modified'

Staff Reporter
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While the United Arab Emirates has confirmed its first case, there are many other suspected cases of Monkeypox in Arab countries and in the region, said Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari, Regional Director for Eastern Mediterranean at World Health Organisation (WHO), during an online press conference yesterday.

No deaths have been linked to Monkeypox following the non-endemic spread of the virus during the past one month.

Dr Ahmed praised Bahrain's success in tackling the Covid-19



Dr Abdinasir AbuBakar



Dr Rana Hajjeh



Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari

threat, highlighting that the Kingdom has a strong system to combat infectious diseases including Monkeypox.

"Monkeypox is containable in the Arab region and what is required now is close cooperation between nations and increased awareness among the people to stop transmission of virus." Dr Ahmed said people are the main partners in combatting any virus transmission.

He said that 157 confirmed

cases have been reported from 17 countries worldwide and 106 suspected cases are still under examination. "After reporting the first case, the UAE is in its best efforts to trace contacts and prevent the transmission of virus. Countries in the region already have accumulated experience in order to protect individuals from the disease."

Speaking at the press conference, Dr Rana Hajjeh, Director of Programme Management

at WHO, said the organisation doesn't recommend any lockdowns or isolations for Monkeypox. "The role of the media is pivotal in spreading accurate information and I urge all not to spread any misleading information. Quite similar to Covid-19, contact tracing is important in cases of Monkeypox as well."

She said Monkeypox is not expected to spread like Covid-19 and every disease has different precautionary measures.

"Healthcare systems must be continuously supported with human and financial resources to face the challenges. And the training of healthcare workers is of great importance as they are in the forefront of the fight against the virus."

Dr Rana said there are vaccines that give protection from Monkeypox and even Smallpox vaccines are also effective against the virus. "Widespread vaccination is not a recommendation."

Dr Abdinasir AbuBakar, Manager, Infectious Hazards Prevention and Preparedness Unit, WHO, said Monkeypox is not a new disease. "We have been seeing this disease since the beginning of the 1970s. But it is the first time we are seeing something of this higher magnitude, especially in non-endemic countries."

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VACCINES

The smallpox and monkeypox viruses are closely related, and the first generation of smallpox vaccines appear up to 85% effective in preventing monkeypox, the World Health Organization has said. There are currently two smallpox vaccines available. One made by Danish company Bavarian Nordic (BAVA.CO) goes by the brand name Jynneos, Imvamune or Imvanex - depending on geography. The other, older vaccine, currently made by Emergent Biosolutions (EBS.N), is called ACAM2000.

Symptoms

Symptoms of monkeypox - which can include fever, headaches, distinctive rashes and pus-filled skin lesions - can last for two to four weeks and often resolve on their own.

EU sanctions

US seizes Iranian oil cargo near Greek island

Reuters | Athens/London

The United States has confiscated an Iranian oil cargo held on a Russian-operated ship near Greece and will send

the cargo to the United States aboard another vessel, three sources familiar with the matter said.

Greek authorities last month impounded the Iranian-flagged

Pegas, with 19 Russian crew members on board, near the coast of the southern island of Evia due to EU sanctions.

They said the ship was impounded as part of EU sanctions

on Russia for the invasion of Ukraine. However, the vessel was later released due to confusion about sanctions over its owners.

The tanker, renamed Lana

on March 1 and flying the Iranian flag since May 1, has remained near Greek waters since then.

It was previously Russian-flagged.

Bahrain ranks first in Ground and Port Infrastructure: WEF

● **Strong placements for Kingdom, including ranking 12th globally in business environment**

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Bahrain ranks first amongst Arab countries and second in MENA in Ground and Port Infrastructure, according to the World Economic Forum's 2021 Travel and Tourism Development Index.

The report also highlighted strong placements for Kingdom, including ranking 12th globally in the business environment.

Amongst GCC countries, Bahrain ranked second in the following areas: travel and tourism policy; price competitiveness; prioritization of travel and tour-



Ali Murtaza, Executive Director of Investment Development - Tourism at EDB



Dr. Nasser Ali Qaedi, CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority

ism; and demand pressure and impact - measured by the in-bound length of stay, seasonality of international tourist arrivals, interest in cultural and natural attractions, and quality of town and city centres.

Commenting on the index, Dr Nasser Ali Qaedi, CEO of the

Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), said: "Bahrain's ranking in the report is another testament to the unique offerings within Bahrain's tourism sector. The Kingdom is increasingly becoming a more attractive destination for tourists and investors alike.

With our new tourism strategy, we look forward to seeing the sector contribute more towards the Kingdom's economic growth."

Ali Murtaza, Executive Director of Investment Development - Tourism at the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) said, "Bahrain's recognition for its advanced infrastructure, business environment, and travel and tourism policy comes as a result of our efforts in strengthening public-private partnerships and increasing our competitiveness to increase the tourism's sector contribution to GDP, attract more investment, and create quality jobs."

The new tourism strategy, as part of the Economic Recovery Plan, aims to increase the sector's GDP contribution to 11.4%, attract 14 million tourists by 2026, increase average visitor



spending to \$198, and increase average tourist nights to 3.5 days.

Bahrain has been ranked 15th among the world's emerging competitive markets and fifth in terms of business fundamentals, according to the Agility 2022 Emerging Logistics Markets Index.

Lavrov says plans to visit Bahrain, Saudi next week



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Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov is planning to visit Bahrain on May 31 and Saudi Arabia on June 1, reports said.

"The next visit will take place soon. On May 31 and June 1, in accordance with the existing invitations, I plan to visit Bahrain first. Then, on June 1, a regular meeting of the Russia-GCC (the Gulf Cooperation Council) Foreign Ministers Forum will be held in Riyadh," Lavrov told RT Arabic.

'A new milestone in Bahrain, Israel ties'

Staff Reporter
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A new milestone is being created in the bilateral ties as the Kingdom hosts an event to mark Israel's 74th Independence Day, said Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

This came as Dr Shaikh Abdulla spoke at an event held at Wyndham Grand Manama last night, where many dignitaries, diplomats, senior government officials and prominent citizens and residents attended the 74th Independence Day celebrations of Israel.

"This is a landmark moment in the bilateral ties between Bahrain and Israel. Our relations are drawn from the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for a more peaceful and prosperous region," he said.

"Both countries can have many benefits through cooperation and this is not possible without boosting people-to-people relations.

"During my last visit to Israel, I held talks with government officials, ministers and interacted with the people in order to understand the social fabric of that country. I could understand that, very much like the Kingdom, Israel is also a melting pot



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DR SHAIKH ABDULLA



of cultures. Like the Kingdom's people, Israelis are also proud of their national identity."

In a televised address, Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid thanked His Majesty King and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for fostering bilateral ties with Israel. "We have now taken concrete steps towards the progress in relations. Since the opening of Israeli Embassy in Manama, we have gone from strength to strength. This is just a beginning and in the coming years we will see our relations scaling to new heights."

Speaking on the occasion, Israeli Ambassador to the Kingdom Eitan Na'eh said it's a mo-

ment of special glory for both nations. "As envisioned by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, both Bahrainis and Israelis are going to benefit from the increasing bilateral ties between both nations. Both governments are deeply committed to building long-term sustainable ties and people-to-people relationships.

"Israeli companies are keen on building business relations in the Kingdom. Many top executives of leading Israeli companies are in the Kingdom to explore opportunities for mutual growth.

"If materialised, both nations could see the value of trade and economic engagements growing to hundreds of millions in US dollars in the coming years.

"From tourism to fintech, oil and gas to logistics, we can create an ecosystem on the corridors of peace. It is very important for both nations to create opportunities for the youth to get to know each other." The ambassador thanked the US government for supporting Bahrain-Israel relations.

Many cultural events including a performance by actor and singer Tsahi Halevi added special attraction to the celebrations.



Many dignitaries including diplomats, senior government officials, Royal Family members, prominent citizens and residents attended the event

Chef Sasson prepared a special menu for the evening offering a fusion of Bahraini and Israeli dishes.

Heads of major companies

from Israel's oil and gas, cyber, manufacturing, fintech, high-tech, pharmaceutical, biotech and logistics sectors were in attendance.

Navy pilot programme in Bahrain provides local option for mental health care

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US troops deployed to Bahrain now have certain mental health services available locally for themselves and their family, freeing them of the necessity of returning stateside for care, Naval Forces Central Command announced yesterday.

A two-year pilot programme will allow people in military families who are experiencing acute mental health issues to receive up to a month of inpatient care from providers in Bahrain, a NAVCENT statement said.

The new programme also allows for intensive outpatient care, 5th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Tim Hawkins said in an interview yesterday with Stars and Stripes.

"The protocols in place prior to this pilot program did not allow the military to refer our service members and their families to community-based providers in Bahrain for inpatient care beyond about one week, and intensive outpatient care at all," Hawkins said.

Naval Support Activity Bahrain includes about 6,000 US active duty and reserve troops, 1,200 family members, 500 military civilians and 300 contractors, Hawkins said.



Israeli actor and singer Tsahi Halevi performs as part of 74th Independence Day celebrations of Israel

Forcing woman into prostitution: Court confirms 10-year jail term, BD2,000 fine

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Justice finally served. It also means a little more peace for a victim of human trafficking, who will now fly back to her homeland, leaving behind a series of traumatic events.

The person responsible for the crime, the Supreme Court of Appeal confirmed, will stay in jail for ten years and be deported afterwards.

The defendant fought charges of kidnapping, human trafficking for sexual exploitation and concealing criminal property -- money earned from the sex trade.

The defendant will have to



Representative picture

remit a BD2,000 fine and pay to her native.

for the victim's return journey Court files say the victim, who

landed in the Kingdom dreaming of a good job and better life, was greeted with physical abuse, confinement and sexual exploitation.

The incidents leading the woman into the prostitution ring started with the defendant offering her a job in the Kingdom.

Dreaming about a regular job with an income to look after her family, the victim accepted the offer to reach the Kingdom.

However, it didn't take much longer for the woman to recognize that it was a trap.

According to the victim's statement, the defendant drove her into an apartment, confiscated her passport and locked

her up.

Terrified by the unforeseen circumstances, the woman struggled to free herself, but her cries fell on deaf ears.

The victim told the court that she had to have sex with strangers out of fear of the de-

The defendant fought charges of kidnapping, human trafficking for sexual exploitation and concealing criminal property -- money earned from the sex trade.

fendant who assaulted her physically.

Her ordeal caught public attention only when the victim managed to sneak out of her confinement on a lucky day.

She also filed a police report, landing the suspect in custody and further action by the Public Prosecution.

Prosecutors took her statements and provided her with necessary protection by placing her with the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Investigators also found that the suspect was leading a life with the money the victim earned through prostitution.

Abandoning housing unit: Court cancels usufruct, asks beneficiary to handover keys



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The High Administrative Court upheld a decision cancelling the allocation of a housing unit by the Ministry of Housing to a Bahraini man, who resides abroad, for abandoning the house for the past nine years.

Announcing the verdict, the Court said, citing housing law, that if a beneficiary fails to reside in the apartment allocated to him for more than six months from the date of receiving the dwelling without an acceptable reason, the authority could exercise the right to cancel the deal and recover the unit.

In the lawsuit filed, the ministry requested the Court cancel the deal signed for the housing unit in the Sanad area and recover the keys, lawsuit fees and expenses.

The ministry accused the beneficiary of leaving the housing unit in disrepair for several years.

When summoned, his sister stated that the defendant resides outside Bahrain.

The defendant appeared before the Housing Services Department at the Legal Affairs Department and admitted the violation, based on which the ministry decided to cancel the deal for non-compliance with the usufruct contract.

The Court clarified that the decision follows Article 1 of Resolution No. (909) of 2015 regarding the housing system amended by Resolution No. (90) of 2019. The rule defines permanent residence as a continuous residence from the

time of application to the time of allotment, and the family is resident in Bahrain.

The ministry could cancel the deal if the stay outside the Kingdom exceeds six months unless for any of the following reasons:

1. Work for a Bahraini governmental entity or delegate to work for foreign governments, regional or international organizations, or for companies registered in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. Study or training.
3. Other reasons that the ministry considers according to the assessment of the Housing Committee.

Article (10) of Resolution No. 909 of 2015 states that a housing contract stands cancelled if a beneficiary fails to receive it for more than six months after receiving notification to sign the contract and take delivery or if he defaults.

The defendant told the Court that he had been working outside the Kingdom for 20 years and admitted that his family resides with him abroad.

Since the defendant and his family were not working for a Bahraini government agency or on an assignment to work for foreign governments, regional or international organizations or companies registered in Bahrain, Court considered the act a violation.

The defendant also failed to respond to the legal notice and submit evidence of reconciliation of his legal status.

Police find drugs hidden inside cigarette packs; Court awards five year in jail, BD3,000 fine

● Court awarded the suspect a five-year jail term and slapped him with a fine of BD3,000

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Drug smugglers will go to any extent to get their illegal trade to avoid police detection.

However, a man here in the Kingdom learned the hard way that sneaking drugs under the noses of the authorities is not that easy and is risky.

Police caught him red-handed while selling drugs hidden in packs of cigarettes.

Officers didn't have to look hard for the package, as the suspect himself led the officers in



Representative picture. Courtesy of AlAyam

plain clothes to the hiding.

Court files say it awarded the suspect a five-year jail term and slapped him with a fine of BD3,000, which he challenged in the appeal court.

The Court of Appeal yesterday said it rejected the appeal and upheld the jail term and fine.

The verdict also requires

deporting the suspect after he serves the prison term.

Public Prosecution has charged the victim, an Asian national, with possessing psychotropic substances to sell it.

The Drug Enforcement Administration says they took the suspect into custody based on a tip-off received saying that an Asian national was selling drugs in the Kingdom.

Officers told the Court that the suspect hid the drugs in a secret location, which he didn't reveal at first.

He, however, told officers in plain clothes, who posed as potential buyers, about his hiding place.

On the day of the deal, Court files say, the suspect came in a car and directed them to where the narcotic substance was

stored, which turned out a cigarette box.

Police, who kept the place under surveillance, swooped down on the suspect and took him into custody as he handed over the drugs to officers in plain clothes.

He, however, confessed to interrogators that he didn't know how people smuggle drugs into the Kingdom.

He said he was just a drug handler for collecting drugs from designated places, redistributing and collecting money or receiving some substance for the job done.

Police told Court that they also received undisclosed amounts of money and details of a conversation of the suspect with a person abroad on the sales of the drugs in the Kingdom.

Man caught with heroin-filled capsules in stomach gets 15 years in jail, BD10,000 fine

● Doctors gave him laxatives to lower the capsules in stages

● 858.2 grams of drugs recovered from his stomach

● The man admitted to consuming 114 narcotic capsules

● He said he was also promised a job in the Kingdom

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A 30-year-old man who swallowed 114 capsules stuffed with heroin to smuggle the drugs into the Kingdom will spend 15 years of his life in jail.

The Fourth High Criminal Court also slapped him with a fine of BD10,000 and ordered his deportation after finishing his jail terms.

The suspect reportedly concealed the drugs in his stomach



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with the help of medical staff while he was on his way to the Kingdom.

He was given laxatives to recover the 858.2 grams of drugs from his stomach.

The man, an Asian national, was arrested at the Bahrain International Airport when customs officers grew suspicious of his unusual behaviour.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the suspect was part of a network whose members are Asian nationals.

"The suspect came to Kingdom by hiding the drugs in his guts but showed signs of confusion during customs procedures."

Officers, who grew suspicious diverted him to the red lane to

search his luggage but found nothing.

However, the suspect's travel history, which showed taking several transit flights instead of a direct flight, which was available, sparked more doubts.

Customs officers, who also grew more suspicious about his behaviour, decided to take him for an x-ray examination and found several capsules in his guts.

Doctors then gave him laxatives to lower the capsules in stages.

During interrogation, the suspect admitted hiding narcotic capsules in his guts and said he was doing it for money.

He confessed to consuming 114 narcotic capsules.

He said he was also promised a job in the Kingdom by a friend.

The Muharraq Governorate Prosecution said it received the notification of the arrest at the Bahrain International Airport from the Anti-Narcotics Department.

The Public Prosecution said it opened an investigation soon after receiving a report.

Prosecutors had ordered the pretrial detention of the suspect, pending further investigation.



Popularly known as 'drug mules', the victims are made to swallow balloons containing illicit drugs and are then transported across borders. Once they have reached their destination, these balloons are retrieved from the victim's body.

Fever, swollen lymph nodes and rashes

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Dr Abdinasir said that the symptoms of Monkeypox are fever, swollen lymph nodes and rashes, and in some the symptoms are really severe. "Knowledge matters in the fight against Monkeypox, unless you know the virus you cannot tackle it."

"There are two active strains of Monkeypox virus, the Central African and West African and out of these two, the Central African strain is much more severe."

When asked about the contribution of climate change to the increasing cases of infectious diseases, he said there should be a connection "but it is unclear". Dr Abdinasir said the recovery rate is very high in cases of Monkeypox with a fatality rate varying between one and 10%.

"It is clearly known that the origin of the virus is from animals and there is no specific an-



Test tubes labelled "Monkeypox virus positive" are seen in this illustration

swer for the increasing number of transmissions. The virus has not changed genetically, which is good news and there have been no mutations."

Dr Abdinasir said the Monkeypox virus has nothing to do with the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine. "The virus has not changed genetically. It is not biologically manufactured or biologically modified."

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The WHO classified smallpox as an eradicated disease in 1980, but there have been concerns that the virus could be used as a bioweapon, leading countries to stockpile vaccines.

Spain's Monkeypox case tally rises to 84

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Spanish health authorities reported 25 new cases of monkeypox yesterday, bringing the total tally of infections in one of the main hot spots of the recent outbreak to 84.

The Health Ministry, which now considers all non-human-origin pox infections as monkeypox after a positive test while before only counting those confirmed by sequencing, also said there were 73 suspected cases.

Spain, England and Portugal are the countries with the most cases in the recent outbreak of the usually mild viral disease outside its endemic areas in parts of west and central Africa.

Spain's neighbour Portugal confirmed nine new infections on Thursday, bringing the total to 58.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said it had identified nine monkeypox cases in seven US states as of Wednesday.

Cases were confirmed in Massachusetts, Florida, Utah, Washington, California, Virginia and New York, the CDC told reporters yesterday.

The first monkeypox case in the United States was reported in Massachusetts last week.

Most of the infections detected globally so far have not been severe.

Symptoms include fever and a distinctive bumpy rash.

Vaccine stockpiles

The WHO classified smallpox as an eradicated disease in 1980, but there have been long-standing concerns that the virus could be used as a bioweapon, leading countries to stockpile vaccines.

The WHO holds 2.4 million doses at its Swiss headquarters dating from the final years of the eradication programme. The agency also has pledges from donor countries for more than 31 million additional doses.

US officials say there are more than 1,000 doses of the Bavarian Nordic vaccine in the national stockpile and expect that level to ramp up very quickly in the coming weeks. The country also has 100 million doses of

ACAM2000. read more

Germany has said it had ordered 40,000 doses of Bavarian Nordic's vaccine, to be ready to vaccinate contacts of cases if needed. read more

Other countries, including

Britain and France, are also offering or recommending vaccines to people with close contact to infected people and healthcare workers. read more

Bavarian Nordic, which has an annual production capacity

of 30 million doses, told Reuters multiple countries have approached it interested in buying its vaccine, without providing details. A spokesperson said it does not need to expand production.

OIE declares Bahrain free of Equine plague



The award ceremony

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The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has declared the Kingdom of Bahrain free of equine plague, further strengthening the position of Bahrain in maintaining the health status of horses.

Shaikh Duajj bin Salman Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Horse Care Affairs Authority, congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their care and support to this sector.

A certificate proving the absence of the disease in the Kingdom was presented by Dr Monique Eloit, Director-General of the OIE, to Dr Fajer Al Salloom, Director of Animal Wealth and Delegate of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the World Organisation for Animal Health.

The ceremony came during the organisation's 98th annual conference 2022 at the OIE Headquarters in Paris.

Shaikh Duajj said: "The Kingdom of Bahrain has



Shaikh Duajj bin Salman Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Horse Care Affairs Authority

been free of this disease for more than 50 years. This is confirmed by annual medical examinations conducted on a large number of horses."

"Additionally, this international recognition contributes to facilitating the movement of Bahraini horses between different regions of the world and reducing quarantine periods for horses, and reducing the financial cost and effort on the horses and their owners," he added.

Shaikh Duajj thanked the Animal Wealth Directorate, represented by the Undersecretary for Animal Resources, Dr Khalid Ahmed Hassan, Dr Al Salloom, Yusuf Al Isa, the CEO of the Horse Care Affairs Authority, and members of the Authority's Board of Directors.



National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa chaired the Kingdom's delegation at the annual Dragon Group meeting in London. The meeting discussed cooperation in fighting terrorism, piracy, and smuggling, and highlighted military coordination and defence to address challenges in the region. HH Shaikh Nasser stressed the importance of meetings to meet the requirements of joint military action and agree on ways to enhance military cooperation.



Bahrain Defence Force Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, visited a BDF unit and received a briefing on the progress of its preparedness and training programmes. The Commander-in-Chief commended the sense of duty and the determination and commitment of the BDF staff to defend the nation and protect its achievements.

RCSI Bahrain celebrates the success of the joint nursing programme

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) hosted a joint board meeting with Tamkeen, the Society of Private Hospitals and a group of private hospital CEOs to discuss partnerships and cooperation in clinical training, education, research and other healthcare projects.

President of RCSI Bahrain, Professor Sameer Otoom, commented, "To date, one of our joint collaboration's biggest achievements is the enrolment of 25 Bahraini students being trained as nurses with Tamkeen's support and soon to be employed in the private healthcare sector."

"We hope to gather more momentum for this joint pro-



From left, Fadi Ghosn, Head of Recognition, Careers & Alumni, RCSI Bahrain, Sayed Mohamed Alqassab, Associate Director, Business Development Education & Healthcare, Tamkeen, Dr Tariq Saeed, Medical Director, Dr Tariq Hospital, Professor Stephen Atkin, Head of School of Postgraduate Studies and Research, RCSI Bahrain, Dr Ahmed Al Rashid, Chief Operating Officer, Royal Bahrain Hospital, Professor Sameer Otoom, President, RCSI Bahrain, Professor Cathal Kelly, Vice-Chancellor and CEO/Registrar, RCSI, Dublin, professor Rebecca Jester, Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, RCSI Bahrain, Dr George Cheriyan, Chief Executive Officer, American Mission Hospital, Rohit Srivastava, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Professor Alfred Nicholson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, RCSI Bahrain and Dr Kasim Ardati, Chief Executive Officer, Bahrain Specialist Hospital

gramme which started in 2019. Another highlight of our collaboration is the development of clinical and research opportunities for RCSI Bahrain students,

which supports the development of our medical and nursing graduates' profile for the benefit of the healthcare sector in Bahrain."

RCSI Bahrain is a not-for-profit health sciences institution focused on education and research to drive positive change in all areas of human health.

BAPCO wins RoSPA award

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In a new achievement of excellence in its occupational safety culture and the application of international safety standards and best practices, BAPCO obtained the Gold Medal Award of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

At a ceremony held on Monday in Dubai, UAE, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Technical and Bapco Modernization Programme Project Director, Hafedh Al-Qassab received the RoSPA Gold Medal Award on behalf of BAPCO.

Bapco Chief Executive Officer, Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery praised the continuous support and guidance of the Chairman of BAPCO's Board of Directors, Abdulla Jehad Al-Zain, for his attention to occupational safety standards.

Moreover, Dr Jawahery said



The award ceremony

winning this award reflected the highly regarded "Safety First" approach of the Board of Directors and confirms the safe-

ty-awareness culture of BAPCO's workforce.

Dr Jawahery praised the remarkable awareness of the

Bapco team, through providing the best training courses for the employees in order to qualify and enable them to adopt and practice international safety standards. "Our priority in BAPCO is to protect our employees from occupational hazards."

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) is a recognized international organization for lifesaving and for the prevention of accidents

It is worth mentioning that RoSPA had selected Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery as an Ambassador for its Awards upon the creation of this position in recognition of him being one of the most successful and distinguished personalities. More than 2,000 companies compete among themselves to win the tremendous awards given by RoSPA, of which Safety and Health Awards are the best prizes in both the United Kingdom and the World.

Salero new performers arrived all the way from Spain



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Step into an informal modern Spanish dining concept, where live entertainment and cooking take place in a social atmosphere. Located on the first floor of The Westin City Centre Bahrain.

Opening hours are Monday

to Saturday from 1:00 pm to 12:00 midnight with live flamenco performances from Monday to Saturday at the following timings: 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm, 9:00 pm to 9:30 pm and 10:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

Guests can call 17171300 or Whatsapp 33502110 to book a table or visit www.salerobahrain.com for menus and offers.

Zain honours employee



Zain Bahrain, a telecommunications industry innovator in the Kingdom, recently awarded one of its employees, Ahmed Al Najdi, Digital Care Expert, for reaching the finalist's stage in the National Programme, 'Lamae.' The award was held at Zain Bahrain tower, in the presence of Duncan Howard, Zain Bahrain CEO, Mohammed Zainalabedin, Zain Bahrain Managing Director, and other officials. Ahmed Al Najdi has been at Zain Bahrain since 2008 and is considered one of the exceptional employees at the company. "Lamae" National Programme, organised by the Youth and Sports Affairs Ministry, in collaboration with the Institute of Public Administration (BIPA), aims to create promising youth leaders from over 190 applicants to undergo several training programmes to take leadership roles in different industries in the Kingdom.

Company marks 20th anniversary



Universal Medical Equipment, a leading healthcare supplier in the Kingdom, celebrated its 20th anniversary of establishment on May 22 at its office. Managing Director Juma, Ali Juffari, and Business Development Consultant, Abdul H, honoured all staff members as part of the event. Special gifts were given to employees during the event.

Bahrain concludes participation in WEF 2022



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A high-level Bahraini delegation has concluded its participation in the annual World Economic Forum (WEF) Davos, held from 22nd to 26th of May 2022. During their participation, the delegation promoted Bahrain's unique investment opportunities, along with the Kingdom's Economic Recovery Plan.

Among the members of the

Bahraini delegation, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Adviser to His Majesty the King for Diplomatic Affairs, spoke in a session titled "The Future of the Abraham Accords", while Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, was a speaker in the "Middle East and North Africa Economic Outlook" session.

The Bahraini delegation also

included Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism; Ayman Al-Moayyed, Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs; Ian Lindsay, Advisor to the Board at the EDB; Hamad Yaqoub Al Mahmeed, Undersecretary for Research and Projects at the Prime Minister's Office; and Hala Al-Moayyed, Vice Chairman of the Board at Al-Moayyed International Group.

Binance Bahrain granted full category 4 licence

TDT | agencies

Binance, the world's leading blockchain and cryptocurrency infrastructure provider, yesterday announced that Binance Bahrain has received a Category 4 licence as a crypto-asset service provider from the Central Bank of Bahrain. The approval allows it to offer a full-suite of crypto exchange services in Bahrain. Binance Bahrain is the first exchange to

be granted a category 4 licence by the CBB.

Richard Teng, Head of MENA at Binance, said: "The upgrade to a Category 4 licence in Bahrain is a landmark achievement for Binance and further signifies our commitment to being a compliance-first exchange. This will allow us to provide the full suite of products and services that users have come to expect from an exchange, in a safe and well regulated envi-

ronment.

"We are grateful to the Central Bank of Bahrain for their support and vision in granting Binance Bahrain this licence. Bahrain is well on the path to becoming a leading global hub for crypto."

The Category 4 licence will allow Binance Bahrain to provide a full range of crypto-asset exchange services to customers under the supervision of the Bahrain regulators.

Following partnership with Tamkeen, "General Assembly" opens data analytics courses

TDT | Manama

The Labour Fund (Tamkeen), in partnership with global training provider General Assembly, announced the launch of the first two cohorts of their collaborative initiative to provide tech training for Bahrainis.

This July two courses in Data Analytics will commence the first phase of the larger effort announced this year to train 1200 Bahrainis in coding and other emerging technology skills over the next two years

General Assembly opened applications for two data analytics

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cohorts designed to provide in-depth knowledge in an accelerated one-week format. These courses prioritize building practical experience through project-based training. The courses aim to empower trainees to use

popular data tools like SQL, Excel, and Tableau to perform robust data analyses, communicate insights, and complete end-to-end data projects. Trainees will learn to manage entire data analytics workflows by extracting data directly from SQL databases, creating interactive dashboards, and using Python to make their analyses more efficient.

Data analytics is one of six critical technology verticals that will be delivered under this collaboration, which includes Software Engineering, Data Science, User Experience Design, Product Development, Java Development, and DevOps. Courses are suitable for all professionals

with an interest in learning technical skills, including those with little to no prior experience. The instructors from General Assembly bring years of experience with global organizations such as Wells Fargo, PwC, Deloitte, Booz Allen Hamilton, IBM, Airbnb, Amazon.

Ali Hasan, Executive Director of Programmes design and partnerships at Tamkeen expressed his enthusiasm about opening the courses, stressing the importance of empowering Bahraini talent with relevant skills to help them develop and grow in a rapidly changing market. He said: "As the world continues to shift toward a digital econo-

my, training in technology and emerging skills becomes vital for professionals to achieve sustainable career growth and become active contributors in national economic development."

Stephen Kirsch Vice President, New Markets at General Assembly, said, "We look forward to equipping Bahrain's dynamic workforce with the tools they need to develop their skills in data analytics and utilize it to advance their careers. We are confident of their readiness to embrace technology and have thriving careers within the industry."

Participation is open to all Bahraini nationals who are over

18 years old – applications are available through General Assembly's portal at GA.co/Bahrain

16 new programmes

Tamkeen has also initiated an organization-wide transformation strategy to drive greater impact for the national economy. The transformation initiative has led to 16 new programmes designed to drive the growth and development of enterprises and individuals in Bahrain. Bahrainis can get support for these courses through Tamkeen's human capital support programs: Train Me, Train and Grow and Train and Place.

News in brief

Firefighters contain blaze at Sudan Red Sea port



been brought under control following the intervention of civil defence forces and port workers," port director Taha Ahmed Mokhtar said.

Firefighters have contained a large blaze that erupted in a cargo area of the Sudanese Red Sea port of Suakin, the port's director said yesterday. The fire, which raged for hours, broke out in the cargo drop off area of the port on Wednesday sending plumes of acrid smoke into the sky. It was not immediately clear what caused the blaze. "The fire has

A French court stepped into a row over the wearing of burkinis in municipal swimming pools, suspending a council's decision to allow Muslim women to wear them.

The administrative court in the Alpine city of Grenoble blocked the rule change by the council there, arguing that it "seriously violated the principle of neutrality in public service". The ruling was the latest development in a long-running dispute that has set defenders of France's secular values against those arguing that a burkini ban constitutes discrimination.

French court blocks 'burkinis' in council's pools



US and Japan say they staged joint fighter jet flight after North Korea missile launches



counter regional threats", the US military said in a news release. Japan and the United States wanted to show their combined resolve in the wake of North Korea's latest missile launches, two US officials told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Defense Force said yesterday they flew fighter jets together over the Sea of Japan in a show of strength after North Korea lobbed three missiles into the waters that separate Japan and the Korean peninsula. The exercise was meant to "showcase combined capabilities to deter and

Tunisian President Kais Saied issued a decree to call voters to a referendum on a new constitution

to a referendum on a new constitution on July 25, the official gazette said, ignoring the opposition's calls to reverse the controversial move. Saied last week named law professor Sadok Belaid to head an advisory committee that included law and political science deans, to draft a new constitution for a "new republic," excluding political parties from restructuring the political system. The main political parties have said they will boycott the unilateral restructuring of politics.

Tunisian president decrees a referendum for new constitution



Police face questions over delays in storming Texas school

Reuters | London

Law enforcement authorities faced questions and criticism yesterday over how much time elapsed before they stormed a Texas elementary school classroom and put a stop to the rampage by a gunman who killed 19 children and two teachers.

Investigators were also unable to say with any certainty whether an armed school district security officer outside Robb Elementary in the town of Uvalde exchanged fire with the attacker, 18-year-old Salvador Ramos, when Ramos first arrived on Tuesday.

The motive for the massacre — the nation's deadliest school shooting since Newtown, Connecticut, a decade ago — remained under investigation, with authorities saying Ramos had no known criminal or mental health history.

During the siege, which ended when a U.S. Border Patrol team burst in and shot the gunman to death, frustrated onlookers urged police officers to charge into the school, ac-



Flowers and candles are placed outside Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas

Authorities were still working to clarify the timeline of the attack, uncertain whether that period of 40 minutes to an hour began when the shooter reached the school or earlier, when he shot his grandmother at home

ording to witnesses. "Go in there! Go in there!"

women shouted at the officers soon after the attack began, said Juan Carranza, 24, who watched the scene from outside a house across the street.

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw said Wednesday that 40 minutes to an hour elapsed from when Ramos opened fire on the school security officer to when the tactical team shot him.

"The bottom line is law enforcement was there," McCraw said. "They did engage immediately. They did contain (Ramos) in the classroom."

Two-year-old Saudi girl saved after swallowing 27 toy magnets

Agencies | Riyadh

With quick intervention, the surgical team specializing in infants and newborns at the Maternity and Children Hospital in Hafr Al-Batin (eastern Saudi Arabia) managed, on Tuesday to save the life of a two-year-old girl who had been suffering from abdominal pain with continuous vomiting for

more than two weeks.

X-ray images showed the presence of 27 small magnetic balls inside the girl's intestine, which led to the formation of 8 holes in the intestinal wall. It turned out that the girl swallowed the magnets from a toy she was playing with.

The child's constant pain entailed the need for a quick surgical intervention to extract the

magnetic pieces and sew the intestinal holes caused by the magnets' presence inside the digestive tract for a prolonged period.

The operation, which took three and a half hours to perform, was successful. The girl was discharged from the hospital after her condition stabilized, and she is now in good health.

11 babies killed in Senegal hospital fire

Reuters | London

Eleven newborn babies died in a hospital fire in the western Senegalese city of Tivaouane, the president of the country said late Wednesday.

Just before midnight in Senegal, Macky Sall announced on Twitter that 11 infants had died in the blaze.

"I have just learned with pain and dismay about the deaths of 11 newborn babies in the fire at the neonatal department of the public hospital," he tweeted. "To their mothers and their families, I express my deepest sympathy," Sall added.

The tragedy occurred at Mame Abdou Aziz Sy Dabakh Hospital in the transport hub of Tivaouane, and was caused by "a short circuit", according to Senegalese politician Diop Sy. "The fire spread very quickly," he said.

The city's mayor Demba Diop said "three babies were saved". According to local media, the Mame Abdou Aziz Sy Dabakh Hospital was newly inaugurated.

Health minister Abdoulaye Diouf Sarr, who was in Geneva attending a meeting with the World Health Organization, said he would return to Senegal immediately. "This situation is very unfor-



A mother of a baby reacts as she walks out of the Mame Abdou Aziz Sy Dabakh Hospital

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The tragedy in Tivaouane comes after several other incidents at public health facilities in Senegal, where there is great disparity between urban and rural areas in healthcare services

fortunate and extremely painful," he said on radio. "An investiga-

tion is under way to see what happened."

The tragedy in Tivaouane comes after several other incidents at public health facilities in Senegal, where there is great disparity between urban and rural areas in healthcare services.

In the northern town of Linguere in late April, a fire broke out at a hospital and four newborn babies were killed. The mayor of that town had cited an electrical malfunction in an air conditioning unit in the maternity ward.

Wednesday's accident also comes over a month after the nation mourned the death of a pregnant woman who waited in vain for a Caesarean section.

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Luhansk governor say

Russia seeking to encircle Ukrainian forces

Ukrainian military says Moscow has the advantage in the fight in the eastern Luhansk region

Reuters | Kyiv

Advancing Russian forces came closer to surrounding Ukrainian troops in the east, briefly seizing positions on the last highway out of a crucial pair of Ukrainian-held cities before being beaten back, a Ukrainian official said yesterday.

Three months into its invasion of Ukraine, Russia has abandoned its assault on the capital Kyiv and is trying to consolidate control of the industrial eastern Donbas region, where it has backed a separatist revolt since 2014.

It has poured thousands of troops into its assault, attacking from three sides in an attempt to encircle Ukrainian forces in Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk. The fall of the two cities, which straddle the Siverskiy Donetsk river, would bring nearly the whole of

Boeing Starliner capping key u

Reuters | London

Boeing Co's Starliner astronaut capsule returned from the International Space Station and landed in New Mexico on Wednesday, capping a high-stakes test flight as NASA's next vehicle for carrying humans to orbit.

Less than a week after its launch from the Cape Canaveral US Space Force Base in Florida, the CST-100 Starliner capsule plunged through Earth's atmosphere Wednesday evening ahead of a parachute-assisted descent over the desert of White Sands Space Harbor, New Mexico. It touched down on time at 6:49 p.m. EDT (2249 GMT).

The roughly five-hour return trip from the space station, an orbital outpost some 250 miles above Earth, checks off the last leg of a repeat test flight that Boeing had first attempted in 2019, but failed to complete after running into software failures.

The latest test mission moves Starliner, beset by repeated delays and costly engineering setbacks, a major step closer to providing NASA with a second reliable avenue for ferrying astronauts to and from the space station.

Starliner was lofted to orbit last Thursday atop an Atlas V rocket furnished by the Boeing-Lockheed Martin joint venture United

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	85,440,340	1,030,415	529,940,983
2 India	43,144,820	524,525	
3 Brazil	30,846,602	666,112	Deaths
4 France	29,413,371	148,056	
5 Germany	26,239,348	139,112	6,306,917
6 UK	22,276,975	178,313	
7 Russia	18,310,673	378,700	Recovered:
8 S. Korea	18,036,720	24,063	
9 Italy	17,333,299	166,358	500,426,549
10 Turkey	15,065,767	98,939	
11 Spain	12,280,345	106,105	New cases
12 Vietnam	10,714,008	43,078	
13 Argentina	9,178,795	128,825	+399,447
14 Japan	8,705,990	30,418	
			New deaths
			+832

Figures as of closing

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	765,305	+516	9,138	+3	749,704	6,463
UAE	906,236	+395	2,302		889,943	13,991
Kuwait	632,781		2,555		629,695	531
Oman	389,473		4,260		384,669	544
Qatar	367,807	+190	677		365,878	1,252

1697

Habeas Corpus Act passes in England, strengthening a person's right to challenge unlawful arrest and imprisonment

1703

Saint Petersburg (Lenin-grad) founded by Russian Tsar Peter the Great



1873

Heinrich Schliemann discovers "Priam's Treasure" a cache of gold and other objects in Hisarlik (Troy) in Anatolia

2006

Earthquake strikes Java, Indonesia at 5:53:58 AM local time (22:53:58 UTC May 26) devastating Bantul and the city of Yogyakarta, killing over 6,600 people

Advancing Russian forces reach highway from Donbas cities

Ukrainian forces are retreating amid Moscow's offensive in the eastern Donbas region



Service members of pro-Russian troops inspect an AT4 anti-tank launcher of the Ukrainian armed forces during Ukraine-Russia conflict outside the town of Svitlodarsk in the Donetsk region

Luhansk province under Russian control, a key Kremlin war aim. "Russia has the advantage, but we are doing everything we can" in the battle in the area, said General Oleksiy Gromov, deputy chief of the main operations department of Ukraine's general staff. Serhiy Gaidai, governor of Luhansk province, said around 50 Russian soldiers had reached the highway and "managed to gain a foothold for some time. They even set up some kind of checkpoint there". "The checkpoint was broken,

they were thrown back. That is to say, the Russian army does not control the route now, but they are shelling it," he said in an interview posted on social media. He hinted at further Ukrainian withdrawals, saying it was possible troops would leave "one settlement, maybe two. We need to win the war, not the battle". "It is clear that our boys are slowly retreating to more fortified positions - we need to hold back this horde," he said. Western military analysts see the battle for the two cities as a

"It is clear that our boys are slowly retreating to more fortified positions - we need to hold back this horde"

SERHIY GAIDAI, GOVERNOR OF LUHANSK PROVINCE

potential turning point in the war, now that Russia has defined its principal objective as capturing the east.

'Sobering'

Reuters journalists operating in Russian-held territory further south saw proof of Moscow's advance in the town of Svitlodarsk, where Ukrainian forces withdrew earlier this week.

The town is now under firm control of pro-Russian fighters, who have occupied the local government building and hung a red flag bearing the Soviet hammer and sickle at the door.

Drone footage filmed by Reuters of the nearby abandoned battlefield showed scores of craters pockmarking a green field surrounded by wrecked buildings. Pro-Russian fighters were milling about in trenches.

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Ukraine's garrison in Mariupol last week, and suggest a shift in momentum on the battlefield after weeks in which Ukrainian forces had advanced near Kharkiv in the northeast.

"Recent Russian gains offer a sobering check on expectations for the near term," tweeted defence analyst Michael Kofman, director of Russian studies at the US-based CNA think-tank.

Russian troops have broken through Ukrainian lines at Popasna, south of Sievierodonetsk, and are threatening to encircle

Ukrainian forces, he wrote. "The extent to which this breakthrough at Popasna threatens Ukraine's overall position depends on whether or not Russian forces gain momentum."

Ukrainian interior ministry adviser Vadym Denisenko told a briefing 25 Russian battalions were attempting to surround the Ukrainian forces.

A few weeks ago, it was Ukrainian forces that were advancing, pushing Russian troops back from the outskirts of Kharkiv towards the Russian border. But Moscow appears to have halted its retreat there, retaining a strip of territory along the frontier and preventing Ukrainian troops from cutting Russian supply lines that run east of the city to the Donbas.

Multiple blasts could be heard in central Kharkiv yesterday as Russian forces dug in and maintained control of positions in villages to the north. Governor Oleh Synehubov said shelling had killed four people.

"It's loud here but it's home at least," said Maryna Karabierova, 38, as another blast could be heard nearby. She had returned to Kharkiv after fleeing to Poland and Germany earlier in the war. "It can happen at any time, at night, during the day: this is what life is here."

Orion capsule returns to Earth, crewed test mission



Boeing's CST-100 Starliner spacecraft lands at White Sands Missile Range's Space Harbor

An ill-fated first orbital test flight of Starliner in late 2019 nearly ended with the vehicle's loss following a software glitch that effectively foiled the spacecraft's ability to reach the space station

Launch Alliance and achieved its main objective - a rendezvous with the ISS, even though four of its multiple onboard thrusters malfunctioned along the way. Boeing engineers also had to improvise a workaround for a thermal control defect during the

final approach of the capsule to the space station.

Since resuming crewed flights to orbit from American soil in 2020, nine years after the space shuttle program ended, the US space agency has had to rely solely on Falcon 9 rockets and Crew Dragon capsules from billionaire Elon Musk's private company SpaceX.

Previously, the only other option for reaching the orbiting laboratory was by hitching rides aboard Russia's Soyuz spacecraft, an alternative currently less attractive in light of heightened US-Russian tensions over the war in Ukraine.

Ousted Pakistani PM Khan issues ultimatum after disbanding violent protest march

Reuters | Islamabad

Pakistan's ousted prime minister Imran Khan disbanded a protest march by supporters yesterday after clashes with police outside parliament, but threatened that they would return unless an election was called within six days.

Khan had rallied thousands of supporters to Islamabad, with plans to occupy sensitive parts of the capital until Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif gave in to his demand for new polls, but Khan told his followers yesterday morning to step back, while delivering a fresh ultimatum.

"I'm giving you six days. You announce elections in six days," Khan said from atop a truck after he and thousands of his supporters reached the city.

He said parliament should be dissolved to hold elections in June, and warned the government that he will lead a march on the capital again if it didn't meet his demands.

Khan's attempt to destabilise Sharif's month-old coalition government risks fuelling tensions during an economic crisis that has forced Pakistan to seek urgent help from the International Monetary Fund.



Ousted Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan gestures as he travels on a vehicle to lead a protest march in Islamabad

"I'm giving you six days. You announce elections in six days"

IMRAN KHAN

The government convened a joint session of parliament yesterday to discuss the economic crisis following talks with IMF officials in Doha a day earlier.

The IMF said that considerable progress had been made, but emphasized the urgent need

for Pakistan to remove fuel and energy subsidies.

Khan has said that the confidence vote that toppled him last month was the result of a US conspiracy, and he is demanding a fresh election to show he has national support.

He had reportedly fallen out with the country's powerful military before he was removed by a united opposition, that accused him of mismanaging the government, the economy and foreign relations.

Washington and the Pakistan military have denied playing any part in Khan's downfall.



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TWEETS

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As we grieve the children of Uvalde today, we should take time to recognize that two years have passed since the murder of George Floyd under the knee of a police officer. His killing stays with us all to this day, especially those who loved him.

@barackobama

02



Oklahoma enacted an absolutely shameful law banning abortion yesterday. This law, which effectively outlaws abortion from the moment of fertilization and takes immediate effect, is the most extreme state law yet and threatens the fundamental rights of all women.

@VP

03



Congratulations @DrTedros on your re-election as Director-General of @WHO. I look forward to continuing to work together for the health & well-being of people worldwide.

@antonioguerres

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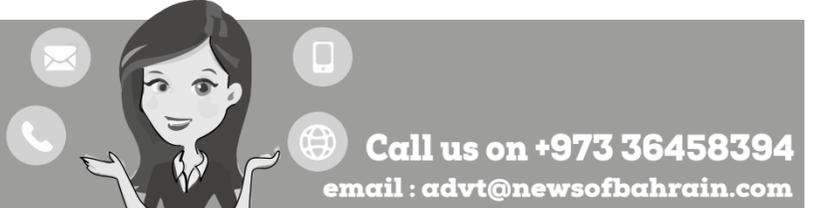


If I were to own Twitter, it would be geared towards the middle 80% of the population, so technically the far left and far right would probably be dissatisfied

@elonmusk

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celebs



Katy Perry tells Rihanna to 'soak it all in' after becoming a mum for the first time

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Katy Perry has urged Rihanna to "soak it all in" after becoming a mother. The 'Firework' hitmaker - who welcomed daughter Daisy into the world with her partner Orlando Bloom in August 2020 - has congratulated her friend after the 34-year-old singer gave birth to her first child with A\$AP Rocky. Asked if she had any advice for Rihanna, Katy told E! News: "No advice! Just, I'm so happy for her and congratulations! "It's the best decision that I was ever able to make. "I know that this time is so precious and it's just like a gorgeous, cozy time. It's a beauti-

ful, magical time, so soak it all in." Rihanna and Rocky recently welcomed their baby boy into the world, and it's said they are planning to raise their son in Barbados. An insider said: "Rihanna loves Barbados and she loved growing up there. "She wants to give her baby the same experience she had - away from the world of show-business. Both her and ASAP's family are in Barbados, so the couple are planning to move there in a few months' time." The 'Work' hitmaker is planning to stay in Los Angeles

for three months, before moving to the Caribbean with Rocky and their boy. Last month, the Fenty Beauty founder graced the cover of Vogue and insisted pregnancy wasn't slowing her down and she felt more inclined to say "yes" to things. She said: "None of the dials are turned down I think I even say yes to more now because I know it will be different on the other side of this. At first I expected some magical change, but really I remain who I am. "Balance is one of my biggest challenges and always has been. And now there's another human being coming into play, it changes what that means again. "Still, I have businesses that aren't going to run themselves. My mom handled the three of us with not even close to the amount of resources that I have, so I can absolutely do it. "I'm sorry - it's too much fun to get dressed up. I'm not going to let that part disappear because my body is changing!"



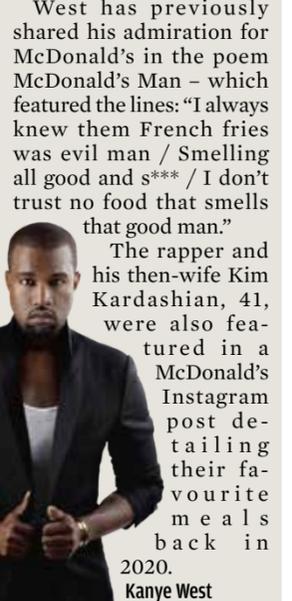
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KATY PERRY

Kanye West declares he's redesigning McDonald's packaging

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Kanye West claims he is redesigning McDonald's food packaging. The rapper, 44, made the declaration in his return to Instagram this week following his ban from the platform for posting a racist rant that included the word "K***". West, who has rebranded himself Ye, posted a photograph of a new McDonald's design with the message: "Ye teams up with legendary Muji industrial designer Naoto Fukasawa to reimagine McDonald's packaging. Next week it's the fries." McDonald's has yet to comment on the collaboration on their Twitter or Instagram accounts. The packaging has been hailed as clean and minimalist, echoing his Yeezy clothing line range. West has previously shared his admiration for McDonald's in the poem McDonald's Man - which featured the lines: "I always knew them French fries was evil man / Smelling all good and s*** / I don't trust no food that smells that good man." The rapper and his then-wife Kim Kardashian, 41, were also featured in a McDonald's Instagram post detailing their favourite meals back in 2020.



Kanye West

Olivia Wilde praises Harry Styles' new music

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Harry Styles' girlfriend Olivia Wilde is showing her support for his new album. Harry, 28, has just released his third solo album 'Harry's House' and Olivia, 38, took to her Instagram Stories to gush about it. She posted a snippet of the track 'Music For A Sushi Restaurant' and added the raising hands emoji to show her support. Harry and Olivia went public with their romance in January 2021, after meeting on the set of psychological thriller 'Don't Worry Darling', which was directed by Wilde and co-stars Styles alongside Florence Pugh and Chris Pine. Harry recently spoke about working with his girlfriend, saying: "I had a wonderful experience being directed by Olivia. It meant for a really nice experience working on that movie." Olivia split from longtime fiance Jason Sudeikis - the father of her children Otis, eight, and Daisy, five - in November 2020 after nine years together and previously spoke about how happy she is with Harry. She said: "I think what you see is that when you're really happy, it doesn't matter what strangers think about you. All that matters to you is what's real, and what you love, and who you love."



Olivia Wilde

Gwyneth Paltrow

Gwyneth Paltrow is not in competition with Kourtney Kardashian

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Gwyneth Paltrow is not in competition with Kourtney Kardashian. The 49-year-old actress founded cosmetics company Goop - which offers a range of high-end cosmetics and beauty products - back in 2008 while reality TV star Kourtney, 43, founded similar company Poosh in 2019 but Gwyneth

Gwyneth Paltrow admitted that while she used to "fall prey" of competitive thinking in the past, she now feels "happy" when a fellow star launches a brand

has slammed rumours of "competition" between the pair as "patriarchy bull****". She said: "This idea that women need to be in competition is legacy patriarchy

bull****. There is room for EVERY woman to fulfill her dreams." However, the 'Shallow Hal' star went on to admit that while she used to "fall prey" of competitive thinking in the past, she now feels "happy" when a fellow star launches a brand and believes used to fall prey to this kind of thinking years ago, so I understand where it comes from that there is room for everyone in the business.

Jason Momoa doing okay following hospital visit

SIANS | Los Angeles

Hollywood star Jason Momoa is reportedly doing okay after undergoing an MRI scan. Prior to this, the 'Aquaman' actor sparked concern among his fans and fellow stars as he shared a shirtless photograph of himself on Instagram during a recent hospital visit, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Thankfully, a source has now told People magazine that Jason is doing 'OK' and had the scan done as "a precaution." Posting the picture on Instagram was the 42-year-old star as he revealed he was feeling "thankful." He captioned the picture: "You got to break some eggs to make an omelette. Aloha J. Thankful for my ohana and friends." The post was met with some

worried replies from fans and famous friends, as his 'Justice League' cast mate Gal Gadot replied: "Oh no!" "Candy" actor Pablo Schreiber added, "Oh no! You alright dude?" The hospital visit comes a few weeks after Jason had a hernia operation on March 27, just one day before attending the Academy Awards.

Speaking on the red carpet before the show, he said: "I had surgery yesterday. I had a hernia surgery yesterday." When asked why he needed the operation, he quipped: "Throwing bodies around. I'm getting old, bro. It ain't that CinemaCon from 2016, you know what I'm saying?"



Jason Momoa

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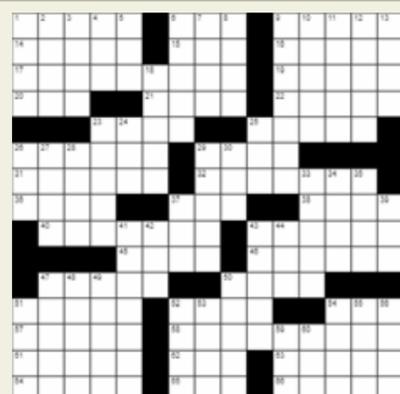
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How to play

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Yesterday's solution

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HH Shaikh Khalid receives World Athletics president

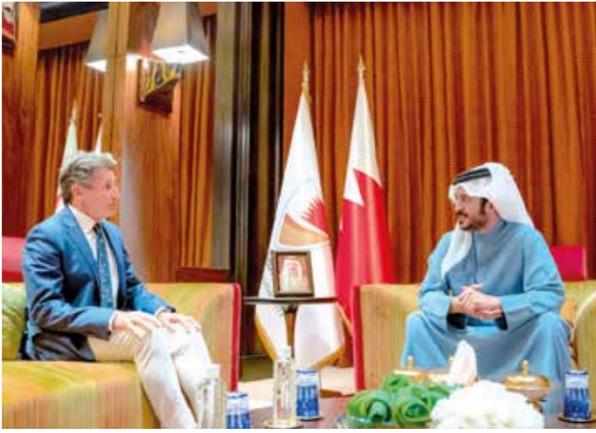
TD | Manama

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the GSA and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, received in his office at Al Wadi Palace on Wednesday the President of World Athletics and former Olympic gold-medallist Sebastian Coe, who is visiting the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The meeting was attended by HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice-President of the GSA, Dr Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, CEO of the GSA, and Mohammed Abdullatif bin Jalal, President of the Bahrain Athletics Association.

At the outset, HH Shaikh Khalid welcomed Coe and conveyed to him the greetings of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and HM the King's wishes to him for continued success.

HH Shaikh Khalid then re-



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Sebastian Coe during their meeting

viewed with Coe the great development witnessed by Bahraini athletics who accomplished great results and achieved resounding successes at the continental and international levels, especially at the Olympic Games.

Thereafter, HH Shaikh Khalid discussed with Coe ways to enhance aspects of cooperation

and elements of excellence and sports competition, in order to push relations towards achieving joint successes in the interest of developing international athletics.

HH Shaikh Khalid wished Coe success and further accomplishments in his leadership for World Athletics, the sport's international governing body.

Bahrain-Japan tennis event set for today



A group of the Japanese citizens who play at RTC

TD | Manama

Riffa Tennis Club (RTC) announced yesterday that it is holding a commemorative championship to celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bahrain and Japan.

The club is today hosting the Bahrain-Japan Tennis Championship, sponsored officially by

the Bahrain Tennis Federation.

On this occasion, RTC director Iyad Al Alawi affirmed that organising the Bahrain-Japan Championship comes after a half-century of diplomatic relations between these two friendly nations.

He also indicated that this event comes in the spirit of friendship between the two countries and peoples through friendly sports competitions.

Al Alawi noted that the idea behind this championship came from the club's desire to promote relations in different areas, especially in sports where weekly, the club receives a number of Japanese citizens to play tennis.

For this reason, club management have found it a great opportunity to organise this championship between Bahrain and Japan players.

Ibrahimovic endured sleepless nights to deliver Serie A title for Milan



Zlatan Ibrahimovic

AFP | Milan

Swedish veteran Zlatan Ibrahimovic said yesterday he endured six months of sleepless nights due to a painful knee because he was determined to fulfil his promise to AC Milan of delivering their first Serie A crown in 11 years.

The 40-year-old striker underwent knee surgery on his left knee -- reconstructing his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) -- in Lyon on Wednesday and faces seven to eight months on the sidelines.

"For the last six months I played without an ACL in my left knee," he wrote on Instagram.

"A swollen knee for six months. Took more than 20 injections in six months.

"(Drained) the knee once a week for six months. Painkillers every day for six months.

"Barely slept for six months because of the pain. I have never suffered so much on and off the pitch."

The former Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester United player had an operation on the same knee in June 2021, which ruled him out of the postponed Euro 2020 finals, and an Achilles tendon problem further restricted his appearances for Milan last season.

Ibrahimovic revelled in his contribution to Milan's success.

"I made something impossible... possible," he said.

"In my mind I had only one objective, to make my teammates and coach (Stefano Pioli) champions of Italy because I made them a promise.

Swiatek racks up 30th successive win at French Open

Daniil Medvedev advances to third round at Roland-Garros with victory over Laslo Djere

Karolina Pliskova crashes out of women's singles

AFP | Paris

Unstoppable world number one Iga Swiatek racked up her 30th successive victory at the French Open yesterday as Karolina Pliskova became the sixth top 10 women's seed to exit Roland Garros when she was knocked out by world number 227 Leolia Jeanjean.

Swiatek swept past Alison Riske of the United States 6-0, 6-2 to reach the third round.

The 2020 champion in Paris is on the best streak since Serena Williams's 34-match winning run in 2013 and goes on to face Danka Kovinic of Montenegro for a place in the last 16.

Swiatek raced through the first set against 43rd-ranked Riske in just 21 minutes and was 3-0 up in the second before the American avoided a 'double bagel'.

The Pole still managed to take her record of 6-0 sets in 2022 to a season-leading 15.

"I'm pretty happy to play some solid tennis," said Swiatek.

Eighth-seeded Pliskova, last year's Wimbledon runner-up and a semi-finalist in Paris in 2017, lost 6-2, 6-2 to 26-year-old Jeanjean who cut her teeth as a leading college player in the United States.

Former number one Pliskova joins fellow top 10 seeds, defending champion Barbora Krejckikova, Maria Sakkari, Ons Jabeur, Anett Kontaveit and former winner Garbine Muguruza in failing to get through to the third round.

Jeanjean is the lowest-ranked woman to beat a top 10 player at



Iga Swiatek returns the ball to Alison Riske



Swiatek's 30 wins is the longest winning streak in women's tennis since Serena Williams won 34 in a row in 2013

Roland Garros in 34 years.

Considered a future star at 12, she saw her career abruptly halted by injuries, including a triple dislocation of the knee.

She then left to study in the United States, only returning to top-level tennis at the end of 2020.

"No regrets"

"I wanted to come back so as not to regret anything. I think I made the right choice," she said.

Pliskova has made the second week at Roland Garros just once



Russia's Daniil Medvedev in action during his second round match against Serbia's Laslo Djere

"I think Laslo may have had an injury so he was making winners or making mistakes so I thought 'OK, well, his pain could go away"

DANIIL MEDVEDEV

come back," she warned.

Also going through was US 11th seed Jessica Pegula who needed eight match points to defeat Anhelina Kalinina of Ukraine 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.

Daniil Medvedev, the second seed, had few problems in making the third round with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 win over Laslo Djere of Serbia.

Medvedev, who made the quarter-finals in 2021, goes on to face another Serb in Miomir Kecmanovic, the 28th seed.

Djere hit 39 winners yesterday but was undone by 68 unforced errors.

"I think Laslo may have had an injury so he was making winners or making mistakes so I thought 'OK, well, his pain could

go away,'" said Medvedev.

Danish teenager Holger Rune reached his first Slam third round with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 win over Switzerland's Henri Laaksonen.

The 19-year-old fired 28 winners but managed to avoid a worrying injury when his foot became lodged in a tarpaulin cover on Court 12.

Fourth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, the runner-up to Novak Djokovic last year, who had to come back from two sets down to defeat Italy's Lorenzo Musetti in the first round, later faces Czech qualifier Zdenek Kolar, the world number 154.



Chair umpire Jaume Campistol helps Madison Keys to untangle her necklace which got stuck in her hair during her match

Bahrain paddlers miss out on medal

Rashed Rashed and Sayed Ali Mahfoodh come up short in men's doubles medal bid in table tennis tournament at third GCC Games in Kuwait

● **Bahrain sweep past Saudi Arabia 3-0 in women's team match-up in padel**

● **National spikers set for crucial clash today against Kuwait in men's volleyball**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Rashed Rashed and Sayed Ali Mahfoodh missed out on a podium finish yesterday in the men's doubles category in table tennis at the third GCC Games in Kuwait.

Rashed and Mahfoodh had two chances to ensure a medal finish, but came up short both times.

They first lost their semi-final 1-3 (8-11, 9-11, 11-4, 7-11) to Ali Alkhadrawi and Abdulaziz Bu Shulaybi of Saudi Arabia—a win would have put them through to the title contest and ensured them of at least a silver medal.



Bahrain's Rashed Rashed, right, and Sayed Ali Mahfoodh in action in men's doubles table tennis yesterday

They then had a chance to claim the bronze in their match for third place against Qataris Ahmad Al Mohannadi and Mohammed Abdulhussein. However, they lost that contest with a 0-3 (4-11, 8-11, 10-12) score line.

Yesterday marked the final day of action in table tennis. Bahrain finished with one medal from the tournament in the men's team event.

Also yesterday, Bahrain swept

past Saudi 3-0 in their women's team match-up in padel.

Maryam Alammadi and Safa Safar got things off with a fine 6-3, 7-5 win over Areej Fareh and Sara Salhab, while Maryam Isa and Esra Nuruddin followed suit with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Najwa Salhab and Nora Alsoleiman.

The Bahraini tandem of Sara Khonji and Fatima Jassim then closed out the contest in the third match, beating Raghda



Yesterday marked the final day of action in table tennis, and Bahrain finished with one medal from the competition in the men's team event



Bahraini Safa Safar competes in her women's padel match last night

Binwathlan and Rana Alshehri 6-4, 6-0 to complete the sweep.

The women's team will be looking to continue their winning ways today when they take on their counterparts from Oman at 4pm on the penultimate day of padel play.

Meanwhile, in ice hockey, Bahrain bowed to the UAE 2-7.

The nationals conceded two goals in the first period and three in the second, but were then able to score two of their own in the third and final frame, although

they also gave up another two goals to their opponents.

It was the third successive loss for the Bahrainis in the GCC Games' ice hockey tournament, which came to a close last night.

The third GCC Games continue today and Bahrain's focus will be in volleyball, where the senior men's national team are set to take on Kuwait in their concluding match of the tournament.

The result of the tie, which is

scheduled for a 7pm start, will determine the final rankings and the podium placers of the competition.

Bahrain continue to boast a 55-medal tally from the GCC Games, including 20 gold, 20 silver and 15 bronze medals.

The nationals are currently in second place on the medal table behind leaders Kuwait, while the UAE, Qatar, Oman and Saudi follow from third through sixth.

Aprilia secure Espargaro and Vinales through 2024



Aprilia Racing's Maverick Vinales during qualifying

AFP | London

Alex Espargaro and Maverick Vinales have signed new deals with Aprilia Racing for the 2023 and 2024 seasons, the Italian MotoGP factory outfit said yesterday.

Esparago, who won his first race in the premier class in Argentina this year, has emerged as a contender for the rider's championship with the Spaniard sitting second in the standings after four podium finishes in seven races.

"This confirmation was just what the doctor ordered. We've worked hard together and grown together. We were a hope, now we are reality," Esparago said in a statement.

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Aprilia after a fall-out with Yamaha last year, has managed six points-scoring finishes this season.

"I believe in this project and I'm happy to be part of it. I've found a fantastic environment in Aprilia and this confirmation gives me the peace of mind to grow the way this team and I deserve to," Vinales said.

The next race of the MotoGP season is the Italian Grand Prix at Mugello this weekend.

Bahrain futsal teams get tough groups in Asian, West Asian tournaments

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's men's national futsal team have been drawn in a tough Group B for this year's AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2022, which is set to be held in Kuwait this September.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) conducted the draw ceremony virtually yesterday, and the Bahrainis emerged in a group alongside Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

There are four groups in all for the competition's preliminary round.

Group A features Kuwait, Iraq, Thailand and Oman; Group C comprises Iran, Lebanon, Chinese Taipei and Indonesia; and Group D includes Japan, Vietnam, South Korea and Saudi Arabia.



Bahrain's men's national futsal team with their recently won bronze medals at the GCC Games in Kuwait (File photo)

Each of the top two teams from all four groups move through to the quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, the Bahrainis were also drawn in Group B for the fourth West Asian Football

Federation (WAFF) Men's Futsal Championship, to be held next month, also in Kuwait.

Bahrain are in a group along with Oman, Lebanon and the UAE. Group A consists of Kuwait, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Following a single round-robin, the top two from each of the two groups move on to the semi-finals.

On the distaff, Bahrain's women's futsal team are also set to compete in the third WAFF Women's Futsal Championship in Saudi Arabia, also next month. They have been drawn along with Palestine, Iraq and the UAE for their competition.

The other group comprises Oman, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. The top two advance to the final four.

Kyrgios calls Tomic 'most hated athlete in Australia'

AFP | Sydney

Nick Kyrgios branded fellow tennis player Bernard Tomic "the most hated athlete in Australia" as a feud between the pair reignited yesterday.

The two used to be friends but fell out years ago and have since periodically taken potshots at each other.

Their bickering exploded again with Tomic late Wednesday saying he was Kyrgios' "idol" when both players made their way through the tennis ranks as youngsters.

"He's always been in my shadow growing up," said the 29-year-old Tomic, whose game has collapsed in recent years after a series of controversies and is now ranked 418th in the



Bernard Tomic of Australia (L) and compatriot Nick Kyrgios pose for a photo before their match

world. "That's why any time someone mentions my name to him, it gets under his skin.

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It followed Kyrgios, 27, telling Tomic to "quiet down" while boasting that he had "more money, more wins" than his compatriot.