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## HM King returns home from fruitful Oman visit



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned to the kingdom following a private visit to the Sultanate of Oman, at the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq of Oman. Upon arrival, HM King Hamad was received by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, along with a number of senior officials. During the visit, HM the King met with HM Sultan Haitham, where they reviewed the longstanding relations between the two countries and discussed efforts to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and coordination. (HM King leaves Oman - Page 2)

## Apartment fire in Salmabad

TDI | Manama

Civil Defense teams successfully extinguished a fire that broke out in a residential apartment in the Salmabad area yesterday.

Several residents were evacuated to ensure their safety during the incident.

Preliminary reports indicate that the fire was caused by an electrical short circuit, and relevant authorities promptly began taking necessary measures at the scene.

## Junior national player dies after collapsing at training



Hussein Al-Haiki

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's sports community is mourning the death of junior national basketball team and Al-Ahli Club player Hussein Al-Haiki, who died yesterday after collapsing during a routine training session in preparation for the new season, according to eyewitnesses.

Rescue teams responded immediately and transported Al-Haiki to Salmaniya Medical Complex, where doctors made sustained efforts to revive him.

(Detailed report on Page 16)

# Ocean Sentinel

## HRH Deputy King underscores joint maritime resolve

● HRH reaffirms U.S. partnership

● Fifth Fleet role highlighted

● CSIPA framed as backbone pact

Mahir Haneef  
TDI | Manama

In a message of maritime resolve, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, met with the U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain, His Excellency Steven C. Bondy, and Vice Admiral George M. Wikoff, Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, the U.S. Fifth Fleet, and the Combined Maritime



HRH Prince Salman with H.E. US Ambassador Steven C. Bondy

Forces, at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

### Signal of strength

The Deputy King stressed that the Bahrain-U.S. partnership is anchored in security cooperation, pointing to the presence of the Fifth Fleet in Manama as a

pillar of regional stability.

HRH drew attention to the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (CSIPA), describing it as the framework that channels joint defense and prosperity efforts.

Talks also reviewed regional

and international issues of common concern, with His Royal Highness highlighting the role of allies in safeguarding global security.

The meeting was attended by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minis-

The U.S. Fifth Fleet, headquartered in Bahrain since 1995, oversees naval operations spanning approximately 6.5 million square kilometres of sea - from the Gulf and Red Sea to the Arabian Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean.

ter's Court, along with senior officials.

## Civil Service Bureau Drives Bahrain Reform Engine

● CSB executes government strategies

Mahir Haneef  
TDI | Manama

At Gudaibiya Palace yesterday, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, underlined the Civil Service Bureau's position as the driver of Bahrain's national reform.



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with H.E. Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa

His Highness praised the dedication of civil servants, describing their commitment as a source

of pride and the cornerstone of the Kingdom's ongoing development. H.H. noted that the resolve

of Bahrainis has been pivotal in enhancing government efficiency, strengthening national compet-

itiveness, and raising the Kingdom's standing both regionally and internationally.

His Highness highlighted the crucial role played by the Civil Service Bureau in executing the strategies of the government and the Civil Service Council, chaired by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. His Highness stated that these strategies aim to achieve excellence in government performance and improve the quality and efficiency of services delivered to citizens.







HM the King is seen off by HM Sultan Haitham

# HM King departs after successful Oman visit

TDT | Muscat

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday departed Salalah, Sultanate of Oman, returning to the Kingdom of Bahrain following a private visit made at the invitation of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik of Oman.

During the visit, HM the King held talks with His Majesty the Sultan, which highlighted the deep longstanding ties and historical relations between the two countries, as

well as means to enhance bilateral cooperation and joint action.

HM Sultan Haitham bid farewell to HM King Hamad upon departure.

Before leaving the Sultanate of Oman, HM the King expressed appreciation to Hm the Sultan and to the people of Oman for the warm welcome and generous hospitality, noting Salalah's standing as a leading tourist destination, supported by the Government's ongoing development efforts.

### Best wishes

His Majesty extended best wishes of continued health and success to HM the Sultan, and of further progress and prosperity to Oman and its people.

Additionally, HM King Hamad sent a message to HM the Sultan, expressing appreciation for the warm reception extended to HM the King and the accompanying delegation during the visit. Their Highnesses and senior Omani officials were also present to bid farewell to HM the King.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King and Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the 510th meeting of the Coordination Committee. During the session, the committee reviewed progress on updating and developing regulatory procedures for several government services. It also examined the latest developments regarding priority draft laws and discussed the ongoing implementation of the Tourism Sector Strategy (2022-2026).



Focus on services upgrade, priority bills, and tourism strategy

# Community shield rises

Fun and learning merge in drive to protect children

- Families join awareness drive
- Kids learn safety skills
- Partnership builds stronger community

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

A vibrant crowd of families gathered in Aisha Al-Mu'ayed Hall on August 24 for the launch of the “Together” (Ma’an) community campaign. The awareness initiative was spearheaded by Member of Parliament Dr. Maryam Saleh Al Dhaen in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior, headed



MP Dr. Maryam Saleh Al Dhaen joins Ministry of Interior representatives in fun activities for families and children



by Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, and the General Directorate of Civil Defence.

### Collaborative leadership

Dr. Al Dhaen expressed her sincere appreciation for the Ministry of Interior's proactive public education efforts. She

emphasized how this partnership with legislative and emergency response agencies serves as a powerful model for integrating MP-led advocacy with operational outreach.

### Engaging sessions

The opening included fun-filled games and competitions

that captivated children, paired with educational sessions. Forensic specialists showcased controlled examples of illicit substances to underscore their dangers. Civil Defence teams also delivered practical demonstrations on first aid, fire safety, and safe evacuation procedures.

Dr. Al Dhaen highlighted the



strong turnout, with over 100 registrations, as a testament to the community's recognition of its role in child protection. “Protecting our children is a shared duty,” she said, calling community-institutional collaboration the cornerstone of building a generation grounded in values, knowledge, and confidence.

### Continuing activities

Families who attended praised the initiative for combining education with fun, saying it

helped instil responsibility and belonging in their children. The programme continues through Wednesday, August 27, with a mix of lectures, demonstrations, and entertainment designed to reach as many households as possible.

The “Together” campaign's successful debut, blending joy and serious education, offers a compelling reminder that prevention resonates when it is rooted in unity, engagement, and intergenerational commitment.



The “Together” program was first launched by Bahrain's Ministry of Interior in 2011 to tackle violence and addiction among youth, and has since expanded into schools and community halls nationwide.



## Health Ministry worker jailed for forgery, tampering



● **Fined B1,000**

TDT | Manama

A Health Ministry employee has been sentenced to a year in prison and ordered to pay a fine of B1,000 after being found guilty of forgery and tampering with official records.

The High Criminal Court also ruled that the forged certificate and the phone used in the offence be confiscated,

according to a statement from the Public Prosecution yesterday.

The case was triggered by a complaint from the ministry itself.

**Fake Certificate**

Investigators were told the employee, attached to medical committees, had faked a certificate for a patient, entering it into the ministry's electronic system to state he had been reviewed, deemed unfit for work, and referred for retirement.

# Gripped by grief

Education Ministry mourns fifth-grade student killed in Saar house fire

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

A 10-year-old girl has died in a house fire in Saar. She was named as Zainab Anwar Makki Hassan, a fifth-grade student at Saar Primary Girls' School.

The Ministry of Education issued a statement yesterday expressing sorrow at her death.

Education Minister, His Excellency Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, phoned the girl's father to pass on his condolences on behalf of the ministry and the education community, offering sympathy to her parents, relatives, teachers and classmates.

Civil Defence crews put out the fire, which broke out on Monday evening, and the National Ambulance was dispatched.



H.E. Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma

Investigations into the cause are still ongoing.

### Mild stroke inhalation

Relatives said the mother and a son were treated in hospital for mild smoke inhalation but their condition was stable. The girl's three sisters escaped un-



**The mother and a son were treated in hospital for mild smoke inhalation but their condition was stable, while the girl's three sisters escaped unharmed.**

The family, who had only recently moved into the house, consisted of the parents, four daughters and one son. The father was out at the time of the fire.

The blaze started on the first floor. Civil Defence teams managed to rescue the mother and her son.

Neighbours tried to intervene after hearing the mother cry for help from a window, but the thick smoke forced them back. The girl became trapped and was unable to reach safety.

**Temporary housing**

Tareq Al Farsani, the Northern Municipal Council member for the fifth district, said a council team would visit the family to inspect the house and help arrange temporary housing through the Ministry of Social Development, as well as follow up on repair work.

He conveyed his condolences to the child's father, Anwar Makki, and the wider family, praying that God grant them strength.

## MPs propose Bahraini-only security guards in public facilities

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

MPs have lodged a motion to reserve security-guard posts in public facilities for Bahraini citizens, saying the step would open more jobs for young people and draw them further into the labour market.

The proposal, brought by Abdulwahid Qarata, Hisham Al

Awadhi, Hisham Al Ashiri, Mohsen Al Asbool and Second Deputy Speaker Ahmed Qarata, cites Article 13 of the Constitution, which sets work as a basic right for every citizen and obliges the state to provide fair employment opportunities.

The sponsors note these roles do not demand high academic qualifications, making them well suited to a wide pool of young



MP Abdulwahid Qarata

**The proposal would help reduce unemployment, cut reliance on expat labour, strengthen community safety and instil values of citizenship and discipline, while giving households greater social and economic stability.**

jobseekers.

### Measure

If enacted, the measure would limit such posts across govern-

ment bodies and other public facilities to nationals.

The MPs say this would help reduce unemployment, cut reliance on expat labour, strengthen

community safety and instil values of citizenship and discipline, while giving households greater social and economic stability.

They add that placing Bahrainis in these roles would project a modern image of the state and show its care for its people, in line with the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and its principles of sustainability, competitiveness and fairness.

## Lawmaker, municipality key officials visit tragedy site

● **Al Wadaei offers condolences to family relatives**

TDT | Manama

Dr Sayed Shubbar Ibrahim Al Wadaei, chairman of the Northern Municipal Council, visited the site of a house fire in Saar on Monday evening that claimed the life of a 10-year-old girl.

He was accompanied by Northern Municipality inspector Ibrahim Khalil and Third Constituency representative Mohammed Saad Al Doseri. Al Wadaei met relatives of the family, offering condolences for the loss of the child, Zainab, and wishing their injured son a full recovery.

He directed technical and social teams from the Department of Urban and Village Development to take the necessary steps



Dr Sayed Shubbar Ibrahim Al Wadaei at the site

in fire cases and to provide urgent assistance to the family.

Al Wadaei also commended Civil Defence for containing the blaze and limiting damage to neighbouring homes, while thanking the Ministry of Interior for its immediate follow-up and measures taken after the incident.

## Three-year wage support plan for Bahraini recruits

TDT | Manama

One hundred per cent wage support for three years for new hires sits at the core of MP Mohammed Al Ma'rafi's plan to expand the National Employment Programme and lock in

job security once the subsidy ends.

According to the explanatory memorandum, the Labour Fund 'Tamkeen' runs the programme to help Bahrainis start careers in the private sector and to help firms bring them on by

drawing on state support.

The memo describes the scheme as aimed at creating jobs and lowering unemployment, and says it should be strengthened in a way that lasts.

The proposal would lift wage support to 100 per cent.



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Registration open for DANAT pearl program

TD T | Manama

The Bahrain Institute of Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) has officially opened registration for its upcoming Professional Pearl Program, scheduled to take place from 24 to 31 October.

This initiative comes as part of DANAT's ongoing efforts to revitalize Bahrain's rich pearling heritage, promote knowledge transfer to younger generations, and prepare a qualified national workforce capable of contributing to the preservation and advancement of this historically significant sector.

The eight-day program offers a comprehensive blend of theoretical and practical learning experiences.

Participants will explore the science and history of both natural and cultured pearls and will engage in hands-on sessions using advanced gemological instruments, testing tools, and authentic pearl samples.

These practical components aim to equip participants with in-depth understanding and applied skills in pearl analysis.

Seven jailed for smuggling hashish by boat

TD T | Manama

Seven people have been sentenced for running a drug smuggling and dealing racket that brought hashish into Bahrain by boat, with the rulings handed down by the High Criminal Court yesterday.

Promoting gender balance, social fairness

TD T | Manama

Bahraini women married to citizens of GCC states would become eligible for the cost-of-living allowance under a proposal by MP Jalal Kadhem, provided they reside in Bahrain permanently.

Prison for tricksters

Three foreigners jailed for nine years over crypto fraud and money laundering

● Fined BD100,000 each, and set to be deported after services sentences

Mohammed Darish TD T | Manama

A bogus cryptocurrency and stock-trading scheme has led to three foreign nationals being jailed in Bahrain for up to nine years, fined BD100,000 each, and ordered to be deported after serving their sentences.

The First High Criminal Court also ordered the seizure of BD83,710.939 from the first defendant's assets and BD444,290.800 from the second and third defendants.

Assests

company in whose name the crimes were committed was nt confiscated from its assets.

The Deputy Chief of the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution said the convictions followed schemes that tricked victims into paying money under the pretence of investing in digital currencies and stock trading.



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“The convictions followed schemes that tricked victims into paying money under the pretence of investing in digital currencies and stock trading.”

- DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FINANCIAL CRIMES AND MONEY LAUNDERING PROSECUTION

The payments were channelled to one of the accused and to an unlicensed company in Bahrain before those involved realised they had been defrauded.

Investigation

The Financial Intelligence National Center was asked to investigate.

Its report traced the de-

fendants' accounts, assets and movements, confirming that the funds obtained through online fraud had been sent abroad.

Prosecutors questioned one of the men, confronted him with the evidence, and ordered his detention.

Witnesses were also heard before the case was referred to court. The judgment was delivered yesterday.

Bahrain Post handles 132,819 parcels in Q2, July volumes down 3.7%



Bahrain Post goes hi-tech to upgrade services

Mohammed Darwish TD T | Manama

Bahrain Post processed 132,819 parcels in the second quarter of 2025, according to the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications. The total comprised 114,819 inbound items and 18,000 outbound.

Sixty-eight companies are licensed to provide postal services in Bahrain, split evenly between 34 domestic operators and 34 international operators.

Service

By service, and for the period from May to July, Barid Mumtaz handled 7,912 parcels, including 1,517 outbound and 6,395 inbound. Parcel Post handled 18,579 parcels, with 2,406 outbound and 16,173 inbound.

Express Mail (Barid Mumtaz) recorded 29,534 parcels, of which 3,846 were outbound and 25,688 inbound. Ordinary mail accounted for 76,792 parcels, comprising 10,231 outbound and 66,561 inbound.

In July alone, total processing across outbound and inbound parcels reached 47,517, down 3.71 per cent from 49,279 in July 2024.

Parcels

Barid Mumtaz registered

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has moved Bahrain Post's app services to MyGov, the unified government services app.

523 outbound parcels and 2,007 inbound, lower than July 2024's 707 outbound and 2,725 inbound.

Parcel Post rose to 624 outbound and 1,921 inbound, up from 576 and 1,589 a year earlier. Express Mail increased to 2,171 outbound and 12,439 inbound, compared with 1,606 and 11,344 in July 2024.

Ordinary mail logged 4,515 outbound parcels and 23,317 inbound, against 3,403 outbound and 27,329 inbound in the same month last year.

App services

The ministry has also moved Bahrain Post's app services to MyGov, the unified government services app.

It said the Bahrain Post app would no longer be available from 28 August 2025.

Bahrain Post forms part of Land Transport Affairs at the ministry, which oversees the provision and regulation of postal services, including universal service.



MP Jalal Kadhem

He pointed out that these women are excluded from the allowance despite many carrying the responsibility of supporting their families.

The lawmaker argued that Bahraini women married to GCC nationals are no less connected to the country than others.

Push for enforcement of disability employment laws

● MPs file measures to urgently put them into effect

TD T | Manama

Bahrain has laws guaranteeing jobs for persons with disabilities, but MPs say they remain on paper and have urged the government to put them into effect.

Khalid Buanaq, Ahmed Al Salloom and Hesham Al Awadhi filed a proposal calling for these measures to be enforced in both public offices and private firms.

Gap

They argued that while Bahrain has taken steps to secure



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equal rights, the gap between law and practice still leaves many unable to find suitable work.

In their note, the MPs pointed out that people with disabilities form part of the backbone of society, with many proving their ability across study and employment.

They are entitled to fair chances under Bahraini law and the treaties the Kingdom has

signed. Yet many still face closed doors when seeking jobs that match their skills and training.

Rules

The MPs said applying the rules would help ensure fairness and equal chance, while drawing on untapped national talent.

It would also lessen the weight on families and the state



MP Khalid Buanaq

by allowing more to earn their own living.

The proposal, they added, matches Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and its duties under international agreements on the rights of persons with disabilities.

They stressed that the wider community gains from workplace inclusion.

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# TRA continues partnership with Youth City 2030

To foster Bahraini youth skills and creativity

Manama

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) concluded its sponsorship of Youth City 2030, organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs. This collaboration reflects TRA's continued commitment to empowering Bahrain's youth with essential skills in creativity, media, and technology.

As part of this year's sponsorship, TRA supported a number of specialized training programs aimed at enhancing the digital and creative capabilities of young Bahrainis. These initiatives provided participants with valuable opportunities to gain practical knowledge, showcase their creativity, and deliver impactful content that contributed to their personal and professional growth.

Through these initiatives, TRA reaffirmed its role as a consistent supporter of Youth City and a partner in national



youth development. The programs provided youth from across Bahrain with practical knowledge, sharpened their creativity, and delivered im-

pactful content that not only supported TRA's awareness efforts but also contributed to their personal and professional growth.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Philip Marnick, General Director of the TRA, said: "Empowering people to full participate in the digital economy

is a key priority for TRA. By sponsoring these courses at Youth City 2030, we are proud to provide young Bahrainis with opportunities to develop their

creativity, digital skills, and enhance their confidence. These talented young people are the future of our digital society, and we are committed to supporting them as they build the future."

Adding to this, Ms. Taiba AlBinali, Manager of Communications at TRA, stated: "Our participation in Youth City 2030 goes beyond sponsorship. It is about giving young people the platform to showcase their creativity and translate learning into real-world impact. The outcomes from these courses demonstrate the incredible potential of Bahrain's youth, and we are proud to have played a role in their journey."

Youth City 2030 remains one of Bahrain's most prominent youth development platforms, offering diverse programs that foster innovation, leadership, and practical skills. TRA's continued involvement highlights its role as a national enabler of digital transformation and youth empowerment.

# Fed Governor says Trump has no authority to fire her

AFP | Washington, United States

Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook rejected US President Donald Trump's unprecedented bid to oust her on Tuesday, saying he had no legal authority for such an intervention against a member of the independent US central bank.

After calling for her resignation last week, Trump posted a letter on Monday evening to his Truth Social platform purporting to have fired Cook "effective immediately."

The decision cited allegations of false statements on her

mortgage agreements, claiming "there is sufficient cause to remove you from your position."

"I will not resign," said Cook, the first Black woman to serve on the central bank's board, in a statement shared with AFP by her attorney Abbe Lowell.

"President Trump purported to fire me 'for cause' when no cause exists under the law, and he has no authority to do so," she added.

Lowell pledged to "take whatever actions are needed to prevent his (Trump's) attempted illegal action."

The potential legal dispute

would be the latest test of presidential powers under Trump's new term, with the 79-year-old Republican -- backed by loyalists throughout the government -- forcefully moving to exert executive authority.

The Supreme Court's conservative majority recently allowed Trump to fire members of other independent government boards, but notably created a carveout for the Federal Reserve in its ruling.

Federal law says that Fed officials can only be removed for "cause," which could be interpreted to mean malfeasance or

dereliction of duty.

In his announcement that Cook would be removed, Trump pointed to a criminal referral dated August 15 from the Federal Housing Finance Agency's director -- a staunch ally of Trump -- to the US attorney general.

The referral, Trump said, provided "sufficient reason" to believe that Cook might have made "false statements" on one or more mortgage agreements.

One of the alleged false

statements was that Cook had claimed two primary residences, one in Michigan and another in Georgia.

Cook has not been charged with a crime and the alleged false statements.

ments occurred before she was in her current position.

Earlier this month, Cook said in a statement that she had "no intention of being bullied to step down," but would take questions about her financial history seriously.

The Fed did not immediately respond to media queries.

In his letter Monday, Trump said: "At a minimum, the conduct at issue exhibits the sort of gross negligence in financial transactions that calls into question your competence and trustworthiness as a financial regulator."



# Team Wajda honoured at Asian Arab Business Awards 2025

Manama

Team Wajda, a leading provider of IT infrastructure solutions, has been awarded Best IT Infrastructure Support Company in the IT Category at the prestigious Asian Arab Business Awards 2025.

The award was presented to Mr. Mohammed Faisal Ikram, Director of Wajda Group, by Her Excellency Nancy Dinah Elly Khedouri, Member of the Shura Council, during an exclusive ceremony that brought together distinguished leaders and industry professionals from across the region.

This recognition underscores Wajda's unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and high-quality service in the IT sector across the Asian - Arab region. Under the strate-



gic leadership of Mr. M. Faisal Ikram, Wajda has consistently delivered cutting-edge infra-

structure solutions that empower organizations to enhance operational efficiency and digital



resilience.

Team Wajda expresses its heartfelt gratitude to its val-

ued clients, partners, and dedicated team members, whose continued support and collab-

oration have been instrumental in achieving this significant milestone.



# Arla Foods supports career progression of 160 Bahraini employees through Tamkeen’s programmes

Manama

Arla Foods have benefited from the Enterprise Training Support Program offered by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), contributing to the career growth of 160 of its Bahraini employees. This initiative aligns with the company's broader efforts to invest in their



Bahraini professionals by helping develop and enhance their skills.

The Enterprise Training Support Program assists enterprises seeking to develop and enhance the skills of their Bahraini employees by covering up to

100% of the training costs. This program aims to boost employee productivity, support organizational growth, and increase overall competitiveness of Bahraini talent.

This support comes in alignment with Tamkeen's 2025 strategic priorities, which focus on enhancing the position and competitiveness of Bahrainis in the private sector, equipping Bahrainis with suitable skills for career development in the private sector, and prioritizing enterprise growth, digitization and sustainability, and supporting the development of the eco-

system surrounding the labor market and private sector.

On this occasion, Ms. Mona Alsari, Head of HR MENA Supply Chain at Arla Foods commented: "At Arla Foods, we believe that investing in Bahraini talent is an investment in Bahrain's future. Our employees are at the heart of our success, and through continuous training and development, we strive to empower them to grow, lead, and contribute to shaping the future of the manufacturing sector in the Kingdom."

Over the years, Arla Foods has received support from Tam-

keen through financing, training, and employment programs, contributing to the company's growth and the development of its Bahraini workforce. These contributions aim to enhance the manufacturing sector which is the third largest sector contributing to Bahrain's GDP accounting for 14.4% during the first quarter of this year.

Through its various programs and offerings, Tamkeen supports enterprises across all sectors and reinforces the private sector's pivotal role in driving Bahrain's economic growth. These efforts include initiatives

focused on employment and career progression to position Bahrainis as the first choice of employment in the labor market.

The presence of major international companies such as Arla Foods in the Kingdom represents a valuable opportunity to develop national talent and enhance supply chain efficiency, in addition to improving career specialization pathways. This also contributes to increasing the volume of Bahraini exports to regional and international markets.

# MHD Consumer Bahrain, Sharaf DG Bahrain sign strategic partnership agreement

Marks MHD ITICS' Official Entry into the Bahrain Market



Manama

MHD Consumer Bahrain, a subsidiary of Mohsin Haider Darwish LLC (MHD - ITICS) from Sultanate of Oman, has officially entered the Bahrain market through a strategic partnership with Sharaf DG Bahrain, a leading electronics and technology retailer in the region.

This partnership symbolizes a strong collaboration bridging

Oman and Bahrain, enhancing the retail landscape of both countries by combining MHD ITICS's regional expertise with Sharaf DG's deep local market presence.

The agreement was signed today at the Sharaf DG Bahrain headquarters in Manama, in the presence of senior representatives from both companies. This partnership establishes a foundation for a long-term collaboration aimed at delivering

high-quality consumer products and exceptional retail experiences across Bahrain.

Mr. Gokul Praveen, Director-Consumer Products Division, MHD-ITICS, stated:

"Under the visionary leadership of our honorable Chairperson, H.E. Lujaina Mohsin Darwish, we are now expanding our business operations into the Kingdom of Bahrain. We as MHD promise to deliver to our customers world-class brands

which are innovative backed with purposeful for our customers.

This is a proud moment for us as the partnership with Sharaf DG, reflects our ambition to grow in key markets and provide valuable solutions to consumers. We are excited to build a strong presence in the Kingdom and contribute to its vibrant retail landscape."

Mr. Faisal Khan, Country Manager - Sharaf DG Bahrain,

added:

"We are pleased to welcome MHD Consumer Bahrain as one of our strategic partner. Their strong regional expertise and diverse product portfolio aligns perfectly with our vision to deliver the world-class products to our customers here in Bahrain. We look forward to a successful collaboration that benefits the retail sectors of both countries."

To commemorate the occasion, a cake-cutting ceremony

was held and conducted by Mr. Ali Mohammad Akbar Khan, Country Head - MHD ITICS Bahrain, and Mr. Faisal Khan, Country Manager - Sharaf DG Bahrain.

This partnership marks a significant milestone in the regional expansion strategy of Mohsin Haider Darwish LLC. The company continues to prioritize innovation, operational excellence, and customer satisfaction throughout the Gulf region.

# Trump joins backlash against US restaurant Cracker Barrel

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump yesterday urged restaurant chain Cracker Barrel to go back to its old logo, after its rebrand sparked a furious, culture war-fueled backlash.

The folksy, homestyle US chain has seen tens of millions of dollars wiped off its share price since it unveiled a new look last week that right-wingers have criticized as "woke."

It was perhaps only a matter of time before Republican Trump weighed in on the issue, which saw Cracker Barrel last week remove the image of an old man sitting on a chair and leaning on a barrel from the famous yellow and brown sign.

"Cracker Barrel should go back to the old logo, admit a mistake based on customer response (the ultimate Poll), and manage



The old corporate logo for Cracker Barrel (left) and their newly unveiled logo.

the company better than ever before," Trump said on Truth Social.

"They got a Billion Dollars worth of free publicity if they play their cards right. Very tricky to do, but a great opportunity. Have a major News Conference today. Make Cracker Barrel a WINNER again."

The White House later posted a mocked-up version of the for-

mer logo, replacing the "Uncle Herschel" figure with Trump himself and the words "America First" instead of Cracker Barrel.

It added the caption: "Go Woke, go broke."

The furor comes as Trump's White House leads a crusade against diversity and anything it brands "woke" in both the US government and corporate America. Trump's son Donald

Jr. took to X after the rebrand to demand to know "WTF is wrong with Cracker Barrel."

He quoted a post by the "Woke War Room" account that claimed the chain had "scrapped a beloved American aesthetic and replaced it with sterile, soulless branding."

Cracker Barrel apologized to fans on Monday, saying in a statement it "could've done a



Customers browse inside the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store in Mount Arlington, New Jersey

better job sharing who we are and who we'll always be."

But it said the new sign, featuring just the text of the brand name in a rounded-off yellow hexagon, was there to stay.

The chain has around 660 US branches. Trump won in 74 percent of counties with a Cracker Barrel in 2024, according to elections analyst Dave Wasserman.



# BisB honours first winner of ‘From Aspirations to Leadership’ initiative with **Master’s Scholarship**

Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is pleased to announce Ms. Latifa Sowaileh as the recipient of its ‘From Aspiration to Leadership’ initiative with a Master’s Scholarship. The initiative was launched earlier this year in conjunction with Bahraini Youth Day.

The programme reflects the



Bank’s commitment to nurturing national talent by offering a prestigious academic opportunity in Leadership and Innovation at leading UK university. Through his, BisB aims to prepare a new generation of leaders capable of driving change and fostering innovation across the Kingdom.

As part of the selection process, applicants submitted proposals addressing key national themes including digital transformation in the banking sector, Islamic banking and financial solutions, and sustainability. Af-

ter a rigorous evaluation and a series of presentations before a specialized panel at the Bank, Ms. Sowaileh was selected in recognition of her strategic vision, innovative ideas, and determination to create tangible impact.

Commenting on the occasion, Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, stated: “Recognizing Ms. Latifa Sowaileh as the first winner of this scholarship marks a significant milestone in the journey of this initiative, which aims to empower Bahraini youth and open

new horizons for their academic and professional growth. Investing in youth is an investment in the Kingdom’s future, and we are proud of our role as an active partner in enabling them and honing their leadership skills.”

This initiative reaffirms Bahrain Islamic Bank’s institutional commitment to empowering young Bahrainis, creating opportunities that fuel ambition, and cementing its position as a pioneering institution in banking innovation and social responsibility.

## French political **turmoil** sends European stocks sliding

AFP | London, United Kingdom

European stock markets and shares in French banks fell yesterday as investors fretted over fresh political turmoil in France.

The Paris stock market tumbled and French borrowing costs rose over fears that France’s minority government could be toppled, after Prime Minister Francois Bayrou proposed a confidence vote to break an impasse over his proposed budget cuts.

“Delaying or ditching (fiscal) reforms will make the debt situation more untenable and weigh on the economy,” said Neil Wilson, UK investor strategist at Saxo Markets.

Shares in French banks sank, with BNP Paribas down around 5% while rival Societe Generale shed more than 8% -- both major lenders hold French government debt.

“The question now is whether this develops into a broader drag on European assets or remains a distinctly French affair,” said Fawad Razaqzada, market analyst at StoneX.

London and Frankfurt were down in afternoon trading, following losses in Asia.

Wall Street’s main indexes opened flat as investors digested

### Key figures at around 1355 GMT

New York - Dow:	at 45,284.46 points
New York - S&P:	at 6,438.74
New York - Nasdaq:	at 21,433.80
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 1.5% at 7,726.48
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.6% at 9,262.28
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.2% at 24,220.58
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 1.0% at 42,394.40 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 1.2% at 25,524.92 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.4% at 3,868.38 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1648 from \$1.1624 on Monday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.3476 from \$1.3460
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.63 yen from 147.70 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.44 pence from 86.35 pence
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 1.5% at \$63.82 per barrel
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 1.3% at \$67.31 per barrel

US President Donald Trump’s move to oust Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook, citing allegations of false statements on her mortgage agreement.

The unusual step, which is likely to face a legal challenge, adds to fears about the independence of the central bank, fuelled by Trump’s repeated public demands to Fed chairman Jerome Powell to lower interest rates.

Powell suggested on Friday more cuts to US interest rates were on the horizon.

“Investors are becoming increasingly concerned by the president’s persistent interference in the business of the central bank,” said David Morrison, senior market analyst at Trade Nation.

Yet early trades on Wall Street suggested markets were not so preoccupied with the move.

Stock markets were flat and US Treasury bond yields, closely watched as a proxy for interest rates, were little changed.

“One explanation could be that there’s a strong belief

that this will fail in the courts because (Cook) has not been proven guilty of anything at the moment,” Steve Sosnick of Interactive Brokers said.

The dollar fell while gold rose as investors sought a safe place to store their gains.

Trump also said on Monday he would impose “substantial additional tariffs” on shipments from countries that do not cancel digital taxes and regulations, which he said were “designed to harm” US technology.

He threatened to introduce export restrictions on “highly protected (US) technology and chips”, without offering further details.

Wall Street was focused on results due Wednesday from AI chip giant Nvidia, the world’s most valuable company and a bellwether for the artificial intelligence sector.

Investors are also awaiting a US economic growth report on Thursday and a key inflation gauge Friday for clues on how far interest rates might fall -- or not -- in the coming months.

Oil prices slid Tuesday following recent increases as traders track a possible peace deal to end the war between Ukraine and key crude producer Russia.

## US consumer confidence slips as tariff, job worries persist



Washington, United States

US consumers were increasingly worried about jobs and incomes in August, survey data showed Tuesday, while concerns about price hikes due to President Donald Trump’s sweeping tariffs also persisted.

The Conference Board’s consumer confidence index dipped 1.3 points this month to 97.4, falling from July’s 98.7 reading. But this was better than analysts expected.

“Consumer confidence dipped slightly in August but remained at a level similar to those of the past three months,” said Stephanie Guichard, a senior economist at The Conference Board, in a statement.

“Notably, consumers’ appraisal of current job availability declined for the eighth consecutive month,” she said, adding that “optimism about future income faded slightly” as well.

And pessimism about future job availability ticked up, she noted, with the US jobs market weaker than estimated in recent months.

Meanwhile, “references to tariffs increased somewhat and continued to be associated with concerns about higher prices,” Guichard said.

While a cooling jobs market could nudge the central bank to cut rates sooner rather than later, Federal Reserve officials have been walking a tightrope as they also monitor the effects of tariffs on US consumer

inflation.

The Fed has been cautious in cutting rates, holding them at higher levels to ensure that price increases are sustainably tamed.

Yet, economists have warned that Trump’s tariffs -- hitting US trading partners and sectors ranging from steel to autos -- could fuel inflation and weigh on growth.

“References to high prices and inflation, including food and groceries, rose again in August,” said Guichard.

But consumers had more positive views than before of current business conditions, the report said.

## Germany, Canada agree to cooperate on key raw materials

AFP | Berlin, Germany

Germany and Canada signed an agreement Tuesday to boost cooperation in critical raw materials including rare earths as Berlin tries to reduce its dependence on Chinese imports.

China’s dominance in supplying the world with such materials has been in the spotlight since Beijing this year introduced export curbs on some key rare earths, triggering jitters among businesses globally.

Rare earths, which are abundant but often extremely difficult to extract, are used in products from electric car batteries to wind turbines and computer hard drives.

Germany is hoping to culti-



German Chancellor Friedrich Merz (R) and Canada’s Prime Minister Mark Carney hold a joint press conference after bilateral talks at the Chancellery

vate Canada as an alternative source of rare earths as well as other materials such as lithium, graphite, cobalt and nickel.

German Economy Minister Katherina Reiche hailed the agreement, saying that “reliable supply chains are of central im-

portance to businesses in both countries”.

Three German companies, including copper producer Aurubis, also announced memorandums of understanding with Canadian firms involved mining and processing raw materials.

Reiche signed the deal with her Canadian counterpart Tim Hodgson, who said he hoped it would ensure “that German manufacturers can count on Canadian suppliers and that Canadian producers can access global markets”.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz called the new agreement with Canada “a step towards strengthening our economies and making them more secure”.



The Consumer Confidence Index (CCI), first developed by The Conference Board in 1967, is considered one of the most reliable leading economic indicators because it tends to predict changes in consumer spending before they happen. For example, a sustained drop in consumer confidence has often preceded major economic slowdowns, including the 2008 global financial crisis.



News in brief

◆ **India's Supreme Court**

has ordered an investigation into allegations of illegal animal imports and financial misconduct at a vast private zoo set up by the son of Asia's richest person. Vantara, which bills itself as the "world's biggest wild animal rescue centre", is run by Anant Ambani, son of Mukesh Ambani, the billionaire head of the multinational conglomerate Reliance Industries. The site in the western state of Gujarat is home to more than 200 elephants, as well as 50 bears, 160 tigers, 200 lions, 250 leopards and 900 crocodiles, among other animals, according to India's Central Zoo Authority. Wildlife activists have criticised the facility, saying it is housing endangered species on baking flatlands next to a giant oil refinery complex without any plan to return them to the wild. And on Monday, India's Supreme Court said it had ordered a panel led by retired judges to investigate alleged unlawful acquisition of animals -- particularly elephants -- other violations of wildlife regulations, and money laundering.



**India to probe giant zoo run by son of Asia's richest person**

◆ **Xi says China, Russia ties 'most stable' in turbulent world**

relationship as being a "stable source of world peace", Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said. "The two sides should... work together to safeguard the security and development interests of both countries, unite the Global South, uphold true multilateralism, and promote the international order towards greater fairness and justice," Xi told Volodin in Beijing's opulent Great Hall of the People. Former socialist allies with a history of tempestuous ties, relations between Beijing and Moscow have deepened since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

◆ **President Xi Jinping** said yesterday that China's ties with Russia are the "most stable, mature and strategically significant" among major world powers, state media reported. During a meeting with Vyacheslav Volodin, chairman of Russia's Duma, or lower house of parliament, Xi hailed the countries'

◆ **A Berlin court** yesterday convicted a Syrian teenager of contributing to an Islamic State-inspired plot to attack a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna.

Three dates in the US pop megastar's record-breaking "Eras" tour were cancelled last summer after authorities warned of the plot. The 16-year-old defendant, named by prosecutors as Mohammad A., was found guilty of "preparing a serious act of violence endangering the state" and "supporting a terrorist act abroad", the court said in a statement. He was given an 18-month suspended sentence. Mohammad A., who was 14 at the time of the foiled attack, had been "radicalised by IS propaganda on the internet", the court said.

**Berlin court convicts Syrian youth over Taylor Swift bomb plot**



SPOTLIGHT

25 countries suspend postal services to US over tariffs: UN



A woman posts mail at the Lunel post office south of France

Geneva, Switzerland

The UN postal agency said Tuesday that 25 countries had decided to suspend package deliveries to the United States, as concern grows over the impact of President Donald Trump's looming tariffs.

The Trump administration has said it will abolish a tax exemption on small packages entering the United States from August 29.

The move has sparked a flurry of announcements from postal services in France, Germany, India, Australia and other countries that most US-bound packages would no longer be accepted.

The UN's Universal Postal Union said it had already been advised by "postal operators of 25 member countries... that they have suspended their out-bound postal services to the US,

citing uncertainties specifically related to transit services".

"These suspensions will remain in place pending further information on how US authorities will operationalise (their announced) measures as well as actual implementation of the required operational changes," it said in a statement.

The UPU did not provide a list of postal services it had heard from.

The organisation, which was established in 1874 and counts 192 member states, warned that the new US measures would "entail considerable operational changes for postal operators around the world".

From Friday, the UPU said the measures would require postal carriers delivering packages to the United States "to collect customs duties from senders in advance", on behalf of the US Customs and Border Protection agency.

Ukraine eases ban on men aged 18-22 travelling abroad

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukrainian men aged 18 to 22 are now allowed to travel abroad, Kyiv authorities said on Tuesday, in an easing of a law designed to ensure enough army conscripts to fight Russia's invasion.

Since the start of Russia's all-out assault, Ukrainian men aged 18 to 60 have required authorisa-

tion to leave Ukraine.

Thousands of men try each year to illegally flee the country, sometimes on risky routes over the borders.

"The government has updated its procedure for crossing national borders. Men aged 18 to 22 can cross the border unhindered during the martial law," Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko said on Telegram.

She said the decision covered "all citizens" in that age range, including those currently in other countries, who could now return to Ukraine and leave again if they wished.

"We want Ukrainians to maintain their links with Ukraine as much as possible," Svyrydenko said.

Men aged 18 to 22 are not subject to a national military call-up,

which currently has a minimum age of 25 after it was lowered last year.

Ukraine's military has tried to bring in male volunteers under 25 by using financial incentives, but has fallen short of its intake targets.

According to UN figures, there are more than 5.6 million Ukrainians living abroad, most of them in European countries.

Uproar after US envoy tells Lebanon journalists to 'act civilised'

AFP | Beirut, Lebanon

US envoy Tom Barrack told Lebanese journalists at a press conference at the country's presidential palace on Tuesday to "act civilised", sparking outcry and calls for an apology.

As journalists shouted questions after the US delegation's meeting with Lebanese President Joseph Aoun, Barrack stepped up to the podium in the packed room and said: "We're going to have a different set of rules... please be quiet for a moment."

"The moment that this starts becoming chaotic, like animalistic, we're gone," he said.

"Act civilised, act kind, act tolerant, because this is the problem with what's happening in the region," added Barrack, who is US ambassador to Turkey and special envoy to Syria and has recently been leading talks with Lebanese officials.



US ambassador to Turkey and special envoy for Syria Tom Barrack (R) speaks to US deputy Middle East envoy Morgan Ortagus

The Lebanese presidency in a statement on X expressed regret at "remarks made inadvertently from its podium by one of its guests", affirming its appreciation for the journalists and media representatives. Information

Minister Paul Morcos in a statement also expressed regret at the remarks "by a member of the foreign delegation towards media representatives at the presidential palace".

The photojournalists' syndicate

called Barrack's comments "a direct insult" that set "a serious and totally unacceptable precedent".

In a statement, it demanded "an immediate and public apology", rejecting attempts to "downplay the seriousness of what happened or let it pass without accountability".

The press editors' syndicate also called for "a public statement of apology" and floated a boycott of the envoy's future visits and meetings. The union of journalists in Lebanon said Barrack's remarks were "a reflection of an unacceptable arrogance in dealing with the media" and also called for an official apology.

Ibrahim Musawi, a lawmaker from the Iran-backed group Hezbollah and head of parliament's media committee, called the remarks "a blatant insult" and urged the government to "summon the US ambassador and reprimand her".

Israeli forces raid exchange office in West Bank's Ramallah

AFP | Ramallah, Palestinian Territories

Israeli forces raided the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah yesterday, targeting a currency exchange and, according to the Red Crescent, leaving dozens of Palestinians wounded.

Israel carries out frequent raids across the West Bank, where tensions have remained high throughout the Gaza war, but incursions into central Ramallah -- seat of the Palestinian Authority -- are relatively rare.

A military statement said that "forces conducted a targeted raid on a currency exchange business that transfers terror funds to Hamas", the Palestinian militant group whose October 2023 attack on Israel triggered the ongoing war in Gaza.

The forces arrested five people "suspected of terrorist activity" and confiscated "hundreds of thousands of shekels that were identified as terror funds".

The Palestine Red Crescent Society said that the Israeli operation left at least 27 people wounded, eight of them by live fire, 14 by rubber bullets and five by shrapnel. Another 31 people were treated for tear-gas inhalation.



Israeli soldiers block a road during a raid in the city of Ramallah, in the Israeli occupied West Bank

An AFP journalist saw soldiers on the ground around Al-Manara Square in the city centre and on balconies overlooking it.

"Special forces suddenly stormed" the area, said witness Ihab Abu Snehineh, a 22-year-old shopkeeper.

"We didn't know what was happening," he told AFP, adding that the forces were "storming from all directions" before entering an exchange office near his shop.

Palestinians were throwing stones at troops as they began the operation, the AFP journalist said.

Witnesses told AFP that the army withdrew in the early afternoon.

According to the Red Crescent, its teams treated a 12-year-old boy shot in the back and a 71-year-old man wounded in the raid.

The medical organisation also accused Israeli forces of impeding the evacuation of wounded people.

Since the Gaza war began, Israeli raids on Palestinian population centres, particularly in the northern West Bank, have intensified.

Previous Israeli operations, earlier this year and in December 2023, have similarly targeted currency exchange offices.

Egypt condemned Tuesday's raid and the "aggressive and extremist Israeli policies", dubbing Israel "the main source of destabilisation in the region".

Since the start of the Gaza war, Israeli troops or settlers in the West Bank have killed at least 972 Palestinians, including militants and civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Palestinian Authority figures.

In the same period, at least 36 Israelis, both civilians and security forces, have been killed in attacks or during military operations in the territory, according to Israeli figures.



Israel has occupied the West Bank since 1967.





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India and Japan share more than just diplomatic ties. It is a bond of culture, trust and progress.

@narendramodi

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Africa has everything to become a renewables superpower – from solar & wind to minerals for clean technologies. Yet it receives a tiny fraction of global renewables investment. We must mobilize finance & technology to ensure Africa's natural wealth benefits its people first.

@antonioguterres

03



Unfortunately, the reality is that Farage will do almost nothing to protect Britain. That is obvious.

@elonmusk

04



The western city of El Fasher, #Sudan, is under attack, where one of the very few still standing health facilities, South Hospital, is located.

@DrTedros

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# Rain swamps India's Jammu region with extensive floods



Rising Star Corps troops of Indian Army swung into action, rescuing villagers hit by flash floods in Amli and Nud, Samba, Kachle and Sujanpur, Pathankot, Makaura Pattan and Adalatgarh, Gurdaspur

AFP | New Delhi, India

Fierce floods swamped the Jammu area of Indian-administered Kashmir on Tuesday as intense monsoon rainstorms in the Himalayan region caused widespread chaos, sweeping away bridges and swamping homes, Indian media

reported.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported five people had been killed by a landslide in the Reasi district, citing local officials.

It also released videos that showed brown torrents of raging water smashing into bridges and covering Hindu temples.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said he would be taking the "next available flight" to Jammu, calling the situation in many parts of Jammu province "quite serious", he said in a statement.

PTI reported that phone lines were damaged.

AFP was not able to immediately contact officials to con-

firm the exact extent of the flood damage.

Floods and landslides are common during the June-September monsoon season, but experts say climate change, coupled with poorly planned development, is increasing their frequency, severity and impact.

Floods on August 5 over-

whelmed the Himalayan town of Dharali in India's Uttarakhand state and buried it in mud. The likely death toll from that disaster is more than 70 but has not been confirmed.

On August 14, powerful torrents driven by intense rain smashed into Chisoti village in Indian-administered Kashmir, killing at least 60 people.

# Fears of new political crisis grip France

PM Bayrou likely to be ousted in a confidence vote next month

● Political competition is intensifying in France

● Macron, 47, has repeatedly faced calls to resign

● He has insisted that he will stay on

AFP | Paris, France

Fears of a new political crisis swept through France on Tuesday as the minority government of Francois Bayrou appeared likely to be ousted in a confidence vote next month.

France's embattled prime minister stunned the country on Monday, announcing he had asked President Emmanuel Macron to convene an extraordinary session of parliament on September 8.

Bayrou needs parliamentary backing for his austerity measures to reduce France's soaring public debt but the main opposition parties -- from the far-right to the hard-left -- said they would not

back the prime minister's plan.

The announcement came as calls mounted to stage a nationwide shutdown on September 10 to protest against Bayrou's proposed budget cuts.

Speaking on Tuesday, Bayrou urged France's political forces to think twice, noting they had 13 days to "say whether they are on the side of chaos or responsibility."

"Is there or is there not a national emergency to rebalance the accounts, to escape excessive debt by choosing to reduce our deficits and produce more?" Bayrou said.

"That is the central question." Far-right leader Marine Le Pen -- whose National Rally party has abstained in previous votes of confidence against Bayrou, allowing him to survive -- now says she wants parliament dissolved and new parliamentary elections called.

Hard-left firebrand Jean-Luc Melancon, who has launched previous unsuccessful attempts to bring down Bayrou, suggested that Macron must resign if Bayrou, 74, loses this time.

"Macron is chaos," the head of the hard-left France Unbowed party said on Tuesday, adding he would propose a motion of no confidence against the president in parliament.

"He must go." Political competition is intensifying in France ahead of the presidential election in 2027 when Macron's second term is set to end.

Macron, 47, has repeatedly faced calls to resign since dissolving parliament last year after far-right gains in European elections, plunging the country into crisis.

But he has insisted that he will stay on until the end of his term and has also said he wants to avoid dissolving parliament and calling snap parliamentary elections again.

Were Bayrou to be rejected by parliament, it would leave Macron seeking his seventh prime minister and cast a heavy shadow over the remaining two years of his presidential mandate.



Francois Bayrou

## US revokes visa of Brazil justice minister in Bolsonaro row

Brasilia, Brazil

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Tuesday that the United States had revoked the visa of Justice Minister Ricardo Lewandowski, a move he termed "irresponsible."

The US State Department had yet to confirm the latest in a series of punitive measures taken by Washington against Brazil for putting former far-right president Jair Bolsonaro on trial for alleged coup plotting.

"I wanted to express my solidarity and the government's solidarity with my colleague Lewandowski faced with the irresponsible gesture of the United States in revoking his visa," Lula told a ministerial meeting in Brasilia.

President Donald Trump has also imposed crippling 50-percent tariffs on dozens of Brazilian imports and sanctioned the judge overseeing Bolsonaro's trial, which he has called a "witch hunt."





# ‘The marshes are **dead**’



Iraqi buffalo herders wander in search of water

**AFP** | Chibayish, Iraq

**L**ike his father, Iraqi buffalo herder Watheq Abbas grazes his animals in Iraq’s southern wetlands, but with persistent drought shrinking marshland where they feed and decimating the herd, his millennia-old way of life is threatened.

“There’s no more water, the marshes are dead,” said 27-year-old Abbas, who has led his buffaloes to pasture in the marshland for the past 15 years.

“In the past, the drought would last one or two years, the water would return and the marshes would come back to life. Now we’ve gone without water for five years,” the buffalo herder told AFP.

This year has been one of the driest since 1933, authorities have said, with summer temperatures topping 50C across Iraq, which is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

The UNESCO-listed swamplands in the country’s south -- where tradition has it that the biblical Garden of Eden was located -- have sustained civilisations dating back to ancient Mesopotamia.

But the unrelenting dry spell has reduced the mythical waterways to a barren land of cracked earth, stripped of the slender reeds that once dominated the landscape.

Abbas and tens of thousands of Iraqis like him who rely on the marshes -- livestock herders, hunters and fishermen -- have watched helplessly as their source of livelihood evaporated.

At the Chibayish marshes, scarce water still fills some channels, which authorities have deepened so that animals like Abbas’s 25 buffaloes could cool off.

For years, he and his herd have been on the move, heading wherever there was still water, in Chibayish or in the neigh-

bouring province of Missan.

## ‘Battle for water’

But it has become an increasingly challenging feat. Last year, seven of his animals died.

Just recently Abbas lost another of his buffaloes which drank stagnant, brackish water that he said had “poisoned it”.

The drought has been brought about by declining rainfall and soaring temperatures that increase evaporation.

But upstream dams built in Turkey and in Iran have dramatically reduced the flow of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in Iraq and exacerbated the effects of climate change.

With the Iraqi government forced to ration water supply to ensure the country’s 46 million people have enough to drink and to meet agricultural needs, the marshes appear to be at the bottom of their priorities.

“There’s a battle for water” in Iraq, said environmental activist

Jassim al-Assadi, from the Nature Iraq NGO.

He was among a group of activists and engineers who two decades ago sought to re-flood 5,600 square kilometres (about 2,160 square miles) of marshland.

They were part of the areas that Saddam Hussein’s government had drained in the 1990s to chase out Shiite Muslim militants sheltering there.

Today, only 800 square kilometres of the marshes are submerged, Assadi said, with many residents leaving the dried-up region.

The ecosystem of the marshes is also suffering irreversible damage, with turtles, otters and migratory birds among the victims.

“We used to have 48 species of fish but now only four remain, and from 140 species of wild birds we are now down to 22,” said veterinarian Wissam al-Assadi.

## ‘We have nothing else’

In collaboration with a French agriculture and veterinarian NGO, he helps treat the buffaloes, which in summer typically need be in the water for 14 hours a day and drink dozens of litres to avoid heat exhaustion.

But the reduced water flow means “the water does not renew, and salinity and pollution levels increase,” the veterinarian explained.

“Animals that used to weigh 600 kilos (1,300 pounds) are now 400 or 300 kilos, their immune systems weaken and diseases multiply,” he added.

The Mesopotamian water buffaloes now produce one-third of their usual output of milk, which is used to make cheese and gey-mar, a thick clotted cream that is a popular breakfast food in Iraq.

A UN report issued in July warned that “without urgent conservation measures”, the buffalo population was “at risk of

extinction”.

Citing water scarcity as the cause, it said their numbers in the marshes have gone from 309,000 in 1974 to just 40,000 in 2000.

Towayeh Faraj, 50, who has lived in the hamlet of Hassja in Chibayish for the past two years, said he has been wandering the marshes for three decades to find water for his buffaloes.

“If the livestock is alive, so are we,” he said.

“We have nothing else: no salary, no jobs, no state support.”

He has 30 animals -- down from the 120 he began his career with, selling many off one-by-one to buy fodder for the remaining herd.

Faraj inherited the profession from his father, but the family tradition might end with him. His eldest of 16 children works for a Chinese oil company, and another is a minibus driver.

# Turkey transport minister gets **speeding fine over social media post**

**AFP** | Istanbul, Turkey

**T**urkey’s transport minister has been slapped with a speeding fine after posting a video of himself racing down a highway with the hashtag #TurkeyAccelerates.

On Sunday evening, Abdulkadir Uraloglu posted a video of himself on X driving along a highway near the capital Ankara listening to folk songs and clips of speeches by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

In several separate shots that inadvertently show the speedometer, he can be seen clocking up speeds of between 190 and



225 kilometres per hour (118 to 140 miles per hour).



The speed limit on that highway in Turkey is 140 kph (85

mph).

Several hours later, Uraloglu

reposted the footage, admitting he had been fined for breaking the speed limit, saying that in posting the video he had effectively dropped himself in it.

“I took to the wheel to check the Ankara-Nigde highway and unintentionally exceeded the speed limit for a short period. With the video I effectively denounced myself,” he wrote.

The penalty notice, a copy of which he posted, showed he had been driving at 225 kph and slapped with a fine of 9,267 Turkish Lira (\$225).

“I will be much more careful from now on,” he wrote. “Stick-

ing to the speed limited is mandatory for everyone.”



**He was seen clocking up speeds of between 190 and 225 kilometres per hour (118 to 140 miles per hour).**



# celebs

## Denzel Washington ‘not interested’ in winning another Oscar

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Denzel Washington is “not that interested” in winning another Oscar because he already has two at home.

The 70-year-old Hollywood actor has received 10 Academy Award nominations over the years and he’s won twice - taking home the Best Supporting Actor prize for 1989 drama *Glory* and then claiming Best Actor Oscar for 2001’s *Train*

ing *Day* - but Denzel has confessed he’s not striving to win another.

Speaking on *Jake’s Takes*, Denzel explained: “I don’t do it [make movies] for Oscars. I really don’t care about that kind of stuff.

“I’ve been at this a long time, and there’s times when I’ve won, shouldn’t have won, didn’t win, should have won.

“Man gives the award, God gives the award. I’m not that interested in Oscars. People say:

‘Well, where do you keep it?’ I say: ‘Next to the other one’.”

He went on to add: “I’m not bragging. I’m just telling you how I feel about it. On my last day, it ain’t going to do me a bit of good.”

Host Jake Hamilton then said: “I don’t think God ever asks: ‘How many Oscars do you have?’ and Denzel replied: “He might go: ‘You know, that’s why I gave you an extra week’. As long as He says: ‘Now, get on up here’,

I’m alright.”

Denzel was last nominated for an Oscar at the 2021 ceremony for his role in *The Tragedy of Macbeth*, but he lost out on the Best Actor gong to Will Smith, who won for his tennis drama *King Richard*.

The movie star previously admitted he felt “bitter” after losing out on two Best Actor Oscars and stopped voting for the Academy Awards as he indulged in a “pity party”.

After winning for *Glory* in the Best Supporting Actor category, Denzel went on to miss out on the Best Actor prize for *Malcolm X* when he was pitched against *Scent of a Woman* star Al Pacino in 1993 and he lost again in 2000 when he was nominated for *Hurricane* and the top gong went to Kevin Spacey for *American Beauty* - and Denzel said it was a tough loss.

Denzel Washington



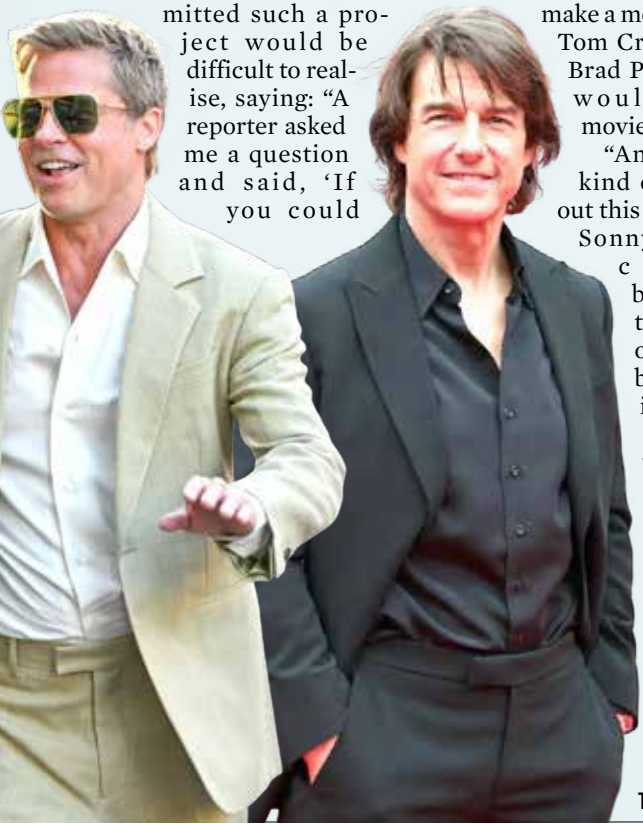
## Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt could be set to star together in crossover F1 and Days of Thunder movie

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Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt could be set to star together in a crossover sequel between *F1* and the 1990 film *Days of Thunder*.

Filmmaker Joseph Kosinski, 51, suggested the idea while speaking to *Collider*, describing how Brad’s *Formula One* driver Sonny Hayes could meet Tom’s NASCAR racer Cole Trickle in the project.

But he admitted such a project would be difficult to realise, saying: “A reporter asked me a question and said, ‘If you could



make a movie with Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt, what would that movie be?”

“And I just kind of threw out this idea that Sonny Hayes comes back to the world of *F1* and bumps into his old rival, Cole Trickle, who raced NASCAR in the ’90s, and they cross paths again.

“I just thought that would be a really great story, but probably impossible to make. Talk about *Mission: Impossible*. That would be a tricky, tricky film to pull off.”

It has been more than three decades since Brad, 61, and Tom, 63, last worked together in 1994’s *Interview With the Vampire*, based on the novel by Anne Rice.

Joseph revealed he had previously tried to unite the two stars on screen, with plans for them to appear in *Go Like Hell*, a racing drama that eventually became *Ford v Ferrari*, released in 2019.

The film was ultimately released with Matt Damon and Christian Bale in the lead roles.

Joseph, famed for directing Tom’s *Top Gun: Maverick*, recalled: “I actually did do a table read for a movie called *Go Like Hell*, which became *Ford*

Tom Cruise

## Zoe Kravitz and Harry Styles spotted together in Rome

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Zoe Kravitz and Harry Styles have been spotted together in Rome.

The 36-year-old actress and the 31-year-old singer were filmed walking arm-in-arm through the streets of the Italian city, as they took in the sights around them.

According to *Us Weekly*, the fan video - shared on X - showed the pair both wearing dark sunglasses as they enjoyed their day out.

Kravitz and Styles’ joint outing comes as a surprise as Zoe is close friends with Harry’s ex Taylor Swift.

Meanwhile, Harry has been single since splitting from Taylor Russell in May 2024.

A source told *The Sun* newspaper at the time: “Harry and Taylor have ended their relationship. They went through a rough



Zoe Kravitz and Harry Styles

patch after their trip to Japan and are taking some time apart.

“He’s been in America and she’s been in London. They made a lovely couple and it was obvious Taylor made Harry happy.

“Things have become strained recently though and they’ve taken some time out.”

And Zoe and Channing Tatum - who began dating after meeting on the set of Kravitz’s directorial debut *Blink Twice* - ended their engagement in October 2024.

When asked if the split had changed how she felt about the movie, Zoe told *Elle*: “Not at all. I love this thing that we made together, and I care for him very much.

“Even when you bring up how great his performance is, it warms my heart to hear that, and I’m so happy that all of it happened. I just feel so grateful that we got to go on that journey together.”

She was most recently linked to her *Caught Stealing* co-star Austin Butler.

## Sophie Turner ‘was going through hell’ amid Trust shoot

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Sophie Turner found filming *Trust* to be “super cathartic”.

The 29-year-old actress was in the midst of her divorce from pop star Joe Jonas during the film’s shoot, and Sophie actually enjoyed being able to throw herself into the project.

Sophie - whose character suffers a betrayal in *Trust* - said on *Late Night with Seth Meyers*: “I’m not sure if anyone’s aware, but when I started shooting this movie, I was going through, like, a media hell.

“So this was super cathartic because I wanted to run away in my real life when t h a t

was all happening. But I got to do it in a movie and I got to smash some s\*\*\* up, so that was fun.”

Sophie previously described her separation from Joe as “incredibly sad”.

The actress was married to the pop star between 2019 and 2024, and she admitted that their break-up was very difficult.

She told Harper’s *Bazaar* magazine: “We had a beautiful relationship, and it was hard.”

Sophie returned home to the UK after her marriage ended, and the actress admitted that she’s now loving life in England.

She said: “I’m so happy to be back. It felt as if my life was on pause until I returned to England.

“I just never really feel like myself when I’m not in London, with my friends and family. I was away for so long - six years - and it was when my friends were getting engaged, and when I got pregnant. I went for dinner with someone the other day, and she said, ‘I never got to touch your belly.’ We didn’t have those key experiences with each other.”

Sophie Turner



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# Ngumoha's dream debut saves Liverpool

Teen star becomes youngest Liverpool scorer with dramatic stoppage-time winner at St. James' Park

- Ngumoha scores 100th-minute winner
- Becomes Liverpool's youngest ever scorer (16)
- Newcastle played with 10 men after Gordon red

AFP | London

Liverpool needed a 100th minute winner from 16-year-old Rio Ngumoha to beat Newcastle 3-2, after blowing a two-goal lead against 10 men, in a Premier League thriller on Monday.

Ryan Gravenberch and long-time Newcastle target Hugo Ekitike struck for the English champions, either side of Anthony Gordon's red card for a wild lunge on Virgil van Dijk.

But amid a frenzied atmosphere at St. James' Park, the Magpies battled back through Bruno Guimaraes and William Osula only to be denied by teenage sensation Ngumoha, who became the youngest goalscorer in Liverpool's history.

"This is also what makes the Premier League special," said Liverpool manager Arne Slot.

"Maybe it wasn't the best game in terms of tactics or in terms of playing football, but I think every fan everywhere around the world enjoyed watching this game of football."



Ngumoha broke the record previously held by Michael Owen, who was 17 years and 143 days when he scored his first Liverpool goal in 1997

Victory takes Liverpool level on maximum points from two games with Tottenham and title rivals Arsenal, who travel to Anfield on Sunday.

Newcastle remain without a win as they miss their wantaway talisman Alexander Isak.

The Swedish striker scored the winner when the sides last met in the League Cup final in March as Newcastle lifted their first domestic trophy for 70 years.

But Isak yet to feature for Eddie Howe's men this season as he seeks an exit from Tyneside.

Liverpool are the likely destination if Isak does leave before the transfer window closes in a week's time.

The Reds have reportedly had one bid of £110 million (\$149 million) rejected as Newcastle want a British transfer record £150 million.

Adding to the Magpies' frustration is the fact the Premier



Liverpool's English striker #73 Rio Ngumoha (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring

League champions also won the race to sign Ekitike, who Newcastle had lined up as a potential Isak replacement.

After failing to land a number of striker targets in the transfer market, Newcastle's lack of a clinical number nine was exposed as they failed to break down 10-man Aston Villa in a 0-0 draw to begin their season last weekend.

And it cost them again during a dominant opening 30 minutes.

Roared on by a ferocious capacity crowd of over 50,000, Newcastle penned Liverpool

inside their own half without finding the final finish.

Instead it was the visitors who took the lead completely against the run of play on 35 minutes.

Gravenberch took aim from well outside the area and powered an inch-perfect shot off the inside of the post.

**Guimaraes leads Newcastle charge**

It got even worse for Newcastle before the break as Gordon took out his frustration by charging late into Van Dijk and was dismissed after a VAR

review showed his studs had raked down the Dutch defender's Achilles.

Slot had not even taken his seat for the second half by the time his side doubled their lead 20 seconds in.

Ekitike made it two goals in as many Premier League games with a composed side-footed finish from Cody Gakpo's pass.

Newcastle's sense of injustice only increased when Ibrahima Konate escaped a second yellow card moments later for a push on Harvey Barnes.

But this time the home players



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ARNE SLOT

and crowd channelled their anger more positively.

Minutes after being booked for taking his protests too far, a fired up Guimaraes outmuscled Milos Kerkez to head in at the back post.

Liverpool struggled to make their man advantage count for the entirety of the second half and were made to pay.

Despite his lack of forward options, Howe has been reluctant to field Osula, but the young Dane netted just his second Premier League goal when he bundled the ball beyond Alisson Becker from a Dan Burn flick-on.

Newcastle continued to charge forward in search of a memorable winner, only to be picked out by Liverpool's attacking quality.

Mohamed Salah's pass was brilliantly dummied by Dominik Szoboszlai to leave Ngumoha unmarked to curl calmly into the far corner just days before his 17th birthday.

## British rider Turner wins Vuelta sprint as Gaudu takes race lead



Ben Turner celebrates winning the fourth stage of the Vuelta a Espana

AFP | Voiron

British rider Ben Turner won a bunch sprint on stage four of the Vuelta a Espana yesterday by nudging ahead of Belgian Jasper Philipsen after a long 206km ride from Italy into France.

Frenchman David Gaudu took the overall race lead from Jonas Vingegaard, who finished near the back of the main bunch, with Giulio Ciccone is third, Egan Bernal fourth and Tom Pidcock fifth.

Vingegaard also lost the sprint points jersey to his Danish compatriot Mads Pedersen, who was sixth on the day.

Turner's win for Ineos Grenadiers continues a trend of improvement since the return of Dave Brailsford to the team's helm.

Team UAE's Spanish rider

Juan Ayuso remains atop the white jersey standings.

After the Montgenevre climb the Vuelta crossed the Italian border into France with the finish line at the town of Voiron at the foot of the Alps.

The Italian sejour produced two memorable finishes with Vingegaard claiming stage two and Gaudu of FDJ stealing a famous win on day three.

A long overnight transfer now takes the peloton all the way down to the Catalan town of Figueres known for its Salvador Dali Museum.

Wednesday's 24.1km team time-trial could well produce a new red jersey.

British outfit Ineos will almost certainly target the win headed by Italian Filippo Ganna and Colombian climber Bernal.

## Brazil without Neymar and Vinicius as Paqueta back for World Cup qualifiers

- Neymar recovering from thigh issue
- Vinicius suspended, spared altitude
- Brazil already qualified for World Cup

AFP | Rio de Janeiro

Brazil coach Carlo Ancelotti did not recall Neymar and spared Vinicius Junior for World Cup qualifiers against Chile and Bolivia next month with Lucas Paqueta returning to the national team.

The 33-year-old Neymar, who returned to Santos in January, has not worn the Brazil jersey for nearly two years due to repeated injuries.

"Neymar had a small problem last week," Ancelotti told a press conference on Monday, without providing further details.

According to the Brazilian press, Brazil's leading all-time scorer with 79 goals in 128 matches, has experienced thigh discomfort during training.

His absence from the squad for the final two World Cup qualifying matches was, however, played down by Ancelotti with the five-time champions having already booked their ticket to next year's tournament in the United States, Canada,



Brazil's forward Lucas Paqueta controls the ball as he takes part in a training session (file photo)



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CARLO ANCELOTTI

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"Neymar, we don't need to

test him. Everyone knows him. Like the others, he must arrive in good physical condition to help the national team give its best at the World Cup," said the Italian coach.

Neymar had been called up by Ancelotti's predecessor Dorival Junior for matches in March -- a 2-1 victory against Colombia and a 4-1 defeat to Argentina -- but was forced to withdraw due to a thigh injury.

In the first two matches under the Italian's guidance in June, Brazil drew 0-0 in Ecuador



Neymar hasn't played for Brazil in nearly two years - his last appearance was in November 2023 against Argentina before his ACL injury

before beating Paraguay 1-0, thanks to a goal from Vinicius to seal their place in the 2026 World Cup.

The Real Madrid striker will be absent from the next training camp. Suspended for the match against Chile on September 5 at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, the Brazil staff preferred to spare him the trip to play at altitude in Bolivia on September 9.

Paqueta, meanwhile, is returning after being cleared of betting charges by an independent commission of the Premier League last month.

The West Ham midfielder had been absent from the national team since November 2024.

Also returning is Joao Pedro, who has been in great form since joining Chelsea in July.



# 2 Seas Motorsport in title contention after stunning Brands Hatch win

Dawson and Jewiss charge from third-row start to victory to set up title decider at Donington

- #42 Mercedes-AMG wins at Brands Hatch
- #18 car claims pole position
- Team relied on simulators for race prep

Hussain Almaskati  
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Bahraini-British GT team 2 Seas Motorsport continued their impressive 2025 British GT Championship campaign with a win at Brands Hatch, keeping their fight for both the drivers' and teams' titles alive heading into next month's decisive finale.

Charles Dawson and Kiern Jewiss produced a masterful performance in the #42 Mercedes-AMG GT3 Evo, charging through the field before clinching the checkered flag after a flawless pit stop and strong stint management. Their teammates Kevin Tse and Maximilian Götz underlined the squad's strength by storming to pole position in



Charles Dawson and Kiern Jewiss celebrate their win

qualifying in the #18 car and maintaining competitive pace in the race despite serving a success penalty.

Remarkably, the team entered the weekend without prior track testing, instead relying on new-

ly installed simulators over the summer to prepare their drivers. That preparation paid dividends, with Tse securing the fastest lap in qualifying before Götz sealed pole, and Dawson and Jewiss converting their third-row start



The team prepared entirely on simulators without any real-world track testing—a strategy that delivered both pole position and race victory

into a crucial victory on race day.

Team co-owner Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa hailed the result as not only a reflection of 2 Seas' outstanding performance but also another proud milestone for Bahrain's global sporting ambitions. "This achievement reinforces the kingdom's vision of establishing itself as a global centre for motorsport," he said.

"It demonstrates our ability to compete in the highest-level championships. I extend my sincere gratitude to the team members for their tireless efforts and to our supporters and



#42 Mercedes-AMG in action

partners, whose trust and backing continue to inspire us to raise Bahrain's name high. We now look forward with confidence to the season finale at Donington Park."

With their Brands Hatch suc-

cess, 2 Seas remain firmly in contention for championship glory as the season now moves to its decisive final round at Donington Park next month, widely dubbed the "Donington Decider".

## Cadillac choose experienced duo Perez and Bottas for F1 debut

- Cadillac joins F1 grid in 2026
- Team to rely on Ferrari engines initially
- Operations split between US hubs and Silverstone

AFP | Paris

Former Red Bull driver Sergio Perez and 10-time grand prix victor Valtteri Bottas will drive for Cadillac next season in what the new Formula One team described on yesterday as "a bold signal of intent".

The experienced pair with over 500 grand prix starts between them will be making a return to the grid in 2026, after being dropped this year, for the American outfit, who become F1's 11th team on the grid.

Perez, the winner of six grand prix, was sacked by Red Bull as Max Verstappen's teammate at the end of last season despite two years of the Mexican's contract still to run.

All of Bottas's wins came during his time with Mercedes alongside Lewis Hamilton. The Finn raced for Sauber in 2024 and this term has acted as Mercedes' reserve driver.

Cadillac are looking to the two veterans -- Perez is 35 and Bottas turns 36 on Thursday -- to help them make a flying start to life in the new livery.

"Signing two very experienced racers like Bottas and Checo is a bold signal of intent," said team principal Graeme



Sergio Perez



Valtteri Bottas



Cadillac will start with Ferrari engines but plans to develop its own power units, aiming for a self-reliant future in Formula One

in the team's statement.

Bottas, who played an instrumental role in Mercedes' winning the team world championship every year from 2017 to 2021, echoed his new teammate's excitement at the challenge.

"This isn't just a racing project; it's a long-term vision. It's not every day that you get a chance to be part of something being built from the ground up and helping shape it into something that truly belongs on the F1 grid," the Finn said.

Cadillac's entry into F1 was confirmed by motorsport's governing body the FIA in March.

The US team, backed by TWG Motorsports and GM followed F1's rejection of a bid by another US team with links to Cadillac, Andretti.

The new team's engines will initially be supplied by Ferrari but GM have agreed to build its own engine in the future.

Cadillac will operate out of three hubs: Indiana and North Carolina in the US and Silverstone in England.

of Cadillac's parent company General Motors, said the decision was based on the drivers' experience of wins and podiums in F1.

He described Cadillac's driver pairing as "a really good winning combination".

Dan Towriss, chief executive officer of GM's partner TWG Global, said: "Their experience, leadership and technical acumen are what we need.

"We're humbled by their belief in us and this project.

"There is a young pool of drivers who are exciting and very talented so it was a tough decision. But it was the leadership of these two drivers that stood out."

### 'Long term vision'

Perez said it was an "honour" to help Cadillac take their first steps in the sport.

"Cadillac is a legendary name in American motorsport, and to help bring such a fantastic company to Formula 1 is a huge responsibility, one I'm confident of taking on," the Mexican noted

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TEAM PRINCIPAL GRAEME LOWDON

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"They've seen it all and they know what it takes to succeed in Formula 1. But more importantly, they understand what it means to help build a team," Lowdon added in a team statement.

"Their leadership, feedback, race-hardened instincts and of course their speed will be invaluable as we bring this team to life."

Mark Reuss, the president

## Bahrain name 23-man squad for Gulf Cup U20



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Bahrain have announced their final 23-player squad for the AGCFF Gulf Cup U20 2025, which kicks off in Abha, Saudi Arabia, on Thursday.

The junior national team, led by head coach Ali Aamer, will compete in Group B alongside Iraq, Oman and Egypt. Group A features hosts Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and Yemen.

The squad includes Yahya Adel, Faisal Rashid, Ebrahim Ali, Ali Hussain, Hadi Ghazi, Mohammed Bahzad, Amjad Jaafar, Ali Mahran, Abdulla Osama, Mubarak Fawaz, Mohammed Salah, Khaled Mohammed, Abdulrahman Bassam, Mohammed Adel, Ebrahim Al Muraisi, Hussain Al Haiki, Khaled Al Khalidi, Adam Fareed, Ahmed Nasser

and Khaled Ahmed. Goalkeepers Abdulla Ahmed, Hassan Ali and Isa Al Thawadi complete the roster.

Bahrain open their campaign against Iraq on Friday at 7pm, followed by matches against Oman next Monday (7pm) and Egypt on 4 September (4:30pm). All three fixtures will be staged at Damac FC Stadium.

The top two teams from each group advance to the semi-finals on 7 September, with the final scheduled for 10 September at Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Sports City.

The tournament is being staged for the first time under the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation. Egypt, who replaced the withdrawn UAE, are using the event to prepare for the Fifa U20 World Cup in Chile later this year.



# Bahrain youth basketball player Hussein Hayki dies during training

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Bahrain's sporting community is in mourning following the sudden death of youth national team and Al Ahli basketball player Hussein Hayki.

The teenager collapsed during a routine training session with his club on Thursday evening as they prepared for the new season. He was rushed by ambulance to Salmaniya Medical Complex, where doctors made repeated attempts to resuscitate him. He passed away the following morning.



The Bahrain Basketball Association confirmed his death in a statement, expressing its "deepest condolences and sympathy" to his family and praying for strength and patience for his loved ones.

Hayki was regarded as one of Bahrain's most promising young players, having represented the kingdom at youth international level in several competitions. His sudden passing has left team-mates, officials and fans in shock, with tributes highlighting his talent, dedication and exemplary character.

# Bahrain to host first Asian Youth MMA Championship

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Bahrain will stage the inaugural Asian Youth Mixed Martial Arts Championship later this week at Khalifa Sports City Arena.

The two-day event, taking place on 29 and 30 August, is being organised by the Bahrain MMA Federation with direct oversight from the Asian MMA Federation.

It is the first time the continental competition is being held and will bring together some of Asia's top young talent in the sport.

Officials say the tournament highlights Bahrain's growing role in combat sports, with the kingdom having already hosted



a number of major regional and international MMA events.

The local organising committee, chaired by federation president Mohammed Ali Qambar, is finalising preparations ahead of Friday's opening bouts.

# Alcaraz impresses as Venus bows out

Venus Williams falls in three-set battle, Alcaraz storms into second round at vibrant US Open night

- Venus loses 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 to Muchova
- Alcaraz defeats Opelka in straight sets
- Kvitova retires after first-round loss
- Keys becomes highest seed to fall
- Draper advances in four sets

AFP | New York

Venus Williams battled bravely before bowing out of the US Open on her return to Grand Slam tennis on Monday as Spanish ace Carlos Alcaraz stormed into the second round with a dominant opening win.

The second full day of action in New York saw all eyes turn to the Arthur Ashe Stadium's night session, where the 45-year-old Williams lost in three sets to 11th seed Karolina Muchova.

Williams only returned to competitive tennis in July following a 16-month absence from the sport and had been granted a wild card into the main draw at Flushing Meadows.

But hopes of a fairytale run -- 28 years after her debut in the tournament -- ended in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 loss to Muchova, who was not even born when Williams turned professional in 1994.

"I didn't win today but I'm very proud of the way I played," Williams, the US Open champion in 2000 and 2001, said.

"I don't think I've ever had a crowd on my side like that. I knew people around the world and around the United States were really rooting for me, and that felt great."

With the American exiting, 2022 men's champion Alcaraz took centre-stage in the late game in his first round tie against unseeded American Reilly Opelka.



Karolina Muchova of Czech Republic (L) greets Venus Williams of the United States following their match

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VENUS WILLIAMS

The Spaniard arrived for the game sporting a striking new hairstyle -- a severe crew cut -- and he duly chopped down the 6ft 11in Opelka with a blistering 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 victory in 2hr 5min.

"Today was a really difficult one," Alcaraz said. "Reilly is a great, tough player. I couldn't get the rhythm that I wanted to get but I'm just really happy with what I did today. I did a great performance today."

Alcaraz is chasing a second US Open title following his maiden

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

Venus Williams, at 45, returned to Grand Slam tennis 28 years after her debut, playing against an opponent, Karolina Muchova, who was not yet born when Williams turned professional

Grand Slam victory at the tournament three years ago.

Australian Open winner Madison Keys became the highest-ranked player to exit so far, the sixth seed losing to Mexico's Renata Zarazua 6-7 (10/12), 7-6 (7/3), 7-5.

"Today was the first time in a while where my nerves really got the better of me and it kind of became a little bit paralyzing," home hope

Keys said.

"I was just slow, I wasn't seeing things the way that I wanted to, which I feel like resulted in a lot of bad decisions and lazy footwork."

**Kvitova farewell**

Czech Republic's Barbora Krejckova bundled out rising Canadian star Victoria Azarenka.

Mboko, defeating the teenager 6-3, 6-2.

Belgian 19th seed Elise Mertens ousted wild card Alyssa Ahn 6-1, 6-0 while Ukrainian 30th seed Dayana Yastremska exited in a 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 loss to Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova brought the curtain down on her career after a 6-1, 6-0 defeat to France's Diane Parry.

The 35-year-old Czech had already announced her intention to retire after the US Open, but was nonetheless overcome with emotion as she said farewell to the sport, breaking down in tears as she addressed fans afterwards.

"I hoped I would put on a better show today," Kvitova said. "It was tough to know it could be

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CARLOS ALCARAZ

my last match, and emotionally it was very tough as well."

Qualifier Coleman Wong became the first man from Hong Kong to record a victory in a Grand Slam singles event in the Open era with a 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) defeat of US player Aleksandar Kovacevic.

It was the latest in a series of breakthrough results by young Asian players at this year's US Open.

Alexandra Eala of the Philippines -- who trains with Wong at Rafael Nadal's academy in Spain -- and Indonesia's Janice Tjien both won their first-round matches in the main draw.

British fifth seed Jack Draper needed four sets to get past Argentina's Federico Gomez, 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (7/9), 6-2.

Other seeds to advance included Norway's Casper Ruud, the 12th seed, who downed Austria's Sebastian Ofner 6-1, 6-2, 7-6 (7/5).

US 17th seed Frances Tiafoe beat Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka 6-3, 7-6 (8/6), 6-3.

