



HM King commends Interior Minister meeting with Muharraq residents

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Foreign Minister, Oil Minister attend UAE Permanent Mission to UN reception

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Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, attended a reception hosted by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, on the sidelines of the 80th UN General Assembly in New York.

The event was held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Pakistani PM appeals for India talks, hails Trump

United Nations, United States

Pakistan's leader said yesterday he was ready for talks with India and hailed the role of US President Donald Trump, who has been peeved by New Delhi's reticence on his diplomacy.

"Pakistan stands ready for a composite, comprehensive and result-oriented dialogue with India on all outstanding issues. South Asia requires proactive leadership," Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said in his speech to the UN General Assembly.

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Cos without a just cause

UN links 158 companies to Israeli settlements

● First update to the list after 2023

● Firms from 11 countries listed

● UN rights chief Volker Turk has condemned as a war crime Israel's policy of settlements on Palestinian territory in the occupied West Bank

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After a long delay, the United Nations has finally published an updated list of companies operating in Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories.

UN rights chief Volker Turk

According to the UN, 158 firms from 11 countries are now operating in these areas, with Israeli companies holding a major share. Despite a requirement for the database to be updated annually, it had only been revised once before, in 2023, when the 112 firms from the original list were reviewed. Friday's release marks the first update to include new names.

The UN rights office report called on companies to "take appropriate action to address the adverse hu-

man rights impacts" of their activities. It emphasized:

"Where business enterprises identify that they have caused or contributed to adverse human rights impacts, they should provide for or cooperate in remediation through appropriate processes."

Israel denounced the report as "a document with no legal ground and far beyond the scope of the OHCHR".

UN rights chief Volker Turk condemned Israel's settlement policy in the occupied West

Bank as a war crime.

Mostly Israeli firms

The list was first produced by the UN human rights office in 2020 amid harsh Israeli criticism. The UN rights office was asked to list companies found to be taking part in any of 10 specific activities, including construction, surveillance, demolitions and destruction of agricultural land in Israeli settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

It has stressed that listing companies in the database was "not, and does not purport to be, a judicial or quasi-judicial process".

"A total of 68 new companies were added to the list published in 2023, while seven of those... were removed as they were no longer involved in any of the activities concerned," the rights office said.



A Palestinian man rush a wounded girl into the al-Awda Hospital

Major firms that remained on the updated UN database include Airbnb, Booking.com, Motorola Solutions, and TripAdvisor, while others, such as Alstom and Opodo, were removed. The non-exhaustive database shows that most companies are based in Israel, with others located in Canada, China, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Netanyahu mocks Western support for Abbas in defiant UN address

Vows to "finish the job" against Hamas

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed yesterday in an angry UN address to block a Palestinian state, accusing European leaders of pushing his country into "national suicide" and rewarding Hamas.

Netanyahu, in a defiant speech he said was partially broadcast on Israeli military loudspeakers in Gaza, vowed to "finish the job" against Hamas even as President Donald Trump said he thought he had sealed a deal on a ceasefire.

Days after France, Britain and other Western powers recognized a state of Palestine, Netanyahu said that they had

The United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters

sent "a very clear message that murdering Jews pays off." "Israel will not allow you to shove a t*****t state down our throats," Netanyahu said.

"We will not commit national suicide because you don't have the guts to face down the hostile media and antisemitic mobs demanding Israel's blood," he said. Netanyahu -- who has opposed a Palestinian state for

decades -- mocked Western support for Abbas and called the Palestinian Authority "corrupt to the core."

Hamas says walkouts show Israel 'isolation'

Hamas said a mass walkout of delegations before Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at the United Nations yesterday showed Israel's

"isolation" as a result of the Gaza war. "Boycotting Netanyahu's speech is one manifestation of Israel's isolation and the consequences of the war of extermination," Taher al-Nunu, the media adviser to the head of Hamas's political bureau, said in a statement.

As Netanyahu walked up to the General Assembly rostrum, a number of delegations walked out -- in a deliberate protest as the Israeli premier was the day's first speaker.

Trump, normally a staunch ally of Netanyahu, has warned against annexation as he pitches a peace plan on Gaza that would include the disarmament of Hamas.

Iran sanctions look set to return after last-ditch UN vote

United Nations, United States

Sweeping UN sanctions look likely to return on Iran despite a last-ditch effort on Friday by China and Russia to secure a delay to allow further talks, diplomats say.

European powers were urging Iran to reverse a series of steps it took after Israel and the United States bombed its nuclear sites in June. Complaining that Iran has not complied with a landmark but moribund deal, the Europeans have triggered a return of sweeping UN sanctions -- notably on its banking and oil sectors -- that are set to take effect at the end of Saturday.

UK to launch digital ID scheme to curb illegal migration

London, United Kingdom

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer yesterday announced plans for a new nationwide digital ID in a bid to curb illegal migration.

The new digital ID will be held on people's phones and there will be no requirement for individuals to carry or be asked to produce it, the government said.

Bahrain wins ICAO Council President certificate for excellence in civil aviation security

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has been awarded the ICAO Council President Certificate, one of the most prestigious international distinctions in civil aviation, in recognition of its progress in advancing aviation safety and security.

Husain Ahmed Al Shuail, Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, received the award during the opening session of the 42nd Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Canada.



From heritage to progress: Muharraq development hailed by HM King Hamad

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has affirmed that the development of Muharraq is progressing steadily in a way that preserves the city's cultural and historical identity, with key projects expected to be completed within a year.

"The city of Muharraq has been known throughout Bahrain's history for its antiquity, the authenticity of its people,



their continuous generosity, high patriotism, loyalty, and strong sense of belonging to their homeland, as is the case with all dear citizens of Bahrain," His Majesty the King said.

His Majesty made these remarks while praising a meeting that of His Excellency Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Ministerial Follow-up Committee for the National Plan to

Promote the Spirit of National Belonging and Consolidate the Values of Citizenship, with the people of Muharraq Governorate.

HM King Hamad expressed appreciation for the honourable stances and sincere patriotic sentiments demonstrated by the people during the meeting, highlighting their loyalty, love, and devotion to the country and leadership throughout history.

His Majesty emphasized that

Muharraq, like all cities in Bahrain, receives the nation's close attention through development projects across housing, health, education, and other sectors. HM added that the city is "precious and dear" and is witnessing continuous development because it and its people deserve full attention.

HM King Hamad also reaffirmed that the Bahraini citizen remains the nation's top priority and the core of all development goals, plans, and programmes.



Stride with Pride: Viksit Bharat Run 2025 Energizes Marina Beach



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The Embassy of India in Bahrain, in collaboration with My Bharat and the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, successfully organized the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 at Marina Beach Park on Thursday. Held as part of Seva Pakhwada (17 September – 2 October 2025), also celebrated as Seva Parv, the event highlighted the values of Seva Bhav (spirit of service) and collective responsibility.

A key highlight of Seva Pakh-

wada, the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 forms part of a global initiative conducted across over 150 cities worldwide under the theme "Run to Serve the Nation". The run commemorates the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and promotes the vision of a Viksit Bharat@2047.

Over 200 participants from various Indian communities in Bahrain came together for a 3 km community run, reflecting unity, civic engagement, and dedication to national development. Participants also recited the Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat Pledges, reaffirming their commitment to a self-reliant and developed India.

Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod

K. Ja-cob led the event, embodying Seva Bhav in action, while cultural performances by community members showcased India's developmental journey under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

The celebrations also included active participation in the #SwachhataHiSeva2025 campaign, emphasizing cleanliness, community service, and social responsibility. The event was widely praised as a reflection of the Indian diaspora's commitment to unity, civic participation, and global solidarity.

From local to global

Digital boost for women-led MSMEs as WE-Elevate rolls out nationally

- Programme offers mentorship, online learning, and cross-border trading platforms to develop digital, financial, and entrepreneurial skills
- Initiative aligns with SDGs, promoting gender equality (SDG 5) and decent work and economic growth (SDG 8).
- Entrepreneurs can apply to register their interest at dco.org/initiatives/stride

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Bahrain’s women entrepreneurs are gearing up to take their businesses



across borders, thanks to the national rollout of the WE-Elevate programme—a digital empowerment initiative by the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO). Designed to turbocharge female-led MSMEs, the programme combines mentorship, online learning, and cross-border trading platforms, helping businesses transform from local ventures into global digital brands.

The initiative offers step-by-step training, starting from basic digital readiness and progressing to advanced skills for online trade. Participants learn to formalize their operations, expand their customer base, and sell across international markets, enabling sustainable growth and new employment opportunities. The Bahrain rollout is part of a wider expansion across all

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MSMEs are at the heart of Bahrain’s economy. The rollout of WE-Elevate strengthens our women-led businesses, giving them the confidence and tools to scale beyond borders. Our partnership with the DCO reflects Bahrain’s belief in the power of multilateral cooperation, and we are proud to be part of an organization that champions inclusive digital transformation across Member States

DR. SHAIKH ABDULLAH BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

DCO Member States, announced during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80) in New York. WE-Elevate aims to address the underrepresentation of women in digital leadership—globally, women hold just 12.2% of C-suite positions in STEM fields—by equipping female and youth entrepreneurs with the tools to compete in the digital economy. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin

Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, said: “MSMEs are at the heart of Bahrain’s economy. WE-Elevate strengthens women-led businesses, giving them the confidence and tools to scale beyond borders. Our partnership with DCO reflects Bahrain’s commitment to inclusive digital transformation and multilateral cooperation.” DCO Secretary-General

Deemah AlYahya added: “WE-Elevate is more than a programme; it is a catalyst for empowerment and opportunity. Our pilot in Rwanda showed tangible results, with MSMEs improving their digital capabilities, formalizing operations, and accessing new markets. Female-led businesses are critical for innovation, job creation, and sustainable growth in the digital economy.” Bahrain’s GDP is projected at USD 46.2 billion in 2025, with MSMEs contributing 17.8% of national output and playing a central role in employment creation. The programme also supports Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). Applications are now open for eligible MSMEs across all DCO Member States. Entrepreneurs can register and start their digital journey at dco.org/initiatives/stride, taking a key step toward becoming global digital brands.



The Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) is the world’s first standalone international intergovernmental organization dedicated to accelerating the growth of an inclusive and sustainable digital economy. Founded in 2020, the DCO brings together the Ministries of Communications and Information Technology of its 16 Member States, representing nearly 3.5 trillion in GDP and a combined market of over 800 million people, more than 70% of whom are under the age of 35.

The DCO works with governments, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations to promote digital inclusion, enable cross-border data flows, empower women and youth, and support entrepreneurs and SMEs.



22-year-old man arrested for allegedly blackmailing 13-year-old girl online

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Police have arrested a 22-year-old man accused of trapping and blackmailing a 13-year-old girl through social media, the Ministry of Interior reported. The arrest was made by the Child Protection Unit in Cyberspace at the General Department of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, following a tip-off received by the authorities. All legal measures are being taken



Picture for representation only in preparation for referring the case to the Public Prosecution.

ously monitoring their children, educating them about the risks of certain social media platforms and websites, and ensuring the safety of their online content. Parents are encouraged to contact the unit directly at 33523300, via email at cpcu@interior.gov.bh, or call the General Administration for Combating Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security hotline 992 if they suspect any activity that could threaten their children’s safety. Authorities emphasized the importance of parents continu-

Coast Guard seizes 259 kg of illegally caught shrimp off Zallaq coast



Manama

The Coast Guard Command seized two vessels yesterday off the coast of the Zallaq area carrying 259 kilograms of shrimp caught illegally, the Ministry of Interior reported. Authorities said the

shrimp were caught using bottom trawl nets (karraf), a fishing method prohibited under Ministerial Resolution No. 205 of 2015. The Coast Guard confirmed that all necessary legal measures have been taken, and the case has been referred to the Public Prosecution

Bahrain shines in healthcare, 5th in Arab world and 54th globally

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Bahrain has secured fifth place in the Arab world and 54th globally for healthcare in CEOWORLD magazine’s 2025 healthcare index, earning a score of 38.48. The United Arab Emirates tops the Arab rankings and ranks 17th worldwide, followed by Saudi Arabia (second in the region, 37th globally), Tunisia



(third Arab, 49th global), and Lebanon (fourth Arab, 50th global). Bahrain leads Jordan (sixth Arab, 56th global) and Oman (seventh Arab, 66th global), with Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, Algeria, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan,

and Libya placed further down the table. The index evaluates healthcare performance based on three key measures: the availability and cost of medicines, medical infrastructure and staffing, and government readiness to support the sector. Bahrain performed strongly against many regional peers across these indicators. According to the report, the

ranking reflects Bahrain’s ongoing investments in the medical sector, reinforcing its reputation as a treatment destination and potentially attracting further health projects and capital to the kingdom. The assessment also highlights the need for continued development in healthcare infrastructure and skilled personnel to deliver comprehensive care to citizens and residents.

ICAO Council President Certificate



Husain Ahmed Al Shuail, Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, with the ICAO Council President Certificate, one of the most prestigious international distinctions in civil aviation, in recognition of Bahrain's progress in advancing aviation safety and security. The award was presented during the opening session of the 42nd Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Canada. Commenting on the achievement, Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, said the recognition reflects the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the government's ongoing support under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. He emphasized that the award underscores Bahrain's commitment to strengthening civil aviation, enhancing safety and security standards, and aligning with international best practices.

Unlawful dismissal:
Five employees
compensated

Mohammed Darwish
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Five former employees have won compensation after the High Labour Court ruled their dismissal lacked a lawful cause following the closure of their employer's Bahrain branch.

The court ordered the company to pay outstanding termination sums, accrued leave, end-of-service gratuities, statutory interest, and legal costs.

The awards included balances ranging from BD1,443 to BD7,224 for unfair dismissal and termination compensation, with additional sums for annual leave and end-of-ser-

vice benefits.

Lawyer Maryam Al Shaikh said her clients had been employed on open-ended contracts and were notified in late 2024 that their services would end due to the branch closure. They argued the wider business remained active and their dues were unpaid, prompting the legal case.

The court found the company failed to provide a legitimate reason for the terminations, citing Article 101 of the Labour Law, which places the burden of proof on the employer. As a result, the dismissals were deemed unlawful, and compensation was awarded.

Indian Embassy holds Open House, highlights
community outreach and welfare efforts

Pradeep Puravankara
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The Embassy of India in the Kingdom of Bahrain successfully hosted its regular Open House session yesterday, chaired by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob. The session, held to directly address the concerns and grievances of Indian nationals, saw the participation of over 50 community members.

The interactive meeting, conducted in English, Hindi, and Malayalam to ensure broad accessibility, brought together teams from the Embassy's Community Welfare and Consular wings, along with its panel lawyers. Participants were able to raise their concerns and receive prompt advice, with several issues being resolved on the spot.

Ambassador Jacob noted the progress made on previously raised issues, confirming that most cases from the last Open House have been successfully resolved, demonstrating the efficiency and commitment of the Embassy's follow-up mechanism. The Open House also



served as a platform for the Ambassador to brief the community on recent Embassy-led initiatives.

He briefed that Mr Rajiv Kumar Mishra, Counsellor (CW) / Head of Chancery, along with welfare officials, recently conducted essential visits to Jau Jail and the Women's Detention Centre in Isa Town to interact with Indian inmates and assess their welfare status.

He highlighted the successful inauguration of the Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Tourism and One District One Product (ODOP) walls at the Consular Hall on September 15, 2025. The event was marked by vibrant cultural performances showcasing the rich traditions of both Indian states.

The Embassy continues to utilize the Government of India's Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) to provide crucial means-tested assistance. This support includes providing boarding and lodging for distressed nationals, issuing Emergency Certificates, funding air tickets, and assisting with the transportation of mortal remains.

Earlier on the day of the Open House, the Embassy successfully organized the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 at the Marina Beach Park area in Juffair. Held from 6:00 AM to 8:30 AM, the event saw the enthusiastic participation of around 200 people of all ages, promoting fitness and community spirit.

Concluding the productive session, Ambassador Jacob extended his sincere gratitude to the Bahrain Government authorities, including the Ministry of Labour, LMRA, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior, and Immigration authorities, for their swift support and prompt action on consular and community welfare issues.

He also acknowledged the invaluable collaboration from the Indian community and associated organizations in various activities. The Ambassador reiterated the Embassy's promise to take up and resolve all remaining grievances at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Indian Club Onam Fiesta 2025'



Six teams competed in the traditional Onapattu (Onam songs) competition, held on the third day of 'Aavani - The Indian Club Onam Fiesta 2025'. Onam, a harvest festival celebrated mainly in the Indian state of Kerala, is marked by music, dance, feasts, and cultural performances, and the Onapattu competition is a cherished tradition showcasing the rich musical heritage of the festival. In this year's contest, Swaralaya K.C.A. won the 1st prize, Onathumbikal secured 2nd, and Bahrain Prathiba Swaralaya A took 3rd place. The competition was followed by a lively musical performance by Pink Bang, adding to the festive atmosphere.



Bahrain reinforces commitment to sustainable tourism on World Tourism Day

Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, highlighted Bahrain's dedication to developing the tourism sector in line with sustainable development goals.

The minister noted that hotels, tourism facilities, and transport services are increasingly investing in envi-

ronmental sustainability, aiming to balance sector growth with the protection of natural, cultural, and historical heritage.

"Bahrain continues to boost tourism investment and expand regional and international co-operation with leading organisations in the sector, supporting global efforts to achieve sus-

tainable development goals," she said, marking World Tourism Day in line with this year's theme, "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation."

Under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime

Minister, Bahrain is steadily consolidating its position as a key regional and international tourism destination.

The minister also highlighted the importance of tourism as a bridge for human communication, a tool for fostering understanding and peace, and a significant contributor to the national economy.

She emphasised that the Tourism Sector Strategy (2022–2026) provides a roadmap to advance the sector, diversify tourism products, increase its contribution to GDP, and create quality opportunities for Bahraini talent through innovative initiatives in partnership with the private sector.

Trump announces steep new tariffs, EU claims pharmaceutical immunity

- 100% levy on pharmaceuticals
- Trump wrote of a 25% tariff on "all 'Heavy (Big) Trucks' made in other parts of the world"
- The real-estate tycoon also targeted home renovation materials

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump's announcement of steep new tariffs on medicines and other goods drew pushback from some allies yesterday, with the EU claiming immunity for its pharmaceutical industry under an earlier trade deal.

The announcement late on Thursday evening, which included a 100% levy on pharmaceuticals, is the harshest trade policy by the president since last April's shock unveiling of "reciprocal" tariffs on virtually every US trading partner across the globe.

Starting October 1, "we will be imposing a 100% Tariff on any branded or patented Pharmaceutical



(FILES) Trucks carrying shipping containers are seen at the Port of Miami in Miami, Florida

Product, unless a Company IS BUILDING their Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plant in America," the Republican wrote on his Truth Social platform.

The European Union said yesterday a July deal with Washington shielded the bloc from tariffs higher than 15% on its drug exports.

"This clear all-inclusive 15% tariff ceiling for EU exports represents an insurance policy that no higher tariffs will emerge for European economic operators," EU trade spokesman Olof Gill said.

A European pharmaceutical industry group also warned that tariffs on medicines would "create the worst of all worlds."

"Tariffs increase costs, disrupt supply chains and prevent patients from getting life-saving treatments," Nathalie Moll, director general of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations, said on Friday.

Trump's latest move was also criticized by US ally Australia, which exported pharmaceutical products worth an estimated \$1.35 billion to the United States in 2024, according to the UN's Comtrade Database.

Australian Health Minister Mark Butler said on Friday that the higher rates were "not in the American consumers' interest... particularly given the degree to which their exporters to Australia benefit from that free trade as well."

Big rigs

In a separate post, Trump wrote of a 25% tariff on "all 'Heavy (Big) Trucks' made in other parts of the world" to support US manufacturers such as

"Peterbilt, Kenworth, Freightliner, Mack Trucks and others."

Foreign companies that compete with these manufacturers in the US market include Sweden's Volvo and Germany's Daimler, which includes the Freightliner and Western Star brands.

Shares in both companies were sharply lower in after-hours trading in Europe, although Volvo recovered when trading resumed.

Trump said the truck tariffs were "for many reasons, but above all else, for National Security purposes!"

The Trump administration launched a so-called Section 232 probe this year into imports of trucks to "determine the effects of national security," setting the stage for Thursday's announcement.

The real-estate tycoon also targeted home renovation materials, writing "We will be imposing a 50% Tariff on all Kitchen Cabinets, Bathroom Vanities and associated products," from October 1.

"Additionally, we will be charging a 30% Tariff on Upholstered Furniture," he added.

According to the United States International Trade Commission, imports in 2022, mainly from Asia, represented 60 percent of all furniture sold, including 86 percent of all wood furniture and 42% of all upholstered furniture.

Shares in home furniture retailers Wayfair and Williams Sonoma, which depend on these imported goods, tumbled in after-hours trading following the announcement.

Facebook, Instagram to offer paid ad-free UK subscriptions

London, United Kingdom

Meta announced yesterday that Facebook and Instagram users in the UK will be able to buy ad-free subscriptions, extending a model already in place in Europe, to comply with regulation.

Starting in the coming weeks, UK-based users can opt out of personalised ads by paying a monthly fee of £2.99 (\$4) on the web, or £3.99 via iOS and Android apps.

The US tech giant said the move comes "in response to recent UK regulatory guidance," noting that the subscription model gives users a choice over whether to allow personalised ads.

The UK price will be lower than what is offered in the European Union, where ad-free subscriptions start at 5.99 euros (\$7) per month.

Meta first announced its ad-free option in the EU at the end of 2023 to comply with tougher regulation intended to rein in big tech.

The company has long prof-



ited from selling user data to advertisers but this business model has led to multiple battles with regulators over data privacy.

The European data regulator last year told Meta it must not force users to pay for the right to data protection, pushing the company to tweak its model.

Meta on Friday criticised the "overreach" of regulators in the EU, where it must provide a version of its platforms with "less personalised" ads.

It meanwhile welcomed the "constructive approach" of the British privacy watchdog, the Information Commissioner's Office.

The ICO said the subscription option would allow Meta to comply with UK law.

Tehran, Moscow sign \$25 bn deal to build nuclear plants in Iran

Tehran, Iran

Iran and Russia signed a \$25 billion deal to build nuclear power plants in the Islamic republic, Iranian state media reported Friday, just hours ahead of the likely return of sweeping UN sanctions on Iran.

"A deal for the construction of four nuclear power plants with a value of \$25 billion in Sirik, Hormozgan was signed between the Iran Hormoz company and Rosatom," state television said. Iran has just one operational nuclear power plant in Bushehr in the south, with a capacity of 1,000 megawatts -- just a fraction of the country's energy needs.

According to state news agency IRNA, each plant will have a capacity of 1,255 megawatts, though no details were provided on the timeline.

The move comes as so-called snapback sanctions triggered by the European parties to a landmark 2015 nuclear deal with Iran are set to return by the end of Saturday.

Britain, France and Germany triggered the sanctions last month, accusing of Iran of failing to adhere to its commitments under the agreement.

At a Security Council session on Friday, China and Russia

put forward a draft resolution to allow another half year for talks, but it is unlikely to garner enough support to pass.

Western countries have long accused Iran of seeking an atomic bomb -- a charge Tehran vehemently denies, defending its right to a civilian nuclear programme.

The United States in 2018 unilaterally pulled out of the nuclear accord with Iran, prompting Tehran to begin walking back its commitments.

Talks between Washington and Tehran to strike a new deal were underway, before being derailed by unprecedented Israeli strikes on Iran in June that began a 12-day war briefly joined by the United States.



Iran had previously signed with Russia a nuclear energy deal in 1993 allowing for the construction of the Bushehr plant, after Germany had abandoned it in the wake of the Islamic revolution of 1979.

India retires Soviet fighter jet after six decades

AFP | India

India's Russian-built MiG-21s flew for the final time Friday, marking the end of an era for the country's first supersonic fighter jet -- lauded for its valour but tarnished by a legacy of some 400 crashes.

Crowds cheered as officials staged a grand farewell for the final two MiG-

21 squadrons, totalling around 36 aircraft, at an air force base in the northern city of Chandigarh.

The send-off came a day after New Delhi signed a \$7-billion deal to acquire 97 domestically designed and built Tejas jets as it seeks to modernise its Soviet-era fleet.

The farewell ceremony included a mock dogfight

between Russian MiGs and a colourful display by the Surya Kiran aerobatic team.

The retired jets will likely be put up for public display, though the government has yet to announce any plans.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh, senior air force officials, including veterans who piloted the MiG-21,

watched as the storied aircraft made their last pass.

First inducted in the 1960s, India operated a staggering 874 MiG-21s.

Plans to retire them in the 1990s were repeatedly delayed amid local production setbacks, bureaucratic obstacles and corruption scandals.



A firefighter gives a water cannon salute to India's MiG-21 fighter jets during their farewell ceremony at the Chandigarh Air Force Station in Chandigarh

News in brief

US rejects WHO non-communicable diseases declaration: RFK Jr



US Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. rejected a United Nations political declaration on non-communicable diseases on Thursday, saying it “pushes destructive gender ideology” while ignoring the most pressing health issues. The World Health Organization has said the “new, ambitious and achievable” declaration will lay out a roadmap for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and wellbeing towards 2030 and beyond. The declaration is expected to secure approval next month from a majority of the WHO’s 193 member states despite objections from the United States.

◆ US Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Gaza’s civil defence agency said Israeli forces killed more than 20 people across the Palestinian territory yesterday, ahead of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s speech at the United Nations in New York.

Civil defence says over 20 killed in Gaza ahead of Netanyahu’s UN speech



It comes as the Israeli military presses its offensive against Hamas in Gaza City, from which hundreds of thousands have been forced to flee. The civil defence agency -- a rescue force operating under Hamas authority -- reported at least 22 people killed since dawn across the territory, including 11 in Gaza City. Israel’s military said in a statement yesterday that the air force had over the past day “struck over 140 targets throughout the Gaza Strip, including terrorists, tunnel shafts (and) military infrastructure”..

UK to launch digital ID scheme to curb illegal migration



◆ UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer yesterday announced plans for a new nationwide digital ID in a bid to curb illegal migration, but the move faces strong opposition in country that has long resisted such moves.

The new digital ID will be held on people’s phones and there will be no requirement for individuals to carry or be asked to produce it, said the government. However, it will be “mandatory as a means of proving your right to work,” a statement said.

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Million-year-old skull could change human evolution timeline



AFP | Bangkok

A digital reconstruction of a million-year-old skull suggests humans may have diverged from our ancient ancestors 400,000 years earlier than thought and in Asia not Africa, a study said yesterday.

The findings are based on a reconstruction of a crushed skull discovered in China in 1990, and have the potential to resolve the longstanding “Muddle in the Middle” of human evolution, researchers said.

But experts not involved in the work cautioned that the findings were likely to be disputed, and pointed to ongoing uncertainties in the timeline of human evolution.

The skull, labelled Yunxian 2, was previously thought to belong to a human forerunner called Homo erectus.

But modern reconstruction technologies revealed features closer to species previously thought to have existed only later in human evolution, including the recently discovered Homo longi and our own Homo sapiens.

“This changes a lot of thinking,” said Chris Stringer, an anthropologist at the Natural

History Museum, London, who was part of the research team.

“It suggests that by one million years ago, our ancestors had already split into distinct groups, pointing to a much earlier and more complex human evolutionary split than previously believed,” he added.

If the findings are correct, it suggests there could have been much earlier members of other early hominins, including Neanderthals and Homo sapiens, the study says.



The reconstructed skull, Yunxian 2, shows features similar to Homo erectus but its apparently larger brain capacity is closer to the recently discovered Homo longi and our own Homo sapiens

Trump hopes more opponents to be charged after Comey

Trump says Comey is a “dirty cop” as he steps up his campaign of political retribution

● Trump cheers Comey indictment

● Pushes for more political prosecutions

● Breaks norms separating DOJ and White House

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump called yesterday for more of his political opponents to face criminal charges as he cheered the indictment of former FBI director James Comey and branded him a “dirty cop.”

The Republican’s comments step up an extraordinary, undisguised campaign of retribution against those who oppose him that defies decades of norms in US politics.

“Frankly I hope there are others,” Trump told reporters at the White House when asked about Comey’s indictment on Thursday. “It’s not revenge. It’s also about the fact that you can’t let this go on.”

Presidents have historically bent over backward -- at least in public -- to show clear separation between the White House and the Justice Department. Trump has smashed that precedent, making clear he intends to influence Comey’s case -- and others.



US President Donald Trump waves as he makes his way to board Air Force One

ence Comey’s case -- and others.

Comey was charged with making false statements and obstruction of justice in connection with the probe he conducted into whether Trump colluded with Russia to win the 2016 election.

“He’s a dirty cop, he’s always been a dirty cop,” Trump told reporters about Comey, echoing an earlier post on his Truth Social network in which he declared him guilty.

The charges against the former FBI chief came days after Trump publicly urged Attorney General Pam Bondi to take action against Comey and others he sees as enemies.



The prosecutor who brought the case was a former personal lawyer to Trump with no prior experience as a prosecutor, appointed just days before the indictment

They included Leticia James, who as New York’s state prosecutor brought a civil fraud case against Trump, and California Senator Adam Schiff, who led the prosecution at the president’s first impeachment in 2019.

Asked who would be next for prosecution, Trump said: “It’s not a list, but I think there will be others.”

Trump has used his office since returning to power in January to pressure a huge variety of individuals and institutions that either opposed him in the past or, as in the case of several media outlets, had sought to maintain their independence from him.

EU steps up ‘drone wall’ plans after Russian incursions

● Drone wall follows recent violations

● Focus on detection and interception

AFP | Helsinki

Europe needs to learn from Ukraine and swiftly build a “wall” of anti-drone defences, the EU’s defence chief said yesterday, after talks with eastern member states rattled by a string of airspace violations by Russia.

Defence ministers from around 10 EU countries agreed during the talks, convened by commissioner Andrius Kubilius, to make the so-called “drone wall” a priority for the bloc.

Focus sharpened on the threat this week after unidentified drones forced the closure of airports in Denmark -- which joined the meeting.

“We need to move fast,” Kubilius told AFP in an interview. “And we need to move, taking all the lessons from Ukraine and making this drone wall together with Ukraine.”

Ukraine -- which has developed a raft of capabilities to detect and shoot down Russian



A soldier of the German armed forces Bundeswehr demonstrates the use of a handheld HP 47 drone jammer

drone swarms more cheaply -- also participated in yesterday’s talks, and said it wants to be part of the project.

“The drone wall will create a fundamentally new defence ecosystem in Europe, of which Ukraine is ready to be a part,” Ukraine’s Defence Minister Denys Shmygal wrote on social media.

Kubilius likewise said he wanted to see Ukraine be a “real partner in development of this wall”

and that he saw it as another way to integrate Kyiv into Europe’s defence build-up.

“Ukraine built an acoustic sensor system when the war started in a very short period of time,” defence commissioner Kubilius told AFP. “So I think that we can do that also without long delay.”

‘Detection, tracking and interception’

Kubilius, a former Lithuanian prime minister, said there was



Ukraine built an acoustic drone-detection system in weeks at the start of Russia’s invasion -- a model EU leaders now want to replicate quickly across Europe

not yet a firm notion of the costs of creating the project, but estimated it would be in the range of “several billion euros, not hundreds of billions”.

“More or less we understand what we need to develop. How much it will cost -- we shall see,” he said.

Kubilius earlier told a news conference in Helsinki that meeting participants had “agreed to move from concept to concrete actions”.

He said ministers had backed a broad plan to bolster the EU’s eastern defences, the “priority” being to build a drone wall “with advanced detection, tracking, and interception capabilities.”



Azerbaijan's Triumph: From Remembrance to Reconstruction and Peace



SHAHIN ABDULLAYEV

September 27 holds a special place in the modern history of Azerbaijan. On this day in 2020, the Patriotic War began, putting an end to the long-standing occupation problem and ensuring the territorial integrity of the country. Today, this date is observed as Remembrance Day, when the Azerbaijani people pay deep respect to all their martyrs. This day is a symbol of the nation's fighting spirit, self-sacrifice, and the state's political and military strength. The Patriotic War was not only a military operation but also a manifestation of national unity, the people's resolve, and the just cause of Azerbaijan based on international law. During the 44-day war, the Azerbaijani Armed Forces liberated the occupied territories and restored historical justice, ending Armenia's long-standing occupation policy. The war changed political and military realities that had been forming for decades. Armenia had long propagated myths about the invincibility of its army and attempted to create the illusion internationally that Karabakh was unreachable for Azerbaijan. However, these myths were shattered within just 44 days. As a result of successful operations, the Azerbaijani Army liberated large parts of Fuzuli, Jabrayil, Zangilan, Gubadli, Lachin, as well as Zangilan city, Hadrut town, and other strategic locations. The capture of Shusha marked the most glorious stage of the war. The liberation of Shusha not only restored Azerbaijan's strategic position but also its cultural and spiritual center. Following this victory, Armenia was forced to sign a capitulation act, and on November 10, 2020, the trilateral statement officially ended the war.

Significant outcomes

Azerbaijan's victory had significant political, diplomatic, and moral outcomes, in addition to the military success. The country ensured its territorial integrity in accordance with international law. UN Security Council resolutions adopted as early as 1993 demanded the end of the occupation, which had not been implemented until Azerbaijan's decisive actions. President Ilham Aliyev described this historic event as a "victory of our people, the power of our state, and the restoration of justice," emphasizing that Azerbaijan liberated its territories independently and that no one can take

this victory away.

Azerbaijan's victory also created new realities in the region. Local anti-terror measures conducted in September 2023 further reinforced these realities. Armenian armed forces remaining in Azerbaijan were swiftly removed, and the country's sovereignty was fully restored. These operations demonstrated that Azerbaijan will no longer tolerate occupation or the presence of illegal armed forces.

Right after our victorious war, Azerbaijan declared its readiness to open a new page in relations with Armenia based on mutual recognition of territorial integrity and sovereignty. We proposed five basic principles rooted in international law. We tabled the proposal for a Peace Treaty. Then we initiated a negotiation process on its draft text, which lasted from October 2022 to summer 2025.

New phase

The post-war period marked the beginning of a new phase. One of the state's main tasks was the Great Return—the resettlement of hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons to their ancestral lands. Reconstruction projects in Karabakh and Eastern Zangazur were launched with modern approaches. Under the Great Return Program, already more than 50,000 people live, work, and study in the liberated territories.

Economic development is a key pillar of this process. Azerbaijan's energy policy, involvement in international projects, and growth of the non-oil sector have created additional opportunities for the state budget. In recent years, non-oil exports have reached record levels, and new initiatives are being implemented in agriculture, tourism, and industry. Economic zones established in the liberated territories are expected to become major regional development centers. Funds for reconstruction come not only from domestic sources but also from international financial institutions.

Azerbaijan actively engages in global energy projects, both in fossil fuels and renewable energy, while establishing smart infrastructure in Karabakh and Eastern Zangazur. Almost 40 % of our energy will be generated by renewables by 2030. These efforts strengthen energy security, enhance regional connectivity, and position Azerbaijan as a strategic participant in global economic initiatives.

As of today, we are supplying natural gas to 14 countries. This ranks Azerbaijan as the top country in the world in terms of the number of countries it supplies with pipeline gas.

Efforts to transform

Azerbaijan wasted no time and initiated efforts to transform the previously neglected lands during the occupation into a region with smart cities and smart villages, airports, and roads, and began cultivating agricultural areas. In this aspect, credible work has already begun to construct a highway from Fuzuli to Shusha and an international airport in Fuzuli. Azerbaijan is inclined towards transforming the region into an economic and tourism hub with the establishment of new transportation lines, the restoration of historical monuments, and the reconstruction of liberated cities.

The credit for this success directly goes to President Ilham Aliyev. His strategic thinking and firm leadership played a pivotal role in liberating the occupied territories and restoring peace. President Aliyev's commitment to modernizing cities while preserving their historical heritage reflects his forward-thinking approach. The visionary leadership is devoting significant attention to foster developments through innovative and digital solutions to provide comfortable living conditions for the safe return of internally displaced people.

Strategic hub

The favorable geographic location of Azerbaijan makes our country to become a strategic hub of regional economic policy. The transit volume of goods through the Middle Corridor is increasing each year. This indicator is expected to ramp up in next years, in particular, with commissioning of the Zangazur corridor. The modern infrastructure created in the country, including Baku International Trade Sea Port, Alat Free Economic Zone and modern railway network offer all amenities to the investors in terms of direct access to global markets and high transit efficiency. At the same time, special economic zones coupled with modern transportation and digital infrastructure offer ready-to-go platforms for production, logistics, renewable energy, digital services and high value chain agriculture.

Since the first days of gaining independence, the Republic of Azerbaijan has always supported the fostering of international cooperation in all areas. We believe that the only way to reach stability and prosperity lies across dialogue and partnership. Azerbaijan makes constructive steps to ensure peace and stability in its region – the South Caucasus. One of main targets we assigned for ourselves, is to build a new cooperation

format in the region based on mutual trust, security and pragmatism. We are of opinion that the purposeful actions done in this direction will favor further fostering partnerships between neighboring countries in the future.

The Joint Declaration was signed between Azerbaijan and Armenia in the witness of the US in Washington on August 8, 2025. Thus, the important historic step was made towards ending the long lasting conflict between our countries and signing the peace agreement. The full instauration of prosperity in the South Caucasus will open up opportunities not only for our region, but also for Central Asia, Middle East and Europe.

Historic step

This agreement represented a historic step toward normalizing relations with Armenia. President Ilham Aliyev stated that the agreement laid the foundation for sustainable peace and opened broad opportunities for the future of the region. This agreement is a diplomatic victory for Azerbaijan, as it reaffirmed the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity at the international level. The signing of the agreement in the U.S. also reflects Azerbaijan's growing international influence. This event proves that the struggle that began on September 27 was not only a military victory but also a diplomatic achievement.

Azerbaijan is inclined towards transforming the region into an economic and tourism hub with the establishment of new transportation lines, the restoration of historical monuments, and the reconstruction of liberated cities. Azerbaijan has always championed internationalism, stood on the right side of history and the progressive side of humanity, and contributed to peace and development. All these major developments were made possible due to President Aliyev's farsightedness and vision, which have helped the nation become more resilient. Azerbaijan is committed to ensuring that the citizens of these territories can enjoy the benefits of peace and progress and that they have the opportunity to build a bright future for themselves and their children.

For every Azerbaijani citizen, September 27 is a day to pay tribute to martyrs and honor their sacrifices. It is also a day to look to the future, strengthen the state, and work for peace. Azerbaijan's victory, the Great Return, and economic development are key components of achieving these goals.

(The author is Azerbaijan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia. The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)



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I know you're worried about the level of illegal migration into this country. Digital ID is another measure to make it tougher to work illegally here, making our borders more secure. Ours is a fairer Britain, built on change, not division.

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Amid conflict, climate change & stalling development the #G20 has the power & responsibility to set the course to a safer, fairer future for all. At #UNGA I asked G20 foreign ministers to work together to make peace the surest path to sustainable economic development.

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The world faces a crucial choice: Do we want a rules-based international order, based on multilateralism and the UN Charter? Or a chaotic world based on unilateralism, violence, and disruption? The EU knows where it stands. #UNGA80

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During the #UNGA, we renewed our strategic partnership agreement with the Government of Luxembourg. Luxembourg's predictable and flexible support has delivered impressive results for children globally. Together, we reaffirm our shared mission for every child, everywhere.

@unicefchief

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400,000 evacuated, 3 dead as fresh storm batters Philippines

AFP | Manila

The Philippines evacuated hundreds of thousands of people and confirmed at least three deaths yesterday as it faced yet another tropical storm, days after it was battered by deadly Super Typhoon Ragasa.

Civil defence officials in the Bicol region in the south of Luzon island said three people were killed when walls collapsed and trees were uprooted by Severe Tropical Storm Bualoi, which is sweeping west by northwest at sustained speeds of 110 kilometres (70 miles) per hour. Evacuees in one province took



A grab shows people walking past a building with ripped off roof at the height of Severe Tropical Storm (ST5) Bualoi near a church in Masbate City, Bicol region, south of Manila

cover under pews as the roof of a church where they were sheltering was ripped apart by the storm.

Jerome Martinez, a municipal engineer in southern Luzon's Masbate province, told AFP that the wind destroyed the door, windows and ceiling of the church at around 4:00 am.

"That's one of the strongest winds I've ever experienced," Martinez said, adding some children had suffered minor injuries requiring stitches.

"I think more people will have to evacuate still because many houses were destroyed and many roofs were blown away. They

are now blocking the streets and roads," he said.

Government officials also raised the death toll from Super Typhoon Ragasa, which swept across the northern Philippines this week on its way to China, to 14, with thousands still displaced.

Ragasa also killed at least 14 people in Taiwan, and left 22 missing, after its torrential rains caused a barrier lake to burst.

Philippine civil defence official Bernardo Alejandro told a news briefing that 400,000 people had been evacuated nationwide in the face of the new tropical storm.

CELEBS

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Snoop Dogg ‘in love’ with Australian Rules football

AFP | Los Angeles

American rapper Snoop Dogg said he was “in love” with Australian Rules football on Thursday, ahead of his performance at the sport’s grand final.

The 53-year-old will take to the stage at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today, which will be jammed with up to 100,000 fans watching as Geelong face Brisbane.

“I’ve been coming to this country for years and I understand

what this game is and what it means,” he told Australian media at a function where no questions were permitted.

“I know that it’s not just a sport, it’s a way of life. I just fell in love with the sport,” he added.

“I always would watch it, but never really understood it.

“It reminded me of American football, rugby and a couple of other things, but now that I understand it, I like it and want to know more about it before the grand finale.”

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SNOOP DOGG

AFL, which is similar to Ireland’s Gaelic football, traces its roots back to 1858 and is Australia’s most popular spectator sport.

Snoop Dogg’s pick as the grand final entertainment has been divisive in Australia, given his past use of misogynistic and offensive lyrics in some of his songs.

The AFL was accused of hypocrisy for hiring him in August while at the same time banning Adelaide star Izak Rankine for four games over a homophobic slur against an opponent.

AFL chief Andrew Dillon defended the decision to hire the American, whose real name is Calvin Broadus.

“I’ve been really confident with the choice of Snoop,” he said.

Snoop Dogg



Matthew McConaughey ‘studies’ becoming Governor of Texas

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

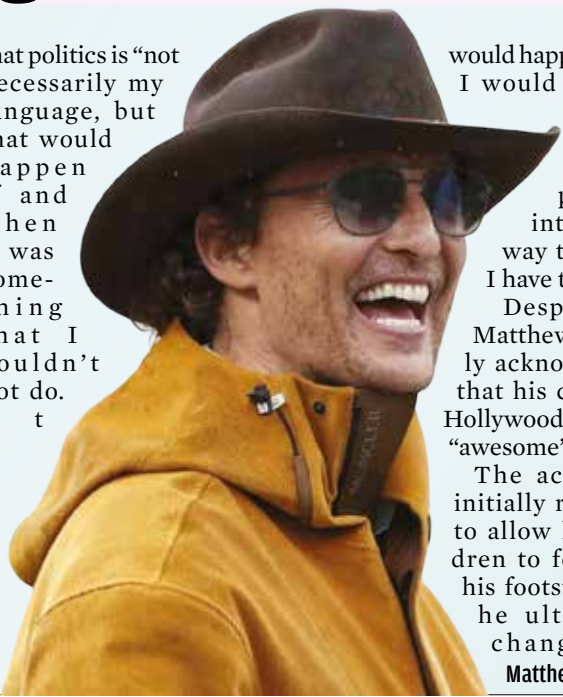
Matthew McConaughey remains interested in becoming the Governor of Texas one day.

The 55-year-old actor previously expressed an interest in the political role, and Matthew has now revealed that he continues to “study” the possibility.

The movie star - who was born in Uvalde, Texas - told People: “Like I said, it’s something I started looking into probably six years ago and something I’ve continued to study what that arena is, what it would mean, how could I be useful in it?”

The Hollywood star noted

that politics is “not necessarily my language, but that would happen if and when it was something that I couldn’t not do. I t



would happen when I would look up and see that I’m pulled into it in a way that, ‘Oh, I have to.’”

Despite this, Matthew recently acknowledged that his career in Hollywood has been “awesome”.

The actor was initially reluctant to allow his children to follow in his footsteps, but he ultimately changed his

mind after reflecting on his own experiences in the movie business.

The award-winning star - who has Levi, 17, Vida, 15, and Livingston, 12, with Camila Alves - told People: “The first 15 years in Hollywood I was like, ‘I’d never want my kid to grow up in the business.’ And when I hit about 40, right about the time we had Levi, I looked around at how many special people I’ve met in my life, how much travel and what an awesome, healthy, cool experience that’s been for me in my life. I was like, ‘Where are you coming up with this idea you don’t want any of your kids to do it?’ It’d be a privilege if they would be able to.”

Matthew McConaughey

Emily Blunt surprised by ‘contemplative’ Dwayne Johnson

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Emily Blunt was shocked to discover that Dwayne ‘The Rock’ Johnson is so “contemplative”.

The 42-year-old actress first worked with the wrestler-turned-actor on 2021’s Jungle Cruise, and the Hollywood duo instantly struck-up a good friendship.

Speaking at the Toronto International Film Festival, Emily explained: “We just

became very fast friends, like an immediate secret language, which I think you feel with certain people that you work with.”

Emily admits that Dwayne, 53, was totally different to how she imagined him to be.

The actress - who has reunited with Dwayne to star in The Smashing Machine, their new sports-drama movie - explained: “We just talked and shared our souls. And I was just really taken by, I guess, how different he was from what I

had imagined.

“He was so gentle and quite interior and sort of contemplative and kind, just easy. Like, so lovely to be around, funny and quick, all these qualities.”

Dwayne also heaped praise on his co-star, describing Emily as one of his “best friends”.

He said: “I also want to give Emily her flowers too. She is one of the greatest actors of our time — of all time. And also one of my best friends.



Emily Blunt and Dwayne Johnson

Idris Elba doesn’t ‘have the courage’ to enter politics

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Idris Elba doesn’t “have the courage” to enter politics.

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“It’s about your judgement then; it’s about what you know, what you’ve learned, what you’ve lived through, and your courage. So I learned I don’t have the courage to be in politics, that’s for sure!”

IDRIS ELBA

52-year-old actor was recently tipped as a possible contender to run for London Mayor at the next election but the Luther star is adamant he doesn’t have what it takes to swap Hollywood for City Hall.

Speaking to journalists at the Venice Film Festival in Italy, he explained: “I think you have to give it to people that enter politics – the life cycle and going on an educative curve to become a politician means that you have to adopt that courage really early because then you’re faced with these impossible predicaments.

“It’s about your judgement then; it’s about what you know, what



Idris Elba

you’ve learned, what you’ve lived through, and your courage. So I learned I don’t have the courage to be in politics, that’s for sure!”

It comes after Elba - who was born and raised in London - was previously touted as a potential candidate for the Labour party at the next mayoral election which is likely to be held in 2028 as current mayor Sadiq Khan is expected not to run again.

A source told The Sun newspaper: “Idris has star appeal - but he is also a thoughtful political campaigner. Labour have a choice about who we choose to run in London.

“We can pick a Labour insider and try to make them famous. Or we can pick someone famous aligned with Labour. Idris would be at the absolute top of our wish list.”

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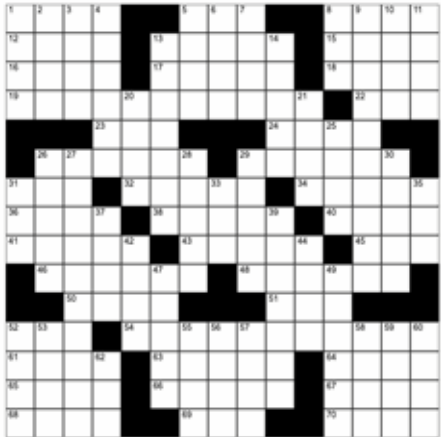
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How to play

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Marquez third fastest in Japan MotoGP practice

Spanish star can secure first championship since 2019 with strong result this weekend

● Bezzecchi leads despite two crashes

● Alex Marquez struggles in 15th place

● Multiple riders crash in hot conditions

AFP | Motegi



Ducati Lenovo Team's Spanish MotoGP rider Marc Marquez rides during a practice session

Championship-chasing Marc Marquez clocked the third-fastest time of an action-packed practice for the Japan MotoGP yesterday as he looks to clinch his first world title since 2019.

Spanish Ducati rider Marquez recorded a best time of 1min 43.36sec in unseasonably warm conditions at Motegi, where temperatures were close to 30C.

That was 0.167sec slower than Aprilia's Marco Bezzecchi, who topped the timesheets despite crashing twice in the morning session.

Marquez is looking to win his seventh world title in Japan this weekend after dominating the competition with 11 Grand Prix

wins this season already.

He can seal the deal if he finishes the weekend with at least three more points than his brother and nearest championship rival, Alex Marquez.

Alex Marquez had a tough

time in practice, finishing

15th-fastest and missing out on a direct spot in the second qualifying session.

It was the first time the Gresini rider had finished outside the top 10 in practice all

season.

Marc Marquez faced the same fate as he went into the final 10 minutes languishing near the bottom of the timesheets, but he put together a fast lap when it counted.

Equal Opportunities Committee holds awareness workshop at REHC



The Equal Opportunities Committee at the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club organised an awareness workshop titled "The Race Begins Here", attended by a number of the club's employees. The session was delivered by Dr. Nabil Taha, who led an interactive lecture on self-motivation, goal setting, and mental and professional preparation for success, while highlighting the importance of equal opportunities in modern workpla



Spanish great Busquets to retire after MLS season

AFP | Miami

Inter Miami's former Barcelona and Spain star Sergio Busquets said Thursday he will retire from football at the end of the 2025 Major League Soccer season.

The 37-year-old midfielder made the announcement in a social media post.

"These will be my last months on the pitch. I'm retiring very

Sergio Busquets

happy, proud, fulfilled, and above all grateful," Busquets said in a video on his Instagram page.

"A heartfelt thank you to everyone and to football for everything. You will

always be a part of this beautiful story."

An elegant, skillful player known for his poise and calmness on the ball, Busquets is widely regarded as one of the best defensive midfielders in history.

Aston Villa earn first win to launch Europa League bid, Rangers beaten

AFP | London



Players celebrate after a goal

Aston Villa ended their winless run by beating Bologna 1-0 to open their Europa League campaign, while Rangers manager Russell Martin's job was placed into peril by a 1-0 home defeat to Genk on Thursday.

Despite failing to win any of their first five Premier League games, Villa had been installed as pre-tournament favourites for the Europa League.

The English side reached the quarter-finals of the Cham-

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Shabab stun Khalidiya; Muharraq held

Winning streaks snapped in matchday 3 of NPL

- **Binong's volley settles Khalidiya match**
- **Juninho score late equaliser for Muharraq against Malkiya**

TDt | Manama

Al Khalidiya's nine-point start ended with a 1-0 defeat to Al Shabab at Khalifa Sports City. Khalidiya had reached the game after narrow 1-0 league wins and a 0-0 draw in the AFC Champions League, but their backline could not contain a Shabab counter shortly after the break.

Hussain Al Qassab drove forward, found Stephane Binong, whose wobbling first touch did not prevent him recovering to slot a low volley into the far corner for the only goal.

Khalidiya starting XI: Hamad Al Doseri; Sayed Dhiya Saeed; Ahmed Bughammar; Mousa Coulibaly; Ayoub El Amloud; Hazza Ali; Dominique Mendy; Komail Al Aswad; Saifeddine Bouhra; Gleison Moreira; Joel Beya.

Al Shabab starting XI: Mahmood Al Ajmi; Hussain Al Qassab; Ahmed Kamil; Mujta-



Mohammed Al Faleh (L) celebrates his opening goal vs. Muharraq

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Both leaders showed cracks despite perfect opening runs

ba Abdali; Stephane Binong; Ali Redha Isa; Mahmood Al Kayssoumi; Abdulrahman Ali; Alaa Anas; Abdullahi Abdulrahman; Chikamuso Okechukwu.

Champions Drop Points

Muharraq were held 1-1 by Al Malkiya at the Bahrain National Stadium. Malkiya struck first in the 14th minute when Mohammed Al Faleh met a headed knock-on from Mohammed Salem and unleashed a volley past goalkeeper Ebrahim Lutfalla. Celebrations spilled into a scuffle and Muharraq substitute Hussain Jameel, who had not started, was sent off from the bench.

Fahad Al Asmari was also shown red for Al Malkiya in first-half stoppage time for a late challenge on Waleed Al Hayyam. With just over 20 min-

utes remaining Juninho levelled for Muharraq — he chested Abdulkarim's cross and half-volleyed into the near post.

Muharraq starting XI: Ebrahim Lutfalla; Waleed Al Hayam; Amine Benaddi; Mohamed Al Hardan; Soufiane Mahrouk; Hanan Abdulwahab; Gervasio Olivera; Mohamed Al Banna; Juninho; Arthur Rezende; Elliot Simoes.

Al Malkiya starting XI: Goodwill; Ahmed Muslim; Qassim Habib; Samuel Sarfo; Hassan Isa; Mohammed Salem; Mohammed Alfaleh; Cyril Olisema; Fahad Al Asmari; Nani; Abdulhalim Abbo.

Standings and Context

Thursday's action saw both games end in stalemates, with Riffa held by Hidd (0-0) and Najma and Sitra also sharing the points (0-0). After yesterday's results, Muharraq remain top of the table with two wins and a draw, while Khalidiya drop to second on six points after their first defeat. Malkiya are in fifth with a win and two draws, and Shabab move up to seventh with one win, one draw, and one loss.

The Nasser bin Hamad Premier League continues today with A'ali facing Al Ahli and Budaiya taking on Bahrain SC, both fixtures kicking off at 7pm.

Bahrain Paralympic Committee Participates in International General Assembly in Seoul



Shaikh Mohammed bin Duaij Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Paralympic Committee, led the kingdom's delegation at the International Paralympic Committee General Assembly held in Seoul from September 24-27. The Bahraini delegation included Secretary-General Ali Mohamed Al Majed, executive director of finance and administration Shaikh Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, office director Noor Hussein, and senior sports coordinator Mahmoud Mohamed. Discussions at the assembly centred on strengthening international cooperation, exchanging expertise among national committees, and advancing the global Paralympic movement to better support athletes worldwide

Chelsea's Palmer sidelined with groin injury

AFP | Dubai

Cole Palmer will likely be out of action until after next month's international break to give the Chelsea midfielder time to shake off a groin problem, manager Enzo Maresca said yesterday.

The England international came off midway through the first half in Chelsea's 2-1

defeat at Manchester United last week, their first Premier League defeat of the season.

The 23-year-old had previously missed games against West Ham and Fulham with the same issue.

Maresca told reporters that Chelsea had decided to "protect" Palmer so his injury would not get worse.

Fritz says path to Grand Slam glory goes through Alcaraz, Sinner

AFP | Paris

Taylor Fritz said yesterday he expects Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner to continue dominating Grand Slams but he "can't count on them not being there" if he wants to win one.

World number one Alcaraz and number two Sinner have contested every Grand Slam final this year, with American Fritz the last player to break up the duopoly.

Fritz, now the world number five, reached last year's US Open final, where he lost to Italy's Sinner.

Fritz, who beat Portugal's Nuno Borges 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) at the Japan Open on Saturday, said he could not afford to be afraid of meeting the top two if he wants to win his first Grand Slam title.

"I can't count on making it



Taylor Fritz in action

happen on maybe the one-off Slam where they have a random loss or something like that," Fritz said.

"I need to be able to play at a

level where, on a day at a Grand Slam, I can be able to beat one of them and make it happen that way.

"I can't count on them not

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I can't count on making it happen on maybe the one-off Slam where they have a random loss or something like that. I need to be able to play at a level where, on a day at a Grand Slam, I can be able to beat one of them and make it happen that way. I can't count on them not being there - I feel like they're always going to be there

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being there - I feel like they're always going to be there," he added.

Zverev wins Beijing opener as Gauff launches title defence

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Alexander Zverev saw off Lorenzo Sonego 6-4, 6-3 with a decisive ace at the China Open yesterday as Coco Gauff launched her bid for a repeat crown.

World number three Zverev, the second seed in Beijing, next faces France's Corentin Moutet.

The German and Sonego went toe-to-toe for 50 minutes before Zverev converted a break to edge the 30-year-old Italian in the first set after a brief back-and-forth at the net.

A confident Zverev won four



Germany's Alexander Zverev hits a return to Italy's Lorenzo Sonego

straight games in the second for a commanding 5-1 lead.

Although 44th-ranked Sonego held on a little longer, the 28-year-old closed out the match with an ace on his first match point.

"Good start to a tournament," Zverev told Chinese platform Migu Sports after the win.

"(Sonego is) somebody that is tricky for me. We had long matches, tough battles in the past but I'm happy to be through, definitely."

Also in action at the Beijing ATP 500 event, fan favourite Daniil Medvedev beat Cameron Norrie 6-3, 6-4.