

BRAVE CF's Said Maalem fires back at Fakhreddine

Mohammed Said Maalem accepted Mohammed Fakhreddine's challenge, but claimed the champ's "disrespect" towards him deserved to be "punished" | P 11

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Jaishankar interacts with Indians in UAE

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India's external affairs minister S Jaishankar yesterday interacted virtually with the members of the Indian Community in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and assured them of the government's responsiveness on issues about post-COVID normalcy.



F1 Bahrain GP weekend flags off at BIC

Bahrain's F1 double-header is taking place with all precautionary guidelines in place

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The Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2020 gets underway today at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir, kicking off the first-ever F1 double-header to be hosted by the Kingdom.

Seven-time F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton arrives at BIC yesterday with his pet dog Roscoe

The Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix marks the 15th of 17 rounds in the 2020 FIA F1 World Championship. It is the first time in the history of the event that it is being held so late in the season.

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The first will be held in daylight conditions starting at 2 pm, while the second will take place under the brilliance of BIC's floodlights from 6 pm.

BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa commented: "F1 racing is back at Bahrain International Circuit and we are thrilled to be kicking off our much-anticipated F1 double-header with the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix."

"We extend the warmest welcome to our international guests who will be competing over the next couple of weeks, and we hope everyone has a safe and comfortable stay."

"We at BIC especially look forward to welcoming our highly appreciated front-liners, first-responders and their family members, for the race on Sunday, and giving them the memorable occasion they deserve."

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Cyclone Nivar slams into southern India



Reuters | Chennai, India

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A severe cyclone slammed into India's southern coast early yesterday, killing at least five people and uprooting trees and power lines.

'Unacceptable' and 'Unjustified'

Lawmakers blast Qatar's interception of Bahrain vessels

The incident occurred at 1 pm local time in an area allowed for the vessels to conduct an intense pursuit

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Bahraini lawmakers yesterday strongly condemned the Qatari action intercepting two vessels belonging to the Bahraini coast guards.

The vessels, returning to Bahrain after taking part in a maritime exercise "Al



Two Bahraini Coast Guard boats were stopped by three Qatar Coast Guards (Courtesy of Bahrain Coast Guard Command | Gulf News)

Manaa", north of Fasht Al Dibal, were stopped by three Qatari coast guards and Border Security patrols.

The incident occurred at 1 p.m. local time on Wednesday in an area where the vessels were allowed to carry out an intense pursuit, said the Interior Ministry statement earlier.

The Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee of the Shura Council termed the Qatari behaviour as "unjustified" which contradicts the security agreement of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

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BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL CASES

86,347

ACTIVE CASES

1,496

DEATHS

341

DISCHARGED

84,510

NEW CASES

162

CRITICAL

12

Naval power

Big boost for Bahrain's naval fire power



"RBNS Al-Zubara", the latest addition to Bahrain Naval forces has arrived in Bahrain yesterday after a three-month-long wait. The sale to Bahrain has been managed by BAE Systems Maritime, the original builder of the River-class patrol boat.

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