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S&P lifts Bahrain's outlook to positive



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Bahrain's outlook has been raised to positive from stable by S&P Global Ratings which also affirmed the 'B+/B' ratings of the Kingdom, citing ongoing fiscal reforms and solid growth in non-oil receipts.

The global rating agency said the brighter outlook reflects expectations that the Kingdom will continue fiscal reforms and that the country could benefit from additional support from other Gulf Cooperation Council sovereigns if necessary.

"Solid growth in non-oil receipts and budget consolidation measures are easing pressure on fiscal position," S&P said while affirming the local currency sovereign credit ratings.

Among the policies welcomed by the agency were expenditure cuts and a doubling of value-added taxes in January.

"Bahrain's relatively diverse economy benefits from proximity to the large Saudi Arabian market, strong regulatory oversight of the financial sector, a relatively well-educated workforce, and low-cost environment," S&P said.

"The economy is also benefiting from an increase in regional activity," S&P added. The agency expects the economy of Bahrain to expand by 4.8% in 2022.

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Cityscape ends on a high note

Expo offered projects worth BD967 million, records BD101 m in sales

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Cityscape Bahrain, the region's largest real estate summit and exhibition, concluded yesterday on a high note after extending by a day and witnessing a record 101 million dinars of sales.

The sales were through 40 of the most prominent real estate development companies, both inside and outside the Kingdom.

Altogether, the expo offered 10,000 properties, including villas, apartments, lands, and real estate projects collectively worth BD 967 million.

The quality and diversity of the projects on offer also attracted tremendous footfall, with more than 10,000 flocking to the expo in about five days.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, opened the first edition of Cityscape Bahrain 2022 on Tuesday at Exhibition World Bahrain in Sakhir.

Shaikh Salman bin Abdulah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Survey and Land Registration Authority, the Real Estate Regulatory Agency, and Higher Organising Committee for Cityscape Bahrain 2022, thanked His Majesty King

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for the royal care.

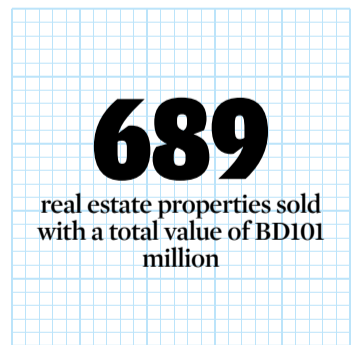
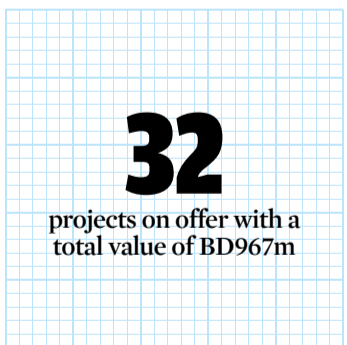
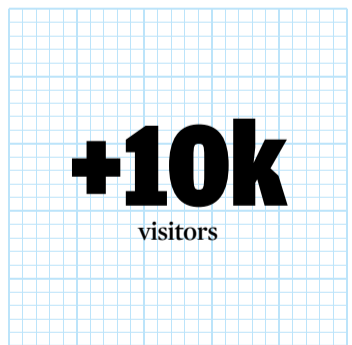
HRH's attention, he said, has contributed to the promotion of Bahrain as a prime destination



Shaikh Salman bin Abdulah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Survey and Land Registration Authority, the Real Estate Regulatory Agency, and Higher Organising Committee for Cityscape Bahrain 2022, thanked His Majesty King

for investment in the real estate sector. In this regard, he pointed out that the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, with its advanced infrastructure, will attract more and more international exhibitions and further contribute to the comprehensive development of the Kingdom. He also hailed the real estate sector as one of the competitive sectors that support the national economy, pointing out that the Kingdom is "continuing to strengthen its pioneering position in the exhibition and conference industry."

On the unexpected extension of the expo, he said this was due to the tremendous success and high turnout of visitors.



Former Pakistan PM Khan calls off protest march to avoid creating 'havoc'



Former Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan

Reuters | Islamabad

Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, in his first public appearance since being wounded in a gun attack earlier this month, said yesterday he was calling off his protest march to Islamabad because he feared it would cause havoc in the country.

Khan has been holding country-wide protests to push the government for early elections since being ousted from power in April. The protests were to culminate in a march to Islamabad, which threatened to worsen political turmoil in the nuclear-armed country which is battling an economic crisis.

Protests erupt in Xinjiang and Beijing after deadly fire



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Scam alert

WhatsApp leak: Data of 1,450,124 Bahraini users 'on sale'

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Up-to-date phone numbers of nearly 500 million WhatsApp users from 84 countries, including Bahrain, are on sale online, says a report by Cybernews.

The dataset allegedly contains phone numbers of 1,450,124 citizens in Bahrain, 28,804,686 citizens in Saudi Arabia, 6,978,927 users in UAE, 5,048,532 people in Oman and 4,468,134 users in

There are 2 billion WhatsApp users around the globe. The messaging app is available in more than 180 countries and 60 different languages.

Kuwait.

The leak came to light after an advertisement posted by a cyber actor on a hacking community forum claimed to have

a 2022 database of 487 million WhatsApp user mobile numbers for sale.

Reportedly, WhatsApp has over 2 billion users worldwide.

The majority of phone numbers on sale belong to the citizens of Egypt (45 million), Italy (35 m), Saudi Arabia (29 m), France (20 m), and Turkey (20 m).

The dataset for sale also allegedly has nearly 10 million Russian and over 11 million UK citizens' phone numbers.

Cybernews report quoting a threat actor said they were selling the US dataset for \$7,000, the UK - \$2,500, and Germany

- \$2,000. The report warns that such information is used mainly for phishing and vishing attacks.

Cybernews report also confirms having a sample of data from the sellers, which they say were all verified to be WhatsApp users.

The report also clarifies that the seller has not disclosed how they obtained the database.

WhatsApp parents company Meta is yet to comment on the news.

Road worker dies after trench wall collapses in Al Lawzi

Civil Defence Force rescues another trapped inside the mud, several workers injured in the accident

● Works Ministry opens an investigation, expresses regret

● Offers condolence to the deceased's family

● Mishap occurred at a rainwater drainage project site

● Incident occurred yesterday evening

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A road construction worker lost his life, while civil defence forces rescued another when a trench wall collapsed, trapping them under a pile of sand.



The accident site



Civil Defence Officer at the accident site

The mishap also caused injuries to several other workers at

the site. The incident occurred yesterday evening at a rainwater

drainage project site on Street 26 in the Al-Lawzi area.

Rescue officers said the sand wall collapsed on the workers

while they were working inside a hole dug at the site.

The National Ambulance team reached the scene immediately and gave necessary medical assistance to injured workers at the site.

In a statement, the Works Ministry expressed deep regret over the painful incident.

The ministry said the mishap occurred while the workers were inside a trench dug for establishing a rainwater drainage project on Street 26 in the Al-Lawzi area.

The minister offered condolences to the family members of the deceased.

Works Ministry officials said they are investigating the incident with other government agencies. The statement said the ministry took legal measures in coordination with the Ministry of Interior.

Arad Mall nearing completion

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Development of the Arad Commercial complex has reached its final stages and will open doors by the end of this year.

The announcement came during a visit of Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, yesterday to the mall.

Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Under-



Minister during a visit yesterday to Arad complex

secretary for Municipal Affairs, Shawqia Humaidan, Assistant Undersecretary for Joint Municipal Services, and several officials were present.

The complex, whose works are in partnership with the private sector, houses several shops and commercial establishments. The tender board had awarded the project to Ramez Trading and Marketing Company.

The project is on an area of 11,000 square meters.

Induction programme for new lawmakers begins today

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An induction programme for the newly elected lawmakers will kick off today.

Assistant Secretary-General for Committees, Sessions and Parliamentary Support at the Council of Representatives, Yahya Ali Al-Mulla, said the programme for the sixth Legislative Term continues until the seventh of December.

The programme, organised by the Secretariat-General of the Council of Representatives, aims to prepare the newly-elected MPs to carry out their legislative and supervisory role.

Discussions and lectures on parliamentary work will focus on MPs' legislative and oversight competence, as well as on their rights and duties.

The focus will also be on work mechanisms, the procedural session and the Council's sessions, formation of parliamentary committees and their work mechanisms.

The induction programme will also highlight the financial and economic indicators of the general budget, the Fiscal Balance Programme, public debt management, the work of the parliamentary delegation and the parliamentary friendship committees.

Cartier's descendant concludes Bahrain visit

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Francesca Cartier Brickell, a direct descendant of the Cartier family and an independent historian, has concluded her visit to Bahrain.

The Bestselling author of 'The Cartiers', which chronicles the history of her family and its role in the jewellery trade was hosted by the Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (Danat).

Her visit comes a century after her great-grandfather, Jacques Cartier, first arrived on the island.

Brickell also found time for a book signing ceremony and a lecture during her visit to the Jewellery Arabia exhibition.

During the lecture, Francesca talked about the aspects of the family connection found by Cartier in the Arabian Gulf region and the Kingdom of Bahrain in particular.

Her travel itinerary also included visiting Muharraq and the diving and natural pearl extraction areas.

Cartier Brickell also sat for a rephotography session, where she sat in the same position her grandfather, Cartier, sat in 1912,



Francesca Cartier Brickell visiting various places in the Kingdom

along with the grandchildren of those who appeared in the 110-year-old photo.

The CEO of the Danat Institute, Noora Jamsheer, said, "The visit helped us to recall and reflect upon the rich history concerning pearl extraction and trade."

"The Cartier family have played an important role in converging artisanship with gemstone procurement, resulting in the finest jewellery in the world," said Jamsheer.

Loyal Boushahri, the Director of Marketing and Communications at Danat, stressed the desire to undertake further international friendship-building initiatives as part of its mission

to revive the pearl sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain – and enhance the sector's contribution to the national economy.

After graduating with a degree in English Literature from Oxford University, Francesca studied French Literature at the Sorbonne in Paris before moving on to a career in finance as a financial analyst and later a fund manager (Barclays, Royal Bank

of Scotland). She has worked in London, New York and Asia but a few years ago took the decision to leave her work in the City to focus on her book.

Francesca has spent the last decade tracking down original source material across the world and meeting people connected with the family and its business.



Francesca Cartier Brickell's great-great-grandfather founded the firm in 1847 and her late grandfather, Jean-Jacques Cartier, was the last of the family to manage a branch of the business.



Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority yesterday represented Bahrain in the 117th session of the Executive Council of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation held in Marrakesh, Morocco. Dr Nasser Ali Qaedi, CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, headed Bahrain's delegation to the meeting which had 250 participants, including ministers and senior officials. Dr Qaedi participated in a panel discussion on "Small and Medium Enterprises and Digital Futures", where sessions focused on developing the tourism sector, creating jobs, and training programmes and adopting initiatives to support the growth and progress of tourism. Dr Ali Qaedi also held discussions with Ahmed Aqil Al-Khatib, Minister of Tourism of Saudi Arabia, and congratulated him on his appointment as Chairman of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization and the election of Saudi Arabia as Chairman of the Council to be the first Gulf country to occupy this position. Dr Qaedi also met with counterparts from United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Armenia, Brazil, Mauritius and South Korea.

Authorities intensify fogging as mosquito menace stings

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Mosquito control professionals were all over the Kingdom yesterday armed with handheld and on-truck fogging devices, particularly in areas where citizens and residents complained were plagued with pesky mosquitoes.

Complaints were from all governorates of the Kingdom, with the experts blaming stagnant waters, piled up waste and weather for the menace.

Teams were deployed in Hamad Town, Karana, Damistan and Isa Town to identify breeding spots and spray pesticides.

Also, present during yesterday's operations were specialists from the Environmental Health Department.

Workers wearing masks and fogging machines were seen carefully inspecting and spraying chemicals into drainages as trucks fitted with fogging machines rolled through streets, immersing the locality in thick smoke to control the scourge of mosquitoes.

The Daily Tribune had earlier reported the woes of distressed citizens from across the Kingdom a few months back, where people likened the mosquito menace in the Kingdom to the notorious Mumbai-like situation in India.

Many from Umm Al Hassam and Gudaibiya had told The Daily Tribune that they were increasingly worried about their health, with their ears constantly filled with mosquito humming.

The action yesterday by the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture and the Ministry of Health also followed similar complaints from citizens and residents, which went viral



In pictures, Workers in action at various areas of the Kingdom



online. Officials said they are intensifying inspection campaigns to eliminate mosquitoes and their larvae.

"Cleaning and waste removal works are ongoing in all governorates of the Kingdom," the ministry said.

The ministry also confirmed that it periodically removes

rubble and construction wastes from public squares non-stop.

Officials said they have also recently cleaned rainwater drainages and conducted bilge suction ahead of the rainy season to limit the spread of mosquitoes.

"Cleaning and waste removal works are proceeding as per an approved mechanism."

Control works are ongoing where bilge water, building rubble and water are collected.

In this regard, the ministry also called on the need to adhere to regulations and laws for waste disposal to preserve public health.

The public can contact the ministry regarding cleaning

work on 80008188.

"We are spraying and thermal fogging periodically to reduce the spread of mosquitoes using special pesticides," said a health ministry official.

The Public Department of the Ministry of Health called on citizens and residents to remain aware of stagnant water col-

lected in containers, household fountains or drainage openings that are not tightly closed and to dispose of water periodically to avoid the presence of larvae in it.

Complaints can be made directly by calling 66701633 during official working hours from Sunday to Thursday from 7 am to 2 pm.

Trio proposes new methods for 'a much cleaner Bahrain'

Three school children inspire elders with their novel waste management methods

Zahra Ayaz

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In a rare act of innovation, three schoolchildren have come up with a novel concept to handle waste management that will pave the way "for a much cleaner nation".

The project titled 'Land Ambulance' carries the slogan 'We seek a cleaner environment and support for humanitarian projects'.

The students, Muhammad Taqi, Muhammad Khaled, and Ali Hussein Fadh - implemented the project under the guidance of their coordinator, Nasim Muhammad Ali.

Speaking to media, the students said, "The idea is based on allocating specially equipped vehicles to help the Kingdom's land surfaces; sustain its cleanliness and protect it from waste, pollution and environmental damages.

"We will keep coloured containers in every location, with



Students, Muhammad Taqi, Muhammad Khaled, and Ali Hussein Fadh - implemented the project under the guidance of their coordinator, Nasim Muhammad Ali.

each colour denoting a certain waste kind, such as paper, plas-

tic, metal, wet trash, and dry garbage. This can comprehensively

and logically cover every area of the Kingdom.

"For all the house owners it will be convenient as they have to only contact and then the specialized team collects and classifies the waste, in order to recycle it and convert it into a wealth of useful products in order to achieve sustainable development. We aspire to spread the idea and apply it at the local and maybe international level."

The efforts are supported by the Ministry of Education to support such innovation, creativity and student projects across public schools, according to sources.

Earlier, The Daily Tribune reported that only 13pc of waste in Bahrain is recycled, quoting a study which highlighted the immense waste crisis the country is currently facing.

A case study carried out by EcoMena, found that Bahrain is one of the highest per capita waste generators worldwide estimated at 1.67-1.80 kg per per-

A person in Bahrain wastes around 132 kilograms of food annually which is a total of 230,000 tons coasting around BD95 million according to the latest UNEP statistic

DR SUMAYA YOUSIF, A BAHRAINI RESEARCHER

son per day.

"The Kingdom generates more than 1.2 million tons of solid waste every year. Daily garbage production across the nation exceeds 4,500 tons. Municipal solid waste is characterized by a high percentage of organic material (around 60pc), which is mainly composed of food wastes.

According to Dr Sumaya Yousif, a Bahraini researcher in the field, wasting food is of grave

consequence in a world, where seven million people suffer from hunger everyday globally.

"A person in Bahrain wastes around 132 kilograms of food annually which is a total of 230,000 tons coasting around BD95 million according to the latest UNEP statistic" she said. "This requires immediate action to prevent this massive waste of food."

"It is critical to raise awareness about reusing and recycling waste in various ways to prevent wastage such as using innovative cooking methods as well as turning leftovers into compost at individual homes and across the Kingdom.

She also highlighted the importance of developing food banks and societies that preserve food while also emphasizing that it is critical to invest in the education sector within efforts to raise awareness and prepare the future generation to invest in environmental innovations as well as following a circular economy system.

Indian School Mega Fair ends in style



Souvenir Release



A section of the audience

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Friday marked the last day of the Indian School Mega Fair and Food Festival, a three-day carnival filled with rides, international cuisines and thrilling shows.

On the final day, an unprecedented crowd thronged the Isa Town campus, which included people from all walks of life.

Bollywood singer Bhoomi Trivedi and her team entertained the audience with musical numbers as Sahrudaya Sangam came up with folk songs. Oppana, a popular art form, and a Goan dance performed by Riffa Campus students enthralled the audience.

Capital Governorate Director



A section of the audience



Sahrudaya folk song team



Oppana in progress



Bhoomi Trivedi performing on stage



Goan dance on stage

of Information and Follow-up Yusuf Yaqoob Lori, Ministry of Education Risk Assignment and Legal Affairs Director Reem Al Sane'i, ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Secretary Saji Antony, Vice-Chairman Jayafar Maidani, Executive Committee Members Premalatha NS, Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese, Rajesh MN, Ajaykrishnan V, Mohammad Khursheed Alam, Mohammad Nayaz Ullah, Principal VR Palaniswamy, Riffa Campus Principal Pamela Xavier, Staff Representative Johnson K Devassy, Mega Fair General Convener Shanavaz P.K, Star Vision Chairman Sethuraj Kadakkal and Fair Organising Committee officials were in attendance.

Mega Fair Souvenir was released at the function by the chief guest in the presence of Souvenir Editor Binoy Mathew and Staff Editor Sreesadan OP.

Prince S Natarajan presided over the function. School teachers Prajisha Anand, Savita Rajesh, Sumi Mary George and Amala KT compered the programme. A Mega Fair raffle draw will be held at the school auditorium today.

Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava yesterday read out the Preamble of the Indian constitution to all officials of the mission, marking the day India adopted its constitution. The Republic of India is governed by the terms of the Constitution of India which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949 and came into force on 26th January 1950.



Director of Protection and Safety of the General Directorate of Civil Defence, Col. Hussain Al Jassim yesterday chaired the Interior Ministry's delegation in the 55th session of the Executive Council and 25th session of the General Assembly of the International Organisation for Civil Protection and Civil Defence in Abu Dhabi. The meetings highlighted the organisation's training programmes and the topic of World Civil Defence Day, along with topics of common interest. Logistics, technical and cooperation were reviewed to provide the best civil defence services.

Man sets own apartment on fire; appeals verdict

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A man convicted of deliberately setting his apartment on fire and endangering the lives of others tenants in the building will have his appeal decided on Monday.

The High Appeals Court is considering the appeal.

Court files say police arrested the man on charges of destroying the apartment and endangering the lives of other tenants living in the same building by deliberately sparking a fire.

Loss of lives was averted in the incident thanks to quick action by the Civil Defence force officers, who reached the scene soon after being alerted by a



Representative picture

tenant in the apartment.

Tenants in the building said they called firefighters immediately after finding smoke billow-

ing out of the man's apartment.

One of the tenants told police that he rushed to the apartment to get him out to safety after

sighting the smoke but spotted him outside his door, with blood oozing from a wound on his leg.

"By that time, I had also dialled 999 to alert firefighters."

"They reached the scene immediately and brought the fire under control."

However, further investigation proved that the fire was not accidental.

A medical examination later proved that the defendant was on drugs.

Further investigation found the suspect himself set the apartment on fire while smoking.

Public Prosecution had referred the man to a trial court on arson charges.



Capital Municipality announced passing the external audit requirements for ISO 9001: 2015. The Director General of the Capital Municipality, Muhammad Saad Al-Sahli, said they worked hard to enhance the quality of all departments and services provided. Al Sahli also praised the employees of the municipality for their continuous efforts to raise the level of services.

Bahraini diver missing

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Bahraini diver Nashmi Hasan Al Haddi is reportedly missing since yesterday.

He went missing during a diving trip in the northern Shep Shtayyeh marine area.

The search is ongoing.



India's first private rocket company looks to bring down satellite costs

● The Hyderabad-based company is backed by Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC

● Thousands of small satellite launches are planned in coming years

● Skyroot expects to cut the cost of a launch by 50% compared with current pricing

Reuters | Bengaluru



Pawan Chandana and Bharath Daka, founders of Skyroot Aerospace, an Indian Space-Tech startup, pose for a photograph with a mockup of Vikram-5 rocket, India's first private rocket developed by the Skyroot, in Hyderabad, India

The startup behind India's first private space launch plans to put a satellite into orbit in 2023 and expects to be able to do so at half of the cost of established launch companies, the founders of Skyroot Aerospace told Reuters in an interview.

The Hyderabad-based company, backed by Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, GIC, says the \$68 million it has raised will

fund its next two launches. Skyroot has been in contact with more than 400 potential customers, it says.

Thousands of small satellite launches are planned in coming years as companies build out networks to deliver broadband services like SpaceX's Starlink and to power applications like tracking supply chains or monitoring offshore oil rigs.

Skyroot faces both established

and up-and-coming rocket launch rivals that also promise to bring down costs. In China, startup Galactic Energy put five satellites into orbit last week in its fourth successful launch.

In Japan, Space One, backed by Canon Electronics (7739.T) and IHI Corp (7013.T), plans to launch 20 small rockets per year by the middle of the decade.

But Skyroot, which launched a test rocket last week, expects to

cut the cost of a launch by 50% compared with current pricing for established competitors like Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit and California-based Rocket Lab USA Inc (RKLBO).

Pawan Chandana, one of Skyroot's two co-founders, told Reuters he expected a surge in demand for the company's launch services if it proves itself with launches set for next year.

"Most of these customers have been building constellations and will be launching them in the next five years," he said.

The Modi government's push to increase India's share of the global space launch market from just 1% has given investors confidence that Skyroot and other startups have government backing for their efforts, Skyroot says.

"Three or four months back when we were talking to investors, one of the biggest questions they asked was if the government was supporting us," Skyroot co-founder Bharath Daka told Reuters.

India opened the door to private space companies in 2020 with a regulatory overhaul and a new agency to boost private-

sec-

tor launches. Before that, companies could only act as contractors to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), a government space agency with a reputation of its own for frugal engineering. The country's Mars mission in 2014 cost only \$74 million, less than the budget of the Hollywood space movie "Gravity".

Building on India's record for cost efficiency will be key, said Chandana. Skyroot, founded in 2018 when Chandana and Daka

quit jobs at ISRO, has set a target to develop rockets for one-fifth of the current industry costs.

The Skyroot rocket that reached 89.5 kilometres altitude in last week's test launch used carbon-fibre components and 3D-printed parts, including the thrusters. That boosted efficiency by 30%, the company says, cutting weight and procurement costs, although it meant Skyroot engineers had to write the machine code for vendors who fabricated the rocket because few had experience working with carbon fibre.

Chandana and Daka believe the per-kilogram launch cost for a satellite can be brought down to nearly \$10, from thousands of dollars currently, a stretch target that could upend the economics of space commerce and one that draws inspiration from their idol: Elon Musk.

"SpaceX is a symbol of great innovation and great market validation," said Chandana, who added they have not had the chance to speak to Musk.

"Right now, we think he's probably busy running Twitter."



With 3D printing, Skyroot believes it can build a new rocket in just two days as it works towards reusable rockets, a technology pioneered by SpaceX.

India's Oyo Hotels reports smaller loss in July-Sept vs prior qtr

Reuters | Mumbai

Softbank-backed Indian hotel aggregator Oyo Hotels and Homes Pvt Ltd reported a smaller loss for the July-September period compared with the previous quarter, in an update to its initial public offering prospectus released yesterday.

The company reported a net loss of 3.33 billion rupees (\$40.77 million) in the second quarter of the financial year compared with a loss of 4.14 bn rupees in the first quarter. The company's financial year runs from April 1 to

March 31.

Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) for the second quarter rose to 560 m rupees from 70 m rupees in the first quarter. Adjusted EBITDA refers to earnings adjusted for asset depreciation and hotel transformations, among other factors, according to the company's prospectus.

The company reported a 24% increase in revenue during the first half of the year, to 29.05 bn rupees. It did not disclose a quarterly revenue figure.

Adani to raise \$2.45 billion in India's biggest follow-on share sale

Reuters | Bengaluru

Adani Enterprises (ADEL.NS), the flagship company of ports-to-energy conglomerate Adani Group, said it would raise 200 billion Indian rupees (\$2.45 bn) in India's largest follow-on public offering of new shares.

The proposed fundraise comes as the group led by Gautam Adani, the world's third richest person, aggressively expands into sectors such as cement and healthcare, amid some concerns about its elevated debt levels and large promoter shareholding.

The share offering would increase the company's pub-

lic float from the current 27.4% level. Rival Reliance Industries' (RELI.NS) public float stands at around 49%.

"Adani needs capital at the holding company level. It is the flagship company. They need money for a lot of the new initiatives they are seeding, acquisitions and for new projects," said a source with direct knowledge of the transaction.

The group has made acquisitions worth \$13.8 bn so far this year, as per Dealogic data, its highest ever in a year and more than double the previous year.

Adani's acquisitions this year include Ambuja Cements (ABUJ.



Gautam Shantilal Adani is the chairman and founder of Adani Group

NS) and ACC (ACC.NS) for \$10.5 bn. It has also launched a takeover of the Indian news channel NDTV (NDTV.NS).

Adani, whose empire spans gas and power projects as well as a ports and logistics business, said in September his company would invest more than \$100 billion over the next decade, with 70% earmarked for the energy transition space.

The company plans to file a draft prospectus before Dec. 31 and raise the funds before March 31, but it will depend on market conditions, the person added.

Thin Black Friday crowds mark US holiday shopping kickoff

Reuters

Thin crowds of inflation-weary consumers hunted for Black Friday deals at stores in big cities including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and other locales, marking the start of a US holiday shopping season crucial to retailers in an uncertain economy. Many shoppers who opened their wallets said their purchases were strategic, not impulsive or splurges.

"We've been waiting" for discounts, said Tulio Rose, 28, who picked up a big-screen TV at a Best Buy store in Los Angeles, while shopping with Barnisha Nill, 35. They saved about \$500 on the 85-inch (2.16-meter) Samsung TV for their new apartment.

About 166 million people were planning to shop from Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday through this coming "Cyber Monday," according to the Na-



A woman passes by signs advertising sales of Black Friday in the Manhattan borough of New York City, New York

tional Retail Federation, almost 8 million more than last year. But

with sporadic rain in some parts of the country, stores were less

busy than usual on Black Friday. "Usually at this time of the

year you struggle to find parking. This year, I haven't had an issue getting a parking spot," said Marshal Cohen, chief industry adviser of the NPD Group Inc.

"It's a lot of social shopping, everybody is only looking to get what they need. There is no sense of urgency," Cohen added, based on his store checks in New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia.

At the American Dream mall in East Rutherford, New Jersey, there were no lines outside stores. A Toys 'R' Us employee was handing out flyers with a list of the Black Friday "door buster" promotions.

Those who made it to the mall were surprised at the deals.

"There's a lot of deals that weren't advertised. Some of the stores I got 50% off everything I bought," said Christine Chavez, 45. She added that she is primarily gift shopping and picked up items from Victoria Secret and Torrid. "I was hesitant to come

to the mall, and I have to say I'm pleasantly surprised," Chavez added.

Many shoppers looking for Apple's (AAPL.O) latest high-end phones returned empty handed from its stores as the technology company struggles with production snafus in China.

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At a Dollar Tree (DLTR.O) store in Rockville, Maryland, shoppers said they were looking for specific items or picking up household items like sodas and dish sponges.

J.R. Moran, 49, gripped strands of red and green tinsel and felt antlers, which he planned to use for an "ugly sweater." But he said he would make other holiday purchases online.

"Online shopping is more convenient nowadays," Moran said. Online sales will reach between \$9 billion and \$9.2 billion this Black Friday, a report from Adobe Analytics showed.

News in brief

Taiwan president resigns as party leader after election loss

Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen has stepped



down as head of her ruling party after it suffered defeat in yesterday's local elections, while the Beijing-friendly main opposition held its ground. Voters cast ballots for mayors, magistrates and various other posts in 22 cities and counties in elections Tsai had previously described as a stage to showcase "Taiwan's persistence and

resolve to defend freedom and democracy" as Beijing ramps up pressure on the island. But her Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) lost four out of the island's six key mayoralties, including capital Taipei.

Kuwait detected cholera in a citizen arriving from a neighbouring country

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where there is an outbreak, the health ministry said in a statement. According to the World Health Organization, Lebanon is the latest phase of an outbreak that began in Afghanistan in June before spreading to Pakistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Belarus foreign minister Makei dies

Belarus Foreign Minister Vladimir Makei has died at the age of 64, state news agency Belta reported yesterday.



Foreign Minister Vladimir Makei has passed away suddenly," Belta reported. Makei had held his post since 2012. He had attended a conference of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) - a military alliance of several post soviet states - in Yerevan earlier this week and was due to meet Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov on Monday. Before the presidential elections

and mass anti-government protests in Belarus in 2020, Makei had been one of the initiators of efforts to improve Belarus' relations with the West and had criticised Russia.

Canada's Trudeau defends use of emergency powers in 'Freedom Convoy' protests

Canadian Prime Minister

Justin Trudeau on Friday defended invoking emergency powers to end anti-government protests that paralyzed the capital earlier this year, citing the threat of violence and lack of a credible plan by police. The "Freedom Convoy" demonstrations against public health measures including vaccine mandates shut down Ottawa and blocked some border crossings for weeks in January and February. Trudeau portrayed the move to use emergency powers as unavoidable, saying it was not possible to negotiate with the protesters. "It wasn't that they just wanted to be heard. They wanted to be obeyed," Trudeau told the independent public commission looking into the government's use of the powers. "I am absolutely, absolutely serene and confident that I made the right choice in agreeing with the invocation."



Curioser & Curioser

Facial recognition can help conserve seals, scientists say

AP | Freeport

Facial recognition technology is mostly associated with uses such as surveillance and the authentication of human faces, but scientists believe they've found a new use for it - saving seals.



A harbour seal looks around in Casco Bay

A research team at Colgate University has developed SealNet, a database of seal faces created by taking pictures of dozens of harbour seals in Maine's Casco Bay. The team found the tool's accuracy in identifying the marine mammals is close to 100%, which is no small accomplishment in an ecosystem home to thousands of seals.

The researchers are working on expanding their database to make it available to other scientists, said Krista Ingram, a biology professor at Colgate and a team member. Broadening the database to include rare species such as the Mediterranean monk seal and Hawaiian monk seal could help inform conservation efforts to save those species, she said.

Cataloguing seal faces and using machine learning to identify them can also help scientists get a better idea of where in the ocean seals are located, Ingram said.

"Understanding their dis-

persal, understanding their patterns really helps inform any conservation efforts for the coast," she said. "For mobile marine mammals that move around a lot and are hard to photograph in the water, we need to be able to identify individuals."



SealNet is designed to automatically detect the face in a picture, crop it and recognize it based on facial patterns such as eyes and nose shape, as it would a human

Xi tells Kim China willing to work with N. Korea for 'world peace': KCNA

Reuters | Seoul

Chinese President Xi Jinping told North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that Beijing was willing to work with Pyongyang for world peace, North Korean state media said yesterday.

The message from Xi came days after North Korea fired an intercontinental ballistic missile in one of its most powerful tests yet, declaring it would meet perceived US nuclear threats with nukes of its own. North Korea has conducted



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (left) and China's President Xi Jinping at the Kumsusan State Guest House in Pyongyang in 2019

a record-breaking blitz of missile launches in recent weeks and fears have grown that it is building up to a seventh nuclear test, its first since 2017.

In his message to Kim, Xi said Beijing was ready to work with the North for "peace, stability, development and prosperity of the region and the world," Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

Xi said he was willing to collaborate with Pyongyang as "changes in the world, times,

and history are taking place in unprecedented ways," KCNA said, quoting from the message it said was received in response to congratulations from Kim after the Chinese Communist Party Congress last month handed Xi a third term.

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Musk says he will support DeSantis if Florida governor runs for president

Reuters | Washington

Billionaire Elon Musk said on Friday he would support Ron DeSantis in 2024 if the Florida governor, who recently coasted to a second term, were to run for president.

"My preference for the 2024 presidency is someone sensible and centrist. I had hoped that would be the case for the Biden administration, but have been disappointed so far," Musk said on Twitter.

"Yes", he replied in a tweet when asked if he would support DeSantis in 2024.

"As a reminder, I was a significant supporter of the Obama-Biden presidency and (re-



Ron DeSantis

luctantly) voted for Biden over Trump," the Twitter owner said.

Musk had previously said in June he was leaning towards supporting DeSantis for president in 2024, and added the Florida governor would easily defeat Biden in the election.

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ELON MUSK

When asked back then about Musk's support, DeSantis joked, "I welcome support from African-Americans, what can I say?" Musk, who is white, grew up in South Africa.

China to build nuclear-powered moon base

Bloomberg | Beijing

China plans to build its first base on the moon by 2028, ahead of landing astronauts there in subsequent years as the country steps up its challenge to NASA's dominance in space exploration.

The lunar base will likely be powered by nuclear energy, Caixin reported. Its basic configuration will consist of a lander, hopper, orbiter and rover, all of which would be constructed by the Chang'e 6, 7 and 8 missions.

"Our astronauts will likely be able to go to the moon within 10 years," Wu Weiran, chief designer of China's lunar exploration program, said in an interview with state broadcaster CCTV earlier this week. Nuclear energy can address the lunar station's long-term, high-power



A general view of China's Long March 3B rocket carrying the Chang'e-3 lunar probe (file photo)

energy needs, he said.

China has ramped up its ambitions in space in recent years, sending probes to the moon, building its own space station and setting its sights on Mars. The plans have put it in direct competition with the US. NASA has a rover on the Red Planet and is seeking to return astronauts to the moon this decade for the first time since the Apollo program ended in the 1970s.



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Both China and the US are spending billions of dollars to not just put humans on the moon, but also to access resources that could foster life on the lunar surface or send spacecraft to Mars.

Landslide hits Italian island, one woman dead, 10 missing



Rescuers remove mud from a street in Casamicciola Terme. Reuters | Milan

A woman was found dead and around 10 people were still missing on the southern Italian holiday island of Ischia after a landslide engulfed buildings during heavy rain yesterday, a local Italian government official said.

Torrential rain hit the port of Casamicciola Terme, one of the six small towns on the island, in the early hours, triggering flooding and bringing down buildings.

"Currently the confirmed death toll is one, a woman. Eight missing persons have been found, including a child, and there still are around 10 missing," the prefect of Naples, Claudio Palomba, told a news conference, adding that around 100 people living close to the landslide area had been evacuated.

Infrastructure Minister

NASA's Orion capsule

AP | Washington

NASA's Orion capsule entered an orbit stretching tens of thousands of miles around the moon Friday, as it neared the halfway mark of its test flight.

The capsule and its three test dummies entered lunar orbit more than a week after launching on the \$4 billion demo that's meant to pave the way for astronauts. It will remain in this broad but stable orbit for nearly a week, completing just half a lap before heading home.

As of Friday's engine firing, the capsule was 238,000 miles (380,000 kilometres) from Earth. It's expected to reach a maximum distance of almost 270,000 miles (432,000 kilo-

Ukraine marks

AFP | Kyiv

Ukraine accused the Kremlin yesterday of using the same "genocidal" tactics that it used against it in the 1930s under Josef Stalin as Kyiv commemorated a Soviet-era famine that left millions of Ukrainians dead during the winter of 1932-33.

Ukraine this year holds its memorial day for the victims of the "Holodomor" famine as it grapples to repel invading Russian forces and deals with massive power outages across the country after waves of Russian air strikes on vital infrastructure.

"Once they wanted to destroy

1095

Pope Urban II preaches the west to wrestle control of the Holy land from the Seljuk Turks at the Council of Clermont, triggering the First Crusade

1295

English King Edward I calls what later became known as "The Model Parliament" extending the authorities of its representatives

1807

Portuguese Royal Family and its court of nearly 15,000 people leave Lisbon for their colony of Brazil to escape invading Napoleonic troops



1895

Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel's will establishes the Nobel Prize

island of Ischia, missing



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Ischia is a volcanic island that draws visitors to its thermal baths and picturesque hilly coastline. It is densely populated and statistics show it has a large number of houses that were built illegally, putting inhabitants at permanent risk from flooding and earthquakes

Matteo Salvini said earlier during an event in Milan that not all people had been killed. Seventy firefighters are working on the island, which is some 30 km (19 miles) from Naples, to rescue residents from damaged buildings in search for missing persons, Italy's fire brigade said on Twitter.

Covid protests break out in China after deadly fire

Protesters in Xinjiang blame restrictions for death toll of 10 in apartment block fire

● Witnesses claim emergency response to the blaze was hampered due to Covid curbs

Reuters | Beijing

Public anger in China towards widening COVID-19 lockdowns across the country erupted into rare protests in China's far western Xinjiang region and the country's capital of Beijing, as nationwide infections set another record.

Crowds took to the streets on Friday night in Xinjiang's capital of Urumqi, chanting "End the lockdown!" and pumping their fists in the air, after a deadly fire on Thursday triggered anger over their prolonged COVID-19 lockdown according to videos circulated on Chinese social media on Friday night.

Videos showed people in a plaza singing China's national anthem with its lyric, "Rise up, those who refuse to be slaves!" while others shouted that they wanted



A screengrab from a video shows protests against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak measures in Urumqi city, Xinjiang Uygur, China

to be released from lockdowns.

Reuters verified that the footage was published from Urumqi, where many of its 4 million residents have been under some of the country's longest lockdowns, barred from leaving their homes for as long as 100 days.

In the capital of Beijing 2,700 km (1,678 miles) away, some residents under lockdown staged small-scale protests or confronted their local officials over movement restrictions placed on them,

with some successfully pressuring them into lifting them ahead of a schedule.

A crucial spark for the public anger was a fire in a high-rise building in Urumqi that killed 10 on Thursday night, whose case went viral on social media as many internet users surmised that residents could not escape in time because the building was partially locked down.

Urumqi officials abruptly held a news conference in the early



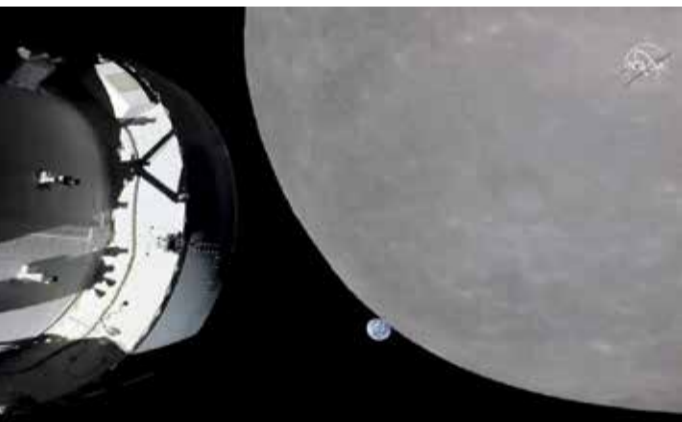
By yesterday evening, at least ten other compounds lifted lockdown before the announced end-date after residents complained

hours of yesterday to deny COVID measures had hampered escape and rescue, but internet users continued to question the official narrative.

"The Urumqi fire got everyone in the country upset," said Sean Li, a resident in Beijing.

A planned lockdown for his compound "Berlin Aiyue" was called off on Friday after residents protested to their local leader and convinced him to cancel it, negotiations that were captured by a video posted on social media.

Capsule enters far-flung orbit around moon



This screengrab from NASA TV shows NASA's Orion capsule nearing the moon (metres) in a few days. That will set a new distance record for a capsule designed to carry people one day.

"It is a statistic, but it's symbolic for what it represents,"



It is a statistic, but it's symbolic for what it represents. It's about challenging ourselves to go farther, stay longer and push beyond the limits of what we've previously explored

JIM GEFFRE, AN ORION MANAGER

explored."

NASA considers this a dress rehearsal for the next moon flyby in 2024, with astronauts. A lunar landing by astronauts could follow as soon as 2025. Astronauts last visited the moon 50 years ago during Apollo 17.

Soviet-era famine as Russia's war rages on



Children place ears of wheat as they visit a monument to Holodomor victims with hunger, now - with darkness and cold," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on

his Telegram channel. "We cannot be broken."

In November 1932, Soviet leader Stalin dispatched police to seize all grain and livestock from newly collectivised Ukrainian farms, including the seed needed to plant the next crop.

Millions of Ukrainian peasants starved to death in the following months from what Yale University historian Timothy Snyder calls "clearly premeditated mass murder".

"The Russians will pay for all of the victims of the Holodomor and answer for today's crimes," Andriy Yermak, the head of Ukraine's presidential administration, wrote on Telegram.

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Elon Musk says Twitter's ban on Trump after Capitol attack was 'grave mistake'

Reuters | Washington

Twitter's ban on then President Donald Trump after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol by his supporters was a "grave mistake" that had to be corrected, Chief Executive Elon Musk said, although he also stated that incitement to violence would continue to be prohibited on Twitter.

"I'm fine with Trump not tweeting. The important thing is that Twitter correct a grave mistake in banning his account, despite no violation of the law or terms of service," Musk said in a tweet. "Deplatforming a sitting President undermined public trust in Twit-



Elon Musk and Donald Trump

ter for half of America." Last week, Musk announced the reactivation of Trump's account after a slim majority voted in a Twitter poll in favour of reinstating Trump, who said, however, that he had no interest in returning to Twitter.

Hiding in plain sight: artefacts seized from display in Italian bank

Reuters | Milan

Italian authorities have seized a valuable archaeological collection that had been on display in a meeting hall in the headquarters of an Italian regional bank, police said in a statement on Friday.

The Carabinieri police confiscated pottery artefacts that were kept inside the main branch of Banca Popolare di Bari, in the south-eastern region of Puglia, with the current management blissfully unaware of the items' illicit origins.

The 103 ceramic artefacts, including vases, plates and jugs, date back to between the 5th century BC and the first century AD, and are of "inestimable cultural-his-



A handout photo shows a pot that is part of the archaeological collection

torical worth and an extremely important economic value," police said.

The collection came into the bank's possession in 2009 after a transaction worth 100,000 euros (\$103,640) was sponsored by the then chief executive and backed by the board.



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TWEETS

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After 4 consecutive failed rainy season, 22 million people are facing a severe hunger crisis across the Horn of Africa. @WFP is providing support, but more resources are required to help those most in need & prevent widespread loss of lives.

@antonioguterres

02



Welcome the Muscat Ministerial Manifesto on #AntimicrobialResistance and the targets it has set to address this threat. This landmark commitment is a major step to achieving the outcomes the world needs at the 2024 #UNGA High-Level Meeting.

@DrTedros

03



90 years after the Holodomor, the Kremlin is again using food as a weapon. We stand with Ukraine to guarantee global food security. Under President @ZelenskyyUa's Grain from Ukraine initiative, the @EU_Commission will pay to ship 40,000 tons of Ukrainian grain via two boats.

@vonderleyen

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Highly symbolic. On Holodomor Remembrance Day, over 20 leaders took part in our International Summit on Food Security, both present in Kyiv & online. Discussed #GrainFromUkraine program initiated by @ZelenskyyUa to alleviate global food crisis provoked by Russia's war on Ukraine.

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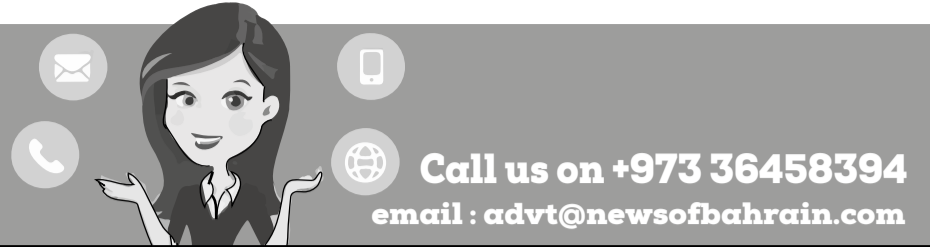
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Ronaldo's 'total genius' won penalty, says FIFA group

AFP

Cristiano Ronaldo showed "total genius" by winning a controversial penalty in Portugal's World Cup win over Ghana, FIFA technical study group member Sunday Oliseh said yesterday.

The veteran striker went down after a tackle by Mohammed Salisu on Thursday before scoring the resulting spot-kick to become the first man to net at five World Cups.

Ghana coach Otto Addo de-



Ghana's Mohammed Salisu (R) fouls Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo

scribed the penalty decision as a "gift" to Ronaldo and said it was a "really wrong decision".

"Maybe the strikers are getting smarter," former Nigeria international Oliseh told a press conference when asked why more penalties were being awarded at the tournament so far than in previous years.

"If you look at the penalty Ronaldo got, let's face it, people can say what they want about this man, but the genius thought to just be patient and

put my foot to touch the ball first before you, continue my leg so that you make contact with my leg -- that is total genius.

"Let's give the strikers the compliment for getting smarter."

Nine penalties were awarded in the first round of group-stage matches.

"VAR is also a major reason why this (more penalties being awarded) is happening because the referees can now look at it three or four times and decide," added Oliseh.

Messi magic guides relieved Argentina past feisty Mexico

Reuters

Lionel Messi thumped in a 164th-minute goal and Enzo Fernandez added another late in the game to give Argentina a 2-0 victory over battling Mexico in their World Cup Group C match yesterday and reignite their tournament hopes.

Messi, who equalled Diego Maradona's Argentina record of 21 World Cup matches, was nowhere to be seen for more than an hour before picking up an Angel Di Maria pass, finding just enough space and rifling in with his left foot from 20 metres.

The result restored order for the Argentines in Group C after their shock opening 2-1 loss to Saudi Arabia.

Argentina, on three points, can guarantee progress with a win over Poland, top on four, in their final game on Wednesday.

Mexico, who have now lost all four World Cup clashes with Argentina, have one point and must beat Saudi Arabia, on three, to have any chance of continuing their run of making the last 16 in the last



Argentina's Enzo Fernandez celebrates scoring their second goal with Lionel Messi

seven World Cups, but even that might not be enough.

With the prospect of an Argentina elimination, tensions were high on and off the ball in a scrappy first half but with the two sets of fans creating an electric atmosphere in the stadium.

The opening period did not live up to the match's billing with neither team wanting to commit too many players forward and apart from a free kick by Mexico's Luis Chavez in the ninth minute that sailed past the goalmouth, there were few chances.

Mexico's high pressing game stifled most of their opponents' attack and Argentine talisman Messi, struggled to find any space to manoeuvre in a congested midfield.

Apart from a Lautaro Martinez effort that was well off the mark and another from Messi, Argentina were toothless up front.

But in a major blow to Mexico, skipper Andres Guardado, a veteran of five World Cups who until then had been a commanding presence in midfield, had to be taken off injured in the 42nd.

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● **Muhammad Wally finishes ninth from 72 Junior MAX drivers in Pre-Finals**

● **Yousif AlGhaith classifies 24th amongst 36 Micro MAX competitors**

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Action from the Pre-Finals in Portimao mad Wally and Yousif AlGhaith both lining up on the grid for the main event after a week of build-up to this point.

Team Bahrain drivers endured mixed fortunes in the Pre-Finals for the 2022 Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC) Grand Finals in Portimao, Portugal. Two of the squad's drivers have progressed to the Finals of their categories, with Muham-

med Wally and Yousif AlGhaith competitive field of 72 Junior MAX drivers, with the top 36 progressing to the Finals. Team Bahrain's 14-year-old Wally was one of the stand-out drivers in a very tough and

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ing he has a realistic shot at the world championship title which is up for grabs on Grand Final

Day. Ten-year-old AlGhaith will line-up 24th on the Micro MAX grid featuring 36 drivers, after the Pre-Finals day in which Christopher El Feghali (Team Lebanon) held on to his unbroken streak of wins. His victory came by a mere 0.086 seconds over Jacob Ashcroft (Team Britain), while Vasielios Malamis (Team Greece) took third place. After four days of tricky weather, changing from wet to dry regularly, the sun shone bright for the Pre-Finals, but unlike Wally and AlGhaith, four drivers will not be in action for Saturday's finals. For the rest of Team Bahrain in Pre-Qualifying, Khaled Najjar was 68th in the Mini MAX class, Najashi Rashdan came 45th in the Senior MAX, and Sulaiman

AlKandari was 70th in the DD2. Hasan Shehabi, BIC Commercial Karting and Team Bahrain manager, reflected on the Pre-Finals. He said: “We are proud to have two drivers into the Pre-Finals with Muhammad and Yousif to fly the flag for our team in the Grand Finals. “Muhammad starting in the top 10 means he has a good chance for a good result, while Yousif has embraced the experience during his first Grand Finals week, which will serve him well in the future. “As for Khaled, Najashi, and Sulaiman, they too will be richer for the experience and now know what to expect for future Rotax MAX Grand Finals and they can be proud of their efforts for Team Bahrain and we thank them for that.”

Lewandowski breaks duck as Poland beat Saudi Arabia



Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al-Owais makes a save from Poland's Robert Lewandowski

AFP

Robert Lewandowski scored the first World Cup goal of his prolific career yesterday when he netted in Poland's 2-0 win over Saudi Arabia, bursting their bubble following the team's giant-killing act against Argentina.

Barcelona forward Lewandowski made sure Poland took a big step towards the last 16 when he rolled home in the 82nd minute after being gifted the ball by Abdulrahman Al-Malki.

However it was a battle for Czeslaw Michniewicz's side, who were leading at that point thanks to Piotr Zieliński's roofed finish and an incredible double save from Wojciech Szczesny after Salem Al-Dawsari's penalty late in the first half.

Egged on by a vocal crowd, Herve Renard's Saudi team

FIFA World Cup results

Tunisia	0-1	Australia
Poland	2-0	Saudi Arabia
France	2-1	Denmark
Argentina	2-0	Mexico

Today's matches

Japan v Costa Rica	1PM
Belgium v Morocco	4PM
Croatia v Canada	7PM
Spain v Germany	10PM

YOU KNOW WHAT
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came out with the bit between their teeth and the Poles frequently struggled to handle their aggressive press.

Poland were shown three early yellow cards.

Mohamed Kanno had the game's first decent effort on goal, tipped over by Szczesny in the 13th minute.

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Al Ettihad rout Nuwaidrat in basketball league

● **Mohammed Ghazwan leads six Ettihad players in double figures in 46-point win**

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Al Ettihad routed Nuwaidrat 108-62 last night in their week nine clash of the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League. Ettihad broke the game wide open with a one-sided second quarter, in which they held Nuwaidrat to just four points while scoring 26, giving them a commanding 49-22 lead at the half.

Nuwaidrat began the third quarter determined to fight back and began to press defensively, but Ettihad were able to match their energy and extended their lead to as much as their game-winning margin of 46.

Mohammed Ghazwan led six players in double figures for the victors with 26, including six three-pointers. Adrian Uter added 17 and 16 rebounds, while Ali Jassim and Ahmed Ghanim scored 14 each.

For Nuwaidrat, Mohayad Ameer had 19, Murtadha Salman 13 and Keanau Post 10.



Al Ettihad's Adrian Uter goes for a basket during their game against Nuwaidrat last night

Ettihad improved to a 5-2 win-loss record following the game, while Nuwaidrat dropped to 2-5.

Meanwhile, in another week nine con-

Standings

	P	W	L	Pts
Manama	7	7	0	14
Al Ahli	6	6	0	12
Al Ettihad	7	5	2	12
Bahrain Club	8	4	4	12
Sitra	8	3	5	11
Muharraq	6	4	2	10
Al Hala	7	3	4	10
Al Najma	7	3	4	10
Nuwaidrat	7	2	5	9
Samaheej	8	1	7	9
Isa Town	7	1	6	8

test, Bahrain Club defeated Samaheej 86-73. Xavier Gibson had a game-high 29 points, 15 rebounds and five assists for Bahrain Club, while Ali Abbas added 16 and Sadiq Shukrallah 12.

Stephen Hurt paced Samaheej with 24 and 17 boards, while Basel Adel contributed 18 and Ahmed Fateel 13.

With the result, Bahrain Club claimed their fourth win in eight games as they rose to the top three on the standings. Samaheej dropped their seventh contest in eight outings and remained in the bottom half of the table.

Mbappe double gives France spot in knockout stage

Reuters

Kylian Mbappe scored twice, including a late winner, as holders France edged Denmark 2-1 yesterday to become the first team to reach the last 16 of the World Cup.

A potent French side knew a second victory in as many Group D outings would take them through to the knockout phase and they were well worth the lead that Mbappe gave them when he opened the scoring just after the hour mark.

However, Andreas Christensen soon equalised for the Danes and Les Bleus needed Mbappe to deliver again in the 86th minute as he turned in Antoine Griezmann's cross to puncture the Danish resistance once and for all.

Having scored four during France's victorious 2018 campaign and one against Australia, Mbappe now has seven goals in



France's Kylian Mbappe in action with Denmark's Alexander Bah

nine World Cup appearances. Didier Deschamps's side now have the luxury of going into their final group game against Tunisia knowing a draw will guarantee them top spot, and even a defeat may not prevent them finishing first.

Having come roaring back to batter Australia 4-1 in their

opening match, France were more wasteful in front of goal on this occasion but at least they did not come unstuck against opponents who have caused them problems before.

They were reigning champions when a defeat to the Danes knocked them out of the 2002 World Cup, while the sides

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played out the only goalless draw in 2018.

More recently Kasper Hjulmand's side beat France home and away in this year's Nations League, and it seemed that Deschamps had learned lessons from those two encounters.

Sloman clinches King Hamad Trophy

British professional golfer wins title for first time in Bahrain's most prestigious golf tournament, held at The Royal Golf Club

● Tom Sloman cards final day's best of eight-under-par 64 to finish 54-hole event with a 13-under 203 total

● Newly crowned champion wins three-round tournament three shots clear of Joshua White, Hugh Foley

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Tom Sloman was yesterday crowned champion of the 14th King Hamad Trophy golf championship, which came to a close at The Royal Golf Club. The British professional golfer captured the coveted crown after playing the final day's best of eight-under-par 64 to end the 54-hole competition with a 13-under 203 total. Sloman carded eight birdies yesterday, including five on a superb front nine that saw him score 31 before finishing with a 33 heading back to the clubhouse.



Tom Sloman with the King Hamad Trophy at the awards presentation yesterday

His 64 for day three added to his totals of 67 and 72 the first two days.

Following yesterday's play, Sloman was presented the King Hamad Trophy in an awarding ceremony by General Sports Authority (GSA) vice-president His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

Also on hand were GSA CEO Dr Abdulrahman Askar, Bahrain Golf Association (BGA) president



Major General Ali bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, and other high-ranking officials.

The newly crowned champion added to the list of other former winners, including Ahmed Marjan, Luke Joy, Andrew Marshall, Graham Spring, David Park, Yasin Ali, Jamie Elson and Rayhan Thomas.

Sloman ended the prestigious competition three shots clear



HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa is presented with a token of appreciation during the closing ceremony

from his closest challengers.

Briton Joshua White and Irish amateur Hugh Foley finished tied-second with 10-under-par 206 totals.

White, who headed into yesterday's final round as the solo leader, struggled over the last 18 holes with a one-over-par 73. A double bogey on the 15th hole followed by a bogey on the 16th proved crucial to his title bid. His two other scores the first

two days were 69 and 64.

Foley played a two-under 70 total yesterday, carding six birdies but also a couple of bogeys. That added to his 69 and 67 totals from the opening two rounds.

Britons Max Smith and Harry Goddard were tied-fourth on the final classification with nine-under-par 207 totals, while Gabbe Axell from Sweden came sixth with an eight-under 208.

Countryman Oliver Jacobson and two-time former champion Joy of Great Britain were tied-seventh on six-under-par 210 scores.

Three players were tied-ninth (five-under, 211), including Calle Strandberg from Sweden, Ching-Hung Su from Chinese-Taipei and Mehdi El Fakori from Morocco, while Ashita Piamkulvavnich from Thailand and last year's winner Marjan from Morocco were tied 12th (four-under, 212).

Khalifa Daij Al Kaabi was Bahrain's top finisher in tied-24th with an even-par 216 total after three days.

A total of 46 players made the cut for yesterday's final round, but only 43 took to the fairways as three withdrew.

Ninety golfers representing 20 countries from around the world competed in this year's tournament, which was organised once again by the BGA.

The main sponsor was Batelco. Gold sponsors included Alba, Khaleeji Commercial Bank and Foulath. Silver sponsors were Bahrain Economic Development Board, BBK, Security Solutions and GPIC.

Australia squeeze past Tunisia to revive hopes



Australia's Mitchell Duke, left, scores his side's first goal as Tunisia's Yassine Meriah looks on AFP

Australia won a World Cup game for only the third time in their history with a dogged 1-0 victory over Tunisia yesterday to revive their last-16 hopes.

Striker Mitch Duke scored the only goal of a tight game with a clever header in the first half and Australia then desperately held on to silence Tunisia's vociferous fans.

Australia sit second in Group D with three points from two games, having been well-beaten 4-1 by holders France in their tournament-opener.

The Socceros face Denmark in their final group game and the knockout round is in sight.

Their best World Cup performance came in 2006 when they also reached the last 16, in the days of Tim Cahill, Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka.

Graham Arnold's Australia don't have players of that ilk but they have lots of heart and kicked off to deafening whistles in front of 42,000 at Al Janoub Stadium, where their fans were heavily outnumbered.

Chad Hanekom lands one of the biggest KO's in BRAVE CF history to wrap up incredible Bali event



Chad Hanekom celebrates after his victory

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Indonesian MMA fans were rewarded for their unwavering support of the most global promotion when BRAVE CF 66 played out in the South-East Asian nation today. A spectacle of ten fights showcased BRAVE Combat Federation's vast and deep international reach as 20 fighters from across the world stepped into the BRAVE CF cage in the picturesque Bali province. In the main event, the best was left for last as South Africa's Chad "Superman" Hanekom sent shockwaves around the world when he put South Korea's In Jae La to sleep with a vicious right elbow early in the first round of their Middleweight fight.

The first minute of the fight was just a feeling-out process as both athletes were finding their range and rhythm. At one point, they came close to a clinch, but it was clear that Hanekom was intent on building on his six stoppages when he

pushed the South Korean away to create space before unleashing one of the most incredible elbow knockouts ever.

"Most people are speechless, that was pretty dope, my coaches and I have been practicing that for years. Working on instinct, spur-of-the-moment reactions, and just ticking boxes," said the number-two ranked BRAVE CF Middleweight.

When asked about his future aspirations, Hanekom said the following: "I've been on top of the division for a while now. I just came here to do a job and get the win, and I did it convincingly. That KO is going to send ripples around the world. As a wise man from Stockton once said 'I'm not surprised motherf*****'," referencing global MMA star Nate Diaz.

In the co-main event of the evening, Kazakhstan's Asu Almabaev proved why he is the number-three ranked BRAVE CF Flyweight when he defeated the Philippines' Kenneth Maningat via submission (rear-naked choke) in the second round.

BRAVE CF 66 results

Main Card

Middleweight: Chad Hanekom def. In Jae La via KO (elbow) - 1min35s - Round 1

Flyweight: Asu Almabaev def. Kenneth Maningat via submission (rear-naked choke) - 3min30s - Round 2

Bantamweight: Nkosi Ndebele def. Fajar via TKO (strikes) - 2min37s - Round 2

Heavyweight: Junior Tafa def. Nicolas Djurdjevic via TKO (strikes) - 2min02s - Round 1

Middleweight: Zagid Gaidarov def. Abel Brites via TKO (strikes) - 2min37s - Round 1

Preliminary Card

Bantamweight: Mohammed Farhad and Ruel Panales ended in a No Contest (accidental low blow)

Flyweight: Dansheel Moodley def. Jenel Lausa via unanimous decision (29-28, 30-27, 30-27)

Atomweight: Shi Yin Tan def. Gillian Goh via unanimous decision (30-26, 30-27, 30-27)

Light Heavyweight: Oloan Silalahi def. Wilem Natalex Munster via submission (rear-naked choke) - 1m29s - Round 1

Featherweight: Randi Febian def. Achterton Andre Romainum via TKO (strikes) - 2min0s - Round 1



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From the first bell, it was all Almabaev as he dominated his opponent with a grappling and wrestling clinic as Almabaev had Maningat pinned early on. The Filipino athlete stayed active from the bottom, working and throwing upward strikes. Maningat - who took the fight on short notice - eventually got tired, allowing Almabaev to unleash top-heavy blows. In the second round, it was more of the same as the Kazakh continued his dominance, proving too strong, too fast, and too technical before locking in a rear-naked choke to cement his place

at the top of the BRAVE CF Flyweight division.

In the only Heavyweight fight of the night, the "Big Boys" did not disappoint with a blistering show as Australia's Junior "The Juggernaut" Tafa finished Serbia's Nicolas Djurdjevic via TKO (strikes) in the first round.

One of the most-anticipated fights in the BRAVE CF 66 card ended in disappointment for both sides as Mohammed Farhad and Ruel Panales fought to a No Contest. Farhad landed a clearly unintentional kick to Panales' groin, when the Filipino Bantamweight made the movement to throw a kick of his own. Ruel tried to fight on, but couldn't and the bout was left without a winner.

BRAVE CF now returns home to the Kingdom of Bahrain for BRAVE CF 67 - the penultimate show on the 2022 BRAVE CF calendar - taking place on December 12th before closing out the ground-breaking year with its final show in Dusseldorf, Germany for BRAVE CF 68 on December 17th. For more information, visit www.bravecf.com