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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.

**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.



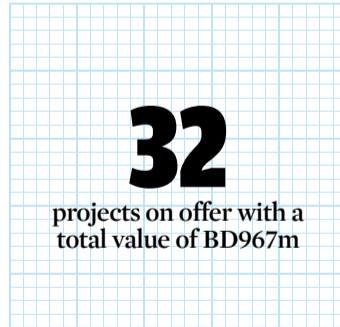
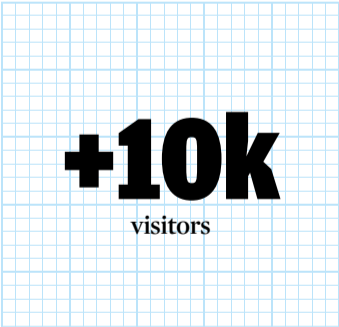
His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, opened the first edition of Cityscape Bahrain 2022 on Tuesday at Exhibition World Bahrain in Sakhir.

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 for investment in the real estate sector.



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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 Kuwait.

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

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.