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**Pope Francis writes to HM King Hamad on boosting ties**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received yesterday a handwritten message from His Holiness Pope Francis II of the Vatican on the close bilateral ties between Bahrain and the Vatican.

The message was handed over to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, by Ambassador-designate of the Vatican to Bahrain, Archbishop Eugene Martin Nugent, residing in Kuwait.

They exchanged cordial talks and discussed ways to enhance cooperation, especially in spreading the values of love and peace in the world and promoting the principles of tolerance, peaceful coexistence and freedom of religions and beliefs.

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**Government Executive Committee**



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy King, yesterday chaired the 413th Government Executive Committee meeting held remotely. The meeting reviewed the 2022-2026 National Human Rights Plan, the establishment of the Bahrain Council for Health Studies and Specialities, and COVID-19 measures.



**Bahrain condemns attack in Yemen**

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Bahrain condemned missile strikes launched by Houthi militia on a residential neighbourhood in Marib of Yemen, killing and injuring several people, including women and children.

The Foreign Ministry said the attack represents a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law, moral values and principles.

Bahrain affirmed solidarity with Yemen, backing all measures against the 'heinous' attacks.

The ministry further called on the international community to take a firm stance towards the recurrent Houthi attacks.

**Expect trade deal with UK this year: Al Zayani**

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If talks progress as expected, the UK and GCC nations will sign a trade deal before the end of this year.

Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, confirmed this during an interview with Bloomberg TV yesterday.

"We're hopeful we could get something done by the end of this year or the middle of next year," the minister said.

If the deal materialises, it could hugely benefit both sides as the UK looks to flex its muscles following Brexit.

Bahrain, Al Zayani said, is also aiming to boost the contribution of tourism to 11.4% of economic output by 2026, up from about 7%, while boosting visitor numbers to 14.1 million a year.

Al Zayani said the block, which includes Bahrain, Saudi, UAE, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar,



The United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement entered into force on January 11, 2006. The central oversight body for the Agreement is the United States-Bahrain Joint Committee, chaired jointly by the Office of the US Trade Representative and Bahrain's Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

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is eyeing a comprehensive deal that could help boost trade with the United Kingdom.

The UK kicked off the process in October, with the Gulf becoming its latest post-Brexit

trade target as it seeks to deepen economic ties beyond the European Union.

British trade with the GCC was worth about 45 billion pounds (\$61 billion) in 2019,

**Bilateral Investment Treaty**

The United States-Bahrain Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), which took effect in May 2001, covers investment issues between the two countries.

7% of Britain's commerce with the EU in the same year.

The EU and the GCC do not have a free trade agreement in place, despite talking for over 15 years.

**UAE to lift entry, transit ban on passengers from 12 African countries**



General view of a Dubai duty free closed shop at Dubai International Airport Reuters | Dubai

The United Arab Emirates will lift an entry and transit ban tomorrow on travellers who had recently visited South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia and eight other African countries.

The National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Emergency Management Authority (NCEMA) said late on Wednesday it was lifting the ban on those who had visited certain African countries in the previous 14 days, imposed due to the Omicron COVID-19 variant.

The other countries are Tanzania, Republic of Congo, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

**Snowy treat**

**Jerusalem's holy sites and West Bank carpeted in rare snow**

Reuters | Jerusalem

A rare heavy snowfall covered Jerusalem, some of northern Israel and hilly areas in the occupied West Bank overnight into Thursday, shutting down roads and schools.

Worshippers had to trudge through inches of snow to reach



the holy sites in Jerusalem's walled Old City, including the snow-capped Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall. Heavy snow is rare in the city, so children went out into the streets to watch the flakes falling and hurl snowballs at each other.

Abed Shabany, 39, took his two sons to play on a hill overlooking

Jerusalem. As he reversed his Jeep through inches of slush, other parents kept themselves warm brewing coffee on gas canisters in their boots.

"I haven't seen anything like this for years," he said. "There's no school today so I'm just going around with the kids making snowmen and snowballs. I think

it's a good sign. It will be a good year, I hope." Police closed off several main highways leading to Jerusalem, and bus services inside the city were suspended.

Before arriving in Jerusalem, the winter storm swept through the Mediterranean region, from Greece across Turkey and into Syria.

**BAHRAIN COVID-19**

TOTAL TESTED  
**8666060**

ACTIVE CASES  
**32805**

DEATHS  
**1402**

DISCHARGED  
**314448**

NEW CASES  
**5255**

CRITICAL  
**12**

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# Citizens' effort key to Bahrain's future prosperity, says HRH Prince Salman

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday hailed the contributions of the citizens in the nation-building process, stressing that Bahrain's future prosperity relies on the work of the Kingdom's citizens.

His Royal Highness highlighted that citizens' efforts contribute to the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Deputy King said this during a meeting with Dr Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza and the Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, at Riffa Palace.



During the meeting, which highlighted the importance of sustainable energy in supporting projects and attracting investment to the Kingdom, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa hailed the role played by Dr Mirza throughout his career in supporting projects and attracting investment to the Kingdom.

Dr Mirza and Al Mubarak highlighted His Royal Highness' commitment to supporting national development efforts.

Also present were His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club High Committee, and His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

## Bahrain affirms commitment to combat terrorist funding

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A delegation of Bahrain, headed by Ambassador Nancy Abdullah Jamal, Chief of Strategic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, participated in the Executive Committee of Terrorist Financing Targeting Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Ambassador Jamal affirmed Bahrain's commitment to supporting international efforts to combat terrorism funding and promoting security and stability in the region.

She also presented proposals that the Centre can adopt in the future.

The meeting was also the first to be held in-person, after a two-year hiatus amid the COVID-19 outbreak.



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, paid an inspection visit yesterday to the Royal Bahrain Naval Force. The BDF chief listened to a briefing on RBNF's latest developments, military preparedness and training programmes. The commander-in-chief affirmed that the distinguished position reached by BDF's various branches is the outcome of the sound directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, yesterday received the Consul General of Bahrain in Karachi, Pakistan, Abdullah Ahmed Buqahous, Consul in Laayoune, Morocco, Yasser Issa Al Haddi and Consul General in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Musa Abdullah Al Nuaimi. The minister congratulated the Consuls General on their appointment, noting the importance of the strong relations linking Bahrain and the brotherly countries. He affirmed Bahrain's interest in caring for and protecting citizens abroad and providing them with all consular services.

President of the Senate of Thailand, Prof. Pornpetch Wichitcholchai, received yesterday Ambassador of Bahrain to Bangkok, Mona Abbas Radhi. Wichitcholchai expressed his pride in the close friendship and praised the success achieved by Bahrain in handling the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The meeting was attended by Supachai Somcharoen, the Second Vice-President of the Senate, Pikulkeaw Krairiksh, the Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Napaporn Jaisujja, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Senate.



## Court case

### Two public servants get five years, BD500 fines for taking bribe

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Two public officials and their two accomplices, charged with accepting and soliciting bribes, will spend five years in jail.

The fourth High Criminal Court also slapped them with fines of BD500 each and ordered the confiscation of the money accepted as bribes for performing their official duties.

The two others implicated in the case are managers in the clearance office.

Incidents leading to the case started with the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic & Electronic Security receiving a report on two public officials.

The report accused the officials of demanding money in return for completing transactions regarding residency permits.

The investigation opened



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by the public prosecution also landed the suspects in custody red-handed.

The suspects, during interrogation, confessed to their crimes and said they accepted money from the third and fourth defendants, who are clearance office employees, for completing transactions of clearance office.

The statements were also in compliance with the forensic examination report of the phones used by the accused.

The Public Prosecution referred the suspects for trial to the High Criminal Court.

### Embezzlement of NPRA funds: Public servant awarded 7-year jail term, BD1,408 fine



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The fourth High Criminal Court awarded a public servant seven years in jail and a fine of BD1,408 for embezzlement and tampering with electronic data of Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs.

The court ordered the accused to refund the BD1,408 taken from NPRA and acquitted the second suspect of all the charges.

The Public Prosecution said they are studying the verdict

and reasons for the acquittal of the second suspect in preparation for appealing.

Their arrests stem from the alleged embezzlements of funds belonging to the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs.

NPRA has collected the money for renewing residency permits.

An investigation by the Public Prosecution found that the suspects conducted 23 transactions to transfer BD1,472 dinars collected as fees for renewing residency permits without recording them in NPRA systems.

### Fishing using bottom trawl nets: Coast guards arrest two

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Bahraini Coast Guards yesterday arrested two men and seized a boat for shrimping using illegal bottom trawl nets, locally known as Kufa.

As per Ministerial Resolu-

tion No. (205) of 2018, it is illegal to use bottom trawl nets for fishing in the waters of Bahrain.

A statement by the Coast Guard Commander said they took necessary measures.

The Public Prosecution is pursuing further legal action.

### Shaikh Jaber Health Centre to welcome visitors 24 hours

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Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah Health Centre in Barbar will now receive patients 24 hours.

The decision follows the approval of a Parliamentary proposal to operate the centre round the clock.

MPs proposed to keep the centre working uninterrupted, citing the large number of people the centre receives.

The proposal said keeping the centre open 24 hours

would relieve the Salmaniya Medical Complex from additional pressure and help provide better care to citizens.

Shaikh Jaber centre currently has around 18 doctors.



# Concern as screen time soars for kids

Many children suffer from frequent headaches, eye pain or bloodshot eyes after extensive online classes



At 8.15 am every weekday, Bahrain resident Aji Thomas' nine-year-old son opens his laptop and signs in to Zoom to start the school day. For the next five hours, he is not supposed to switch off the camera and is only offered a recess time of ten minutes. Along with 45 classmates attending online classes, he is not allowed to eat or drink while on camera nor is he allowed to wear any dress other than uniform with the usual tie around the neck.

Staff Reporter  
TDT | Manama

“It is really painful to watch my son struggling before the laptop,” Thomas told *The Daily Tribune*. “But there are not many options left. I want my son to attend offline classes. Since school buses are not running, there is hardly anything I can do.”

Headaches, eye pain or bloodshot eyes are no longer adult disorders after extensive online sessions. Even the children are facing similar health scenarios after being subjected to online classes for over one-and-a-half years now.

“Parents must ensure that their children are having their eyes protected amid this increas-

ingly continuing online classes,” said Dr Manoj Kurian Philip, Consultant Ophthalmologist at American Mission Hospital.

“Every child attending online classes must follow the 20-20-20 rule; every 20 minutes spent using a screen; the child should turn his eyes at something that is 20 feet away for a total of 20 seconds. And this would make their eyes relaxed. But I don't know whether any parent is making their children regularly exercise this rule.”

Dr Manoj said that children can also use blue filter glasses to protect their eyes while attending online classes for longer hours. “Increased screen time during the pandemic season is causing myopia progression among many children and the

number of cases has been increasing. Both school authorities and parents must encourage outdoor activities intermittently to secure the eye health of children.”

Recent studies have also shown an increase in the cases of squint eyes among school children after the excessive use of digital screens.

Speaking to *The Daily Tribune*, K Gopinath Menon, The New Indian School Bahrain Principal said school managements always opt for offline classes but there is no other option left in the existing scenario. “Online classes are not by choice. It is something the pandemic situa-



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tion has imposed on us.”

Gopinath said the teachers are aware of the struggle students are facing after being made to sit before the screens for longer hours. “We give frequent breaks to students of lower classes. But for higher classes, we have limitations to offering frequent breaks as it would disrupt the momentum of classes.

“There are many students who switch off the screens after breaks. So, frequent breaks don't seem like the right solution to the suffering students face now, especially when we talk from a teacher's perspective. We are offering breaks after two periods (one hour and 20 minutes) as per the generally established standards.”

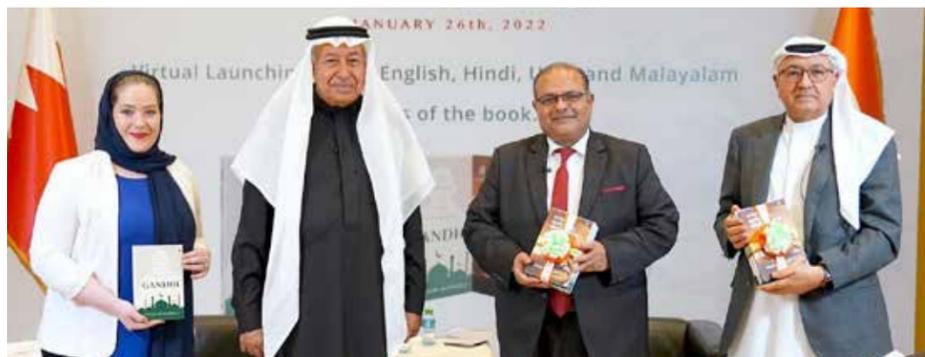
The principal said he expected the number of students attending offline classes to rise. “But unfortunately the number of students attending offline classes has remained stagnant between eight and 10 per cent. And I don't think it will improve in the near time as we see pandemic numbers increasing every day.”

## Book on Gandhi's engagement with Arab World launched in four languages

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“Gandhi: His Engagement with Islam and the Arab World”, a landmark Arabic-language book, authored by Abdalnabi Alshoala, focusing on the great Mahatma Gandhi and his impact on the Arab world, was launched yesterday in four translated versions – English, Hindi, Malayalam and Urdu – during a virtual event hosted via Zoom at the Isa Cultural Centre in Manama. The book, now in its third printing in Arabic, was launched in the presence of a sizeable audience, numbering several hundred people, tuned into the Zoom cast from Bahrain, India, Egypt and around the GCC Countries.

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Al Buraik, a prominent Bahrain TV news anchor, was organized by the Bahrain India Society, which was founded by Alshoala. The launch of the book coin-

cides with the anniversary of India's Republic Day.

Srivastava congratulated Alshoala on a “... brilliant and well-researched work on the life, thoughts, intellectual heritage and ideals of Gandhiji.”

“It is only befitting,” Srivastava continued, “that the translated book has been launched in four languages today on the occasion of the 73rd Republic Day of India. It is also a tribute to the author, who is a distinguished intellectual, Gandhian scholar and a torch-bearer for strong bonds of friendship and partnership between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain.”

Juma, the Bahrain India Society chairman, said the society was “... honoured to be a platform for the multi-lingual launch of such a work of scholarly relevance as

Alshoala's book.”

Alshoala said the book intended to both express his gratitude to India for the hospitality he received while a student and, also, to strengthen ties between India and Middle Eastern countries. A former Minister of Labour and Cabinet Minister of State, Alshoala is currently the chairman of Dar Albilad for Journalism, Publishing and Distribution and the founding chairman, and advisor to the board, of Alfanar Investment Holding. Alshoala also served on the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**Coming in French soon**

Alshoala announced that negotiations are underway to have the book published in the French language soon.

# Serbia returns terror convict

Fugitive Ahmed Jaffar Mohammed Ali was initially hiding in Iran, from where he left for Serbia

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Staff Reporter  
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An individual convicted of terrorist charges including the killing of three policemen has been extradited from Serbia following an Interpol Red Notice.

According to the Interior Ministry, fugitive Ahmed Jaffar Mohammed Ali, 49, was returned following efforts by the International and Interpol Affairs Directorate of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security.

"This success was brought about as part of a joint operation between member countries of the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol)," the Interior Ministry said.

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The directorate said that he was arrested after coordination and communication with a friendly country. He was previously a fugitive in Iran, and Interpol had issued a Red Notice against him following a request by Bahrain, the directorate added. The directorate emphasised that all required legal proceedings were taken in accordance with the Public Prosecution so as to enforce the law.

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Notices are issued for fugitives wanted either for prosecution or to serve a sentence. A Red Notice is a request to law enforcement worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action.

The Public Prosecution, a few years ago, received a report from the Criminal Investigation Directorate (CID) about the formation of a terrorist cell in Bahrain funded by, and at the behest of Iranian regime leaders who ordered the Iranian Revolutionary Guard (IRGC) elements to unify the Bahrain-based terrorist elements to carry out their plots

and acts of terrorism against Bahrain.

"They held intensive meetings with the leaders and elements of terrorist groups in Iran and co-ordinated with trained terrorist elements in other countries."

The IRGC supplied them with all the technical, logistic and financial support in order to organise them into a single terrorist group, the so-called "Hizbollah in Bahrain". Their purpose was to unify and amalgamate all these terrorist group leaders and their elements abroad and locally under one terror organisation known as "Hizbollah in Bahrain", according to Bahrain News Agency.

They activated all their affiliated terrorist members who had already received military training and planted them inside the country as "sleeper cells" to use them to offset the shortage in trained terrorist leaders inside Bahrain caused mostly by

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their escape as fugitives abroad or their arrest, the news agency said.

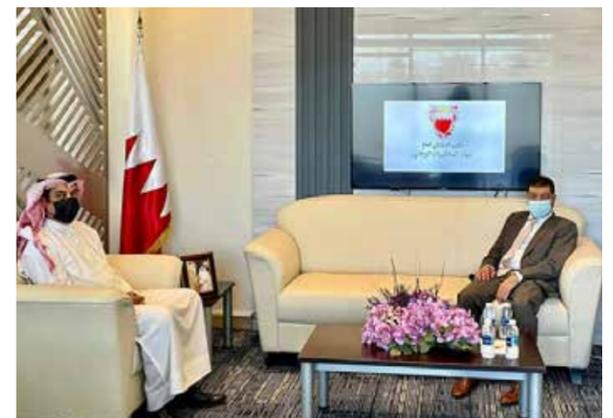
"Newly-recruited and trained terrorists in Bahrain were tasked to transfer their expertise and train them militarily on the use of weapons and making explosives, placing and detonating them by remote devices. In addition to training on establishing clandestine depots in homes or farms, and elsewhere, they smuggled and concealed weapons, ammunition, materials and tools they used to make explosives."



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Bahrain Students Innovation Congress - 2021 was conducted as the stepping stone for students to be part of the 29th National Children Science Congress (NCSC) to be held in India. In the junior category, Prahateeswar Sivakumar and Sreya Saju emerged winners, while Mayookha Renjith Pillai and Omaima Imroz won the senior category. The leader of the selected team will represent Bahrain during the 29th National Children Science Congress (NCSC) to be held virtually from 15th - 18th February 2022. Both the members of the winning teams and their respective guides will be honoured with certificates and mementoes at an award function. Among those who attended the event were SIF Bahrain President Dr Vinod Manikkara, Indian Embassy Second Secretary Ijhas Aslam Sheik, SIF Bahrain Advisory Board Chairman Dr Ravi Warriar, SIF General Secretary Prashanth Dharmaraj, Praveen Pillai, Anilal K S, GIST Coordinator Chandrasekhar, SIF Advisory Board Member and ICRF Chairman Dr Babu Ramachandran.



Inspector General at the National Security Agency (NSA), Mohammed Rashid Al Romaihi, received yesterday President of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), Ali Ahmed Al Derazi. He praised the institution's tireless efforts to protect human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Discussions also focused on boosting cooperation between the Inspector General's office and NIHR.

## Court case

# Undercover agents catch three for selling narcotics

● **Court orders five years in jail, BD3,000 fine**

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A drug peddler has received a five-year jail term and a hefty BD3,000 fine for selling narcotics in the Kingdom.

The Criminal Court tried the accused, an Asian national, two others, who were also Asians by nationality. They received six months in prison and a BD100 fine each.

The court also ordered the deportation of all of them after serving their prison terms.

The arrests followed a tip-off the Ministry of Interior received



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informing that a person has kept unspecified amounts of narcotic substances for sale in the Kingdom.

To bring the suspect to justice, police officers then planned an undercover operation.

One of the undercover agents was assigned to buy some narcotic pills called 'Yaba' worth BD

180 from the suspect.

The agent managed to arrange a meeting with the suspect over the phone and recorded the conversation.

Subsequently, officers in plain clothes accompanied the undercover agent to the agreed place.

The accused came to the spot and handed over the agreed

substances to the undercover officer, unsuspecting of the trap set. The suspect also photographed the money collected for his contacts.

Police then tracked the accused with another person who was waiting for him.

Meanwhile, Police confirmed the substance as 'Yaba' through laboratory analysis and obtained an arrest warrant.

Officer took the first and sec-

ond accused in a raid. However, police officers retrieved nothing, except for the photograph of the money he clicked.

The second suspect, during interrogation, admitted to receiving the narcotics from a third person.

Just then, while the interrogation was ongoing, the third suspect called the second suspect on his phone without knowing about his arrest.

Unaware of the turn of incidents, he asked the second suspect to meet and hand over the money.

Police then decided to free the second suspect to trap the third. While the second suspect met the third, officers swooped on the suspects and took them into custody.

The action took place as the third suspect was accepting the money from the second suspect.



**Yaba, otherwise known as the madness drug or Nazi speed, is a combination of stimulants. The two main substances that make up the drug are caffeine and methamphetamine, otherwise known as crystal meth. Yaba is a drug in tablet form, and it is most often red with the letters WY imprinted on it.**

# Al Salam Bank, Ithmaar Holding agree Financial Assets acquisition transaction

● This transaction will position Al Salam Bank as the largest Islamic lender in Bahrain

● The announcement follows a memorandum of understanding signed in October 2021

● The acquisition includes stake in both BBK and Solidarity Group Holding

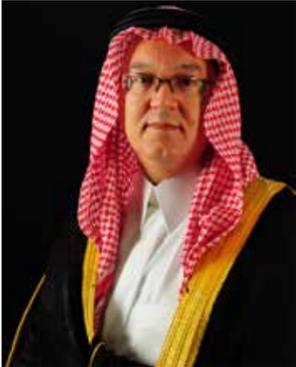
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Al Salam Bank and Ithmaar Holding have agreed on the acquisition by Al Salam Bank of the consumer banking business of Ithmaar Bank.

The acquisition includes Ithmaar Holdings' ownership stake in both Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait B.S.C (BBK), and Solidarity Group Holding, one of the largest takaful groups globally and the parent of Solidarity Bahrain.

This transaction will position Al Salam Bank as the largest Islamic lender in Bahrain. The transaction is in line with CBB's objectives to develop the Islamic finance industry.

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PRINCE AMR AL FAISAL, THE CHAIRMAN OF ITHMAAR HOLDING



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two entities in October 2021. The transaction remains subject to the approval of Ithmaar Holding's shareholders and the signing of definitive agreements.

Ithmaar Bank, an integral player in the development of Islamic finance in Bahrain and

the wider region, will remain to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ithmaar Holding and will continue its journey as an innovative and agile Sharia-compliant banking institution post this strategic transaction maintaining its banking operations as a licensed Islamic bank regulated

by the Central Bank of Bahrain, focusing on corporate banking and related services.

Al Salam Bank has a proven track record in the M&A space, reflected in the Bank's successful acquisition of BMI Bank and merger with Bahraini Saudi Bank (BSB) in 2014 and 2011 respectively.

HRH Prince Amr Al Faisal, the Chairman of Ithmaar Holding said, "This transaction with Al Salam Bank is in line with Ithmaar Holding's long-standing strategy of creating value for its shareholders by delivering synergies within its portfolio holdings. Following the transaction, Ithmaar Holding will continue to hold a well-diversified portfolio of international and local financial and other assets which includes banking businesses in Bahrain and Pakistan."

Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahil Al Mashani, the Chairman of Al Salam Bank, said, "The transaction supplements the achieved organic growth during the past 3 years cementing Al Salam Bank's position as the fastest growing bank in Bahrain. The Bank has a robust track record of successfully achieving inorganic growth through targeted acquisitions of assets in line with our long-term growth strategy. The acquisition of Ithmaar Bank's consumer banking portfolio, with its rich history spanning almost four decades, will further reinforce Al Salam Bank's position as a leading financial institution in Bahrain."

## Regulations for rebar products on way

● Regulation will come into force tomorrow

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New technical regulations for rebar products (carbon steel bars) will come into force, starting Saturday.

Rebar is commonly used as a tensioning device in reinforced concrete and reinforced masonry structures holding the concrete in compression.

According to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, the announcement follows a decision published in the Official Gazette No. 3508 on January 28, 2021, by the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani.

The Assistant Undersecretary for Domestic and Foreign Trade, Sheikh Hamad bin Salman Al Khalifa, said the decision aims to legalize and regulate the import, manufacture and circulation of rebar products and maintain the safety of urban facilities and infrastructure.

The ministry will implement control measures at border crossings and through inspection campaigns on the local markets to verify the conformity of the shipments.

The official called on all to abide by the requirements of the mandatory decision starting January 29, 2022.

Afterwards, no shipments



Rebar is a steel bar used in construction to create reinforced concrete. There are different types of rebar - European rebar, Carbon steel rebar, Epoxy-Coated Rebar, Galvanized Rebar, Glass-Fiber-Reinforced-Polymer (GFRP), and Stainless Steel Rebar. Carbon steel rebar is the most common rebar used in residential and commercial projects.



that fail to comply with the regulations will be allowed entry.

Call 17574909, fax: 17570730, or e-mail: bsm@moic.gov.bh for queries.

## Gulf Air adds extra flights to London Heathrow during the Formula One weekend

● Gulf Air currently operates double daily flights to London

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, announces that it has added an additional daily flight from London Heathrow to Bahrain on March 16, 17, 21 and 22 to operate three daily services during the Formula One Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix weekend taking place on March 18 - 20.

Gulf Air currently operates double daily flights to London Heathrow, a direct route that has been part of the airlines network since 1970.

The additional special flights will take off from London Heathrow at 1510 local and land in the Bahrain at 0050 local, and the flight from Bahrain will take off at 0830 local and land in London



Heathrow at 1255 local.

Passengers with a valid Formula One ticket and flying on Gulf Air flights to Bahrain from London Heathrow during this period will receive free lounge access at London Heathrow and at Bahrain International Airport.

Captain Waleed Abdulhameed AlAlawi, Gulf Air's Acting Chief Executive Officer commented: "The demand for attendance to the season opener has definitely been significant and we are excited to welcome our global visitors to the Kingdom of Bahrain

to witness the Formula One Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix race. The race has always been an important global event for the Kingdom of Bahrain, Gulf Air and our partners the Bahrain International Circuit and adding an extra flight with our Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner to match the demand for the race as spectators prepare their visits to attend."

On behalf of the Bahrain Tourism & Exhibition Authority, Dr Nasser Qaedi, Chief Executive Officer commented: "2022 is proving to be an exciting year for tourism in Bahrain and the great reception we have been receiving from international travellers who are travelling to Bahrain to watch the season opener of the Formula One race is a testament to that. We are excited to welcome more tourists from the United Kingdom to enjoy both the race and the other activities and attractions happening on our island in March."

On behalf of the Bahrain International Circuit, Shaikh Sal-

The demand for attendance to the season opener has definitely been significant and we are excited to welcome our global visitors to the Kingdom of Bahrain to witness the Formula One Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix race

CAPTAIN WALEED ABDULHAMEED ALALAWI, GULF AIR'S ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

man bin Isa AlKhalifa, Chief Executive Officer commented: "In recent weeks we have seen great demand for tickets and travel packages from international fans, including from the UK. We are thankful to our partners at Gulf Air for adding to their ca-

capacity and we look forward to fans joining us from all over the world to celebrate the beginning of this great new era for the sport."

The 2022 race will usher in a new era for F1, following possibly the biggest revolution of rules in the history of the sport. As the opening race of the season, it will be the first opportunity for F1 fans around the world to witness the new cars in action.

Grammy Award-winning DJ and producer Afrojack was also recently announced as the first megastar concert act of the weekend.

All Bahrain Grand Prix ticket-holders will be able to attend the concerts at no extra cost.

Amongst the other attractions at BIC over the race weekend are stage acts and roaming performers, such as renowned street performer Abraham Thill, a life-sized Toy Brigade, Funky Style Band from Italy, Jam Batucada musical show from Spain, and plenty of other entertainment.

## Dubai regulator fines Abraaj founder Naqvi \$136 million

Reuters | Dubai

Dubai's financial regulator has fined the founder of collapsed private equity company Abraaj Group almost \$136 million and banned him from the emirate's financial centre for "serious failings" with respect to the firm.

The Dubai Financial Services



Arif Naqvi

Authority (DFSA) said Arif Naqvi has disputed the findings and that the parties would now present their cases to the Financial Market Tribunal (FMT).

The financial penalty will be stayed pending the decision of the FMT, while the ban on activities at the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) will remain enforced, the DFSA said in

a statement on its website.

Naqvi could not immediately be reached for comment.

DFSA said Naqvi "was knowingly involved in misleading investors over the misuse of their funds by Abraaj Investment Limited (AIML), a Cayman Islands-registered firm not authorised by the DFSA".

"The significant fine imposed on Mr Naqvi reflects the seriousness of these offences and is based on Mr Naqvi's earnings from the Abraaj Group," it said.

The DFSA also fined former Abraaj executive Waqar Siddique \$1.2 million and banned him from the DIFC. Siddique has also disputed the DFSA's actions and his fine has also been stayed

pending a decision by the tribunal.

Siddique could not immediately be reached for comment.

The UAE in recent years has been tightening regulations regarding financial crime and awaits a March decision on whether it will be added to a dirty money watchlist.

News in brief

**Moderna starts trial for Omicron-specific booster shot** ◆ Moderna said on Wednesday it had started a mid-stage study, testing a booster dose of its COVID-19 vaccine specifically designed to target the Omicron coronavirus variant, a day after rival Pfizer Inc launched a similar trial. The company said while a third shot of its original coronavirus vaccine increased neutralizing antibodies against the variant at the lower dose, their levels declined six months after the booster dose was administered.

◆ **European nations pushed back Wednesday against the Malian military government's demands that newly arrived Danish special forces fighting jihadists immediately withdraw from the Sahel state.** Task Force Takuba brings together special forces from European countries to advise Malian troops and assist them in combat, with roughly 90 Danes joining earlier this month.

**Four people shot dead in British Columbia home, homicide probe launched** ◆ Four people were found shot dead on Wednesday in a house in the Vancouver suburb of Richmond, and Canadian police launched a homicide probe. The identities of the victims were not released but they were believed to have known each other, local police said. Investigators said initial evidence showed it was "a targeted shooting" in a normally quiet neighborhood, but police do not believe the homicides were connected to gang violence in the region.

◆ **Jordanian soldiers killed 27 smugglers as they tried to cross the border from Syria with large quantities of amphetamines during a snowstorm, an army spokesman said yesterday.** Others also carrying drugs fled back into Syria during the attempt, one of an increasing number of such incidents over the past year that had led the army to toughen its rules of engagement with smugglers. The army has also found large quantities of drugs - mostly commonly an amphetamine known as Captagon - hidden in Syrian trucks passing through Jordan's main border crossing to the Gulf region.

◆ **A magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck about 219 km (136.1 miles) west-northwest of Pangai, Tonga, yesterday, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said.** The earthquake was at a depth of 14.5 km, the USGS said.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths
1 USA	74,194,630	899,007
2 India	40,371,500	491,729
3 Brazil	24,553,950	624,507
4 France	17,730,556	129,747
5 UK	16,245,474	155,040
6 Russia	11,404,617	328,770
7 Turkey	11,167,927	86,487
8 Italy	10,539,601	145,159
9 Spain	9,660,208	92,767
10 Germany	9,270,732	117,968
11 Argentina	8,130,023	120,019
12 Iran	6,293,695	132,333
13 Colombia	5,798,799	133,019
14 Mexico	4,779,296	304,308

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	415,468		22,460		349,427	43,581
Saudi Arabia	670,997	+4,738	8,929	+2	622,087	39,981
UAE	835,839	+2,638	2,232	+4	772,723	60,884
Kuwait	521,341	+6,515	2,490	+1	469,916	48,935
Oman	330,767	+2,441	4,134	+1	308,825	17,808
Qatar	332,800	+1,952	640	+2	301,289	30,871

Figures as of closing

UK PM Johnson refuses to resign over lockdown parties

Reuters | London

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson rejected opposition calls to resign for attending lockdown parties but accepted that a rule that ministers should lose their jobs if they had knowingly misled parliament applied to him.

Johnson, who in 2019 won the biggest Conservative majority in more than 30 years, is braced for the publication of an official investigation into claims that there were multiple boozy Downing Street parties during lockdowns. He told parliament no rules were broken.

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It was not immediately clear when the results of that investigation by Cabinet Office official Sue Gray would be published, especially as police have opened their own investigation.

Asked by the opposition Labour Party Keir Starmer leader if the ministerial code, which says that ministers who had knowingly misled parliament should offer to resign, ap-



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson walks outside Downing Street in London

plied to him Johnson said: "Of course."

"If he'd misled parliament, he must resign," Starmer told parliament. "Will you now resign?" "No," Johnson replied.

He said he could not speak about investigations into the alleged parties. Johnson said his government was focused on driving economic growth and leading the Western response to the Ukraine crisis.

Johnson has given a variety of explanations about the parties: first he said no rules had been broken but then he apologised to the British people for the apparent hypocrisy of such gatherings.

He has denied an allegation he was warned that a "bring your own booze" lockdown gathering on May 20, 2020, which he says he thought was a work event, was inappropriate.

ITV reported on Monday that Johnson and his now wife Carrie had attended a surprise party of up to 30 people for his birthday in the Cabinet Room at Downing Street in June 2020, when indoor gatherings were banned.

Party culture

British police on Tuesday

said they had opened their own investigation into lockdown events at Downing Street, upping the pressure on Johnson.

Some of his lawmakers have already demanded he resign but to trigger a leadership challenge, 54 of the 359 Conservative MPs in parliament must write letters of no confidence to the chairman of the party's 1922 Committee.

The number of letters submitted is kept secret until the threshold of 54 is reached.

British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, tipped as a possible future prime minister if Johnson is toppled, said Downing Street had not yet been given the findings of the Gray report but that it would come out very soon.

Asked about the claims that Johnson and his staff had partied at the heart of the British state while ordinary people were banned from even bidding farewell to their dying relatives in person, Truss said some of the reports were concerning.

"There clearly needs to be a change in culture," Truss told the BBC. "We need to get the results of the report, we need to look at the results and fix the issues there are."



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Dozens of guns among Los Angeles train loot: police

AFP | Los Angeles

Dozens of guns have been stolen from freight trains that have been looted in Los Angeles, the city's police chief has said.

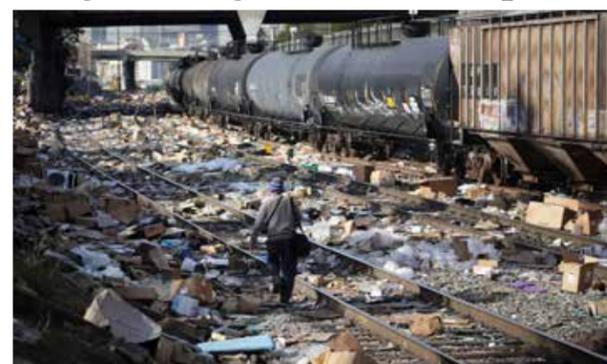
Images of the detritus left behind by thieves who break into stationary wagons in the middle of the second biggest city in the United States swept around the world this month.

Now the city's top policeman has said that the bandits got away with more than just Amazon packages.

"People were... breaking into these containers and stealing firearms, tens of firearms," Michael Moore told the Police Commission this week.

"That gave us great concern as a source again of further violence in the city." An AFP team filmed thousands of gutted boxes on the stretch of tracks near the city center, many from major retailers like Target, and being shipped by carriers including UPS and FedEx.

The thieves wait until the long freight trains stop on the tracks and break the locks with bolt cutters.



A Union Pacific freight train passes along a section of tracks littered with debris from packages stolen from cargo containers stacked on rail cars

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POLICE CHIEF MICHEL MOORE

They then help themselves to parcels, ditching anything too difficult to sell. The haul could include an-

anything that moves around the country from or to retailers.

And, the police now say, guns. Firearms purchased online in the United States cannot legally be shipped to the customer, but can be sent instead to a licensed dealer for pick-up.

Since December 2020, rail operator Union Pacific (UP), whose convoys are being targeted, has seen a 160 percent increase in thefts in Los Angeles County.

"In October 2021 alone, the increase reaches 356 percent compared to October 2020," the operator said in a letter to local authorities seen by AFP.

North as US

Pyongyang steps up w engagement strategy

● Sixth missile test this month by North Korea

● North Korea defends tests as measure for self-defence

AFP | Seoul

North Korea fired two suspected ballistic missiles yesterday, Seoul said, its sixth weapons test this month in one of the most intense spates of launches on record that has delivered an emphatic rejection of Washington's offers for talks on its nuclear programme.

Pyongyang has not fired this many missiles in a calendar month in decades, according to data compiled by the Center for Strategic and International Studies -- a Washington-based think tank.

The last time they came close was in 2019, after high-profile negotiations between leader Kim Jong Un and then-United States president Donald Trump collapsed.

With US talks stalled since then, Pyongyang has doubled down on Kim's pledges of military modernisation, embarking on a string of sanctions-busting launches this month, including hypersonic missiles.

The sabre-rattling comes at a delicate time in the region, with Kim's sole major ally China host-

SpaceX rocket

AFP | Washington

A chunk of a SpaceX rocket that blasted off seven years ago and was abandoned in space after completing its mission will crash into the Moon in March, experts say.

The rocket was deployed in 2015 to put into orbit a NASA satellite called the Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVR).

Since then, the second stage of the rocket, or booster, has been floating in what mathematicians call a chaotic orbit, astronomer Bill Gray told AFP Wednesday.

It was Gray who calculated the space junk's new collision course with the Moon.

The booster passed quite close to the Moon in January in a rendezvous that altered its orbit, said Gray.

He is behind Project Pluto, software that allows for calculating the trajectory of asteroids and other objects in space and is used in NASA-financed space observation programs.

A week after the rocket stage whizzed close to the Moon, Gray observed it again and concluded it would crash into the Moon's dark side on March 4 at more than

1521

Emperor Charles V opens the Diet of Worms in Worms, Germany which lasts until May 25th; Produced the "Edict of Worms" which denounced Martin Luther



1807

London's Pall Mall is 1st street lit by gaslight

1813

Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" is published by Thomas Egerton in the United Kingdom

1819

Sir Stamford Raffles lands in Singapore

# Korea fires two missiles condemns flurry of tests

weapons testing in what appears to be a resumption of provocation and



A woman watches a TV screen showing a news program reporting about North Korea's missile launch with a file image

ing Winter Olympics next month and South Korea gearing up for a presidential election in March. Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected two suspected short-range ballistic missiles fired from the Hamhung city area towards the East Sea from around 8 am (2300 GMT).

"The projectiles flew 190 kilometers (118 miles) at an altitude of 20km," they said. Pyongyang fired two suspected cruise missiles on Tuesday, and tested ballistic missiles on January 14 and 17. It also fired what it said were hypersonic missiles on January 5 and 11.

"I believe, if we include the two cruise missiles, this is now the most recorded North Korean missile launches in any month ever," analyst Ankit Panda wrote

on Twitter.

The barrage could be part of North Korea's regular military training, or linked to ongoing celebrations of Kim's decade in power or upcoming domestic anniversaries, he added.

The country is preparing to mark the 80th anniversary of the birth of Kim's father, late leader Kim Jong Il, in February, as well as the 110th birthday of the its founding leader Kim Il Sung in April.

## 'New capabilities'

North Korea is reeling economically from international sanctions and a two-year-long pandemic blockade, but has managed to develop an "impressive" array of offensive weaponry.

Some of the recent tests aim "to

Some observers have suggested that the Kim regime's frequent launches are a cry for attention, but Pyongyang is running hard in what it perceives as an arms race with Seoul

LEIF-ERIC EASLEY, AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROFESSOR AT EWha UNIVERSITY IN SEOUL

develop new capabilities, especially for evading missile defenses," said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Seoul's Ewha University. "Other launches are intended to demonstrate the readiness and versatility of missile forces that North Korea has already deployed."

"Pyongyang is running hard in what it perceives as an arms race with Seoul," Easley added.

The distances and altitude of the yesterday tests indicate the launches are part of North Korea's regular military training, said Hong Min, a senior researcher at the Korea Institute for National Unification in Seoul.

Such tests are "aimed at thwarting the deployment of US-South Korea strategic maritime assets such as an aircraft fleet," he said.

"It also reflects Pyongyang's message to the global community that such training is part of its exercise of sovereignty and that the outside world has no business talking about it," he added.

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

North Korea is reeling economically from international sanctions and a two-year-long pandemic blockade, but has managed to develop an "impressive" array of offensive weaponry

Pyongyang has repeatedly defended its weapons programs as part of the "legitimate exercise of the right to self-defence".

It has not tested intercontinental ballistic missiles or nukes since 2017, but last week hinted it could restart such launches, blaming US "hostile" policy for forcing its hand.

The diplomatic cost to Kim of the recent tests is minimal thanks to strong backing from Beijing, which has blocked efforts to impose new sanctions over short-range missile tests.

China's ambassador to South Korea, Xing Haiming, told local radio station MBC on Wednesday that North Korea felt it was not being given sufficient credit for its four-year moratorium on long-range and nuclear testing.

## on collision course with moon



A SpaceX rocket carrying a NASA weather satellite blasts off in February 2015 from Cape Canaveral, Florida

5,500 miles per hour (9,000 kilometers per hour).

Gray appealed to the amateur astronomer community to join him in observing the booster, and his conclusion was confirmed.

The exact time and spot of impact may change slightly from his forecast but there is widespread agreement that there will be a collision on the Moon that day.

"I've been tracking junk of this sort for about 15 years. And this is the first unintentional lunar impact that we've had," Gray said.

## 'Time to start regulating'

Astronomer Jonathan McDowell told AFP it's possible similar

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ASTRONOMER BILL GRAY

impacts have taken place unnoticed.

"There're at least 50 objects that were left in deep Earth orbit in the '60s, '70s and '80s that were just abandoned there. We didn't track them," he said.

"Now we're picking up a couple of them... but a lot of them we're not finding and so they're not there anymore," he added. "Probably at least a few of them hit the moon accidentally and we just didn't notice."

The impact of the SpaceX rocket chunk weighing four tons on the Moon will not be visible from Earth in real time.

But it will leave a crater that scientists will be able to observe with spacecraft and satellites like NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter or India's Chandrayaan-2, and thus learn more about the geology of the Moon.

## Twitter suspends spoiler account for 'Wordle' answer reveal

Reuters | London

Twitter suspended a bot account on Wednesday for spoiling the solution to the next day's Wordle, the wildly popular internet word puzzle.

The game, which only offers one puzzle per day, has amassed millions of players since it came online last year.

But the Twitter profile @wordlinator seemed determined to ruin the fun for participants posting their scores on the social media site.

"The account referenced was suspended for violating the Twitter Rules and the Automation Rules around sending unsolicited @mentions," a Twitter spokesperson told AFP.

The bot account automatically responded to accounts posting their Wordle scores with messages such as "Guess what. People don't care about your mediocre linguistic escapades. To teach you a lesson, tomorrow's word is" -- followed by the actual answer for the next day.



A person plays online word game "Wordle" on a mobile phone

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

It is likely the person behind the @wordlinator account found the upcoming winning words by simply looking at the Wordle web page's source code

## China says it questioned then returned Indian citizen at disputed border

AFP | Beijing

China said yesterday it has returned an Indian citizen who entered "illegally" into Chinese territory at the disputed border between the two Asian giants.

The Indian citizen was found in recent days by Chinese border guards during a patrol, said spokesman for the Western Theater Command, Colonel Long Shaohua in a statement.

The individual "illegally entered Chinese territory and then was routinely questioned, quarantined and observed in accordance with relevant border control regulations, and given humanitarian assistance," Long said in the statement posted on the official WeChat account of the Western Theater of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

The individual was returned following discussions between the Indian military and the Chinese side after India first asked China to assist in a search, he said.

Yesterday's announcement from China came after India's defense ministry said last week it had contacted China to request that it locate and return a 17-year-old Indian Miram Tarom, who had been "reportedly captured" by the Chinese military after going missing near the countries' shared border.

China's announcement yesterday did not say if the returned Indian citizen was Tarom.



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The @UN continues working for the people of Afghanistan. Today we launched our plan to extend and accelerate support to the Afghan people through this critical period.

@antoniogeturres

02



The principle of gender equality belongs in our Constitution. The President and I are calling on Congress to pass a resolution recognizing ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The time has come.

@VP

03



This #HolocaustMemorialDay it was a privilege to hear the testimony of Manfred Goldberg BEM, who survived the horrors of the Holocaust. We must conserve memories of the Holocaust, banish any complacency & take action to stamp out antisemitism in this country. #Light-TheDarkness

@BorisJohnson

04



On Holocaust Remembrance Day, we honor the victims and survivors of one of the darkest periods in our history. But it's not enough to remember -- we also need to have the courage to speak out against acts of bigotry and hatred whenever we see them.

@BarackObama

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# celebs

## Chris Evans to star opposite Dwayne Johnson in holiday action-comedy tentatively titled 'Red One'

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Chris Evans will be joining Dwayne Johnson in an upcoming holiday event film. As per Deadline, the film, which is currently titled 'Red One', aims to shoot this year. It is a globe-trotting, four-quadrant action-adventure comedy imagining a whole new universe to explore within the holiday genre. Plot specifics are under wraps.

The project stems from an original story by Seven Bucks Productions' President of Production Hiram Garcia that Amazon Studios landed after a competitive

bidding war last year. Jake Kasdan ('Jumanji' franchise) is directing from a screenplay by Seven Bucks Productions' frequent collaborator Chris Morgan, who previously worked with them on such titles as 'Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs and Shaw', 'The Fate of the Furious', 'Furious 7', 'Fast & Furious 6' and 'Fast Five'.

Kasdan is producing through his production company The Detective Agency alongside Melvin Mar and co-producer Sky Salem Robinson, with Morgan for Chris Morgan Productions and Johnson, Hiram Garcia and Dany Garcia for Seven Bucks.

**While Johnson and Evans both appeared in Shawn Levy's 2021 comedy 'Free Guy' for Disney, 'Red One' is the first film that the pair will topline together**

According to Deadline, Johnson announced his involvement with the title, slated for a 2023 holiday release, back in June. While Johnson and Evans both appeared in Shawn Levy's 2021 comedy 'Free Guy' for Disney, 'Red One' is the first film that the pair will topline together.

Evans is best known for his turn as Steve Rogers (aka Super Soldier Captain America) in the Marvel films 'Captain America: The First Avenger', 'The Avengers', 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier', 'Avengers: Age of Ultron', 'Ant-Man', 'Captain America: Civil War', 'Spider-Man: Homecoming', 'Avengers: Infinity War', 'Captain Marvel' and 'Avengers: Endgame'. The actor will next star in the Russo brothers' film 'The Gray Man' for Netflix, and as the voice of Buzz Lightyear in Pixar's origin story 'Lightyear', which is set for release in the US on June 17. He is also in development on

an untitled Gene Kelly project, which he will star in and produce, and is set to star in the upcoming Apple feature 'Ghosted'.

Evans also recently appeared in Adam McKay's end-of-the-world comedy 'Don't Look Up' for Netflix, and in Mark Bombback's Apple TV+ series 'Defending Jacob', which saw him portraying an assistant DA whose world was shattered when his son was charged with murder.



Chris Evans

FORTRESS
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER) (NEW)
BRUCE WILLIS, CHAD MICHAEL MURRAY, JESSE METCALFE
OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
SEEF (I): 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II): (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
WADI AL SAIL: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

BEST SELLERS
(PG-15) (COMEDY/DRAMA) (NEW)
MICHAEL CAINE, AUBREY PLAZA, SCOTT SPEEDMAN
OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.15 + 6.15 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN
WADI AL SAIL: 12.00 + 5.30 + 11.00 PM

WARHUNT
(15+) (ACTION/HORROR) (NEW)
MICKEY ROURKE, JACKSON RATHBONE, ROBERT KNEPPER
OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.45 + 6.30 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 1.30 + 6.45 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (I): 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

C.I.A.PE
(PG) (ADVENTURE/FAMILY) (NEW)
SOPHIA ALONGI, SKIP SCHWINK, MADELYN KIENZ
CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM
SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

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ASHOK SELVAN, ABI HASSAN, REYAA, ANJU KURIYAN
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OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.30 PM
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MENNA SHALABY, KARIM MAHMOUD ABDELAZIZ, AMR ABDEL GELIL
OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM
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CITY CENTRE (VIP II): 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (II): 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

HRIDAYAM
(PG-15) (MALAYALAM)
PRANAV MOHANLAL, DARSHANA RAJENDRAN, KALYANI PRIYADARSHAN
OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.30 AM + 1.45 + 5.00 + 8.15 + 11.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 3.30 + 8.45 PM
SEEF (I): 10.45 AM + 2.00 + 5.15 + 8.30 + 11.45 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 12.15 + 7.45 PM
ON THURS 27TH
AL HAMRA: 12.00 + 3.00 + 8.45 PM
FROM FRI. 28TH
AL HAMRA: 3.00 + 8.45 PM

SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME
(PG-13) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)
TOM HOLLAND, BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH, ZENDAYA
OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 3.00 + 8.30 PM
CITY CENTRE (ATMOS): 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN
CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 5.30 + 11.30 PM
CITY CENTRE (VIP I): 2.45 + 8.15 PM
SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM

SCREAM
(18+) (HORROR/THRILLER)
OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.45 AM + 5.30 + 11.15 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 12.30 + 6.00 + 11.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN
CITY CENTRE (VIP I): 12.15 + 5.45 + 11.15 PM
SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00

MEPPADIYAN
(PG-13) (MALAYALAM)
UNNI MUKUNDAN, SAIJU KURUP, KOTTAYAM RAMESH, INDRANS
OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM
SEEF (I): 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM
AL HAMRA: 6.15 + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

ENCANTO
(G) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
STEPHANIE BEATRIZ, MAR'A CECILIA BOTERO, JOHN LEGUIZAMO
OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA): 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM
CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM
SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 PM

EL GAREEMA
(15+) (ARABIC/THRILLER/CRIME)
AHMED EZZ, MENNA SHALABY, MAGED EL KEDWANY
OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.00 AM + 3.45 + 8.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (II): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

SEE FOR ME
(PG-15) (THRILLER)
SKYLER DAVENPORT, KIM COATES, JESSICA PARKER KENNEDY
CITY CENTRE: 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

THE COMMANDO
(15+) (ACTION/THRILLER)
MICHAEL JAI WHITE, MICKEY ROURKE, BARRY HANLEY
CITY CENTRE: 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (II): 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 + 12.00 MN

THE KING'S MAN
(15+) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
RALPH FIENNES, GEMMA ARTERTON, RHYS IFANS
CITY CENTRE: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM
SEEF (II): 11.45 AM + 2.30 + 5.15 + 8.00 + 10.45 PM

SING 2
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY/MUSICAL)
MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY, REESE WITHERSPOON, SCARLETT JOHANSSON
CITY CENTRE: 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM
SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM

THE 355
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)
JESSICA CHASTAIN, DIANE KRUGER, LUPITA NYONG'O
CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

MY SON
(PG-15) (DRAMA/THRILLER)
JAMES MCAVOY, CLAIRE FOY, TOM CULLEN
CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

THE MATRIX RESURRECTIONS
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/SCI-FICTION)
KEANU REEVES, CARRIE-ANNE MOSS, JADA PINKETT SMITH
CITY CENTRE: 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM

HOUSE OF GUCCI
(PG-15) (DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY)
LADY GAGA, ADAM DRIVER, JARED LETO
CITY CENTRE: 1.30 + 4.45 + 8.00 + 11.15 PM

SUPER SHARANYA
(PG-13) (MALAYALAM)
ANASWARA RAJAN, ARJUN ASHOKAN, SNEHA BABU
OASIS JUFFAIR: 2.15 + 8.00 PM

DUNE
(PG-15) (ADVENTURE/DRAMA/SCI-FICTION)
TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET, REBECCA FERGUSON, OSCAR ISAAC
CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 2.30 + 8.30 PM

## Rupert Grint wants to be like the Gallagher brothers

ANS | Los Angeles

"Harry Potter" star Rupert Grint loves the "attitude" and "confidence" of Noel and Liam Gallagher, and he wishes he also had the ability to "just not care".

He said: "I wish I was a Gallagher. I actually wish I was a Gallagher more than I wish I was in a band. I love their attitude. I wish I had that confidence. That ability to just not care."

"I've never met them. I was supposed to the day they split up. I think I live close to one of them so I've probably seen the

back of Liam Gallagher's head or something."

The 33-year-old actor went to his first-ever music gig alongside his "Harry Potter" co-star Emma Watson, when he was just 11 years old, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

He went to watch Shakira at Wembley Arena in London, and he even got the chance to meet the chart-topping pop star.

He told NME: "I went with Emma. I'd never been to a gig like that. I'd been to, like, banger racing previously. That's the only time I think I'd seen any sort of mass gathering of people there just to watch one thing."



Rupert Grint

## Peter Dinklage talks about upcoming 'Game of Thrones' prequel series

ANI | Washington

Actor Peter Dinklage has mixed emotions about the upcoming 'Games of Thrones' prequel series, 'House of the Dragon'.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Dinklage, who won several awards, including an Emmy for

his portrayal of Tyrion Lannister on the original HBO program, was a recent guest on Marc Maron's 'WTF' podcast.

The duo discussed Dinklage's life and career before landing on the most obvious chapter, 'Game of Thrones', which Maron admitted he never watched as he's "not a fantasy guy."



Peter Dinklage

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How to play

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# Ahli, Manama open Top Six with wins

Defending back-to-back champions Al Ahli dominate in 116-82 win over Al Najma while Manama rely on hot-shooting of Ahmed Salman to claim win over Al Hala

● **American Antonio Blakeney scores 32 points to lead Ahli balanced attack against Najma**

● **Guard Ahmed Salman buries 10 three-pointers to spearhead Manama past Hala**

TDT | Manama

Back-to-back defending champions Al Ahli and arch-rivals Manama both made winning starts last night in the Top Six of the 2021/2022 Zain Bahrain Basketball League. Ahli were dominant against Al Najma, leading by as many as 41 points in a 116-82 victory, while Manama relied on the hot hand of point guard Ahmed Salman to help lift them to a 113-105 win against Al Hala.

Both games were played at the Khalifa Sports City arena in Isa Town.

The Top Six continues on



Al Ahli's Subah Hussain looks to make a move against Al Najma's Ali Jaffar

Monday when Manama go up against Najma.

In Ahli's big win, they quickly built a commanding lead and never looked back. They stretched their 30-11 advantage after the first period to 55-28 at the interval, and continued to pile on the pressure in the second half.

Ahli enjoyed their biggest gap, 111-70, following a Mohammed Qurban basket with a little under

three minutes to go in the final quarter.

The victors had six players in double figures for a balanced attack. Antonio Blakeney top scored with 32, while Hesham Sarhan had 18 off the bench. Mohammed Kowayed, who also came on as a super sub, finished with 14, while Jamaican Adrian Uter scored 13 and took down 12 rebounds. Maitham Jameel and Ahmed Al Durazi contrib-



Al Hala's Hasan Gerashi is guarded tightly by Manama import Davion Berry in the post

uted 12 points apiece for Ahli, who buried an impressive 15 three-pointers in the affair.

For Najma, Ali Jaber scored 19 while Canadian Shane Osayande and Fadalallah Abbas each had 16.

Meanwhile, in Manama's win last night, Salman was on fire from beyond the arc to help inspire his team to the result.

Manama powered ahead 32-19 at the end of the first quarter

and then extended their lead to 63-46 at the break. But Hala were able to battle back in the third quarter and get to within striking distance, 78-89, and got as close as seven, 101-108, with just under two minutes to play.

But Manama had an answer and closed things out in the end.

Salman finished the contest with a team-high 34 points, which included a whopping 10 three-pointers.



The Top Six of the Zain Bahrain Basketball League features the best teams from the preliminary round, facing off for the right to earn four places in the semi-finals

Devin Ebanks added 26 points, while fellow-American professional Davion Berry chipped in with 15 markers. Mohammed Hussain was their last player in double-figures with 10 points. Berry and Hussain each dished out eight assists in the game.

US import Brian Halums had a game-leading 43 points for Hala in the loss. He made eight triples for his team. Hasan Gerashi contributed 19 off the bench, while Anthony McClain added 16 and 18 rebounds for Hala.

## BRAVE CF 56 winners receive 95,000 MMAON tokens

TDT | Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation keeps expanding its business and reinforcing its position as the most revolutionary MMA organization in the world. As part of the efforts to share the compensation of the endeavors with athletes, the truly global MMA promotion joined forces with digital network MMAON to the traditional post-event awards.

For BRAVE CF 56, held back in December in Serbia, 10 athletes were awarded a grand-total of 95,000 MMAON tokens - the platform tokens controlled by a smart contract deployed on Ethereum network. As it's standard, the best fight, submission, knockout, and performance were awarded, and additional win bonuses were distributed to all the winning fighters of the card.



10,000 MMAON tokens were earned by Borislav Nikolic and Matiss Zaharovs, stars of the "BRAVE CF 56 Fight of the Night." The Knockout of the night was awarded to Jakob Nedoh, Nikolay Nikolov got the Submission of the night, and Abdullah Al-Qahtani had the Performance of the Night, with the trio earning 10,000 tokens each.

On top of that, each of the 9

winners of the night, including the three fighters awarded with the individual bonuses, got extra 5,000 MMAON tokens as a victory bonus.

Throughout all the upcoming events, the BRAVE CF Bonuses will be distributed in partnership with MMAON, offering extra incentive to the fighters competing and engaging audiences around the world.

## Fakhreddine vs Said Maalem II for light heavyweight world title booked for BRAVE CF 57

TDT | Manama

Mohammad "The Latest" Fakhreddine of Lebanon and Mohamed "L'Ambiance" Said Maalem of Algeria will meet again for the vacant BRAVE CF Light Heavyweight World Championship at BRAVE CF 57 on March 11.

Both fighters were scheduled to fight on April 1st at BRAVE CF 50, however Fakhreddine withdrew due to illness a few minutes before the fight. They faced each other for the first time at BRAVE CF 52: Bad Blood in August 2021 but the matchup came to an unsatisfactory end when the Italian Federation of Grappling and Mixed Martial Arts decided to overturn the outcome of the bout following a thorough investigation.

It was found that there were



illegal strikes made by Said Maalem on Fakhreddine in the final sequence, something that contributed to the stoppage of the match.

Now, the two will have to run it back with a chance to have a much more definitive ending and crown the new BRAVE CF Light Heavyweight World Champion.

BRAVE CF 57 is scheduled to

happen at the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town, Bahrain, as part of the BRAVE International Combat Week.

Also slated on the monumental card is the battle for the available BRAVE CF Bantamweight World Championship, pitting hometown hero Hamza Kooheji opposite Canadian standout Brad "Superman" Katona.

## Kyrgios smashes racquet, flips finger as he reaches doubles final

AFP | Melbourne

Tennis' bad boy Nick Kyrgios was at it again yesterday, smashing a racquet and flipping a finger at the crowd as he and partner Thanasi Kokkinakis ensured an all-Australian Melbourne Park men's doubles final for the first time in 42 years.

Kyrgios and Kokkinakis defeated third seeds Horacio Zeballos and Marcel Granollers 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 to set up a final on Saturday against fellow Australians Matt Ebden and Max Purcell.

The combustible Kyrgios hit boiling point as he complained about the net cord machine, then pulled out of a service motion at 4-2 in the first set.

He also complained that the



Nick Kyrgios

Rod Laver Arena crowd were yelling in between first and second serves, despite the fact that he and Kokkinakis had been whipping up the fans into a boorish frenzy.

He flipped a finger at one section of the crowd, petulantlly threw a ball against a wall and smashed his racquet after he dropped his serve.

"When are you going to control the crowd, bro?" he pleaded with the chair umpire, James Keothavong.

## Team Bahrain will go for nine golds at IMMAF World Championships

TDT | Manama

The Kingdom of Bahrain is set for gold windfall today and tomorrow as nine fighters have qualified to the finals of the IMMAF World Champions, the amateur mixed martial arts event that is being held in Abu Dhabi this year.

In total, Team Bahrain will receive 14 medals, with bronze guaranteed for Fabiola Silva, Murad Ibragimov, Gimbat Magomedov, Sultan Omarov, and Pasha Kharkhachev.

Today, Gadzhi Gaziev and Mohamed Alsameea will attempt to become the first world champions for Bahrain this year as they fight in the junior finals in their respective weight-classes.

Tomorrow, other seven finalists from Team Bahrain will attempt to earn gold medals for



Mohammed Zuhair Alsameea celebrates his victory

the nation, namely Aieza Ramos, Beatriz Consuli, Raiane Guimaraes, Kurban Idrisov, and Rasul Magomedov, as well as reigning world champions Sabrina Sousa and Ramazan Gitinov, who will

be going for their second gold medals.

Team Bahrain brought in 23 fighters to the world championships, and despite suffering with injuries, has shown the



Mohammed Al-Sameea

tremendous commitment of KHK MMA under the vision of His Highness Shaikh Khaled bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to earn 14 medals - with five bronze guaranteed and a potential nine golds to come.

# Bahrain defeat Uganda in friendly

Mahdi Abduljabbar, Ebrahim Al Khattal and Abdulla Duij all on target for nationals, who battle back from a goal down to claim well-deserved win

● **Bahrain debut all-new national football team kits**

● **Bahrainis to next face off with DR Congo in friendly on Tuesday**

TDT | Manama

**B**ahrain outclassed Uganda 3-1 last night in an international friendly match played at the National Stadium in Riffa.

Sporting an all-new national team kit, the hosts gave up an early goal but did well to battle back to come away with the well-deserved victory.

On target for the Bahrainis were Mahdi Abduljabbar, Ebrahim Al Khattal and Abdulla Duij.

The game was part of Bahrain's ongoing local training gathering, which continues until Tuesday. The nationals are preparing for their upcoming competitions, which include the third round of qualification for the AFC Asian Cup 2023, which will be held in June.

The Helio Sousa-coached squad is set to play another



Bahrain defender Hamad Shamsan, right, battles for possession with Uganda forward Muhammad Jagason

friendly against top African opposition. They next play DR Congo on the last day of their gathering.

Both of their exhibition opponents are classified higher on the current FIFA World Rankings, with Uganda 82nd and DR Congo 64th. Bahrain are presently ranked 91st.

The Ugandans opened the scoring in the ninth minute, when forward Karisa Milton headed home from close range off a cross from the right wing. Milton did well to place his ef-

fort to the left of the net, over the outstretched arm of Bahrain goalkeeper Sayed Shubbar Alawi.

Bahrain were then able to equalise in the 25th minute when Uganda goalkeeper Benjamin Ochan was shown the red card for taking down Bahrain's Al Khattal in the box. Abduljabbar stepped forward to take the kick, and he made no mistake sending the ball home to the top-left corner of the net.

The match headed into the break deadlocked at 1-1. But just



**Bahrainis are set to be one of 24 national teams competing in the third stage of qualification for the AFC Asian Cup 2023. Six group winners and five best runners-up will qualify for the tournament**



Bahrain's Ebrahim Al Khattal kicks the ball away as he is about to be challenged by Uganda's starting goalkeeper Benjamin Ochan, who was shown a red card after this play

nine minutes after the restart, Bahrain went ahead through Al Khattal, who pounced on a loose ball right in the face of goal and sent it home.

A cross from Ahmed Abdulla was inadvertently sent towards goal by Uganda midfielder George Kasonko, and substitute goalkeeper Watenga bin Abdulrashid needed to make a diving save. The ball went directly towards Al Khattal, who sent it to the roof of the net.

The nationals then applied the final nail in the coffin in the

88th minute, when Duij headed from close range off a cross from outside the penalty area by teammate Ali Madan.

The Bahrainis are set to be one of 24 national teams competing in the third stage of qualification for the AFC Asian Cup 2023. These teams are to be divided into six groups of four to play a single round-robin. The group winners and the best five runners-up across all groups will qualify for the Asian Cup, where they are joined by China and by the 12 teams which quali-

fied directly from the second round.

The Bahrainis have yet to learn of their groupings for their upcoming third round of qualifying for the AFC Asian Cup 2023. The draw is scheduled to be held on February 24.

Matches will be played over three days in June, including on the 8th, 11th and 14th. It was announced by the AFC that each group will hold their games in a centralised venue, and a bidding process will be held for the hosts.

## Eira, Rohan claim juniors' tennis titles



Officials with the tournament winners in the awarding ceremony

● **Eira Corral wins girls' under-16 division after defeating Zaidan Hajjar in straight sets**

● **Rohan Mukherjee battles back from a set down to defeat Darion Ali to win boys' under-16 title**

TDT | Manama

**E**ira Corral and Rohan Mukherjee were crowned champions of their respective singles categories in the ninth EK Kanoo Juniors Open Tennis Championship at Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC).

Eira won the girls' under-16 division after defeating Zaidan Hajjar 6-4, 6-2 in their final, while Rohan overcame a tough challenge from Darion Ali in their title-decider, which he won battling from behind 3-6, 7-5, 13-11.

**“It was not an easy match for me since my opponent was playing really good as well but, I'm really happy to get the championship at the end”**

EIRA CORRAL

Following her win, Eira, from the Philippines, said that she is thankful to the tournament organisers and sponsors as well as her BTC personal coaches Hanna and Janji for helping her prepare for the tournament.

Eira also expressed her gratitude to BTC management for letting her train at the club's courts and her mom for supporting her all the way.

“It was not an easy match for me since my opponent was playing really good as well but, I'm really happy to get the championship at the end,” Eira commented.

Rohan, from India, said that

his final could have gone either way. “I guess I got a bit of luck in my favour,” he expressed. “I am really thankful and happy to see my mom watching me play, as well as my dad and brother.”

“I would also like to thank the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) for letting me train with them, especially BTF president Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa.”

The two finals were followed by the official closing ceremony. A number of officials were on hand, including His Majesty the King's youth and sports affairs advisor Saleh Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai, BTF president Shaikh Abdulaziz, Ebrahim K Kanoo director Isa Mohamed Kanoo, Ebrahim K Kanoo assistant manager Ammar Bubshait, Ebrahim K Kanoo senior manager marketing Ayman Shehadeh, BTC honorary president Dr Ali Fakhro, BTC president Khamis Al Muqla and BTC member Faisal Al Mosawi.

They awarded Eira, Rohan and the tournament's winners in the other categories.

## Rampant Barty to meet powerhouse Collins in Australian Open final



Ashleigh Barty  
AFP | Melbourne

**A**ruthless Ashleigh Barty swept into her first Australian Open final yesterday with a clinical, straight-sets demolition of Madison Keys to set-up a title match with the hard-hitting Danielle Collins.

The world number one overwhelmed 51st-ranked Keys 6-1, 6-3 in just 62 minutes with another American awaiting after the all-business Collins crushed Polish seventh seed Iga Swiatek 6-4, 6-1.

Barty is the first Australian woman into the decider of her home Grand Slam since Wendy Turnbull in 1980 and is aiming to become the first winner since Chris O'Neil two years earlier. But the tenacious Collins stands in her way on Saturday with the 28-year-old enjoying a second coming after surgery last year for endometriosis left her pain free.

Nine months on and she has 32-7 win-loss record, capturing her maiden WTA singles titles last year in Palermo then San Jose.

## BIC to host 2,000cc Challenge fourth round today



Action from a previous round  
TDT | Manama

**O**ne of the region's leading national championships is back in action today at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

Round four of the highly competitive BIC 2,000cc Challenge is scheduled to take place between 10.30am and 4pm as part of National Race Day at “The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East”.

Being the longest-running circuit racing series in Bahrain, it has become widely popular with competitors who battle it out in two-litre cars. The 2,000cc Challenge follows simple regulations, but is still extremely fun to watch with plenty of bumper-to-bumper action each meeting.

Today's events will be held along BIC's 2.550-kilometre Inner Track.

Fans are welcome to attend and will be able watch the action from BIC's Batelco Grandstand. Tickets are available at the gate for a nominal entry fee of BD2. Tickets are BD1 for children aged 12 and under.

Attendees should note that

the green shield, as shown on the BeAware App, must be presented on entry. Children under 12 are permitted entry when accompanied by a qualifying adult.

A grid of about a dozen drivers are returning for the meeting, which ushers in the second half of the seven-round 2,000cc season. They will be battling it out in the Challenge's Pro and Novice classes.

Amongst the leading participants in the series' top-tier category is defending champion Raed Raffii, who won both races in round three behind the wheel of his Honda S2000 contender. He is expecting a tough fight from the likes of Raed Himmo (Honda Civic), who has also already claimed race wins this campaign, and Majed Himmo (Honda Civic) and Nasser Al Alawi (Honda S2000), who are all competing in the Pro class.

In the Novice category, a tight battle is expected between Ali Al Mansoori (Honda Civic), Giovanni Salerno (Ford Focus), Andreas Buelow (Honda Civic), Wiebke Buelow (Honda Civic), and Moaaz Mohammed (Honda Civic ER).