

## Five-star Manama overpower Al Ahli

Mahdi Abduljabbar scores first-half hat-trick to help lift victors in 5-1 drubbing of bitter rivals in week 11 of 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League | **P12**

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Britney Spears is 'annoyed' with fans for calling the police on her

Bank ABC announced Best Trade Finance Provider in Middle East

## France and Iraq sign partnership agreement

Reuters | Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron met with Iraq Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani on Thursday, said the French presidency, signing a set of strategic agreements meant to boost Iraq's economic co-operation with Paris, especially in the energy and public transportation sectors.



## Southern Governorate Cup

Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club High Committee chairman His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa attends yesterday's races



## HM King condolences with Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa's family

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa condoled with the brothers and sons of Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, who passed away yesterday.

Dr Shaikh Khalid was the Executive Director of the Isa Cultural Centre and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence.

HM King Hamad prayed to God Almighty to rest his soul in eternal peace and to grant his family the fortitude to bear the loss.

His Majesty said Dr Shaikh Khalid was instrumental in enhancing Bahrain's humanitarian status, promoting dialogue and civilised rapprochement between different religions and cultures. Bahrain, HM King said, is always proud of its citizens for their contributions to Kingdom's progress in all areas.

## F-16 Block 70 of Bahrain makes maiden flight



# Blasts rock Gaza as conflict flares

## Rockets from Gaza set off alarm in Israeli communities

## Cross-border fire followed Israeli raid in West Bank

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Rocket attacks on Israel by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement and retaliation by Israeli jets rocked Gaza yesterday as terrified residents said they fear "any minute a war can happen."

"There is worry and there is fear, any minute a war can happen. With any clash in the West Bank, there can be war along the borders in Gaza," said 50-year-



Smoke and flames rise during Israeli airstrikes in Gaza City

old Abdallah Al-Husary.

"We didn't sleep the whole night, bombing and missiles," she said.

Fears are rife in Gaza that the already unpredictable conflict could spiral out of control, triggering a broader confrontation between Palestinians and Israel.

Rockets from Gaza also set off

alarms in Israeli communities near the border with the blockaded southern coastal strip that is controlled by Hamas.

The attacks come amid international efforts to defuse tensions following one of the deadliest raids in the occupied West Bank in years.

There were no reports of

casualties on either side and there was no immediate sign of escalation into a more serious conflict.

The overnight exchange followed an Israeli raid on a refugee camp in the West Bank on Thursday that killed at least nine Palestinians, bringing the Palestinian death toll so far in 2023 to at least 30.

In the Jabalya refugee camp, one of the movement's leaders, Khaled Al-Batsh claimed responsibility for the rocket strikes and said Israel could not isolate Gaza from the West Bank. "The Jerusalem Brigades's rocket unit responded," he said. The US State Department issued a statement on Thursday saying it was "deeply concerned" with the violence in the West Bank and urged both sides to de-escalate the conflict.

## Deadly assault

# Police release footage of assailant striking Pelosi's husband

Reuters | Washington

San Francisco police released dramatic video footage yesterday of former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband, Paul Pelosi, being struck by a hammer as police rushed in to stop his attacker.

The police body camera footage was released alongside a surveillance video showing the alleged attacker, David DePape, 42, smashing through a glass



A screenshot from a police body camera video shows David DePape lifting a hammer to strike Paul Pelosi

window to get into the couple's San Francisco home as well as



a 911 call from a distressed Paul Pelosi, who was talking to the dispatcher with DePape apparently beside him.

In the body cam footage, two police officers knock on the door at the Pelosis' home. When the door opens, Pelosi and DePape can both be seen clutching a large hammer. DePape tells police officers that, "Everything's good," at which point the officers instruct him to drop the hammer. DePape then appears to tear the hammer fully away from Pelosi, who is in sleep wear, before striking Pelosi with a powerful overhand blow.



The Southern Governorate Police Directorate, in cooperation with the Municipality of the Southern Region and Ministry of Interior, yesterday conducted an inspection campaign in Ras Zuwayed area. Officials said they removed several illegal wayside vendors and confiscated objects kept on sale without a licence.



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority yesterday took action against several for violating labour and residency laws in the Kingdom. The action follows a joint campaign with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs and Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate at shops, work sites and labour gathering places in Muharraq. LMRA renewed its call to report violations through [www.lmra.bh](http://www.lmra.bh), or by calling 17506055.

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# Bahrain Declaration in Europe inaugurated in Italy

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Bahrain Declaration Europe has been inaugurated during a ceremony held in Rome, Italy, in the presence of Bahrain's Ambassador to Italy Dr Nasser Mohammed Al Balouchi.

The King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence unveiled the covenant in the presence of ambassadors, diplomats and officials.

The Italian Republic hosts the King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence, which was launched at Sapienza University in 2018.

"This chair, the first of its kind in the world, aims to enlighten young people from all over the world to confront terrorism, extremism and radicalism, and arm them with knowledge and inspire them to spread peaceful coexistence and love all over the world", said Dr Al Baloudhi.

"We are pleased that the Kingdom of Bahrain has chosen the Italian Republic to start launching the document of the Declaration of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Europe", said Andrea Ponzo, Special Envoy for Interreligious Dialogue at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Italy.

Betsy Mathieson, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence, states that Bahrain's declaration has been praised by world leaders.

Armin Lechet, founder and president of the Abrahamic Convention Institute in Berlin, said he was delighted to participate in the inauguration, noting that the openness of Bahrain and the consolidation of dialogue and peaceful coexistence have enhanced the sense of humanity in society. "The declaration of the Kingdom of Bahrain has added a new concept within the framework of mutual respect and acceptance," he said.

During the inauguration ceremony, 100 students affiliated with the King Hamad Chair for Freedom of Religion and Peaceful Coexistence were honoured for their participation in the "Ignorance is the Enemy of Peace" Forum.



In pictures, the event held in Italy



# F-16 Block 70 of Bahrain makes maiden flight

- **Total flight time was approximately 50 minutes**
- **Six countries have selected Block 70/72 aircraft**
- **Lockheed will produce 128 newly-built Block 70/72s for Bahrain, Slovakia, Taiwan, Bulgaria, and Jordan, all expected to be delivered before 2030.**

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Lockheed Martin has successfully conducted the first flight of its F-16 Block 70 at its Greenville, South Carolina site, ahead of the jet's delivery to Bahrain.

This F-16 Block 70 jet is the first of 16 jets to be delivered to Bahrain - the first Gulf country to acquire and operate the F-16.

It was reported earlier that the deal also confirms the Kingdom's withdrawal from the Eurofighter Typhoon programme.

"With a total of 16 brand new



advanced F-16s and 20 upgraded Block 40 F-16 aircraft to the V configuration, the airforce lost its need to operate a new kind of aircraft," the Daily Tribune, quoting an unnamed military official, had reported.

The flight occurred on Jan. 24 at 9:17 am ET, with Lockheed Martin test pilots Dwayne "Pro" Opella and Monessa "Siren" Balzhiser at the helm.

Total flight time was approximately 50 minutes and included airworthiness checks, such as

engine, flight control and fuel system checks, as well as basic aircraft handling.

"Today's successful flight is a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment to our customers and their missions," said OJ Sanchez, vice president, Integrated Fighter Group, which includes the F-16 programme. "This milestone demonstrates Lockheed Martin's commitment to advancing this programme and getting this much-needed aircraft and its advanced 21st

Century Security capabilities to the warfighter."

Six countries have selected Block 70/72 aircraft. In addition to the current official backlog of 128 jets to-date to be built in Greenville, Jordan last year signed a Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) for eight jets and last week signed an additional LOA for four more jets. Lockheed Martin has received a contract to begin Jordan's long-lead ac-

tivities. Bulgaria has also signed an LOA for an additional eight jets for its fleet. Once these are finalized, the backlog will increase to 148.

"Lockheed Martin is fully committed to delivering quality platforms for our customers' critical missions, and I am so proud of our talented team in Greenville," said Danya Trent, F-16 Vice President and Site Lead in Greenville. "This is the culmination of significant development, design, digital engineering, supply chain and production line advances to an already proven platform that will continue to deliver decades of service in support of customers' national security."

## Most advanced production Vipers

The F-16 Block 70/72 are the most advanced production Vipers (as the F-16s are dubbed within the fighter pilot community). The aircraft features the APG-83 AESA (Active Electronically Scanned Array) radar, a new Center Pedestal Display (CPD), the AN/APX-126 Advanced IFF (Identification Friend or Foe), Link 16 datalink, full NVIS (Night Vision Imaging Sys-

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More than 3,000 F-16s are operating today in 25 countries. The F-16 has flown an estimated 19.5 million flight hours and at least 13 million sorties. Today's latest version, the Block 70/72, offers unparalleled capabilities and will be flown by at least five countries beginning in the mid-2020s.

# Woman avoids hefty fines, jail terms after Court drops peddling charges

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A woman in her fifties, arrested with 1,600 drug-filled capsules, has been spared a hefty fine and jail term after the High Criminal Court dropped peddling charges levelled against her and instead awarded her a lighter jail term for drug abuse.

The woman will now spend just three months in a Bahraini jail and have to pay a lighter BD100 fine.

The Court files say cops arrested her from the Bahrain International Airport with drug-filled capsules hidden in her personal baggage.

She had landed in Bahrain from Iran.



Representative picture

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from Iran.

Police said they spotted her for she appeared nervous during Customs check-out procedures.

Besides, Cops were already on alert in response to a memo on a possible smuggling attempt.

Customs officials said they escorted the woman to the red lane for a thorough examination.

Sifting through her personal bags, cops said they soon discovered several drug-filled capsules distributed inside.

Later an investigating officer confirmed receiving confidential information on a woman's attempt to smuggle drugs into the Kingdom.

"Therefore, I circulated a memo requesting an extensive search. And we arrested the woman with 1600 capsules," the officer said.

The woman reportedly confessed to buying the capsules from Iran using a prescription for a year-long consumption.

She, however, denied having any knowledge of outlawed components stored inside the capsules.

During the trial, the Court also ordered a mental health examination of the woman at the Psychiatric Hospital.

The Court also ordered an examination of the drug prescription the woman allegedly used for procuring the tablets while in Iran.

Public Prosecution had charged the woman with an attempt to smuggle the capsules into Bahrain for peddling and consuming outlawed drugs.



# When social media triggers post-partum body shaming

New mothers say they felt powerless and discouraged after seeing post-pregnancy photos online

Julia Cassano  
TDT | Manama

Accepting the new post-partum body can be a huge struggle for new mothers, especially amid the tantrums of fluctuations in hormones, sleep, energy, appetite and concerns over stretch marks. Add social media to that equation, and it is common to feel uncomfortable and awkward.

New mothers in Bahrain, as well as researchers, say the before and after social media images of mothers who have shed their baby weight soon after pregnancy, meant to inspire, are often doing the opposite.

Mothers here say that such posts, dubbed “fitspiration” by netizens, besides draining their confidence, had also smashed their self-esteem.

The worst is that these negative attitudes seldom die, with many developing poor attitudes about eating, while getting discouraged about their body.

**Proper guidance is the key**

Alaa Al Shaikh, a certified master trainer by the European Institute of Fitness, confirms this to *The Daily Tribune* and recommends new mothers proper and healthy guidance on using social media during prenatal and post-partum stages.

“Social media, most definitely, impacts pregnant women and new mums by forcing them to



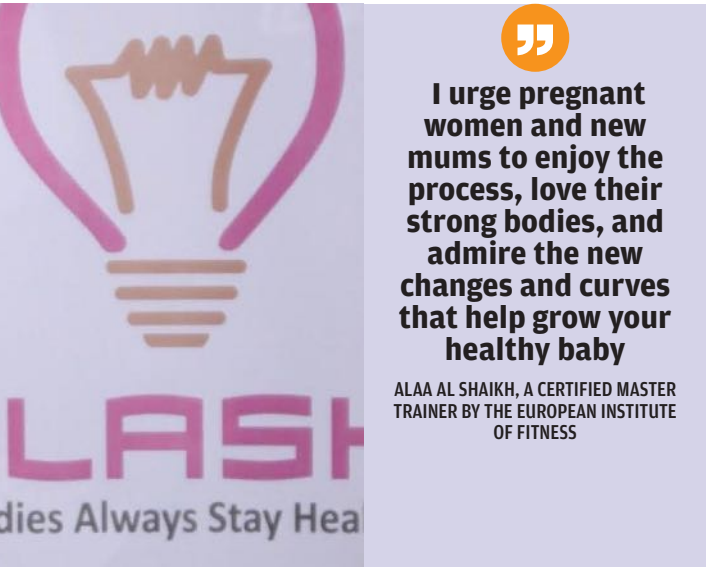
Alaa Al Shaikh of Fit Ladies Always Stay Healthy (FLASH), a local business that provides women with exercise programmes and motivational advice, is focused on providing pregnant women efficient guidelines and resources to build their confidence, self-esteem levels, and health.

look a certain way. Also, it affects their physical and mental well-being, including body image dissatisfaction,” confirms Alaa Al Shaikh.

It is therefore crucial for new mothers to build “confidence and raise self-esteem” to feel proud and comfortable in their new bodies and curves.

Alaa confirms to *The Daily Tribune* that she raises awareness on this topic during sessions and urges them to understand that not everything they see on social media is real.

“Additionally, I do not allow any negative body image discussions or body shaming during my sessions,” Alaa said.



**Survey confirms the worst fears**

The Mental Health Foundation, in a survey released recently, said that over four in 10 who had been pregnant (66% of the women surveyed) said they felt ‘more negative’ about their bodies afterwards, compared to just over one in 10 (12%) whom themselves felt ‘more positive’.

According to Alaa, the surplus of highly edited pictures online is worsening the issue.

“I have seen many women comparing their bodies to those Instagram images, and unfortunately, they tend to place judge-

ment on themselves.

I felt pressure after giving birth

Danielle, a mother of one, confirms this nightmarish scenario as she shared with *The Daily Tribune* her experience.

“During my pregnancy, I felt great; however, it was after giving birth that I started to feel pressure.

“When I notice celebrities posting their post-partum pics immediately after giving birth, I compared mine to theirs and put pressure on myself to look a certain way.

“Social media definitely did not help me post-pregnancy.”



Alaa told *Tribune* that she aims to change this by teaching them healthy ways to work out during pregnancy.

“Working out during pregnancy can provide many benefits under proper guidance.

“This will ensure that you are less likely to gain extra unneeded weight, get back to your average weight faster after delivery, experience more energy and are less likely to suffer back problems.

“This will improve your mood, while the delivery can be more manageable at the pushing stage, and you will lower your diabetes risk and have a healthy baby.”

**Workout 20 to 30 minutes**

Alaa urges pregnant women to work out a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise on most, if not all days, in the absence of medical or obstetric complications.

“If you are new to exercise, ensure you have the proper guidelines or a certified trainer when exercising to keep both you and the baby safe.

“But most of all, I urge pregnant women and new mums to enjoy the process, love their strong bodies, and admire the new changes and curves that help grow your healthy baby.”

## Men opting for cosmetic treatment here surpass global average, says survey

The most common non-surgical procedure is botulinum toxin, also called botox

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

It seems like men who want to “look good” are on the rise in the Kingdom, and this trend has even surpassed the global average, says a recent survey.

Experts confirm a significant 16% surge in men going under the knife and opting for cosmetic procedures like eyelid and neck lifts, botox, fillers, Mesotherapy and other non-surgical nose jobs (fillers) in the Kingdom.

*The Daily Tribune* also talked to experts from various hospitals in the Kingdom to find out what they say about this trend revealed by the survey on men turning increasingly to cosmetic treatment.

Dr Paulo Hypacio, a Brazilian Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Middle East Hospital, confirms this trend among men here in the Kingdom.

“One of the most opted non-surgical procedures we have is botulinum toxin, also called botox, for reducing wrinkles in the upper third of the face,” the doctor said, explaining the popular procedures available for men.

“Among the surgical proce-



dures, gynecomastia, a treatment for breast enhancement, is preferred by those who are not satisfied with the shape of the chest.

“Liposuction is another procedure often performed to remove stubborn fat or as a complementary procedure for a tummy tuck.

**But not without risks!**

All these, however, do not come without any risk.

This, however, is not a risk-free procedure, warns Dr Hypacio.

“Cosmetic procedures are



not just anyone’s job. The professional must have extensive training and proper knowledge of human anatomy.

“When performed by a professional, such as a plastic surgeon, the risk is greatly reduced.”

Speaking to *The Daily Tribune*, Dr Marwa Fathy Hussein Ali Soliman, an associate professor and consultant in cosmetic dermatology at Derma Glow Medical Centre, told the *Daily Tribune* that there was a spike in demand following the removal of the ban on cosmetic procedures.



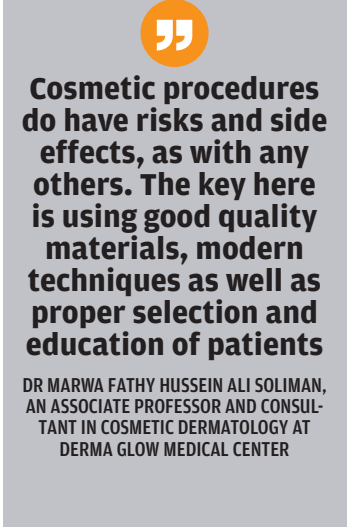
“Now, it has come down to usual rates.”

Dr Soliman confirms that such procedures are of interest not just to Bahrainis but also to expatriates.

“Both Bahrainis and expats are eager to do cosmetic procedures, but taste and needs differ with cultures.

Also, there is a noticeable increase in cosmetic services among men.

When asked about the risks involved, the doctor explained that cosmetic procedures do have risks and side effects, as



with any others.

The key here is “using good quality materials, modern techniques as well as proper selection and education of patients.

“This will minimise the risks, while it’s essential to follow up regularly by visiting the doctor to manage side effects.

“Most cosmetic procedures, whether Representative picture

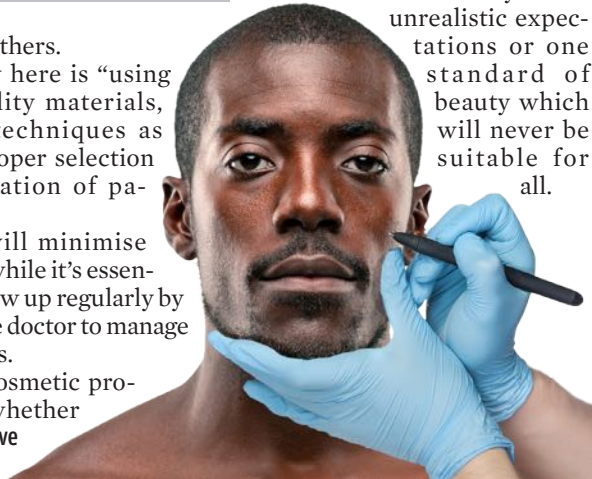
men or women do it, have minimal downtime ranging from one to seven days, and in most cases, patients can immediately resume their work and daily activities.”

**Social media, a double-edged weapon**

On the negative impact of social media, Dr Marwa warns it is a “double-edged weapon.”

“More and more people are getting aware of cosmetic procedures through social media. However, they are also developing unrealistic expectations influenced by claims.

“Patients may create unrealistic expectations or one standard of beauty which will never be suitable for all.





# New sea wall for Mina Salman, Zallaq Highway rehabilitation

Works Ministry opened a slew of tenders for infrastructure modernisation

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**W**orks Ministry is moving ahead with plans to completely reinforce the sea wall at Mina Salman, a tender launched said.

The tender says the ministry intends to complete the job in two phases, which calls for the demolition and construction of the sea wall.

Phase 1 calls for preparing the scope of the work, detailed drawings and calculating the initial estimated cost.

The ministry will also prepare tender documents and tender evaluations in this phase.

Phase 2 kick starts the post-contract phase, which is the supervision of the execution of work.

Mina Salman was a natural harbour prior to its establishment in 1962 and is part of the Maritime Silk Road that runs from the Chinese coast to the south via the southern tip of India to Mombasa. From there, the route passes through the Red Sea via the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean, there to the Upper Adriatic region to the northern Italian hub of Trieste with its rail connections to Central Europe, Eastern Europe and the North Sea.

## Roads in Zallaq

The ministry has also opened



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another tender for constructing residential access roads in Zallaq.

The roads of various widths are for blocks 1056 and 5615 and will have around 7,100 meters in length.

Work includes earthwork, ductwork, asphalt paving work, paving blocks installation for footpaths, stormwater drainage work, road signs & markings installation, street lighting and sanitary work with lift station installation.

Qualified contractors should have Grade AA in both categories for "Road Works" and "Sewerage & Drainage Works" or Grade AA in the category of

"Road Works" JV with Grade AA or A in the category of "Sewerage & Drainage Work".

Make bids before the 19th of February 2023 with a BD5,000 bond having 180 days validity.

## Renovation of Shaikh Hamad Avenue

Yet another tender launched by the Works Ministry says

plans are on way for improvements of Shaikh Hamad Avenue in Muharraq 211.

The tender is for creating sidewalks, parking slots, rainwater drainage networks, duct lighting, traffic signs and markings to ensure the safety and security of streets.

The total length of the project is approximately 620 meters.

A valid Pre-qualification License registered with the Ministry of Works in the category of Road Works under Grades AA, A, B & C is mandatory.

Bids should reach the tender board before the 15th of February 2023 with a BD4,000 bond.

## Zallaq Highway rehabilitation

Works Ministry is also planning rehabilitation of the Zallaq highway from Shaikh Salman to the Gulf of Bahrain Avenue on both westbound and eastbound sides.

Pavement rehabilitation works include, cold planing the existing asphalt from 5 to 50mm to make the surface rough or treatment works with TM5 asphalt mix. The job is for sections with crack defects and overlay with 40mm or 50mm BRM14 asphalt wearing course, as per the site condition, including the application of new road markings.

The closing date of the tender is the 12th of February 2023. Make bids with a BD5,000 bond with 180 days validity.



**Cold Planing (CP)** consists of milling a portion of the existing asphalt or concrete pavement to the length, depth, and width shown on the plans to remove wheel ruts and other surface irregularities, restore proper grade and/or transverse slope of pavement as indicated in the plans and specifications.



## STC opens tender for rebranding

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**T**he Southern Tourism Company has opened a tender for rebranding.

The tender says the company seeks to update and refresh its visual identity and branding.

The move, the tender says, is to better align the company with existing market competitors in the Gulf Cooperation Council region.

The rebranding also aims at setting a clear and cohesive Mission and Vision for the company moving forward.

Those interested should bid before the 8th of March 2023.

The company's webpage says it has played a prominent role in contributing to the development of the tourism sector and the maritime transport sector in the Hawar Islands since its establishment in 2000.

In 2013, the company's



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ownership was transferred to Bahrain Mumtalakat Holdings Company (Mumtalakat) from

Eskan Bank. STC owns the Biggest Passenger Fleet in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

## Ministry conducting comprehensive inventory for groundwater wells

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**W**orks to carry out a comprehensive inventory of Bahrain's groundwater wells received two bids.

The move aims at including the data in Geographic Information System (GIS) software, according to a tender

launched by the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture.

The ministry said it intends to enclose well's technical data and print its number plates and registration cards, and provide computers and printers to meet the aspect of the National Water Strategy for the Kingdom

and its implementational plan 2030.

Nerses Contracting Establishment quoted BHD 373,175,000, and Manaf Hamza Engineering & Surveying quoted BHD 346,481,520 for taking up the work. Manaf's bid stands suspended, according to tender board data.

## Bahrain Financial Harbour works gets 7 bids

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**L**andscaping, irrigation network system and hard landscaping works of a site between Bahrain Financial Harbour and King Faisal Highway attracted seven bids.

The bids range between BHD 87,495,075 and BHD

135,822,325. Newcastle construction made the lowest quote.

Works include supply and fixing of Precast Concrete Interlock Paving blocks, Precast Kerb Concrete & Edgings, General Filling to make up levels and all associated works.

## Storm drainage system in Busaiteen attracts 7 Companies



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**A** Works Ministry tender for creating a stormwater drainage system for roads in Busaiteen block 228 attracted seven bids.

Bidders are EMCE Construction and Maint (BHD 117,095,240), Jahecom (BHD 153,151,681), UCO Engineering (BHD 114,158,015), Al Nosaif Contracting & Excavation (BHD 114,683,190), Afaaq Alkhalij Excavation & Building Equipment Rental (BHD 102,607,856), Arad Construction (BHD 116,066,523) and Inter Lock Maintenance Construction (BHD 191,389,423).

The scope of works includes

extending the existing Storm drainage Network along Road 2826 into the internal roads of the Housing Project in Busaiteen Block 228. The move aims to eliminate the issue of water accumulation at low points along Roads 2863, 2864, 2865 & 2867.

The work comprises constructing a uPVC sewer main pipeline of 300mm diameter for a total length of 576m and 150mm diameter for a length of 160m. Also, construction of Type "G" manholes for a total of 14 numbers associated with heavy-duty covers and road gullies for a total of 46 numbers with asphalt reinforcement works.

## Tender for Neurointerventional Service in SMC

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**T**he Government Hospitals has opened a tender for purchasing "items related to Neurointerventional Service in Salmaniya Medical Complex."

The items are for stroke thrombectomy procedures and neurovascular intervention.

An interventional neurologist is a neurologist with specialised training in minimally invasive, image-guided techniques to treat complex brain, neck, and spine conditions.

Suppliers should bid before the 7th of February 2023 with a BD216 bond having 180 days validity.

## EWA plans documentary film on system control centre

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**T**he Electricity and Water Authority has invited offers to create a documentary film on the inauguration ceremony and various work stages of its new system control centre.

EWA tender says it is looking forward to obtaining the most competitive offer for documenting the stages of establishing this strategic and exceptional work, including the opening and inauguration ceremony of the project following the scope of work, terms & conditions.

Enter bids before the 21st of February 2023 with a BD500 bond.

## Finance Ministry auctioning three saloon cars

TDT | Manama

**T**he Ministry of Finance and National Economy is auctioning three saloon cars.

A tender launched says the cars were owned and used by various government departments.

Sales will be through public auction.

Make bids before the 7th of February 2023 with a BD500 bond.

## NBR mulls digitisation opportunities

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**T**he National Bureau for Revenue has invited bids to review the existing legal framework and instruments to make way for future digitisation opportunities.

The tender calls for giving recommendations and help to NBR for preparing potential enhancements to enable digitisation of the regulatory framework.

If interested, make bids before the 8th of February 2023 with a BD4,000 bond.



# Bank ABC announced Best Trade Finance Provider in Middle East

The Bank has been commended for its state-of-the-art digital technology

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Bank ABC, one of MENA’s leading international banks, emerged as the winner of the ‘Best Trade Finance Provider in the Middle East’ title at the Global Finance-World’s Best Trade Finance Providers Awards 2023.

Announced at a ceremony held in London on 25th January, the award stands testament to the Bank’s leading position as the Trade Finance partner of choice and its innovative, highly personalized product offering with the aid of cutting-edge digital technology.

The Global Finance Editorial Board selected the best trade finance providers based on entries from banks and other providers



Bank ABC Acting Group CEO, Sael Al Waary

from over 100 countries worldwide, in addition to input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts.



The rigorous assessment covered product offering, innovation, customer experience, and holistic efforts to future proof

the business. Bank ABC Acting Group CEO, Sael Al Waary said: “This award is testimony to Bank ABC’s vision and digital transfor-

mation strategy which is geared towards building a stronger platform to substantially increase our trade volume and become even more relevant and responsive to the needs of our clients.”

“Strengths in Open Account financing, Documentary Trade, Standby Letter of Credit (SBLC) and Guarantees have helped Bank ABC to become a Trade and Supply Chain Finance powerhouse in the region,” said Joseph D. Giarraputo, Founder and Editorial Director of Global Finance.

“This is being further enhanced by technological investments, including, a major cloud transformation initiative, digital corporate onboarding and the launch of both Supply Chain Finance and Documentary Trade

platforms,” he added.

Over the past year, Bank ABC successfully sustained its robust trade business performance through its Head Office in Bahrain. This entailed bolstering its SBLC and Guarantees business, while maintaining strong market share in its core exports business and further penetrating the Open Account financing space in the GCC. In parallel, it continued to deploy resources towards digitizing the full spectrum of its GTB products and services across Cash and Trade, leading to the launch of the front-end of its Supply Chain Finance platform and a Documentary Trade platform that substantially reduce transaction processing turnaround time and enhance overall customer experience.

## India’s Adani slammed by \$48 billion stock rout, putting share sale at risk

● Stocks of Indian billionaire Adani’s firms hit by debt concerns

● 7 Adani group firms lose total of \$48 bln since

● Adani slips to 7th ranking of world’s richest, from third-Forbes

● Bill Ackman says Hindenburg report “highly credible”

Reuters | Mumbai

Shares of India’s Adani Enterprises (ADEL.NS) plunged yesterday after a scathing report by a US short seller triggered a selloff in the conglomerate’s listed firms, casting doubts on the success of the company’s record \$2.45 billion secondary share sale.

Seven listed companies of the Adani conglomerate - controlled by one of the world’s richest men Gautam Adani - lost a combined \$48 billion in market capitalisation, with US bonds of Adani firms also falling after Hindenburg Research flagged concerns in a Jan. 24 report about debt levels and the use of tax havens.

The rout led to a near 20% fall in shares of Adani Enterprises, the group’s flagship company, well below the offer price of its secondary sale. As bidding started on Friday, the issue was subscribed around 1%, raising concerns over whether it would be able to proceed.

“The news cycle in the past few days has clearly impacted the share sale and you can clearly see that in the subscription levels, especially the low retail

Adani firms' two-day plunge after Hindenburg report

Stock	% Change in two sessions	Change in billion \$
Adani Enterprises	-19.77	-9.5
Adani Ports	-21.58	-4.4
Adani Wilmar	-9.74	-0.9
Adani Green	-22.46	-8.4
Adani Power	-9.72	-1.3
Adani Transmission	-27.08	-10.2
Adani Total	-24.76	-13.0
ACC	-19.52	-1.1
Ambuja Cement	-23.75	-2.9

Source: Refinitiv data



Indian billionaire Gautam Adani addresses delegates during the Bengal Global Business Summit in Kolkata, India

cerned but prepared to wait it out for now as the share sale continues until Jan. 31, two people with direct knowledge of the situation said.

India’s capital markets regulator is studying the Hindenburg report as it may help its own probe into offshore fund holdings of Adani Group, two other sources said. Spokespersons for the regulator and Adani had no immediate comment.

Adani Group dismissed the Hindenburg report as baseless and said it is considering whether to take legal action against the New York-based firm.

With a net worth of \$96.6 billion, billionaire Gautam Adani is now the world’s seventh richest man, according to Forbes, slipping from the third position due to the stock rout.

The 60-year-old hails from the western state of Gujarat, the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India’s main

opposition Congress party has often accused Adani and other billionaires of getting favourable policy treatment from Modi’s administration, allegations the billionaire denies. The Adani Group was established in 1988, beginning with commodities trading. The conglomerate’s business interests now extend from ports and airports to mining and renewable power.

The anchor portion of the share sale that began on Friday saw participation from investors including the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and Maybank Securities on Wednesday.

Shares of the listed Adani firms that plummeted on Friday include Adani Transmission Ltd (ADAN.NS), Adani Total Gas (ADAG.NS) and Adani Green Energy (ADNA.NS) sinking 20% each - marking their worst day ever - while Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSE.NS) fell 16.3%.

At the end of the first day of the share sale, investors, mostly retail, had bid for around 470,160 shares in the Adani Enterprises share sale, compared with 45.5 million on offer, according to Indian stock exchange data. The share sale is being managed by Jefferies, India’s SBI Capital Markets, and ICICI Securities among others.

The firm has set a floor price of 3,112 rupees (\$38.22) a share and a cap of 3,276 rupees. But on Friday the stock ended at 2,761.45 rupees - well below the lower end of the range.

Anand Rathi’s Solanki said “with the current market price below the share sale offer price, it further puts doubts on issue subscription.”

Investors’ worries extended to Indian banks with exposure to Adani debt. The Nifty Bank index (.NSEBANK) fell over 3%, while the broader 50-share Nifty index (.NSEI) ended down 1.6%.

## Tata’s Air India to seal half of jumbo plane order - sources

Reuters | New Delhi

Air India will seal half of an order for some 495 jets with Boeing (BA.N) and engine suppliers General Electric (GE.N) and CFM International, industry sources said, as its new owner seeks to revive the airline and compete with larger rivals.

After months of closely guarded, tough negotiations, Air India is set to place an order for 190 Boeing 737 MAX narrowbody planes as well as some 20 Boeing 787s and 10 Boeing 777X on a day marking one year since Tata Group took control of the former state-run carrier, two sources told Reuters.

The second half of the order, which industry sources have told Reuters includes about 235 Airbus (AIR.PA) single-aisle jets and about 40 Airbus A350 widebody aircraft, is expected to be formally wrapped up over the coming days.

Senior Boeing officials, in-



The Boeing logo is seen on the side of a Boeing 737 MAX

cluding Stanley Deal, chief executive of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, along with GE and CFM executives are expected in India to mark the deal on Friday.

Despite earlier expectations of a single coordinated announcement, it remains unclear when either deal may be publicly disclosed, especially with the Aero India air show looming in February when deals like this are usually revealed.

Manufacturers Boeing and Airbus, as well as CFM’s joint venture partners GE and Safran declined to comment.

## Norway finds ‘substantial’ mineral resources on its seabed

Reuters | Oslo

A Norwegian study has found a “substantial” amount of metals and minerals ranging from copper to rare earth metals on the seabed of its extended continental shelf, authorities said yesterday in their first official estimates.

The Nordic country, a major oil and gas exporter, is considering whether to open its offshore areas to deep-sea mining, a process that requires parliament’s approval and has sparked environmental concerns.

“Of the metals found on the seabed in the study area, magnesium, niobium, cobalt and rare earth minerals are found on the European Commission’s



A fishing vessel sails in the ice fjord near Ilulissat, Greenland

list of critical minerals,” the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD), which conducted the study, said in a statement.

The resources estimate, covering remote areas in the Norwegian Sea and Greenland Sea, showed there were 38 million tonnes of copper, almost twice the volume mined globally each year, and 45 million tonnes of zinc accumulated in polymetallic sulphides.



Adani has been diversifying its business interests and last year bought cement firms ACC (ACC.NS) and Ambuja Cements (ABUJ.NS) from Switzerland’s Holcim (HOLN.S) for \$10.5 billion. ACC shares slid 13.2% on Friday, while Ambuja plunged 17.3%.





News in brief

Judge blocks sale of machine gun converters after US sues



◆ The US Department of Justice said it has obtained a court order blocking two firearms companies from imperiling public safety by illegally selling devices to convert AR-15 style rifles into machine guns. US District Judge Nina Morrison in Brooklyn on Wednesday issued a temporary restraining order against Rare Breed Triggers LLC and Rare Breed Firearms LLC, and their owners Lawrence DeMonico and Kevin Maxwell. The Justice Department in a civil complaint said Rare Breed has sold thousands of devices known as FRT-15s that are designed and intended to convert AR-15 style semiautomatic firearms into machine guns.

◆ A US military raid in Somalia ordered by President Joe Biden killed a key regional leader of the Islamic State group, Bilal al-Sudani, US officials said Thursday. Sudani was killed during a gunfight after US troops descended on a mountainous cave complex in northern Somalia hoping to capture him, according to US officials. Around 10 of Sudani's IS associates at the scene were killed, but there were no American casualties, the officials said. "On January 25, on orders from the president, the US military conducted an assault operation in northern Somalia that resulted in the death of a number of ISIS members, including Bilal al-Sudani," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said in a statement.

US raid in Somalia kills senior Islamic State figure: US official



Five Chinese citizens killed in California shooting - consulate



◆ Five Chinese citizens were among the victims in a shooting in the California town of Half Moon Bay, the Chinese Consulate General in San Francisco said. The Half Moon Bay shooting on Monday, in which seven people died, was the second of two gun rampages in California in recent days in which a total of 18 people were killed. "The Consulate General is in communication with the relevant U.S. authorities to follow up on the progress of the investigation," a spokesperson said in a statement, adding that the Consulate General strongly condemned the violence. Chunli Zhao, a Chinese citizen and 66-year-old immigrant farm worker, was the lone suspect in the massacre at two mushroom farms in the northern California seaside town.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

‘Sac iconique’: How France wants you to say ‘it-bag’



A purse is pictured as employees work to develop new leather for luxury manufacturer Hermes in northeast France

AFP | Paris

A commission that seeks to act as a guardian of the French language has published a string of recommendations for translations of shopping and style terms, to replace widely-used English ones.

Perhaps inspired by this month's Paris Fashion Week, the non-binding recommendations from the Commission for Enrichment of the French Language were published in Wednesday's Official Journal. Instead of an "it-bag" -- defined as "a handbag in the latest fashion or that stands for a brand" -- ministries and businesses are encouraged to write "sac iconique".

An "it-boy" or "it-girl" can now safely be described as an "icône de la mode" and a "must-have" transforms into an "incontournable", while "try before you buy" becomes "essayeur-acheteur".

There are also more baffling

business terms that may be unfamiliar to many native English speakers, like "digital native vertical brand" ("marque integree nee en ligne").

Set up in 2015, the Commission for Enrichment of the French Language aims to "provide French vocabulary appropriate to the need for communication that is clear and accessible to the greatest number of people", it said in the introduction to its 2021 annual report.

Led by a member of the Academie Francaise -- founded in 1635 under King Louis XIII to guard "pure" French -- the Commission says it "recalls to a broad audience the importance of having and using French vocabulary so as to keep our language functional".

Given the dominance of English in global business and technology, its terms are the most frequently targeted for translation into the language of Moliere.

Philippines to appeal ICC resumption of drug war probe

AFP | Manila

The Philippine government said yesterday it intended to appeal an International Criminal Court decision to reopen an inquiry into Manila's brutal anti-drug campaign, which left thousands dead.

The Hague-based tribunal launched the enquiry in 2019 but suspended it later that year at the request of the government of then Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte, who had launched the crackdown in 2016, with Manila saying it would re-examine cases of alleged abuses.

Announcing the probe's resumption on Thursday, the ICC said its pre-trial chamber was "not satisfied that the Philippines is undertaking relevant investigations that would warrant a deferral of the court's investigations".

Menardo Guevarra, the chief lawyer of President Ferdinand Marcos' government, told AFP: "It is our intention to exhaust our legal remedies, more particularly elevating the matter to the ICC appeals chamber."

Officially, 6,181 people were killed in Duterte's "war on drugs" but rights groups say that up to 30,000 may have been killed, some innocent vic-



General view outside the headquarters of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands

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MENARDO GUEVARRA, THE CHIEF LAWYER OF PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS' GOVERNMENT

times, and that corruption was rife among security forces that acted with impunity.

President Marcos, elected in a landslide last year, has vowed to continue the drug war but

with a focus on prevention and rehabilitation. He has, so far, ruled out reversing Duterte's decision to pull the Philippines out of the ICC.

"We wish to emphasise that our own domestic investigative and judicial processes should take precedence" over the ICC, said Guevarra, the Philippine solicitor general.

"We can show that despite structural and resource limitations in our legal system, it is still a well-functioning system that yields positive results in its own time," Guevarra added.

Rights groups, however, welcomed the ICC announcement, and allege the killings are continuing under Marcos.

Police protest in Haiti after six officers killed

AFP | Port-au-Prince

Civilian protesters and police marched through Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince on Thursday to demonstrate against a slew of killings of police officers by armed gangs in worsening violence in the Caribbean nation.

Streets were blocked with barricades the day after gangs, who control much of Haiti and regularly kidnap people for ransom, attacked police headquarters in Liancourt, a town in the north of Haiti, killing six officers.

The protesters tried to storm the offices of Prime Minister Ariel Henry and ran onto the runway of Toussaint Louverture International Airport, disrupting air traffic. Schools were shut down for the day.



A man walks near a burning barricade set by demonstrators during a protest

On Wednesday, two officers were killed by attackers before four others were dragged outside the police station and "executed," police commissioner Jean Bruce Myrtil told local radio.

US officials "condemn the

gang violence that killed several Haitian National Police officers & call for calm amid ongoing protests," the assistant US secretary of state for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Brian Nichols, said on Twitter.

Scientists develop metallic robots that can turn liquid to pass through obstacles

Sputnik | Hong Kong

A team of Chinese researchers has developed a peculiar type of miniature robot that can change its state between liquid and solid.

The scientists, led by The Chinese University of Hong Kong engineer Chengfeng Pan, took gallium -- a metal with a melting point of only 29.8 degrees Celsius -- and embedded it with magnetic particles, thus producing what they described as a "magnetoactive solid-liquid phase transitional machine."

The team has determined that the robots made out of



Screengrab from a video shows a robot liquefying itself to come out of a prison in an experiment

this material could, through the application of a magnetic field, jump across moats, climb walls, split themselves in half to move objects and even assume

a liquid state to move through a grid, only to solidify on the other side -- a feat that brings to life a scene from the 1991 movie "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."

Ukraine says fighting fierce after tank pledges

Ukraine says it needs more weapons, calls for sanctions

Poland to send 60 modernised tanks to Ukraine in addition to Leopards

Reuters | Kyiv

Ukraine yesterday battled Russian troops trying to pierce its lines in the east and northeast before Kyiv takes delivery of tanks from its Western allies, saying the fighting showed it needed more weapons to repel the invaders.

Kyiv said fierce battles were under way, a day after at least 11 people were killed in missile and drone strikes which were widely seen in Ukraine as a response to the promises by important allies to send it tanks.

After weeks of wrangling, Germany and the United States this week said they would send Ukraine dozens of modern tanks to help push back Russian forces, opening the way for others to follow suit.

Poland gave Ukraine a further boost yesterday by promising an additional 60 tanks on top of 14 German-made Leopard 2 tanks it had already pledged.



A local resident carry home staff from a house of his neighbour damaged by a Russian military strike

Both sides in the war are widely expected to launch spring offensives though Washington has advised Ukraine against doing so until the latest weapons are in place and training has been provided -- a process expected to take several months.

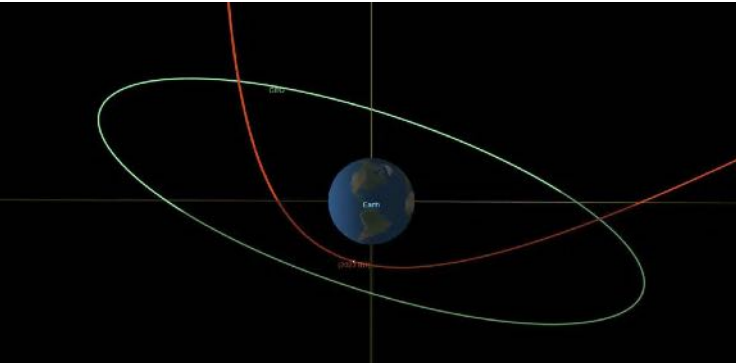
Russia said the United States was "pumping weapons into Ukraine", which Moscow says does Washington's bidding, and chided President Joe Biden, saying he held the key to ending the

conflict but had not used it.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked allies for their support but renewed calls for tougher sanctions on Moscow and more weapons in the twelfth month of the war.

"This evil, this Russian aggression can and should be stopped only with adequate weapons. The terrorist state will not understand anything else," Zelenskyy said in his nightly television address on Thursday.

Truck-sized asteroid misses Earth



This diagram made available by NASA shows the estimated trajectory of asteroid 2023 BU, in red, affected by the earth's gravity, and the orbit of geosynchronous satellites, in green  
AFP | Washington

At between just 3.5 to 8.5 meters (11 to 28 feet) across, Asteroid 2023 BU is a bit small to cause too much damage and would have largely burned up as it hurtled through the Earth's atmosphere

A truck-sized asteroid that suddenly loomed out of the darkness a few days ago -- with the Earth in its sights -- sailed harmlessly past us yesterday morning, one of the closest such encounters ever recorded, space scientists said.

Despite what we've seen in movies like "Armageddon," no global mission to blow it up or knock it off course with nuclear weapons was required. Instead, Asteroid 2023 BU whizzed past without incident and back out into the blackness of space.

The rock, which was spotted for the first time on Saturday last week by an amateur stargazer in Crimea, came closest to the southern tip of South America at around 0029 GMT yesterday, according to scientists who were tracking it.

At its nearest point, the asteroid was just 2,200 miles (3,600 kilometres from Earth's surface -- just a quarter of the height of many of the geostationary satellites that make our telephones and car navigation systems work. Amateur astronomer Gennadiy Borisov, who had already spotted an interstellar comet in 2019, raised the alarm over the weekend, alerting fellow space-watchers to the previously unknown celestial body.

BETTER YOU KNOW  
Millions of Ukrainians faced electricity shortages after Thursday's missile and drone strikes, the latest to target energy facilities and deprive people of heat, light and water

Hours after he spoke, Ukrainian officials reported fierce battles in the northeast and east of the country, scene of some of the heaviest combat since Russia's invasion on Feb. 24 last year.

"Fierce fighting continues along the front lines," said Oleh Synehubov, governor of the northeastern region of Kharkiv, adding that Ukrainian forces were holding out.

Power shortages

Millions of Ukrainians faced electricity shortages after Thurs-

day's missile and drone strikes, the latest to target energy facilities and deprive people of heat, light and water.

Ukraine has repeatedly accused Russia of targeting civilian infrastructure, a charge that Moscow denies.

Russia said the strikes focused on "facilities that operate Ukraine's defence industrial complex and transport system," and limited Ukraine's ability to repair military hardware and transport arms provided by its allies.

"The goals of the massive attack have been reached. All the assigned targets have been neutralised," it said.

Front lines have been largely frozen for two months, with Russia trying to gain ground in the east after occupying swathes of territory there and protect a corridor of land it has seized in southern Ukraine.

Oleksandr Musiyenko, head of the Military and Strategic Research Centre of Ukraine, said Russia was sending in more reinforcements, mainly conscripts, to block Ukrainian advances.

"But they do not have the level of artillery and tank support they had on Feb. 24," Musiyenko told Ukrainian television.



An axolotl (Ambystoma mexicanum) swims in an aquarium at the new Axolotl Museum and Amphibians Conservation Centre

“They are one of the few animals that can regenerate their skin, muscles, bones, blood vessels, nerves, heart, brain. A hugely important part of this space is environmental education

FERNANDO GUAL, HEAD OF WILD FAUNA CONSERVATION AT THE ZOO

museum's exhibits, workshops and labs.

In Aztec legend, the desperate rebel god Xolotl transformed himself into an axolotl to hide and avoid being sacrificed by his

fellow gods. He was still discovered, captured and killed. They were also a mainstay on the banquet tables of Aztec kings.

While the axolotl native to Mexico City's southern Xochimilco district is especially well-known, Gual points to 16 other kinds of axolotls that also call Mexico home, each one "like a wetlands ambassador."

Axolotls once thrived in Xochimilco's muddy canals, the only remaining part of a once extensive system of Venice-like waterways dating back to Aztec times. But the urban sprawl, contaminated water and non-native fish with a taste for young axolotls have led to the salamander's near-total collapse, according to population

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surveys. Even so, Xochimilco still holds nearly 11% of Mexico's biodiversity, according to Gual, with the country's 370 amphibian species ranking it No. 5 worldwide.

As the museum opened to its first visitors, the axolotl's celebrity status was easy to spot.

"The truth is I'm very, very, very excited to be able to see how they eat, how they live, just how they are," gushed visitor Fernando, declining to give his surname but showing off a small axolotl tattoo on his arm. "I'm marked for life."

Insomnia drove late Pope Benedict to resign: report



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
AFP | Berlin

Recently deceased ex-pope Benedict described years of persistent sleeping troubles as the "main reason" behind his shock decision to step down in 2013, according to a German media report.

Benedict was plagued by insomnia almost "constantly" from the start of his time as pope in 2005, according to a letter written a few weeks before his death on New Year's Eve.

In the message to his biographer Peter Seewald, obtained by German magazine Focus, Benedict said "strong" pills prescribed to him by his doctor meant he was still able to fulfil his duties as head of the Catholic Church.

The drugs however "reached their limits", meaning the ailing German pontiff was less and less available, he said in the letter dated October 28, 2022.

A nasty accident on a papal visit to Mexico and Cuba in March 2012 precipitated Benedict's final decision to resign.

TOP 4 TWEETS

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We must never forget - nor allow others to ever forget, distort or deny the Holocaust. #Holocaust-Remembrance Day  
@antonioiguterres

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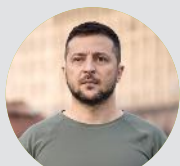
Agree with the UN Secretary-General @antonioiguterres - the Holocaust cruelty must never be forgotten. On #HolocaustMemorialDay speak up for and defend those people that are denied their human rights.  
@DrTedros

03



We will always remember the millions of victims murdered during the Holocaust. But remembrance is not an aim in itself. We must go a step further. Let us fight antisemitism, which is on the rise today. And let us make Jewish life prosper in an open, equal EU society.  
@vonderleyen

04



Today Ukraine honors the memory of millions of victims of the Holocaust. We know and remember that indifference kills along with hatred. That is why it is so important that everyone who values life should show determination. Eternal memory to all victims of the Holocaust!  
@Zelenskyyua

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# celebs

## Britney Spears is ‘annoyed’ with fans for calling the police on her

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Britney Spears is “annoyed” with her fans for calling the police on her. The 41-year-old pop star caused concern when she changed her name to River Red on Instagram earlier this week before deleting the social media app on Monday, and a source has claimed to TMZ that she wasn’t too happy when her online conduct prompted some followers to contact po-

lice and ask for a welfare check, resulting in officials from the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office paying a visit to her California mansion. The outlet went on to claim

that while the ‘...Baby One More Time’ hitmaker “understands how deeply her fans care about her and her wellbeing” and “wasn’t totally surprised things escalated to law enforcement’s involvement”, the


whole episode was still an “inconvenience” for her and an insider pointed out that she has deleted her Instagram “several times” in recent years.

According to reports, officers decided “there was no reason to believe she was in danger”, but it is unclear if they spoke to the singer directly.

Britnet has claimed one of her previous removals of the account was an accident, and she also deleted it in June 2022 a week after she married actor Sam Asghari, 28, as well as in March last year.

The ‘Toxic’ singer - who regained control of her multi-million dollar fortune and various aspects of her life when a conservatorship governed by her family was terminated in 2021 after 13 years - had already prompted concern among fans with a rambling post talking about changing her name and an apparent “melt-down” at a restaurant.

She said: “The news of me being tipsy in the news, then exploiting my past is a clever way to make me look like a pardoned woman that we can look at and say AWWW !!!”



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## Justin Bieber sells music catalogue worth \$200 mn in a record deal for an artist under 70

**IANs** | Los Angeles

‘Let Me Love You’ hitmaker Justin Bieber has sold his 15-year music catalogue for a reported \$200 million.

The 28-year-old singer has followed the footsteps of artists like Bob Dylan, Mick Fleetwood, Neil Young, Sting and Blondie singer Debbie Harry, who have sold interests in their music for fortunes in the last three years, reports Female First UK.

Justin sold the rights to his recording career to London-listed company Hipgnosis Songs Capital, with sources telling Variety that the singer’s tunes will continue to be administered by Universal Music where he has been throughout his career.

As per Female First UK, Hipgnosis Song Management founder Merck Mercuriadis, 59, said in a statement about the acquisition of Justin’s entire portfolio before 2022, which consists of 290 tracks: “The impact of Justin Bieber on global culture over the last 14 years has truly been remarkable. This acquisition ranks among the biggest deals ever made for an artist under the age of 70, such is the power of this incredible catalogue that has almost 82 million monthly listeners and over 30 billion streams on Spotify alone.”

“Scooter Braun (Justin’s manager) has helped him build a magnificent catalogue, and it’s a pleasure to welcome Justin and his in-

credible songs and recordings to the Hipgnosis family,” the statement, accessed by Female First UK further read.

Justin, who is married to model 26-year-old Hailey Bieber, is already worth an estimated \$300 million and is one world’s best-selling artists with 150 million records sold worldwide - has released six studio albums, along with 72 singles and collaborations with artists including Ludacris and Nicki Minaj.

All of Justin’s studio albums have been certified platinum or multi-platinum, while his singles ‘Baby’, ‘Sorry’ and ‘Despacito’ earning diamond status in the U.S. for more than 10 million sales each.



Justin Bieber

## Christian Bale thought Batman would be his last ever role

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Christian Bale didn’t think he’d ever work again after portraying Batman.

The ‘Pale Blue Eye’ actor was warned he’d run the risk of being typecast and damaging his career when he accepted the role of the Caped Crusader in ‘Batman Begins’ and admitted he was “tempted” by the prospect.

Christian – who played Batman in a further two films – said: “I’ve had no strategy for anything I’ve ever done. I was quite taken with the idea of

Batman being the last thing I ever did, the thing I’m remembered for.

“I was also tempted by the fact that people said I might be typecast and not work again. But I’ve kept on working.”

When it comes to starting a new job, Christian – whose first film, ‘Empire of the Sun’, was made when he was just 13 – approaches it like he’s never worked before.

He explained to Radio Times magazine: “I like approaching every film as though it’s the first film I’ve ever made and it’s the last film

I’m ever going to make, so not going in with any arrogance.”

And despite his years of success, the 47-year-old star insisted he still doesn’t know what he’s doing on set so would never offer advice to his co-stars.

Discussing working with Harry Melling on ‘Pale Blue Eye’, he said: “Harry knows what he’s doing, I can’t teach him anything. What kind of an a\*\*\* would I be if I said, ‘Harry, let me sit you down for a second and teach you a thing or two about acting?’

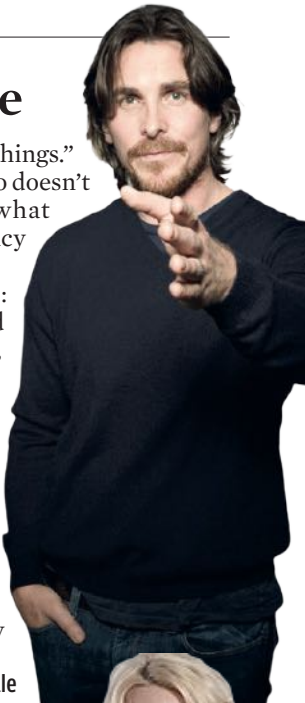
“I don’t know what I’m doing, I don’t know why I keep

getting cast in things.”

Christian also doesn’t worry about what his career legacy will be.

He added: “I’ve heard someone say, ‘If you want to be remembered, shoot a president’ but if you want to have a legacy, you’ve got to do something good.’ It’s the last thing on my mind.”

Christian Bale



## Steven Spielberg admits COVID fears forced him to make The Fabelmans

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Steven Spielberg was determined to shoot ‘The Fabelmans’ because of his fears over the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 76-year-old filmmaker has opened up on his desire to bring the semi-autobiographical coming of age drama - which is loosely based on his own life - to the big screen, and he admitted he was concerned that the global health crisis would scupper his plans.

He told the ‘SmartLess’ podcast: “I was terrified this was an end-of-days, an epic-level event, I mean an extinction-level event, that was happening to the world.

“By the time I had serious discussions about writing this, we’d lost 250,000 Americans to COVID.

“And I was actually saying to my family that if there was one thing I was able to leave behind, if I got the chance to make one more movie, it was going to be this story.”



Steven Spielberg

## Pamela Anderson ‘saved’ by sons

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Pamela Anderson was “saved” by her children.

The former ‘Baywatch’ actress’ boys Brandon, now 26, and Dylan, 25, were just toddlers when she filed for divorce from their father, rocker Tommy Lee, in 1998, and she admitted being a parent gave her something to focus on in the time that followed.

She said: “They saved me. I don’t want to put that on my kids but having children changed everything. I’ve loved every moment...”

“Brandon is really creative and is this fiery kind of kid. Dylan is more introspective and more Zen. It’s a good team.”

The 55-year-old actress thinks her sons have grown up to be “true miracles”.

She wrote in her new memoir ‘Love, Pamela’: “Brandon and Dylan are true miracles, considering their gene pool. They have been through so much, yet they are not full of holes.”

Pamela filed for divorce from

the Motley Crue rocker after he was charged with spousal abuse and she thinks they “really let [their] kids down” with their relationship issues.

She reflected to People magazine: “I think we really let our kids down. And that’s something it’s really hard for me to forgive myself about. We should have found a way through it. I couldn’t accept any kind of violent manoeuvre. It was my childhood fears coming out. I didn’t want that for my kids and as much as I loved Tommy more than anything in the world, I loved my kids more.”

The pair’s relationship floundered after their personal videos - which were later made into an infamous sex tape and sold without their permission - were stolen and they were unable to deal with the attention the scandal brought.

Pamela Anderson



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### CROSSWORD

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1- Geographical reference; 6- Contented sighs; 10- Prolonged unconsciousness; 14- Whiskey type; 15- Ho-hum; 16- Grace period; 17- Wash cycle; 18- Actor Lugosi; 19- Staffs; 20- Blunted blade; 21- Compensation; 23- Compactness; 25- Interment; 26- Visit; 27- Gal's guy; 29- Ulan; 32- Party; 33- Long-leaved lettuce; 36- Back; 37- Coolidge's weep; 38- Manager; 39- It may come after you; 40- Enthusiastic; 41- Great; 42- Vow locale; 43- DDE opponent; 44- The Last Frontier; 47- Accessory; 51- Large African antelope; 54- Arrest; 55- Bronte heroine; 56- Blind as; 57- Release; 58- Banned apple spray; 59- Just okay; 60- Lauder of cosmetics; 61- 24 hour periods; 62- Cabinet dept.; 63- Software buyers;

**Down**  
1- Ventilated; 2- Rubbish; 3- Fabric woven from flax yarns; 4- Estimator; 5- "I loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah"; 6- Monastery; 7- One of the Baldwins; 8- Head light; 9- Scene of destruction; 10- Photographic device; 11- Muscat native; 12- Brainy bunch; 13- First name in photography; 21- Numbered rd.; 22- Haul; 24- Occupational suffix; 27- Not as many; 28- At all; 29- Bikini part; 30- "Lingus"; 31- "Bo"; 32- Hindu music; 33- Dirty Harry, e.g.; 34- Sugar suffix; 35- Georgia, once; Abbr.; 37- Computerized information storage; 38- Profession; 40- Actress Sommer; 41- Fairly dry, when describing champagne; 42- Late bloomers; 43- Pantry pest; 44- In the future; 45- 1972 Derek and the Dominos hit; 46- Marshal; 47- Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"; 48- Starbucks order; 49- Hybrid beast; 50- Healing plants; 52- Black, in poetry; 53- The life of Riley; 57- Monetary unit of Romania;

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## Indian trailblazer Mirza bows out of Grand Slam tennis



India's Sania Mirza (R) and Rohan Bopanna in action during the match

AFP | Melbourne

Indian trailblazer Sania Mirza bowed out of Grand Slam tennis yesterday with defeat in the Australian Open mixed-doubles final playing alongside Rohan Bopanna -- her first playing partner 22 years ago.

The 36-year-old Mirza, regarded as her country's greatest women's tennis player, returned to Melbourne Park for one last hurrah and made it all the way to the decider.

But she and 42-year-old Bopanna were unable to get over the line, losing 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 to Brazilian pair Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos.

Mirza was in tears in the post-match presentation ceremony.

"Rohan was my first-ever mixed-doubles partner at (aged) 14 and we won the nationals," said Mirza, a six-time Grand Slam champion, three in doubles and three in mixed.

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Mirza, who is married to former Pakistan cricket captain Shoaib Malik, has a young son Izhaan and said it was incredible to play in front of him in a major final.

"I never thought that I would be able to play in front of my child in a Grand Slam final, so it's truly special to have my four-year-old and my parents here," she said.

Mirza, known as a feisty convention-breaker, was the first Indian to win a WTA singles title, in 2005 at her hometown Hyderabad.

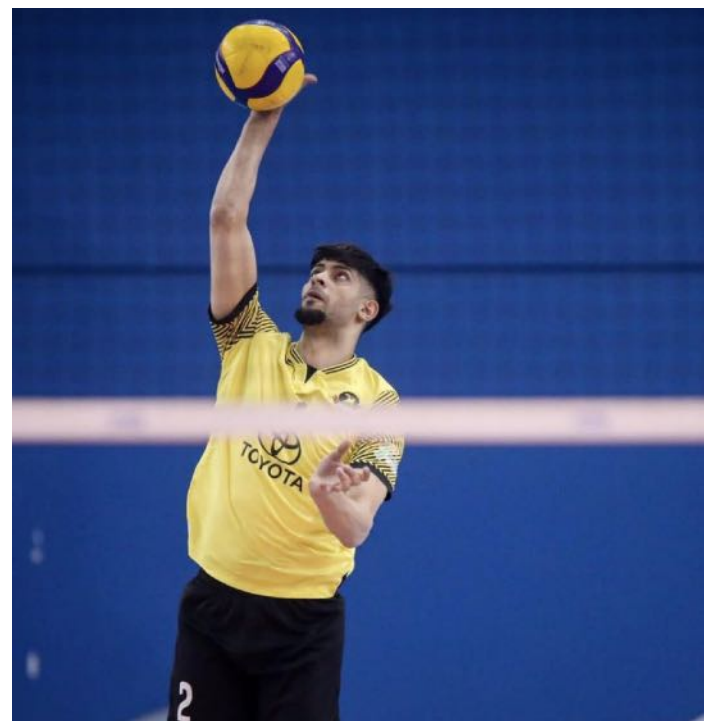
She reached the fourth round of the US Open the same year and by 2007 was among the women's top 30.

# Ahli, Najma stay on top of volleyball league

Title-contending rivals both triumphant in first matches of round-of-six's second stage in 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League



Dar Kulaib players Ayman Isa and Mohammed Yaqoob go for a double-block against Nabih Saleh's Peter Camara



Al Ahli's Mohammed Anan looks to serve against Muharraq during their game

● **Ahli sweep past Muharraq, Najma win five-setter against Al Nasser**

● **Dar Kulaib outclass Nabih Saleh in three sets to keep leaders in sight**

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Joint-leaders Al Ahli and Al Najma were both victorious in their opening games of phase two in the round-of-six of the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

Both contests took place at Isa bin Rashid Arena at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Ahli overpowered Muharraq 3-0 (25-19, 25-20, 26-24) while Najma needed to battle back from the brink of defeat to overcome Al Nasser 3-2 (25-18, 20-25, 26-28, 25-19, 15-9).

Following the two fixtures,

both Ahli and Najma improved to 5-1 win-loss records. They continue to occupy the top two spots on the league standings.

The round-of-six is being played in double round-robin format. The top four at the end of these fixtures move on to the league's semi-finals.

Currently ranked behind Ahli and Najma are Dar Kulaib with a 4-2 win-loss mark, Muharraq and Nasser on 2-4 records following their losses, and Nabih Saleh with a winless 0-6 standing.

Dar Kulaib were also winners to open this stage, beating Nabih Saleh last night.

In Ahli's win, they swept their rivals with fine performances from across their line-up. Spearheading their squad were Naser Anan had 21 points to spearhead the winners while Mohammed Anan added 15. Abbas Al Khabbaz contributed seven while Ali Alsairafi and Emad Salman had six apiece, while Canadian professional Jerome Cross finished with five markers.



**The 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League's round-of-six is being played in double round-robin format. This week marked the first games of the second phase, with the top four at the end moving on to the semi-finals**

For Muharraq, Nigerian import Samuel Anthony Ogwuche was among their leading performers in the setback with 10 points, while Abbas Ehsan added eight.

Meanwhile, in Najma's win, Ali Ebrahim scored a team-high 23 points as the winners' leading scorer against Nasser. Hassan

Dhahi added 18, while Estonian professional Kevin Saar chipped in with 16 and veteran Fadel Abbas had 14.

Nasser relied on the top players Yousef Khaled and Jassim Turki, who each had 17 points in the loss. They were once again without their injured American professional Jeffrey Menzel.

In the round-of-six contest played last night, Dar Kulaib powered past winless Nabih Saleh in straight sets.

Dar Kulaib were in control early, and although Nabih Saleh put up a fight in sets two and three, Dar Kulaib were able to close the contest out with a 3-0 (25-19, 27-25, 25-22) score line.

Leading the victors were Mohammed Yaqoob, Mahmood Abdulwahed, Ayman Isa, Ali Habib and Argentinian import Juan Barrera for Dar Kulaib; while relied on the play of Hussain Ashoor, Sayed Hashem, Jaafar Radhi and Kenyan professional Peter Camara.

It was Dar Kulaib's fourth win in six games and Nabih Saleh's sixth successive setback.



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# Mark of Respect lifts Southern Governorate Cup

Hasan Mefareh Alajmi-owned five-year-old wins feature event on eight-race card at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club

- **Bint Al Jazeera and Amaan win Crown Industries Cups**
- **Al Krush 1823 wins WAHO race to kick off day's events**

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Mark of Respect lifted yesterday the Southern Governorate Cup in the eighth and feature race at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

Competing for owner Hasan Mefareh Alajmi and trainer Hesham Al Haddad, jockey Anas Al Siyabi saddled the five-year-old gelding to first place in one minute 33.889 seconds over eight furlongs to claim the lion's share of the BD6,000 prize.

Gumais was the runner-up for Al Mohamediya Racing while Maystar came third for Al Afoo Racing.

Also yesterday, four Al Sharif Group Cups were up for grabs and they were won by Fifth Fleet, Cape Horn, Qamari and Turna.

Fifth Fleet triumphed in the



REHC High Committee chairman His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa attend yesterday's races

BD3,000 seventh race for MKAR Racing and Haider Ebrahim, as Andrea Atzeni rode the six-year-old victor to the finish in 2:17.958 over 11 furlongs. Port Douglas and Purgatory were second and third, respectively.

Cape Horn won the BD2,000 fifth race, held over seven furlongs, in 1:25.650 for Victorious, AM Smith and Edinson Rodriguez, with Miblish and Jabarah behind.

Qamari won in the BD3,000 third race over a six-furlong

straight in 1:14.385 for Al Afoo Racing, Mohammed Hasan and Ebrahim Nader. Khazzam and Waqiaah completed the top three.

Turna lifted the Al Sharif Group Cup in the second race of the day, held over five furlongs with a BD2,000 prize. The four-year-old was saddled by Ebrahim Nader and won in 1:01.240 for Zainab Adel Abduljalil and Taleb Ali. Assel and Stylish followed.

Elsewhere yesterday, Bint Al

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Four Al Sharif Group Cups were up for grabs on the day, and they were won by Fifth Fleet, Cape Horn, Qamari and Turna

Jazeera and Amaan won the Crown Industries Cups.

Bint Al Jazeera was victorious in the BD2,000 sixth race over nine furlongs in 1:52.803 for Al Mohamediya Racing, Hesham Al Haddad and Liam Keniry; while Amaan clinched first place in the BD3,000 fourth race over a six-furlong straight for Mohamed Jasim Jaafar, Talal Al Alawi and Abdulla Faisal, completing the race in 1:13.599.

In the opening race of the day, a WAHO event over five furlongs with a BD1,500 prize, Al Krush 1823 won for Al Sakhir, Jaffar Marzooq and Hussain Asghar in 1:12.610. Musannan 1811 was the runner-up and Al Saqlawy 1807 third.



Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa presents the Southern Governorate Cup



Action from yesterday's events

## Rampant Djokovic surges into 10th Australian Open final

- **Novak Djokovic overcame a first-set wobble to dismantle the unseeded Tommy Paul, setting up a final against Stefanos Tsitsipas**
- **Stefanos Tsitsipas reaches final after arm-wrestle with Karen Khachanov**

AFP | Melbourne

Rampant Novak Djokovic surged into a 10th Australian Open final yesterday to close in on a record-equalling 22nd Grand Slam crown, with only Stefanos Tsitsipas now standing in his way.

The Serbian fourth seed overcame an early wobble to romp past unseeded American Tommy Paul 7-5, 6-1, 6-2 on Rod Laver Arena in style.

Another title on Sunday will move him alongside Rafael Nadal with 22 Slam wins and see the 35-year-old return to world number one for the first time since last June.

Greek third seed Tsitsipas, who ground past Russian 18th seed Karen Khachanov 7-6 (7/2), 6-4, 6-7 (6/8), 6-3 in the other semi-final, can also become the top-ranked player should he lift the trophy.



Novak Djokovic in action against Tommy Paul

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC

Djokovic played the clash without father Srdjan courtside after he was filmed posing with a man holding a Russian flag featuring Vladimir Putin's face following his son's quarter-final win on Wednesday.

The incident sparked a backlash from Ukraine and led to calls for Djokovic's father to be banned from the tournament.

Srdjan issued a statement ahead of the semi-final saying

he would stay away, insisting he “wishes only for peace” and never wanted to cause “disruption”.

There was an empty seat next to his mother Dijana during the match.

“I'm really thankful that I have enough gas in my legs to be able to play at this level on one of the biggest tennis courts in the world,” said Djokovic, who is now 11-0 for the season and into a 33rd Grand Slam final.

“Of course, I'm not as fresh as the beginning of the tournament but we put in a lot of hours in the off-season on fitness in order to be in a good condition to play best of five (sets).”

“I know what's expected of me, I've been in this situation so many times in my career. Experience helps also,” he added of

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Tsitsipas has thrived in Melbourne throughout his career after bursting on the scene at the 2019 event as a 20-year-old when he dethroned defending champion Roger Federer in the last 16. He went on to reach the semi-finals that year and again in 2021 and 2022

being in another final.

The win extended his unbeaten streak at the Australian Open to 27 matches to claim sole ownership of the Open-era record at Melbourne Park ahead of Andre Agassi.

Djokovic had never played Paul before and said he was wary of a “very explosive, very dynamic player”, with the American initially refusing to go quietly.

The Serb, a hot favourite, attacked his opponent's straight away for an early break, then broke again when the 35th-ranked Paul fired a forehand long to race 5-1 in front.

## Ronaldo's Al Nassr knocked out of Saudi Super Cup

Reuters | Riyadh

Cristiano Ronaldo's Al Nassr were knocked out of the Saudi Super Cup on Thursday after a 3-1 semi-final loss to Al Ittihad in Riyadh.

The 37-year-old Portugal international, five-times Ballon D'Or winner, had a couple of chances to score but was well shackled by the Al Ittihad defence for most of the match.

Anderson Talisca's goal for Al Nassr in the 67th minute was not enough to turn around the deficit from two first-half goals for Al Ittihad from Rom-



Nassr's Cristiano Ronaldo reacts during the match

arinho and Abderrazak Hamdallah.

Muhannad Al-Shanqeeti added the third three minutes into stoppage time.

Al Nassr next travel to Al Fateh in the Saudi Pro League on Feb. 3.

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## HH Shaikh Khalid hails showjumping technical progress ahead of Championship

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First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa said that show jumping in the Kingdom has become one of the

advanced sports.

Show jumping has been witnessing wide participation in multiple competitions, as it has begun to gain wider technical dimensions among riders and horses, he added.

HH Shaikh Khalid pointed to the successes and results achieved by the show jumping competitions both locally and

internationally in line with the plans, programs and aspirations of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) to reach the highest levels.

The jumping competitions have highlighted the aptitudes of many young sports talents and the presence of a wide base of practitioners of this sport.

BREEF will rely on such capacities to build a solid base of good riders to represent Bahrain in various tournaments and championships and to confirm the ability of the Bahraini riders to jump forward with distinction, he added.

HH Shaikh Khalid commended the great efforts of the Federation, headed by HH shaikh

Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to develop equestrian sports in general and show jumping in particular in the Kingdom, citing its numerous successes.

His Highness also urged the riders and participants in His Highness championship to be held on Saturday to achieve their best levels in all competitions and wished them success.



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

# Five-star Manama overpower Al Ahli

Mahdi Abduljabbar scores first-half hat-trick to help lift victors in 5-1 drubbing of bitter rivals in week 11 of 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League

● Sayed Dhiya Alawi fires in winner for Al Shabab against East Riffa

● Baba Diop scores lone goal in Al Hala's triumph over Bahrain Club

TDT | Manama

Mahdi Abduljabbar-led Manama put in a five-star performance against bitter rivals Al Ahli last night in their 5-1 victory to kick off week 11 of the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Abduljabbar scored an impressive hat-trick in the first half while teammates Mohammed Al Marmour and Ebrahim Al Khattal were also on target on either side of the break.

Abduljabbar opened his account in just the seventh minute with a fine, one-touch effort from the edge of the six-yard box off a precision cross from the right supplied by Ahmed Mirza.

Al Marmour then scored just five minutes later from close range, and then Abduljabbar made it 3-0 in the 33rd minute with a stunning left-footed effort from inside the penalty box.



Al Ahli's Vinicius Vargas Dos Santos tries to escape the tough defence of Manama's Mahdi Abdullatif and Mohammed Al Marmour

Ahli were able to get one back in the 43rd minute after Hasan Madan tapped the ball home off a rebound from a curling Jamal Rashid shot that hit the left post.

But then Abduljabbar completed his hat-trick in the second minute of first-half stoppage time, giving Manama back their three-goal advantage with

another short stab, this time off an assist from Al Marmour. That earned them a commanding 4-1 cushion at the interval.

In the second half, Al Khattal found the net for Manama in the 54th minute, scoring from the outside edge of the six-yard box off a pass from Abduljabbar, whose initial shot was saved by Ahli

Standings							
	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts	
Muharraq	10	6	4	0	12	22	
Manama	11	6	3	2	12	21	
Al Khaldiya	10	5	3	2	9	18	
Sitra	10	4	4	2	3	16	
Riffa	10	5	1	4	2	16	
Al Hala	11	3	6	2	0	15	
Al Ahli	11	4	3	4	-1	15	
Hidd	10	4	2	4	-4	14	
East Riffa	11	2	5	4	-4	11	
Bahrain Club	11	2	4	5	-2	10	
Al Shabab	11	3	1	7	-4	10	
Budaiya	10	0	2	8	-23	2	

goalkeeper Ebrahim Luthfallah. That pegged the final score and the huge result for Manama.

They came away with their sixth win in 11 outings as they improved to 21 points to go second on the table, behind only leaders Muharraq. Ahli suffered their fourth loss and dropped to seventh on the standings.

In other matches yesterday, Al Shabab stunned East Riffa 1-0 and Al Hala beat Bahrain Club with a same 1-0 score line.

Scoring for Shabab in their victory was Sayed Dhiya Alawi in the 37th minute, when he connected from close range on a deflected shot. The strike was enough for Shabab to claim only

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Manama's big win against Al Ahli was their sixth victory in 11 outings. They improved to 21 points to go second on the league table, behind only leaders Muharraq

their third win of the league as they improved to 10 points, while East Riffa suffered their fourth loss and stayed on 11 points.

Meanwhile, in Hala's triumph, Baba Diop supplied the game's lone goal in the opening 20 minutes of action. Hala were able to hold on to their advantage the rest of the way, claiming their third win to go to 15 points on the standings. Bahrain Club were handed their fifth loss and they stayed on 10 markers.

League action continues tonight with another three matches on schedule. At 4.30pm, defending champions Riffa face off with contenders Al Khaldiya, while at 6pm Hidd take on Budaiya. At 7.30pm, Muharraq play Sitra.

## Spinners lead New Zealand to T20 win in India



India's Ishan Kishan is bowled out by New Zealand's Michael Bracewell

AP | Ranchi

Mitchell Santner and Michael Bracewell strangled India with spin as New Zealand won their first Twenty20 by 21 runs yesterday.

Santner (2-11) and Bracewell (2-31) shared four wickets in eight overs to put the brakes on India's chase.

New Zealand posted a lofty 176-6 thanks to half-centuries from Daryl Mitchell (59) and

Devon Conway (52) and India was tied down to 155-9.

It was the fourth time New Zealand has defended a sub-200 total in T20s on Indian soil, the most by any visiting side.

"There was a lot of turn and it continued right through the second innings," Bracewell said. "We were able to get early wickets and capitalize on that start. It is massive to bounce back from the ODI series." India swept the ODIs 3-0.

## Manama beat Al Hala, return to top of basketball league

● Elijah Robinson scores 34 points to spearhead Manama's charge

● Manama's 11-0 run to start the fourth quarter seals their victory

TDT | Manama

Defending champions Manama returned to the top of the standings of the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League following a resounding 89-78 victory over Al Hala last night in their week 18 contest played at Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam.

Manama raced out to a 27-16 lead at the end of the first quarter and stretched their advantage to 55-36 at the half. Hala were able to cut the deficit to just 61-71 at the end of the third period, but Manama opened the final canto by scoring the first 11 points to widen the gap



Al Hala's Alwatheq Ali is challenged by Manama's Mohammed Ameer as he looks to make an attempt at the basket

once again en route to the final buzzer. Manama's biggest lead in the contest was 23.

American professional Eli-

jah Robinson top scored for the winners with 34 points, while Ahmed Salman added 28, including an impressive five

Standings				
	P	W	L	Pts
Manama	16	14	2	30
Al Ahli	16	13	3	29
Muharraq	16	12	4	28
Al Ettihad	16	11	5	27
Bahrain Club	17	8	9	25
Al Najma	15	9	6	24
Al Hala	16	8	8	24
Nuwaidrat	15	6	10	22
Sitra	16	4	12	20
Samaheej	16	2	14	18
Isa Town	16	1	15	17

three-pointers. Mohammed Ameer finished with 11 and nine rebounds.

For Hala, Tony Farmer from the US had 22, 18 rebounds and eight assists but also seven turnovers, while Alwatheq Ali added 20 markers and 11 boards, along with five blocks.

With the result, which wrapped up the 18th week, Manama claimed their 14th win in 16 outings and went back to first place on the league table. Hala suffered their eighth loss and stayed in the bottom half of the standings.