



Bahrain-Kyrgyz deal ratified

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa ratified and issued Law (2) of 2026, approving the agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic on air services, following its approval by the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

The agreement between the Government of Bahrain and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic on air services was signed in Manama on April 21, 2025.

Unesco key role for Kingdom

Paris

Bahrain has assumed the chairmanship of the Arab Group for 2026 at the UNESCO, succeeding the UAE. The chairmanship was handed over to the Kingdom, represented by Essam Abdulaziz Al Jassim, Ambassador of Bahrain to the French Republic and Permanent Delegate of Bahrain to Unesco, during the first regular meeting of the Arab Group for 2026 was held at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. H.E. Ambassador Al Jassim expressed appreciation for the efforts made by the United Arab Emirates during its chairmanship, commending the role of its Permanent Delegate, Ambassador Ali Al Haj Al Ali, in advancing Arab coordination and unifying positions within Unesco.

Bahrain's chairmanship of the Arab Group coincides with the start of its non-permanent membership on the UN Security Council for the 2026-2027 term.

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Royal call for deeper Bahrain-Jordan cultural ties

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, reiterated the importance of bolstering strategic partnerships between Bahrain and Jordan to meet shared aspirations.

He noted the significance of culture in advancing cooperation, development, and creating opportunities.

HRH Prince Salman made the remarks while meeting yesterday with His Excellency Mustafa Rawashdeh, Minister of Culture of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, at Gudaibiya Palace.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness highlighted the depth of the historic Bahrain-Jordan relationship, which continues to

grow from strength to strength in line with the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of Jordan.

H.E. Rawashdeh conveyed the greetings of HM King Abdullah II and His Royal Highness Prince Hussein bin Abdullah II, the Crown Prince of Jordan, to His Royal Highness.

Greetings

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister extended his greetings to HM King Abdullah II and HRH Prince Hussein, and wished Jordan and its people continued progress and prosperity.

The Minister expressed his gratitude for HRH Prince Salman's support in strengthening



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with H.E. Mustafa Rawashdeh

Bahrain-Jordan ties.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa,

Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, H.E. Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, along with several senior officials, also attended the meeting.

Talent trust

HRH Prince Salman reaffirms confidence in skills and dedication of Bahrain's workforce

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, expressed his confidence in the skill and dedication of the Kingdom's national workforce.

He noted that government workstreams continue to integrate national strategies through excellence and creativity.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with newly appointed directors across government entities at Gudaibiya Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister expressed his pride in Bahrain's national workforce, whose tireless efforts have contributed to the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Congratulations

He extended his congratulations to the newly appointed directors, expressing his appreciation for their efforts, noting that



HRH Prince Salman meets with newly appointed directors across government entities

their role in the public sector is vital to advancing the Kingdom's national plans and programmes.

His Royal Highness affirmed the importance of fostering a culture of creativity and innovation, which contribute to achieving the Kingdom's goals, as well as enhancing the efficiency and quality of services provided to citizens and residents.

HRH Prince Salman emphasized that serving Bahrain's citizens and fulfilling their aspirations is the government's main priority, he added.

Gratitude

The newly appointed directors expressed their gratitude for the trust bestowed upon them by HRH the Crown Prince

and Prime Minister.

They noted HRH Prince Salman's continued support of the national workforce, which enables them to contribute effectively to the Kingdom's development.

Commitment

Likewise, they reaffirmed their commitment to advancing

the Kingdom's ongoing progress and achieving its wide-ranging goals that benefit all.

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HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, and H.E. Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, also attended the meeting.

Awareness programmes underway

First phase of smart camera system starts Feb 1

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The Ministry of Interior announced that the General Directorate of Traffic will begin operating the first phase of the smart camera system on 1 February 2026, following confirmation of the system's technical

readiness and its efficient operation under various conditions.

The ministry noted that awareness programmes will be intensified in the coming days, focusing on the main violations that the system can detect, in a move aimed at enhancing road safety.



Traffic violations will be detected by smart traffic systems

It explained that the new phase relies on the actual monitoring of violations through an advanced surveillance system.

The most prominent violations that can be detected by the smart cameras include exceeding the speed limit, running red lights, and using the emergency

vehicles lane (yellow lane).

They also include using a handheld mobile phone while driving and failure to wear seatbelts by the driver and front-seat passenger.

Other violations include allowing a child to sit in the front seat.

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Bolstering aviation sector

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the role of Bahrain's aviation sector in driving economic development, noting the importance of strengthening cooperation with international companies to implement ambitious plans that align with the Kingdom's aspirations. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with Nick Seitz, Global Head of Starlink Aviation at SpaceX, at Gudaibiya Palace. During the meeting, issues related to the development of the aviation sector in the Kingdom and avenues to enhance its competitiveness further were discussed.

Enhancing public sector services

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the 31st Civil Service Council meeting, which reviewed proposals to enhance public sector performance and efficiency, as well as to restructure government entities.

Strategic ties

HRH Prince Salman affirms strength of Bahrain-UK military and defence partnership



HRH Prince Salman with Commodore Thomas

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, affirmed the strength of the strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom, which continues to advance across various fields, particularly in the military and defence sector.

This came as HRH Prince Salman met yesterday with Commodore Dan Thomas, the newly appointed Commander of the UK Maritime Component Com-

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HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE, DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES AND PRIME MINISTER

mand ME, at Gudaibiya Palace.

Efforts

His Royal Highness emphasised the importance of ongoing efforts to develop cooperation

and advance longstanding bilateral relations and joint agreements, including the Comprehensive Security and Integrated Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA), to achieve shared goals.

He noted the UK's pivotal role, alongside allied countries, in safeguarding regional and global security and stability.

HRH Prince Salman welcomed Commodore Thomas to Bahrain and extended his best wishes for success in his new role.

Issues

During the meeting, the latest regional and international developments, ways to strengthen bilateral relations, and issues of common interest were also discussed. His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, also attended the meeting.

Accreditation certificates

The NPRA Undersecretary and Chairman of Maan (together) programme against violence and addiction committee, His Excellency Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, received two new accreditation certificates for the Artificial Intelligence Management System and the Social Responsibility Framework of the Maan programme. With these additions, the programme has obtained 10 international ISO quality certifications across various fields, reaffirming its commitment to applying the highest professional standards and embedding a culture of comprehensive quality across its preventive and community-based initiatives.

Tubli Bay treatment plant expansion due by year-end

Mohammed Darwish

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Work is under way to expand wastewater treatment and improve water flow in Tubli Bay, the Minister of Oil and Environment, His Excellency Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, told Parliament yesterday, saying the problem is long-running and cannot be denied.

Answering a question from MP Khalid Buanaq about foul smells in the bay, H.E. Bin Daina said the government accepts there is an environmental problem and that dealing with it means looking back at how it built up over many years, rather than treating it as a new issue.

He told MPs the government is expanding a treatment plant to a capacity of up to 1,000 cubic metres, with completion expected by the end of this year.

Existing stations at the same site are also being upgraded

using newer technology, he said. H.E. Bin Daina said he is following the file directly and that the Cabinet receives regular updates, including monthly reports, on marine conditions and water quality in Tubli Bay.

He said the government is taking responsibility and making decisions that match the scale of the task.

He pointed to steps taken to improve circulation, including widening and deepening the Ma'ameer channels, changes to the watercourse near Sabah Al Ahmed Highway, and new openings and channels to help water move through the bay.

H.E. Bin Daina said further work has included widening channels near Alba and dredging to widths reaching 300 metres, with planned depths aimed at improving currents.

The minister said the projects have cost the state millions of dinars and were carried out 'for the health of residents' and the long-term public interest.

Starlink high-speed wi-fi to roll out on Gulf Air fleet

Ashen Tharaka
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's national carrier, Gulf Air, has announced a historic partnership with SpaceX's Starlink service to introduce high-speed Wi-Fi on its flights, offering passengers a futuristic flying experience.

The installation process is set to begin this year, with the airline aiming to have the first aircraft online by mid-year.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Air, told The Daily Tribune, "We are currently working on the approval process, and the next step could start by the middle of this year."



Nick Seitz, Global Head of Aviation at Starlink (a SpaceX company), and Martin Gauss during the signing of a landmark agreement

Approvals

He added that the implementation timeline will depend on regulatory approvals for different aircraft types.

"Some aircraft types haven't been done yet, and Gulf Air is

among the first airlines to adopt Starlink. Each airline requires unique certification, which is beyond our control," Gauss explained.

He confirmed that the Airbus A320 will be the first Gulf

Wi-Fi.

Agreement

Under the agreement, Starlink will initially operate on Gulf Air's Airbus A320 fleet before being rolled out across the airline's entire network.

The state-owned carrier will offer the service free of charge to passengers.

Gulf Air Group Chairman Khalid Hussein Taqi, highlighted that introducing Starlink across Gulf Air's fleet reflects the airline's ongoing commitment to elevating the passenger experience and providing advanced connectivity on every flight.

Two convicted of embezzling passenger money

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The High Criminal Court has sentenced two public employees to five years in prison each after convicting them of abusing their positions and embezzling money from a passenger at Bahrain International Airport, the Deputy Head of the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution announced.

The court also fined each defendant 3,500 Saudi riyals, or its equivalent in Bahraini dinars, and ordered them to repay the same amount to the victim.

According to the prosecution, the case began after a complaint was filed with the Public Prosecution by the General Directorate for Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security.

The victim reported that while he was at Bahrain International Airport, the two defendants stopped him, took him to a restroom closed for maintenance, and searched him.

After he later counted his money at the boarding gate, he discovered that part of it was missing.

The passenger returned to Bahrain and filed a formal complaint. The defendants were summoned by their employer.

Marine balance

Fishing net limits cut as Minister defends rules, MP cites fishermen's losses



Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's marine wealth and the public link to the sea and fishing remain part of the country's living heritage. Licence numbers show the scale of that link.

MP MOHAMMED AL RIFAI

fore taking them.

Cooperation

"I thank MP Mohammed Al Rifai for his co-operation with fishermen's societies," he said, adding that he speaks directly with society heads, including the Professional Fishermen Society and area groups such as the Galali Fishermen's Association and the Sitra Fishermen's Association, through meetings and consultations ahead of any move.

H.E. Bin Daina said some steps could affect parts of the sector for a limited time, but insisted they were taken for the sea and for fishermen in the long run.

He gave net rules as one example, saying the permitted

Fishermen's societies and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization helped shape the rules that govern fishing methods

H.E. MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK BIN DAINA, OIL AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTER



length of the ghezl net had been cut from 1,200 metres to 800 metres, while saying this had not changed the amount of fish reaching markets.

Trawling

He also pointed to bottom trawling, known as karaaf, saying it harmed the marine environment and that a ban has been in place since 2017.

H.E. Bin Daina said the ban affected some seafarers, but that most were paid compensation ranging from 26,000 to 32,000 dinars in return for shrimp-fishing licences.

Those who switched their licence to fish fishing received 4,000 dinars, he said, adding that the number of beneficiaries was sizeable.

The minister said the government treats fishermen as partners and draws on their experience, adding that fishermen's societies and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization helped shape the rules that govern fishing methods.

Pause

He said fish stocks had improved, pointing to there being no shortage of fish in markets, and said a two-month pause on fishing saafi and andaq had not affected households, with other options available during that period.

H.E. Bin Daina said bans during breeding seasons are aimed at boosting stocks.

Dates set for BD11.2m sewerage, and road works

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

More than BD11.2 million worth of sewerage work is being built or readied for the Fourth Constituency in the Northern Governorate, the Ministry of Works has told Parliament, with some schemes running into 2027.

In a written reply to MP Hassan Ebrahim, the ministry said the programme covered sewerage networks, road upgrades and paving, along with follow-up work linked to the Ishbiliya housing project.

It said start dates for some road schemes would depend on completing technical steps, securing funding and gaining clearances from relevant service bodies.

The ministry put the total cost of sewerage projects now under way, and due for completion in 2026 and 2027, at about BD11,228,139.

One of the biggest jobs is in Abu Quwwa, Block 457, where a new sewerage network is being built at a cost of BD5,827,176.

Work began in May 2025 and the ministry expects it to finish in the fourth quarter of 2027.

Progress stands at 9.5 per cent, it said.

The scheme includes one pumping station and about 23-kilometre long of sewer lines.

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Silah Gulf B.S.C.(c) Final IPO Subscription Results and Allotment Basis

The Board of Directors of Silah Gulf B.S.C. (c) ("Silah" or the "Company") jointly with the Lead Manager, SICO B.S.C.(c) ("SICO"), are pleased to announce the subscription results and allotment basis for ordinary shares in Silah, pursuant to the Initial Public Offering (the "IPO") which was open for applications from 29 December 2025 to 26 January 2026. Capitalised terms used in this notice but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the IPO Prospectus as registered on 18 December 2025.

The following information pertains to the final IPO Application Results and Allotment Basis of the initial public offering of Silah Gulf B.S.C. (c).

The IPO attracted total demand of 64,901,976 shares across both the professional and retail tranches, representing a value of BD 11,422,748. This demand exceeded the 16,359,429 shares offered through the IPO at a price of BD 0.176 per share, with a total value of BD 2,879,260, resulting in an oversubscription of 48,542,547 shares, equivalent to BD 8,543,488. Accordingly, the IPO achieved a total subscription of 397%.

ALLOTMENT BASIS

The full details of the allocation mechanics are described in Section 18.4 of the Prospectus and this announcement is subject to and shall be read in conjunction with the Prospectus. In case of any discrepancy between this announcement and the Prospectus, the Prospectus shall prevail. The decision of the Lead Manager on the basis of Allotment and on each individual Allotment shall be final.

DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOTMENT NOTICES AND REFUNDS

Following approval from the Central Bank of Bahrain, the allotment will be completed on Sunday 1 February 2026. Applicants can expect to receive their allotment notices by email and may receive physical copies from Bahrain Clear, 4th floor, Harbour Mall, Bahrain Financial Harbour, Kingdom of Bahrain starting from Sunday 1 February 2026 between 8:00am and 2:00pm, Sunday to Thursday (excluding public holidays).

Distribution of Refunds shall be processed on Wednesday 4 February 2026 by the Receiving Bank to the account indicated on the Application Form.

COMMENCEMENT OF TRADING

Trading in the Shares of Silah on Bahrain Bourse is expected to commence on Tuesday 10 February 2026 under the ticker symbol SILAH. All applicants that have been allocated shares in the IPO are then eligible to trade by opening an account with a Bahrain Bourse registered brokerage if they do not already have one.

Please note that the Central Bank of Bahrain has not reviewed the Allotment statement and the Shareholders list and its approval is expected to be received on 29 January 2026.

'In pain and sorrow'

Deputy Speaker blames 'laxity and exceptions' for another fatal road accident

● **H.E. Al Buainain:**
Driving culture
and inexperience
behind incidents

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Bahrainis are "in pain and sorrow" after a fatal road incident happened again for the second time in a short period, Parliament's First Deputy Speaker Abdulkabi Salman told members yesterday, as the government rejected claims that enforcement has been lax.

Speaking during the Parliament session, Salman said the traffic law was not being enforced as required, blaming what he called "laxity and unjustified exceptions".

He said there had been shortcomings in dealing with road crashes and reckless behaviour, especially among young people, and called for the law to be en-



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H.E. GHANIM AL BUAINAIN, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

forced in practice, warning that the site involved draws thousands of visitors each week.

Catastrophe

He described the incident as



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ABDULKABI SALMAN, FIRST DEPUTY SPEAKER

"a catastrophe and a major loss for Bahrain", and offered condolences to the Al Shuwaikh family and to Bahrainis.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, His Excellency

Ghanim bin Fadhl Al Buainain, pushed back, saying the relevant authorities were applying the law within its limits and that there was no leniency on penalties.

"The relevant authorities enforce the law within its limits, and there is no laxity when it comes to penalties," he said, while thanking both the Shura Council and Parliament for passing the traffic law.

Factors

H.E. Al Buainain said many factors can lie behind such incidents, including driving culture and inexperience, but insisted there was no excuse for dangerous conduct.

"There is absolutely no justification for anyone," he said.

Salman also raised delays affecting draft laws in committees, saying some were ready but still held up, and urged quicker work to merge and pass agreed amendments as the Council moves into its final legislative term.

Parliament push to develop public libraries

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

The Council of Representatives approved a proposal for the development of public libraries and the establishment of a national knowledge bank to support researchers and students, following a report submitted by the Services Committee.

The proposal, presented by MP Muneer Ibrahim Suroor, received parliamentary backing despite differing views expressed during the debate.

The proposal seeks to expand access to academic studies and scientific research through modernised public libraries and a centralised national knowledge platform.

Supporters argued that the initiative would strengthen reading culture, support school and university students, and enhance research capabilities, describing it as a long term investment in education and human development.

Space

MP Suroor, who submitted the proposal, stressed that public libraries remain a vital educational space, particularly for students and researchers who require reliable, organised, and locally relevant sources.

He underlined that the proposal aligns with constitutional obligations requiring the state to support science, research, and cultural services, and to ensure equal access to knowledge across all governorates.

During the session, MP Hamad Al Doy expressed opposition to the proposal, stating that most academic material is now readily available through the internet and artificial intelligence, which he described as a vast and accessible library of knowledge.

He argued that Bahrain faces more urgent challenges that should take priority, suggesting that resources be directed towards addressing pressing social and economic issues.

In its report, the Services Committee explained that it had reviewed the proposal over two meetings during the sixth legislative term, with discussions held in the presence of the proposing MP and the legal adviser to parliamentary committees.

Major drug seizure



The Ministry of Interior confirmed that the Anti-Narcotics Directorate of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, in cooperation with Customs Affairs, has arrested seven individuals, including three women of various nationalities, in separate incidents for possession of narcotic substances weighing approximately 10 kilograms and valued at more than BD160,000. The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science said that the seized items were secured and confiscated, all necessary legal procedures were taken, and the cases were referred to the Public Prosecution.

MPs back child protection measure

Hasan Barakat
TDT | Manama

The Council of Representatives has approved, by majority vote, a parliamentary proposal aimed at protecting the rights of minor children during ongoing family disputes, referring the recommendation to the Government for consideration and implementation.

The proposal, reviewed by the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, allows mothers and grandparents to complete official government transactions on behalf of minors while

cases remain pending before the courts. MPs stressed that legal disputes between adults must not result in administrative or humanitarian harm to children.

Presenting the proposal, MP Jalal Kazem Al Mahfood delivered a key intervention that shaped the debate, warning that children often become unintended victims of procedural rigidity during prolonged family disputes. He said minors are frequently deprived of timely access to passports, residency documents, healthcare registration, and educational services

due to the absence of interim authority while cases remain unresolved.

Al Mahfood told the committee that family disputes may take months or years to reach final rulings, while children's daily needs remain immediate and continuous.

He stressed that the proposal does not interfere with judicial authority or influence court outcomes, but instead establishes a temporary and regulated mechanism to ensure that minors' affairs proceed without disruption until judgments are issued.

Sustainability in luxury watches and jewellery



Ms Marie-Claire Daveu, Ms Noora Jamsheer and Ms. Iris Van der Veken

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Luxury is no longer defined solely by craftsmanship or exclusivity, it is increasingly measured by responsibility.

The session examined how environmental stewardship, ethical sourcing, and transparency are redefining value across the industry from raw materials to the end consumer.

Industry leaders including Ms. Marie-Claire Daveu, Chief Sustainability & Institutional Affairs Officer at Kering Group; Ms. Iris Van der Veken, Executive Director of the Watch & Jewellery Initiative 2030; and Ms. Noora Jamsheer, CEO of

the Bahrain Institute for Pearls & Gemstones (DANAT) came together at an engaging session hosted by the National Communication Center at DANAT, Bahrain World Trade Center, to explore how traceability, ethical sourcing, and practical ESG initiatives are reshaping the watch and jewellery sector.

Discussion

At the heart of the discussion was the role of DANAT, whose core mandate focuses on preserving Bahrain's natural pearl beds, maintaining the quality of pearls, and ensuring their long-term abundance.

These efforts underline the importance of striking a bal-

ance between economic growth and environmental stewardship in an industry intrinsically linked to nature.

Speakers emphasized that sustainability is no longer a concept confined to philanthropy but a fundamental pillar of modern business strategy.

With nearly half of the world's GDP dependent on nature, understanding how industries impact the climate and ecosystems has become critical.

This shift is further reinforced by a new generation of consumers who are actively questioning whether products are sustainably sourced and responsibly produced.

Two convicted of money laundering

Rehab Mohammad
TDT | Manama

The Deputy Chief Prosecutor of Financial Crimes and Money Laundering said that the First High Criminal Court has convicted two defendants

of laundering money obtained from an online fraud crime.

The court sentenced the first defendant to five years in prison and the second defendant to eight years in prison.

Both were also fined

BD200,000.

The court ordered the confiscation of BD36,830.816, or any other money owned by the defendants equal to the value of the crime proceeds.

According to the prosecution, the case began after a report

from the National Financial Intelligence Center.

Investigations showed that an online fraud was committed against a foreign company for more than 74,000 Bahraini dinars by the first defendant while he was outside Bahrain.

NOTICE	With regard to the license cancellation
	of "S2M Transactions GCC B.S.C. (c)"
<p>With reference to the Resolution of the Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain No. (2) of 2026 pertaining to the cancellation of the Ancillary Service Provider license of "S2M Transactions GCC B.S.C. (c)" issued on 29 Rajab 1447H, corresponding to 18th January 2026, the Central Bank of Bahrain hereby provides notice that the Ancillary Service Provider license of "S2M Transactions GCC B.S.C. (c)" issued on 30th November 2024, registered under commercial registration No. 92167 has been cancelled, with effect from the date of issuing and publication of the above resolution in the Official Gazette.</p>	

NBB strengthens funding base through first syndicated loan facility

Pursuing Growth Opportunities with Greater Agility



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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has successfully signed its first syndicated loan facility amounting to USD 450 million, marking a significant milestone in the Bank's funding diversification strategy and long-term

growth agenda. The financing was arranged with a consortium of leading regional and international banks, underscoring strong market confidence in NBB's credit profile, market position, and long-term roadmap. Proceeds will be used to support the Bank's general corporate funding requirements and strategic initiatives.

Commenting on the occasion, Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer of NBB, said, "This landmark transaction reflects the confidence our banking partners place in NBB's financial resilience and clarity of direction. This facility not only diversifies our funding sources but also positions us to pursue growth opportunities with

greater agility."

The syndication was led by Emirates NBD Bank PJSC and Gulf International Bank B.S.C. as Senior Initial Mandated Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners. Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC, HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, and Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Lim-

ited were the Initial Mandated Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners, with Emirates NBD Bank PJSC appointed as Agent Bank.

The transaction also attracted strong participation from a wider group of lenders, including Canara Bank (DIFC Branch), Commercial Bank of Kuwait K.P.S.C., Habib Bank Ltd. (Bur Dubai Branch), Commercial

Bank International PJSC, and Bank Muscat S.A.O.G.

The successful completion of NBB's debut syndicated facility reinforces the Bank's presence in international funding markets and marks an important step in advancing its capital and liquidity strategy.

Silah Gulf announces provisional results and allotment basis of Initial Public Offering

Manama

SICO BSC (c), a leading regional asset manager, broker, and investment bank, with direct presence in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE, announced today the successful closing of the BHD 2.9 million initial public offering ("IPO") of Silah Gulf (Silah), which was significantly subscribed 4.0 times. These results reflect the provisional reconciliation of the data related to the application forms received following the subscription period which ran from 29

December 2025 to 26 January 2026.

The transaction comprised an offering of 16,359,429 new shares at BHD 0.176 per share, representing 30% of the Company's total issued share capital post-IPO.

The IPO was



structured with 70% of the shares on offer allocated to professional investors (those applying for minimum of 568,182 shares), while 30% of the shares were allocated to retail investors (those applying for less than 568,182 shares).

The IPO generated total demand of 64.9 million shares or BD 11.4 million between both the professional and retail tranches, resulting in a total subscription of 4.0 times. Retail and professional applicants will be allotted shares in accordance with the allotment basis set out in the Prospectus.

Feras Ahmed, CEO of Silah Gulf, commented, "The over-subscription of our IPO marks a transformative step in Silah Gulf's 15-year growth journey. We are grateful for the trust our new shareholders have placed in us as we prepare to accelerate our regional footprint

and drive innovation to meet growing demand across Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the wider GCC."

Naja Al Shirawi, Group CEO of SICO, stated, "The strong demand seen during Silah Gulf's IPO reflects strong investor confidence in the Company's solid operational fundamentals and its specialised position within the GCC's business process outsourcing and customer experience sectors. We are proud of the successful completion of the IPO, made possible by the dedicated efforts of BBK, the underwriter of the offering, Silah Gulf's management team, and SICO's investment banking team.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to all IPO subscribers, as well as to the Central Bank of Bahrain, Bahrain Bourse, and Bahrain Clear for their continued support and guidance."

Allotment notices will be

emailed to investors and will also be available for collection from Bahrain Clear starting from 1 February and any refunds will be distributed on 4 February. On 10 February 2026, the Company's shares are expected to be listed and commence trading on the Bahrain Bourse under the ticker symbol SILAH.

All applicants allocated shares in the IPO are eligible to trade by opening an account with a Bahrain Bourse registered broker. Furthermore, applicants allotted shares will be eligible to participate in any dividends declared for the year ending 31 December 2025, as well as any potential bi-annual dividends distributed

by the Company thereafter. SICO will provide price stabilization and liquidity provision services from the start of trading on the Bahrain Bourse.



Hybrid cars top choice for consumers in Europe in 2025

AFP | Paris, France

Hybrid-electric vehicles dethroned purely petrol-powered cars as the top power option among consumers in Europe last year, data showed yesterday.

Some 10.8 million new vehicles were registered in 2025 in the Euro-



pean Union, an increase of 1.8 percent from the previous year, according to the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA).

New car sales "remain well below pre-pandemic levels", however, the trade association said in a statement.

Despite the only modest overall sales

continued to shift towards hybrid and battery-electric vehicles.

Sales of hybrid-electric vehicles climbed by 13.5% last year to account for 34.5% of total sales in the EU last year, putting them ahead of petrol cars at 26.6%.

Meanwhile, sales of battery-electric vehicles jumped by 30 percent to account for 17.4%

of overall sales, though the ACEA

noted that the gain was from a weak performance in 2024 and needs to rise further to stay on track with the EU's transition goals.

Sales of plug-in hybrids also rose, but sales of petrol and diesel vehicles dropped.

The combined market share of petrol and diesel cars fell to 35.5%, down from 45.2% in 2024.

Volkswagen Group saw sales

rise by 5.5% last year to increase its lead as the top-selling carmaker in Europe.

France's Renault saw similar growth, but Stellantis, which owns several European brands such as Peugeot and Fiat, saw sales slide by 4.7%.

Chinese carmaker BYD tripled its sales in the EU last year, although from a small base.

China's SAIC Motor, which

owns the MG brand, saw sales rise by a third.

Sales of Teslas fell by nearly 38% last year as the electric car brand has suffered reputational damage in Europe from its association with billionaire Elon Musk, who backed US President Donald Trump before a falling-out, and who has endorsed Germany's far-right AfD party.

Tamkeen showcases Bahrain's experience in developing future skills

Global Labour Market Conference in Riyadh

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Tamkeen concluded its participation in the third edition of the Global Labour Market Conference (GLMC), held on 26–27 January 2026 at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh under the theme "Future in Progress." Tamkeen was represented by its Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive for Strategy and Insights, and the Managing Director of Skills Bahrain, along with several members of Tamkeen's executive management team.

Her Excellency Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofezz, Chief Executive of Labour Fund Tamkeen, took part in a panel discussion during the first day of the con-



ference. She emphasized the importance of developing national talent capabilities to keep pace with the evolving needs of the labor market. She also stressed Tamkeen's role in investing in future skills to ensure Bahrainis are fully prepared for

the opportunities and challenges associated with digital transformation and technological advancement.

Her Excellency highlighted key initiatives launched by Tamkeen to enhance the competitiveness of Bahraini talent



across various sectors. She also highlighted the innovative training programmes and solutions offered by Tamkeen to position Bahraini nationals as the first choice for employment, in alignment with national development plans—most notably the

Government Plan 2023–2026 and the National Labor Market Plan 2023–2026.

In addition, Ms. Alya Al Aali, Deputy CEO of Strategy and Insights at Tamkeen, participated in a hackathon held on the second day of the conference. The hackathon addressed key opportunities and challenges related to integrating new entrants into the labor market, with an emphasis on the importance of developing innovative solutions and policies that enhance labor market efficiency and establishing a comprehensive framework that facilitates the effective entry of youth into the labour market.

The second day also featured a panel discussion with

the participation of Mr. Amer Marhoon, Managing Director of Skills Bahrain. During the session, he highlighted the importance of equipping national talent with future-ready skills through the development of programs and partnerships that contribute to enhancing capabilities and outlining clear career pathways, in alignment with Tamkeen's strategic priorities and national development objectives.

The Global Labour Market Conference (GLMC) is attended by high-level participants, including more than 40 Ministers, over 200 international speakers and experts from more than 120 countries, in addition to prominent economists, CEOs, and policymakers.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank organises Bahrain's first-of-its-kind joint auto fair

12 Authorised Auto Dealers with Exclusive Offers Under One Roof

Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has recently announced the organisation of the first-of-its-kind joint auto fair in Bahrain, bringing together a select group of authorised auto dealers alongside the Bank, acting as a provider of financing solutions, in an initiative aimed at delivering an integrated customer experience, strengthening market presence, and stimulating auto sales activity ahead of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

This unique initiative reflects Al Baraka Islamic Bank's innovative approach to delivering financing solutions and expanding direct engagement with customers by moving beyond the traditional banking framework towards integrated and interactive experiences. The activity enables customers to compare options, make informed choices and benefit from exclusive auto offers and financing solutions in one convenient location with streamlined procedures.

Meanwhile, the auto fair will be held from January 29 to 31,



2026, at the parking area of Dana Mall, a venue distinguished by its ease of access, with the participation of

more than 12 authorised auto dealers. Dedicated spaces have been allocated for vehicle displays and partner booths, in ad-

dition to designated platforms to welcome visitors and provide on-site sales and financing support, along with GIG participating as the official insurance partner.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of vehicles from multiple brands, learn about exclusive offers, and submit auto financing

Mr Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank



applications instantly, alongside the chance to receive attractive cash rewards throughout the fair period.

As part of the Al Baraka Auto Fair, Al Baraka Islamic Bank is unveiling a set of exceptional auto financing offers designed to put customers in the driver's seat. Visitors will have the chance to win six monthly installments fully paid by the Bank for 12 lucky winners, along with exclusive cash rewards for 12 customers who complete their auto financing early. The excitement continues with instant cash prizes and fun interactive activities available throughout the event.

Customers can also benefit from highly flexible financing options, including an op-

Mr Ali Al Derzi, Head of Branches and Sales at Al Baraka Islamic Bank



tional grace period of up to six months, zero administration fees, optional down payment, and exclusive auto Takaful coverage in partnership with Takaful International Company

On this occasion, Mr Mazin Dhaif, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, commented: "This drive represents a strategic step within the Bank's efforts to strengthen its market presence and deliver genuine added value to our customers, particularly as it coincides with the launch of our Ramadan campaign and a dedicated auto financing campaign. At

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, we remain committed to introducing innovative initiatives that align with customer aspirations and support the growth of the consumer finance sector in a responsible manner and in full compliance with Islamic principles."

He added: "The timing of the auto fair, alongside our Ramadan and auto financing campaigns, further enhances the value offered to visitors and encourages strong engagement during the event. We are determined to continue developing innovative initiatives that reinforce our market presence and keep pace with our customers' evolving needs."

For his part, Mr Ali Al Derzi, Head of Branches and Sales at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, commented: "We are proud at Al Baraka Islamic Bank to organise this unprecedented event, which reflects our passion for delivering a comprehensive customer experience that goes beyond the traditional concept of auto fairs and exhibitions. We have been keen to bring together a select group of authorised auto dealers under one roof, enabling customers to view, compare and choose their ideal vehicle with ease and transparency, while benefiting from exclusive early Ramadan offers during the activity, in addition to instant rewards for the Bank's customers at the event venue."

Seef Properties CEO explores strategic cooperation with the Global "IAAPA" Association to support the company's entertainment projects

Manama

Mr Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties, recently welcomed Mr Jakob Wahl, CEO of the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), the world's largest global association for the entertainment and attractions industry, at the company's headquarters in Seef Mall – Seef District. The meeting explored avenues for joint cooperation and reviewed opportunities to strengthen the strategic partnership in support of the development of the entertainment sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The meeting took place as part of Mr Jakob Wahl's visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, which aims to enhance regional tourism ties and explore collaboration with key stakeholders in the entertainment sector. This visit



comes within the framework of his regional tour in preparation for the organisation of IAAPA Expo Middle East 2026, the first exhibition organised by the association in the region, scheduled to take place from March 30 to April 2, 2026, in Abu Dhabi.

During the meeting, Mr. Ahmed Yusuf reiterated Seef

Properties' commitment to the continued development of the entertainment sector as one of the company's strategic pillars for business growth. This includes investing in high-quality projects, expanding its portfolio of entertainment destinations, and adopting global best practices in operations, safety and

visitor experience, thereby supporting national tourism and reinforcing Bahrain's position as a leading regional destination for family entertainment.

He also highlighted the importance of the long-standing partnership with IAAPA, noting that this collaboration reflects Seef Properties' commitment to the association's globally recognised standards and its role as an active member of the IAAPA community, underlining that this partnership supports keeping pace with rapid developments in the entertainment industry and promotes the exchange of expertise and knowledge with leading international specialists.

The CEO further noted that

the meeting included a review of the company's expansion plans in the entertainment sector, which aim to strengthen its leadership position through the introduction of new concepts and the development of innovative entertainment destinations, adding that these initiatives are designed to meet the expectations of various age groups and to diversify the entertainment experience within shopping centres, in line with regional and global market trends.

For its part, IAAPA affirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation with key stakeholders in the entertainment sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain, highlighting the Kingdom's growing role in developing integrated entertainment destinations in line with internationally recognised standards within the attractions industry.

The association further noted that the Middle East is witnessing rapid growth in this sector, supporting the expansion of regional partnerships and the exchange of expertise, particularly in light of preparations for

IAAPA Expo Middle East 2026, which is expected to contribute to the advancement of the sector and open new avenues for cooperation among stakeholders at both regional and international levels.

It is worth noting that Seef Properties is among the leading companies in the entertainment sector through its specialised arm, Seef Entertainment, which was established to strengthen the company's position as an integrated real estate developer in the Kingdom. Its portfolio includes flagship projects such as Magic Island in Seef Mall – Seef District and Seef Mall – Muharraq; Yabeela, the largest indoor entertainment centre in the Kingdom of Bahrain; Jumpoline at Seef Mall – Isa Town; and Hawa, the largest inflatable entertainment centre, located at Souq Al Baraha Souq in Diyar Al Muharraq.

What benefits for the EU?

Indian tariffs on more than 90% of EU goods will be removed or cut.

For example, India will progressively reduce levies to between 20 and 30% on European wines, down from 150% before the agreement.

Beer tariffs will drop to 50% from 110%, while spirits will see future levies of 40%, down from up to 150%.

India will also remove tariffs on EU olive oil -- a major export from Spain, Italy and Greece -- fruit juice, non-alcoholic beer and processed food including bread, pasta, chocolate and pet food.

In a welcome move for one of the bloc's biggest sectors and especially Germany, tariffs on cars will be gradually lowered from a top rate of 110% to as low as 10% -- with a quota of 250,000 vehicles.

And India will eliminate tariffs on aircraft -- a potential boon for pan-European aerospace group Airbus -- as well as cutting levies to zero on most machinery, medical equipment, chemicals and pharmaceutical products.



How does India benefit?

According to Brussels, the EU's imports from India comprise mainly machinery and appliances, chemicals, base metals, mineral products and textiles.

India said the EU would immediately eliminate duties on products making up the majority of its exports including textiles, leather and footwear, tea, coffee, spices, sports goods, toys, gems and jewellery, and certain marine products.

And the EU agreed to phase out tariffs for processed food items as well as arms and ammunition, among other goods.

Steel was a thorny issue in negotiations since India is a major exporter. Brussels says the steel makes up seven percent of total Indian exports to the EU.

Under the deal, India will benefit from a duty-free quota of 1.6 million tonnes, and New

Delhi will relinquish its retaliation rights under the World Trade Organization, a senior EU official said.

Another sticking point for India was the EU's carbon border tax, which aims to ensure foreign producers pay a carbon cost similar to what European companies already pay under the bloc's internal emissions trading system.

Under the deal, the EU agreed to launch a technical dialogue on the tax if needed, and vowed not to treat any other EU partner better than India.

The EU has also promised to make it easier for skilled Indian workers to work in the 27-country bloc, agreeing to a memorandum of understanding on mobility covering issues related to seasonal workers, researchers and students, the EU official said.

The two partners are discussing a separate agreement on Geographical Indications, the intellectual property rights that link a product's qualities, reputation or features to its place of origin.

This "will help traditional EU farming products sell more in India, by removing unfair competition in the form of imitations", the EU executive said.

The senior EU official said there were no concessions for sugar, ethanol, rice, soft wheat, beef, chicken meat, milk powders, bananas, honey or garlic.

He also said that unlike deals the EU has struck with other partners, there were no chapters on government procurement, on energy and raw materials, or on the liberalisation of investment in manufacturing sectors.

India also opposed any chapter on "sustainable development where we focus

on social rights and also environmental issues", the official added.

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India said the deal safeguarded sensitive sectors including dairy, cereals, poultry, soybean meal and certain fruits and vegetables.

EU, India agree 'mother of all' trade deals

To create a market of two billion people



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (C) poses for a photograph with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (R) and European Council President Antonio Costa before their meeting at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi

● Will cut or eliminate tariffs on almost 97% of European exports

● EU officials said the deal was the most ambitious India had ever agreed

● "new opportunities" for defence companies

● Currently at 50%, tariffs on processed foods -- including pasta and chocolate -- will be eliminated

AFP | New Delhi, India



Employees work at a garment factory in Tiruppur, in India's southern state of Tamil Nadu

the EU," Modi said, adding the agreement "represents about 25% of global GDP, and one-third of global trade".

The EU has eyed India -- the world's most populous nation -- as an important market for the future.

"Europe and India are making history today," von der Leyen said in a statement, a day after she and Costa were feted as guests of honour at India's Republic Day parade.

"We have created a free trade zone of two billion people, with both sides set to benefit."

'Increasingly insecure world'

EU officials said the deal was the most ambitious India had ever agreed, and European companies would benefit from so-called "first mover advantage".

Europe's key agricultural, automotive and service sectors stand to gain.

But sensitive agricultural sectors, such as beef, rice and sugar whose inclusion in an earlier deal struck with South American bloc Mercosur sparked farmers' anger in Europe, were left out of the agreement.

New Delhi sees the European

'Highest level of access'

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Currently at 50%, tariffs on processed foods -- including pasta and chocolate -- will be eliminated, according to the EU.

Von der Leyen said she expected exports to India to double, and that the EU would "gain the highest level of access ever granted to a trade partner in the traditionally protected Indian market".

For India, it would boost sectors including textiles, gems and jewellery, and leather goods, as well as the service sector, Modi said.

The accord comes as both Brussels and New Delhi seek to open up markets in the face of US tariffs and Chinese export controls.

"The unprecedented preferential access secured for over 99 percent of Indian exports is a game-changer for Indian industry," said Chandrjit Banerjee, director general, Confederation of Indian Industry.



India is on track to become the fourth-largest economy this year, according to International Monetary Fund projections.

1807

London's Pall Mall becomes the first street lit by gaslight

1813

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



1819

British colonial officer Stamford Raffles lands in Singapore

1986

Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members, including Christa McAuliffe, who was to be the first teacher in space

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The India-EU Business Forum was a great platform to discuss the wide-ranging economic linkages between India and Europe. The Free Trade Agreement signed today brings innumerable benefits for businesses, MSMEs and innovators. It is a new blueprint for shared prosperity.

@narendramodi

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Meeting with the Indian and European business community in Delhi. Under the FTA, European exporters will save up to Euro4bn a year in duties. And EU exports are expected to more than double over time. Major opportunities ahead.

@vonderleyen

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I wish I knew then what I know now. Cervical Cancer can be avoided all together. These words from Selina Yeop, a cervical cancer survivor and advocate from Singapore and Founder of Teal Asia, remind us why prevention matters — and why no one should suffer from a disease we can stop.

@DrTedros

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On Holocaust Remembrance Day, I would like to recall that the Church remains faithful to the unwavering position of the Declaration #NostraAetate against every form of antisemitism. The Church rejects any discrimination or harassment based on ethnicity, language, nationality, or religion.

@Pontifex

US monster storm kills 30



An Embraer 175 of United airlines taxis to take off as the snow falls on the tarmac of LaGuardia airport in New York

AFP | New York, United States

Deadly plane crash

More than half a million Americans woke up without power yesterday, as freezing temperatures gripped swathes of the country in a monster storm that has killed at least 30 people.

A frigid, life-threatening Arctic air mass could delay recovery as municipalities from New Mexico to Maine tried to dig out following the storm, which dropped a vicious cocktail of heavy snow and wind, along with freezing rain and sleet.

Forecasters warned that much of the northern half of the country will see temperatures that are "continuously below freezing through February 1," the National Weather Service said in an X post.

It added that "record low temperatures" hit southern states, which are unaccustomed to intense winter weather.

While skies began clearing in parts of the country, relentless snowfall in the northeast meant parts of Connecticut saw over 22 inches (56 cm) of snow, with more than 16 inches (40.6 cm) recorded in Boston, Massachusetts.

In New York City, eight more people were found dead amid plummeting temperatures, and an investigation to determine the causes was underway. It was not known if all of these fatalities were storm-related.

Electricity began blinking back on across the south but as of Tuesday morning more than 540,000 customers remained without it, according to the tracking site Poweroutage.com.

Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana in the south were especially impacted.

More than 9,000 flights were disrupted, as the storm para-

lyzed transportation across the country.

"We don't know if we are going to make it or not. We've been here since Sunday," Alan Vazquez told AFP at Dallas-Fort Worth airport in Texas.

Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell told journalists that trees were continuing to fall under the weight of encrusted ice across the Tennessee capital city, sometimes knocking out power that had already been restored.

Nashville and other municipalities across the country were establishing emergency warming shelters.

NWS meteorologist Allison Santorelli told AFP this storm recovery was particularly arduous because so many states were impacted -- meaning northern states with more winter supplies were unable to share their resources with less-prepared southern regions.

"A lot of those locations don't have the means or the resources to clean up after these events," she said. "We're particularly concerned about the folks in those areas that are without power right now."

North Korea fires ballistic missiles towards Sea of Japan

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

North Korea fired what appeared to be two ballistic missiles towards the Sea of Japan yesterday, Tokyo said.

South Korea's Joint Chief of Staff also said it had detected a "projectile" being fired towards what Seoul calls the East Sea.

Japan's coast guard, citing the defence ministry, said it had detected two ballistic missiles and that both were estimated to have already splashed down.

The test is Pyongyang's second of the month, following a salvo of missiles fired hours before South Korea's leader headed to China for a summit.



People sit in front of a television screen showing a news broadcast with file footage of a North Korean missile test, at a train station in Seoul

citing defence ministry sources.

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It comes a day after a high-level visit to Seoul by the Pentagon's number three official Elbridge Colby, who hailed South Korea as a "model ally".

North Korea has stepped up missile testing significantly in recent years.

Analysts say this drive is aimed at improving precision strike capabilities, challenging the United States as well as South Korea, and testing weapons before potentially exporting them to Russia.

Pyongyang is also set to hold a landmark congress of its ruling party in the coming weeks, its first in five years.

News in brief

◆ **Iran has warned of** "destructive consequences" if the country's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps is listed as a terrorist organisation by the EU, state media reported yesterday, after Italy's foreign minister urged Brussels to go ahead with the designation. Rome's top diplomat Antonio Tajani on Monday said he would propose the idea "in coordination with other partners" at a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels later this week. It comes after unrest erupted in Iran last month over the rising cost of living which, according to officials, began as peaceful demonstrations before turning into what they described as "foreign-instigated riots" involving killings and vandalism. Tehran summoned Italy's ambassador to the Islamic republic, Paolo Amadei, and condemned Tajani's remarks as "irresponsible", warning of "destructive consequences" if the bloc went ahead with the move, the official IRNA news agency reported.



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◆ **French aircraft carrier heads to North Atlantic amid Greenland tensions** The flagship of the French Navy, the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier, yesterday set course for the Atlantic, the defence ministry said, after the United States and Europe butted heads over Greenland. On Wednesday, French President Emmanuel Macron is to meet the leaders of Denmark and Greenland in Paris, his office said. European powers rallied together when US President Donald Trump this month undermined the transatlantic alliance by threatening to seize the autonomous Danish territory. Greenland is strategically located between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic. The French defence ministry did not specify where the Charles de Gaulle was being deployed. But sources familiar with the matter told AFP that the aircraft carrier was heading to the North Atlantic, which has been at the heart of the geopolitical tensions.

China vows 'support' for Cuba after US threats



◆ **China promised** yesterday to provide Cuba with "support and assistance" in the face of repeated threats from the United States, which weeks ago removed Havana's ally in Venezuela Nicolas Maduro. Beijing and Havana are longtime socialist allies, and Chinese authorities have consistently opposed the economic blockade imposed on the island for decades by the United States. Tensions have intensified this month as US President Donald Trump warned that Cuba "is ready to fall". Trump has told Havana to "make a deal" or pay a price similar to Venezuela, whose former leader Maduro was captured in a US bombing raid on January 3 that killed dozens of people.

SPOTLIGHT

India's Adani signs pact with Brazil's Embraer to build planes



AFP | New Delhi, India

Gautam Adani -- a key opportunity to boost its aerospace business.

India's Adani Group and Brazilian plane maker Embraer signed a deal yesterday to build aircraft in India, as the world's most populous nation seeks to become a global aviation hub.

The two firms aim to establish an "assembly line", according to a joint statement, and will collaborate in airplane manufacturing, the broader aviation supply chain and pilot training.

"The proposed ecosystem is geared towards supporting domestic demand while generating significant direct and indirect employment," the statement said, without providing financial details.

The pact offers Adani -- a sprawling ports-to-power conglomerate run by billionaire Gautam Adani -- a key opportunity to boost its aerospace business.

For Embraer, the world's third-biggest aircraft maker, the deal gives it a foundation to expand its growing footprint in India.

India's air force currently operates Embraer jets including the Legacy 600 and the "Netra" AEW&C aircraft based on its ERJ145 platform.

"India is a pivotal market for Embraer," Arjan Meijer, president and CEO of Embraer Commercial Aviation, said in the statement, adding the partnership combined the firm's aerospace expertise with "Adani's strong industrial capabilities".

Embraer said in October that it ended the third quarter of 2025 holding unfilled orders for 490 aircraft after closing several major deals.

Northern Governor Chairs 2026 Security Committee Meeting



His Excellency Mr. Hassan Abdullah Al Madani, Governor of the Northern Governorate, chaired the year's first Security Committee meeting on January 26, 2026. The session included senior officials from the Northern Police and Civil Defense to review regional stability and security readiness. Key discussions focused on implementing a simulated security exercise to enhance agency response speeds during emergencies. The committee also moved to strengthen its partnership with the "Together" anti-violence and addiction program, targeting awareness initiatives for youth and adolescents. The Director General of Northern Police reviewed ongoing efforts to safeguard citizens, while the Civil Defense highlighted prevention and safety procedures.

Chithalka Ambrose re-elected as Sri Lanka Club President



The Sri Lanka Club held its 44th Annual General Meeting, at its premises in Adliya. Organized under the guidelines of the Ministry of Social Development, the meeting concluded with the election of the new Executive Committee. Chithalka Ambrose was re-elected as the Honorary President for a two-year term, with Suganthan Ravindrapoopath joining as Honorary Vice-President. The new committee includes Sachini Jayasinghe (General Secretary), Muditha Herath (Treasurer), Rismy Suranga (Assistant Treasurer), Michael Haymen (Entertainment Secretary), Kosala Gamage (Lounge Secretary), Shehan Speering (Public Relations Officer), and Denver Asker (Sports Secretary).

Bahrain Industry Minister receives new US Ambassador



His Excellency Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, recently received Her Excellency Ms. Stephanie Hallett, the newly appointed Ambassador of the United States to Bahrain. During their meeting, Minister Fakhro emphasized the deep strategic ties and longstanding friendship between the two nations. He reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to expanding this distinguished partnership across all sectors, with a particular focus on trade and economic affairs to benefit mutual interests. The Minister extended his best wishes to Ambassador Hallett for success in her new diplomatic role, expressing optimism for further strengthening bilateral cooperation.



Bengal Cultural Society celebrates 'Vasant Utsav' in Bahrain



The Bengal Cultural Society (Bongo Sanskriti) Bahrain celebrated 'Vasant Utsav' with traditional grandeur, at the Telugu Kala Samity Hall in Adliya. The event featured a soul-stirring Saraswati Vandana followed by a vibrant cultural program. The celebration saw extensive participation from the Indian diaspora, showcasing the rich heritage of West Bengal through various traditional performing arts. From classical segments to folk expressions, the program highlighted the deep cultural bonds within the community. Organizers noted that the event was a significant platform for fostering community engagement and preserving traditional art forms among expatriates.



The Indian Club celebrates 77th Republic Day

The Indian Club marked India's 77th Republic Day with a traditional flag-hoisting ceremony at its premises. The National Flag was unfurled by the Club's President, Mr. Joseph Joy, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by the gathered members. The ceremony was attended by the Executive Committee, including General Secretary Mr. Anil Kumar R, Vice President Mr. V.M. Vidhyadharan, and other key officials. In his address, Mr. Joseph Joy extended Republic Day greetings to the community on behalf of the committee, emphasizing the importance of the occasion. The event concluded with a celebratory breakfast, where members shared moments of camaraderie and unity.



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BIS Hosts Moms' Coffee Morning for Kindergarten

An event focuses on parent engagement and community bonding



● **"Sometimes, the most productive thing you can do is pause."**

Manama

Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School (BIS)'s Kindergarten

Wing organised a Moms' Coffee Morning as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen school-parent engagement and promote a culture of warmth and inclusivity on campus.

With steaming cups, friendly interactions, and an atmosphere of gracious warmth, the school celebrated the presence of mothers in a setting designed

to offer a brief yet meaningful pause from daily routines. The campus transformed into a welcoming space where mothers stepped away from the morning rush to rest, reconnect, and unwind.

The event provided an opportunity for parents to interact with teachers, engage with fellow parents, and experience

school life through their wards' perspectives. Informal conversations over coffee fostered a sense of community, allowing participants to reflect on childhood, learning, and the shared journey of education. Moments of calm and connection marked the morning, reinforcing BIS's commitment to nurturing strong partnerships with parents and

creating spaces that value emotional well-being alongside academic excellence.

School Directors Mr. Himanshu Verma & Mrs. Ritu Verma and Principal Mr. Saji Jacob thanked the mothers and appreciated their active participation and continued support in strengthening the school-parent partnership.

"At BIS, we strongly believe that a child's learning journey is most meaningful when parents and educators work hand in hand. The Moms' Coffee Morning is a warm and welcoming initiative that strengthens the bond between home and school," said Mrs. Ritu Verma during her interaction with the parents.



Al Noor International School Hosts Inaugural Inter-School Spelling Bee 2026



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Al Noor International School successfully hosted its inaugural Inter-School Spelling Bee Competition 2026 on 21st January, bringing together students from across the Kingdom

to celebrate academic excellence and language proficiency.

The competition featured Grade 6 and Grade 8 students from several schools, including Quest School, Talent International School, Al Mahd School, Noor Al Diyar Private School,

Nadeen School, Sacred Heart School, Capital School, and the host school. Participants competed in engaging rounds such as The Word Work-Up, The Knockout Round, and The Spell Sprint.

After a series of challenging

rounds, Jatan Jigar of Sacred Heart School won the Grade 6 category, while Ajidesh Elangovan of Al Noor International School claimed first place in the Grade 8 category.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony attend-

ed by Director Dr. Muhammad Mashhood and Principal Mr. Abdurahman Alkoheji, who presented trophies, medals, and certificates to the winners and participants. School representatives also received certificates of recognition. Also present

were the Head teachers and other school officials.

The event highlighted the importance of language skills, confidence, and critical thinking, reinforcing Al Noor International School's commitment to academic excellence.

Applied Science University Receives Token of Appreciation from AACSB International at Elevate MENA Conference in Tunisia

Manama

Applied Science University (ASU) has been formally recognized by AACSB International with a Token of Appreciation in recognition of the University's valuable contribution and support to the Elevate Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Conference, held in Tunisia, Tunisia, on 20–21 January 2026.

The award was presented by Eileen McAuliffe, Executive Vice President, Chief Thought Leadership Officer and EMEA, together with Ihsan Zakri, Vice



President, EMEA Growth & Engagement, on behalf of AACSB International. The recognition reflects Applied Science University's strong institutional engagement and its commitment to supporting regional and international initiatives that advance excellence, innovation, and impact in business education.

The honor was received by Hatem Masri, President of Applied Science University, and Ziad Zurigat, Dean of the College of Administrative Sciences. The ceremony highlighted ASU's

active participation in the conference and its continued contribution to constructive dialogue on quality assurance, accreditation, and thought leadership in higher education.

This recognition underscores ASU's growing role as a trusted academic partner within the global AACSB community and reaffirms the University's commitment to continuous improvement, international collaboration, and the advancement of business education across the Middle East and North Africa region.

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Bahrain wins two global seats

Expansion drive gains momentum

● Dual leadership win

● Global expansion strategy

● Community sport focus

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Bahrain secured a rare dual leadership result at the International Sport for All Federation's global congress in Italy, with two national representatives winning senior positions at a time when the federation is expanding its international footprint and adopting a new growth-focused strategy.

The General Assembly elected Issa Abdulrahim as President of the International Sport for All Federation, extended congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, marking the re-election as an achievement added to the record of Bahrain's sports.

The outcome places Bahrain in two key leadership positions within the international body, alongside the approval of a new vision and strategy aimed at expanding community participation in sport, developing advanced training programmes, strengthening regional and international partnerships, and supporting initiatives focused on youth and women, while promoting sport as a way of life across societies.

Global Growth

The General Assembly meetings also announced the accession of new federations from European and African countries, reflecting the federation's growing international reach and the widening interest of states in community-based sports programmes, strengthening its presence on the global stage.

Abdulrahim's re-election was framed as a continuation of leadership at a pivotal stage for the federation, which is repositioning itself around community sport development, broader partnerships and global expansion. He has served as President of the International Sport for All Federation since 2008 and has held leadership roles in several Asian and international sports institutions.

Leadership Thanked

Issa Abdulrahim, President of the Bahrain Sport for All



Issa Abdulrahim

Federation and President of the International Sport for All Federation, extended congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, marking the re-election as an achievement added to the record of Bahrain's sports.

He expressed appreciation for the trust placed in him by the General Assembly and member federations and organisations, affirming his commitment to working in a team spirit and to developing the federation's initiatives and programmes in line with international best practices.

Abdulrahim also thanked His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his continued support of the sports movement and his role in strength-

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The 'Sport for All' movement is recognised globally as a public policy tool to reduce healthcare costs and improve social cohesion through mass participation programmes

ening the presence of Bahraini competencies in international federations, noting that Bahraini leadership of international organisations reflects the national vision that supports sport as part of comprehensive community development.



Mohamed Almoudweb

Institutional Strength

The elections also resulted in the victory of Mohamed Almoudweb, Secretary-General of the Bahrain Sport for All Federation, who was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Sport for All Federation and appointed Assistant Secretary-General, following a competitive electoral round involving 21 candidates.

Mohamed expressed his gratitude to His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his continued support of Bahraini sport and his leadership in empowering national talents to assume leadership roles in continental and international federations, highlighting the creation of a supportive environment for national cadres.

He said, "I am honoured to have earned the confidence of the General Assembly of the International Federation, and I consider this selection a strong motivation to serve the inter-

national sports system and to work alongside the Federation's team, led by Issa Abdulrahim, to develop innovative projects that serve both the local and international sports community and contribute to further expansion and advancement of community sports initiatives."

Mohamed is considered as one of Bahrain's prominent sports administrators, with extensive experience in voluntary sports work, having previously served as General Coordinator of the Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Award for Scientific Research in the Sports Field, worked in Arab and international relations at the Bahrain Olympic Committee, served as a local media officer with the Asian Football Confederation, General Coordinator of the national senior football team, and as a board member of several Bahraini sports clubs, in addition to his participation in multiple local and international sports initiatives.



AI on the touchline

● How ChatGPT Shaped Robert Moreno's Time at Sochi

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Robert Moreno

Robert Moreno's brief spell at Russian Premier League side Sochi has taken on a surprising new dimension months after his departure, with revelations that artificial intelligence played a central role in his daily work. Moreno, former Spain head coach who guided La Roja through Euro 2020 qualifying, was dismissed in September, with poor results initially cited as the reason.

However, club officials later confirmed that his reliance on ChatGPT for training plans, match preparation, travel logistics, and even player recruitment had raised internal concerns.

Former Sochi general director Andrei Orlov said Moreno regularly turned to the AI tool, which became a central pillar of his methods. One incident particularly alarmed the club: a travel schedule for a long trip to Khabarovsk would have left players without sleep for 28 consecutive hours. Although the plan was adjusted, it highlighted Moreno's heavy dependence on the technology.

AI also influenced transfers. When Sochi sought to strengthen their attack, Moreno input performance data on several striker options into ChatGPT, which recommended Artur Shushenachev. It was a verdict that strongly guided the club's decision.

While officials did not op-

pose technology as a support tool, concerns grew over how much responsibility Moreno delegated to AI. "It's a tool like any other. Why not use it?" Orlov said. "But for Moreno, GPT became one of the main ones."

Moreno, however, denies the reports. In an open letter to Spanish media, he stated: "I have never used ChatGPT or any AI to prepare matches, decide line-ups, or choose players. That is completely false." He stressed that all sporting decisions were made by him and his staff, with tools like GPS, Wyscout, video analysis, and scouting platforms serving only to assist.

Ultimately, disappointing results, unconventional methods, and internal disagreements proved decisive. As clubs increasingly embrace data and technology, the Sochi case highlights the fine line between innovation and over-reliance in modern football, while raising questions about perception versus reality in AI's role on the touchline.

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Matchday 13 of the Nasir Bin Hamad Premier League continued last night with Muharraq delivering a comfortable 3-0 win over bottom side Al Shabab at Khalifa Sports City, keeping the pressure firmly on leaders Al Khaldiya.

The champions wasted little time asserting themselves and nearly struck inside 12 minutes when Tobares' cross found Soufiane Mahrouk, whose effort crashed against the post, but the Moroccan winger would not be denied for long. Three minutes later, Arthur Rezende split the defence with a beautiful outside-of-the-boot pass, allowing Mahrouk to cleverly let the ball run across his body before finishing calmly. A brief VAR check for offside followed, but the goal stood.

Al Shabab struggled to respond, and Muharraq doubled their advantage early in the second half. In the 46th minute, Edimar da Costa flicked on a header from midfield, which Hussain Abdulkarim met with determination, outmuscling Chikamuso Okchukwu before stretching to prod the ball into the corner.

Nandinho's side then sealed the result in the 70th minute as Mahrouk completed his



Joy for Soufiane Mahrouk as he nets again

brace. Algerian winger Samy Frioui broke down the flank and squared for the unmarked Mahrouk, who finished confidently to put the contest beyond doubt.

The result keeps Muharraq second on 30 points, level with Al Khaldiya but trailing on head-to-head, while Al Shabab remain rooted to the bottom of the table on six points.

Earlier at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium, Al Hidd and Bahrain Club played out a 1-1 draw. Oussema Belatrech gave Al Hidd an early lead in the sixth minute, controlling a long ball from deep before creating space and firing a superb strike into the right corner from outside the box.

Bahrain Club found the equaliser in the 71st minute through Jassim Mohammed. Captain Abdulla Al Zayed delivered a dangerous cross from the right, Sultan Al Salatneh's sliding effort rattled the crossbar, and Mohammed rose highest to head in the rebound.

The draw leaves Al Hidd seventh on 15 points, while Bahrain Club sit 11th with seven.

Matchday 13 concludes tonight as Sitra face Riffa at Khalifa Sports City and A'ali take on Al Najma at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium, with both matches kicking off at 7pm.

Arteta issues rallying cry after Arsenal wobble

● Arteta promises courageous, conviction-filled play

AFP | London

Mikel Arteta promised that Arsenal would play with "courage and conviction" for the rest of the season after their surprise defeat by Manchester United slowed their Premier League title charge.

Arsenal, who remain four points clear of second-placed Manchester City, host Kazakhstan's Kairat Almaty in the Champions League on Wednesday, aiming to complete the tournament's league phase with a perfect record.

The Gunners, who have seven wins out of seven in Europe this season, have already secured a place in the last 16, meaning they avoid a potentially tricky play-off next month.

They are also still alive in both domestic cup competitions.

Arsenal boss Arteta was asked at his pre-match press conference yesterday about his team's reaction to Sunday's surprise 3-2 defeat against United -- a first home loss of the season.

"The reaction has been ex-



Arsenal's Brazilian striker #09 Gabriel Jesus (C) celebrates with teammates

cellent," said the Spaniard. "We took a moment to bring the temperature down, to pause and to reflect and ask two questions.

"One is, how do we feel and how do I feel myself? And then, how we are going to live the next four months?

"And it was so encouraging and beautiful because what came out of that is very simple -- we have earned the right to be in a great position in four competitions."

Arsenal's slip-up against Michael Carrick's resurgent United followed 0-0 draws against Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

But Arteta promised that

the Gunners would be fearless as they chase a first Premier League title since 2004.

"In the next four months, we are going to live and play with enjoyment, with a lot of courage and with the conviction that we are going to win it," he said.

"And this is going to be the mindset and where we are going to put the energy and I'm just hoping that everybody that is related to this club, especially our supporters, jump on the boat."

William Saliba and Jurrien Timber are not available to face Almaty due to "slight niggles" while Mikel Merino and Declan Rice are suspended.

Bahrain's warriors trash Japan to reach Asian final

Abdulhussain's goalkeeping masterclass steals the show

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Bahrain's men's handball team booked their place in the final of the 22nd Asian Men's Handball Championship with a 35-25 victory over Japan in Kuwait City. Both teams had already secured qualification for the 2027 IHF Men's Handball World Championship in Germany, but the semi-final offered a route to the continental showpiece, and the "warriors" delivered a dominant performance. Bahrain will take on the Qatari in the final, buoyed with confidence after having already defeated them in the preliminary rounds.

Yesterday's first half saw Bahrain rely heavily on Mohammed Habib Nasser, who carried the attacking load early on. He levelled the score at 7-7 in the 12th minute and soon after converted from seven metres to make it 10-8. Captain Hussain Al Sayyad endured an unusually quiet opening period but produced a crucial counterattack to stretch the lead to 11-8. Japan responded through Nakata and Ishida, yet Bahrain maintained control through further strikes from Habib and Jassim Khamis. Behind them,



Bahrain's team celebrate qualification after full-time

goalkeeper Mohammed Abdulhussain was outstanding, making seven first-half saves to help secure a 17-14 advantage at the break, even as Japan threatened with their well-known ability to mount comebacks.

The second half belonged entirely to Robert Hedin's side. Khamis struck early, while Al Sayyad grew increasingly influential, throwing himself into defensive blocks and urging his teammates on. Abdulhussain produced a succession of spectacular saves, including one that struck him in the face mid-play, yet he continued unfazed, visibly frustrating the Japanese attack. Bahrain steadily pulled away as Habib, Khamis, Hassan Madan, Qassim Qamber, Mohamed Rabeea, and Ahmed Kadhem stretched the margin to double digits midway through the half.

Habib Nasser led the scoring with nine goals, Khamis added seven, and Madan chipped in with three, while Abdulhussain's 16 saves deservedly earned him the man-of-the-match honours.

Bahrain will now face defending champions Qatar in tomorrow's final at 6pm after the Qatari edged hosts Kuwait in a pulsating extra-time semi-final. Japan, meanwhile, will contest the bronze-medal match against Kuwait at 4pm, bringing the championship to an exciting conclusion. All matches are taking place at Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah Covered Halls.

Alcaraz sweeps into maiden Melbourne semi as Gauff gone in 59 minutes

Alcaraz's unbeaten run continues as women's semi-finals deliver dramatic storylines

● Carlos Alcaraz beats Alex de Minaur in straight sets

● Elina Svitolina upsets Coco Gauff in dominant fashion

● Aryna Sabalenka defeats teenage sensation Iva Jovic

● Alexander Zverev overcomes Learner Tien in four sets

AFP | Melbourne

Carlos Alcaraz warned he was improving all the time as he swept into his maiden Australian Open semi-final yesterday and a clash with Alexander Zverev, while Ukraine's Elina Svitolina faces Aryna Sabalenka in the last four.

Spanish world number one Alcaraz silenced a partisan Melbourne crowd in brushing aside home hope Alex de Minaur 7-5, 6-2, 6-1 at Rod Laver Arena.

The 22-year-old Alcaraz is yet to drop a set as he arrows in on a first Australian Open crown.

"I'm just really happy how I'm playing every match, each round my level is increasing," he said, in a warning to his rivals.

"Today I felt really comfortable, playing great tennis that I am really proud of," added Alcaraz, who had never previously gone beyond the quarter-finals in Australia in four previous



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz hits a return to Australia's Alex De Minaur

visits.

The Australian Open is the only Grand Slam that Alcaraz has not won.

Should he beat Zverev and then win Sunday's final, he would surpass compatriot and legend Rafael Nadal as the youngest man to win all four majors.

Nadal was 24 when he did it.

In a statement of his own, Zverev said he was playing without pain for the first time in 12 months after last year's runner-up blasted past young American Learner Tien.

Zverev sent down 24 aces in a 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-1, 7-6 (7/3) victory.

World number three Zverev is desperate to finally win a Grand Slam at age 28, having lost three major finals including being well beaten in last year's title decider by Jannik Sinner.

The German's 2025 season fell away after that, winning just one title in an injury-hit campaign and he also struggled with his mental health, taking a one-month break after losing in the first round at Wimbledon.

"The last 10 days I felt healthy,

which is very nice, and pain-free, which I haven't felt in a long time. Probably in 12 months," he said after dismantling Tien.

Gauff's epic racquet smash

Coco Gauff folded in 59 error-strewn minutes as Svitolina set up a semi-final against Sabalenka.

Belarusian world number one Sabalenka tamed 18-year-old American Iva Jovic 6-3, 6-0 in 38C temperatures on Rod Laver Arena.

In the evening, with the roof

on because of the suffocating

heat, 12th seed Svitolina stunned third seed Gauff 6-1, 6-2.

Television images showed Gauff repeatedly smashing her racquet "somewhere private" – only to discover TV cameras had broadcast the outburst, prompting her to suggest "we need more hiding spots"

The Ukrainian, who is on a 10-match win streak after a title-winning run at Auckland this month, added: "It means the world to me."

Svitolina said she hopes her stunning upset will bring "a little light" to her fellow Ukrainians during a bitter winter under attack by Russia.

For two-time Grand Slam winner Gauff, a decade younger at 21, it was more Melbourne misery.

She has still never gone beyond the semi-finals and the nature of the loss will sting.

Gauff's serve deserted her, broken four times in the first set and twice in the second to leave her title aspirations in tatters.

She was not amused to learn that her epic racquet smash was caught by television cameras.

"I tried to go somewhere where they wouldn't broadcast it, but obviously they did," she said.

"So maybe some conversations can be had because I feel like at this tournament the only private place we have is the locker room."

After her lopsided defeat, Coco Gauff smashed her racquet "somewhere private" – only to discover TV cameras had broadcast the outburst, prompting her to suggest "we need more hiding spots"

In the first action of the day, Sabalenka closed in on a third Melbourne crown in just four years.

Having been stunned in last year's final by the American Madison Keys, the hard-hitting Belarusian said it was "trophy or nothing" after muscling past the supremely talented Jovic.

The quarter-finals conclude on Wednesday, with 10-time Melbourne champion Novak Djokovic and title-holder Jannik Sinner in action.

Djokovic faces Italian fifth seed Lorenzo Musetti and Sinner plays Ben Shelton of the United States.

In the women's draw, Jessica Pegula and Amanda Anisimova meet in an all-American affair and second seed Iga Swiatek faces fifth seed Elena Rybakina.

Temperatures are scheduled to be considerably cooler.

Guardiola blames Man City team for Haaland struggles

AFP | London

Manchester City's players must step up to help Erling Haaland end his goal drought, manager Pep Guardiola said on the eve of his team's crucial Champions League match against Galatasaray.

The Norwegian last scored against Brighton from the penalty spot in early January but has not found the net from open play since before Christmas.

Guardiola recently said his star forward, who remains top of the Premier League goalscoring charts with 20 goals despite his lean spell, was "exhausted".

He left the 25-year-old out of his starting line-up for Saturday's 2-0 win against bottom club Wolves, explaining the decision was to "clean his mind, his body".

Guardiola, speaking at his pre-match press conference yesterday, said his team needed to "play better" to help



Manchester City's Norwegian striker #09 Erling Haaland applauds the fans

Haaland.

"Create more chances, he will score," he said. "Never underestimate the strikers, the goalscorers, because always they will make you silent."

"We want him to score for the rest of his life, that's for sure."

The 2023 European champions go into Wednesday's game at the Etihad on the back of last week's shock 3-1 loss away to Bodo/Glimt.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night to light up BIC strip with head-to-head battles Thursday



Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', hosts tomorrow the latest edition of Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night.

Motor racing enthusiasts will get to enjoy the exciting thrill of head-to-head battles along BIC's world-class quarter-mile drag strip in their very own cars or motorbikes.

Participants can invite their family or friends for an exciting one-on-one challenge, but instead of the traditional standing start, they will begin their run at a rolling speed of 80kph.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night makes for a unique experience, putting fans into an engaging, yet friendly, duel.

Both participants will be able to push their vehicles to their limit within the secure and controlled environment at BIC.



Thursday's event is scheduled from 7pm to 12midnight. To book a slot or for more information, visit BIC's official website bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

The cost to be a part of the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night is BD22 for each driver or rider.

Spectators can watch from the stands for a fee of BD2.

Just as in all activities at the circuit, safety is paramount for all taking part. Cars and motor-

bikes must therefore go through scrutineering before being able to hit the BIC strip, which is a part of the NHRA Worldwide Network of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

For more information on Thursday's Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night or other events and activities at BIC, visit the circuit's website, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit's official social media channels.