

Bahrain condemns Israel confiscation of Palestinian lands in West Bank

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Bahrain has strongly condemned the Israeli authorities' announcement to confiscate 800 hectares of land in the occupied Palestinian territory in the Jordan Valley in the West Bank.

The Kingdom stressed that it is a blatant violation of the principles of international law, as well as a threat to the peace process, and the rights of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state on the borders of June 4, 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with the two-state solution, the Arab Peace Initiative, and international legitimacy resolutions.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs renewed the kingdom's call on the international community, especially the UN Security Council, to implement its resolution regarding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, provide protection for civilians, and expand the unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid.

Fighting around Gaza hospitals

AFP | Jerusalem

Israeli forces pounded besieged Gaza yesterday in the war sparked by the October 7 attack and fought Hamas around several hospitals despite a UN Security Council demand for a ceasefire.

Talks in Qatar towards a truce and hostage release deal, involving US and Egyptian mediators, have brought no result so far, with Israel and Hamas blaming each other.

Tensions have risen between Israel and its top ally the US over the soaring civilian death toll.

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Royal Eid gifts for widows, orphans

HM King directs HH Shaikh Nasser to oversee distribution to all beneficiaries

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued an order to distribute Eid Al Fitr gifts to all widows and orphans who are registered with the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF).

HM the King directed the RHF, led by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, to oversee the distribution of the royal gifts to all beneficiaries.

HH Shaikh Nasser extended

sincere congratulations to HM the King on the order to distribute Eid Al Fitr gifts.

His Highness praised HM the King's constant support for RHF-sponsored families, keenness to engage with them on various occasions, including Eid Al Fitr, and his directives to provide distinguished services and care for those families to ensure their wellbeing.

On the occasion of Eid Al Fitr, HH Shaikh Nasser extended his congratulations to His Majesty the King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and



HM the King

Prime Minister, the people of Bahrain, and the Arab and Islamic nations.

HM the King's annual royal gesture shows his constant support for Royal Humanitarian Foundation-sponsored families, keenness to engage with them on various occasions, including Eid Al Fitr, and his directives to provide distinguished services and care for those families to ensure their wellbeing.

Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the RHF Secretary-General, affirmed that His Majesty the King's annual gesture, which brings joy to RHF-supported families, reflects a deep commitment to citizens' well-being. He extended congratulations to His Majesty the King, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HH Shaikh Nasser, and the people of Bahrain and the Arab and Islamic nations on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr.

Bahrain vows to boost Japan, Korea ties



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister receives Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Okai Asako, left, and the Korean Ambassador, H.E. Heon Sang Koo

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, reaffirmed the longstanding Bahrain-Japan relations, which have grown over the years through robust multisector collaboration and strategic partnership.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to furthering bilateral relations and coordination to meet mutual aspirations.

His Royal Highness was

speaking as he received yesterday the newly appointed Ambassador of Japan to Bahrain, Her Excellency Okai Asako, at Riffa Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister welcomed Ambassador Asako to the Kingdom and wished her success in performing her diplomatic duties.

During the meeting, regional and global developments and issues of common interest were discussed.

Ambassador Asako expressed her gratitude for HRH Prince Salman's commitment to furthering Bahrain-Japan rela-

tions and wished the Kingdom further progress and prosperity.

HRH Prince Salman also received the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bahrain, His Excellency Heon Sang Koo.

His Royal Highness affirmed the Kingdom's commitment to further bilateral relations and collaboration between the two countries to meet mutual aspirations.

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BACA plays key role in Kingdom's development



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister with the BACA President
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the importance of continuing to strengthen Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities's role in achieving the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the BACA President, His Excellency Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, and the Director of Antiquities and Museums at BACA, Dr Salman Ahmad Al-Mahari, at Riffa Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted the Kingdom of Bahrain's rich culture and heritage, which is evidenced by its artifacts and antiquities. His Royal Highness commended the efforts of those responsible for the culture and antiquities sector in promoting the history of the Kingdom of Bahrain and preserving its cultural identity, wishing them further success in achieving the desired goals.

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BFMC Gears Up

Reveals plans for expansion, modernization



Basim Mohamed Al Saie, sixth from left, Salah M. M. Alkulaib, Vice Chairman, fifth from left, and BFMC's board directors at the AGM

Ashen Tharaka
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The Bahrain Flour Mills Company (BFMC) yesterday revealed plans to expand and modernize its operations in tune with the Kingdom's strategy to ensure long-term food security and provide value-added products.

Talking on the sidelines of the company's annual general meeting, BFMC Chairman Basim Mohamed Al Saie unveiled ambitious plans for the coming decades, including the construction of a new, state-of-the-art flour mill and a focus on digital transformation. These aim at strengthening food security in Bahrain while ensuring timely delivery of high-quality products to meet evolving cus-

tomers demands, he said.

"We will embark on designing the new mill site this year," Al Saie told The Daily Tribune. "This project will be a landmark for Bahrain, featuring cutting-edge technology and a significantly larger capacity to process 520 metric tons."

This increased capacity has the potential to not only enhance food security but also diversify BFMC's product range, ultimately providing customers with a wider variety of high-quality options.

Beyond the physical expansion, BFMC is embracing digital solutions. The company has already transitioned to a new ERP system and established an e-commerce platform.

"The e-platform replaces the outdated bank coupon system,"



Basim Mohamed Al Saie, BFMC Chairman

Al Saie explained. "This digital solution enables us to better understand our customer base, identify their needs, and deliver the most suitable products efficiently, resulting in a more satisfying customer experience."

Strategic plans

The planned new mill and digital transformation initiatives come on the heels of three successfully implemented strategic plans. These previous plans focused on expanding the existing factory's capacity, expected to complete by March 2024 and upgrading the company's systems.

BFMC's commitment to innovation and growth, coupled with the support of Mumtalakat, the sovereign wealth fund of Bahrain, positions the company for a prosperous future and continued contribution to the Kingdom's food sector. "Now the system is centralized and focused on important sector to move faster and gain more than before," he said.

UTB's Entrepreneurship Development Program highlights student innovations



University of Technology Bahrain officials, faculty members, industry experts, graduating and junior students, alumni and media at the event. (Pictures credit: Ashen Tharaka)

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The University of Technology Bahrain (UTB) recently held its termly Entrepreneurship Development Program, where graduating students had the opportunity to showcase their innovative business ideas. This event not only served as a platform for students to present their entrepreneurial ventures but also aimed to inspire junior students to explore the realms of entrepreneurship.

The program, organised by the College of Administrative and Financial Sciences, featured a diverse array of business concepts ranging from



technology startups to sustainable initiatives. Students presented their ideas to spectators comprised of industry experts, faculty members, junior students, alumni and media. This hands-on approach helps students refine their concepts and develop essential skills for launching successful ventures in the future.

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Fast delivery, faster devotion

Food delivery riders in Kingdom rush to distribute flood of Iftar orders on time

Defying challenges of fasting during Ramadan to fulfill their duties

Facing evening traffic and humid weather

Zahra Ayaz
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Food delivery riders in the Kingdom are defying the challenges of fasting during Ramadan while rushing to deliver iftar orders to customers' doors.

Even amidst the flood of orders during the holy month, these dedicated riders remain committed to their task.

The Daily Tribune had the opportunity to speak with several riders from leading delivery service companies, shedding light on their experiences.

Irshad Mohd one of these riders, skillfully navigates through bustling streets to ensure that

orders are fulfilled within the stipulated time frame set by his company's app.

Mohd who completes around 10 deliveries daily during Ramadan, shared his perspective: "I don't experience any fatigue during Ramadan because my mind is productively occupied when working. I genuinely enjoy my job and try to do it well. Ramadan is significant as it's a time for prayer and introspection. It's our responsibility to fulfill our duties."

Breaking fast

When asked about how he manages to break his fast during iftar time while still delivering food, Mohd explained, "I stop my bike at a safe spot to break my fast with dates and water. I always keep dates and a bottle of water with me. Later, after completing my deliveries, I visit nearby Shawarma restaurants to satisfy my hunger."

Abdulrahman, another delivery rider, shared his initial struggles, stating, "I have to do my job



As food delivery riders in Bahrain continue to serve the community during Ramadan, their dedication and resilience shine through, reminding us of the spirit of unity and devotion that characterizes this holy month.

even if I am fasting. During the first two days, it was challenging to find a suitable spot to break my fast. However, people are really kind, and when orders are close to iftar, they often offer me dates, fruits, or water."

He further added, "I usually



A food delivery rider in the Kingdom

prefer midnight deliveries because at that time, I don't have to worry about opening my fast. During Ramadan, most people place their orders just before Maghrib and during midnight."

Expressing his desire to celebrate Eid Al Fitr with his family

next year, Abdulrahman mentioned that this year he would have to connect with them over a call.

Strategy

Nouman Malik, another delivery rider, emphasised the

importance of delivering food promptly, especially during the evening hours when traffic is heavy and people rely on them to open their fasts.

He revealed his strategy, saying, "I always keep a sandwich and dates with me to break my fast during working hours. Last Wednesday, near the Juffair signal on the red light, a group of children were distributing iftar meals, and they gave me one."

Acknowledging the challenges of fasting during humid weather, Malik expressed his contentment with fulfilling his job responsibilities, stating, "Although the weather is changing and fasting during humidity presents challenges, it's part of our job, and we are happy with it."

As food delivery riders in Bahrain continue to serve the community during Ramadan, their dedication and resilience shine through, reminding us of the spirit of unity and devotion that characterizes this holy month.

Bahrain committed to supporting individuals with disabilities

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The Bahrain parliamentary delegation emphasised the steadfast dedication of the government towards individuals with disabilities during a panel discussion held by the Commit-

tee on Democracy and Human Rights on the sidelines of the 148th IPU Assembly in Geneva.

They highlighted the substantial support and sponsorship provided by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, affirming Bahrain's resolve to encourage

inclusivity and empowerment for everybody to fulfil the objectives of worldwide development.

The panel discussion centred around exploring sustainable measures aimed at improving the living conditions of individuals with disabilities.

The delegation assured the panel that under the leadership of the His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the government has launched numerous initiatives and programmes to prioritise

the inclusion of individuals with disabilities across all facets of life. Particularly in the realms of education and employment, significant efforts have been made to ensure their active participation.

Additionally, comprehensive healthcare services, including

rehabilitation and treatment, have been provided to cater to their specific needs. Furthermore, the government has extended financial support to empower individuals with disabilities, promoting their self-sufficiency and general welfare.



GULF INTERNATIONAL BANK B.S.C. - RETAIL BRANCH

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	31.12.23 BHD	31.12.22 BHD
ASSETS		
Cash and other liquid assets	842,029	1,162,009
Placements	41,600,000	24,600,000
Investment securities	-	9,967,228
Loans and advances	11,977,412	11,107,582
Due from related parties	22,664,751	9,496,024
Equipment	151,390	457,793
Other assets	172,318	79,075
Total assets	77,407,900	56,869,711
LIABILITIES		
Deposits from customers	29,149,300	12,631,098
Due to related parties	26,102,999	22,955,443
Other liabilities	1,183,567	2,222,003
Total liabilities	56,435,866	37,808,544
HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT		
Capital funds	20,000,000	20,000,000
Retained earnings / (accumulated loss)	972,034	(938,833)
Total Head Office account	20,972,034	19,061,167
Total liabilities and Head Office account	77,407,900	56,869,711

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Year ended 31.12.23 BHD	Year ended 31.12.22 BHD
Interest income	2,390,868	1,062,532
Interest expense	1,332,916	451,211
Net interest income	1,057,952	611,321
Net fee and commission income	441,088	524,439
Foreign exchange income	458,276	239,460
Other income	2,534	-
Total income	1,959,850	1,375,220
Staff expenses	269,038	356,991
Premises expenses	40,698	39,831
Other operating expenses	866,692	1,097,001
Total operating expenses	1,176,428	1,493,823
Net income / (loss) before provisions and tax	783,422	(118,603)
Provision reversal / (charge) for expected credit losses	188,612	(820,230)
Net income / (loss) for the year	972,034	(938,833)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	972,034	(938,833)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT	Capital funds BHD	Accumulated losses BHD	Total BHD
At 1st January 2023	20,000,000	(938,833)	19,061,167
Transactions with Head Office:			
Transfer of losses to Head Office	-	938,833	938,833
Total transactions with Head Office	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
Comprehensive income:			
Comprehensive income for the year	-	972,034	972,034
Total comprehensive income	-	972,034	972,034
At 31st December 2023	20,000,000	972,034	20,972,034
At 1st January 2022	20,000,000	(1,058,288)	18,941,712
Transactions with Head Office:			
Transfer of losses to Head Office	-	1,058,288	1,058,288
Total transactions with Head Office	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
Comprehensive income:			
Comprehensive loss for the year	-	(938,833)	(938,833)
Total comprehensive loss	-	(938,833)	(938,833)
At 31st December 2022	20,000,000	(938,833)	19,061,167

The financial statements have been approved on 27th March 2024 and signed by:-

Mushari Alotaibi Acting Head of Retail Banking
Asif Saherwala Group Head of Financial Controls

The statement of financial position, statement of income, statement of other comprehensive income, statement of changes in head office account and statement of cash flows have been extracted from the financial statements of GIB's B.S.C. Retail Branch for the year ended 31st December 2023 which were audited by Ernst & Young who have expressed an unqualified audit opinion on 27th March 2024.

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Gulf International Bank B.S.C. - Retail Branch is licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a conventional retail bank

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	Year ended 31.12.23 BHD	Year ended 31.12.22 BHD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net profit / (loss) for the year	972,034	(938,833)
Adjustments for:		
Provision (reversal) / charge for expected credit losses	(188,612)	820,230
Depreciation and amortisation	306,403	445,404
Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities	1,089,825	326,801
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Statutory deposit with the Central Bank	34,000	(227,000)
Loans and advances	(681,218)	(5,968,110)
Due from related parties	(13,168,727)	13,094,597
Other assets	(93,243)	8,851
Deposits from customers	16,518,202	(23,451,276)
Due to related parties	3,147,556	16,767,028
Other liabilities	(1,038,436)	1,031,438
Net cash flows from operating activities	5,807,959	1,582,329
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to equipment	-	(403,138)
Net decrease / (increase) in investment securities	9,967,228	(21,902)
Net cash flows from / (used in) investing activities	9,967,228	(425,040)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfer of losses to Head Office	938,833	1,058,288
Net cash flows from financing activities	938,833	1,058,288
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	16,714,020	2,215,577
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January	25,299,009	23,083,432
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December	42,013,029	25,299,009
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 st December 2023 excludes statutory deposits with the Central Bank amounting to BHD 429,000 (31 st December 2022: BHD 463,000) and includes placements with original maturities of less than three months amounting to BHD 41,600,000 (31 st December 2022: BHD 24,600,000).		

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman attends Ramadan football final

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His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended the final match of the seventh edition of the Royal Artillery Ramadan Football Championship for Officers at the Royal Artillery Stadium.

The championship is organised by the Royal Artillery.

His Highness awarded the Royal Bahraini Air Force team the championship of the seventh edition of the Championship for Officers after they won the final match with a score of 3-0 against the Royal Artillery team.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman honoured the players of the final two teams, third place finisher the Royal Bahrain Naval Force, the tournament's best player, top scorer, best goalkeeper, and the referees.

The Commander of the Royal Artillery presented His Highness with a souvenir to celebrate



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman (third from left of top row) with the champions on the occasion.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman commended the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) for supporting the tournament. He also congratulated and thanked the Commander of the Royal Artillery and all its members

for organising the tournament, as well as the Bahrain Football Association and all participating entities, directorates, and teams that contributed to the tournament's success.

The Commander of the Royal Bahraini Air Force, Air

Vice-Marshal Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Commander of the Royal Artillery, Major General Shaikh Khalifa bin Hassan Al Khalifa, and a number of unit commanders and senior BDF officers also attended the event.



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Visa stamp still matters!



P. UNNIKRISHNAN

Bahrain is a beacon of digital progress, setting an example for nations striving to innovate across various sectors. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, its commitment to digital solutions has propelled it further, nudging even the most resistant towards remote work and online transactions.

Government agencies like the Bahrain General Organisation for Social Insurance, the Labour Market Regulatory Authority, the Electricity and Water Authority, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, and the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs have seamlessly transitioned to digital platforms, offering efficient services sans the need for physical presence.

The introduction of the e-gate facility at airports has revolutionised travel. Residents of Bahrain can now bypass long queues, streamlining their journey through electronic gates.

While the decision to cease stamping residence permits in passports signals the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs' commitment to paperless operations, transitioning to digital visas poses challenges, particularly for returning travellers. Expatriates encounter hurdles worldwide, from airline personnel to immigration officers, who often demand physical copies of visas.

This insistence on traditional documentation causes delays at immigration checkpoints despite travellers maintaining digital copies on their devices. Many airports still require printed versions of visas, a regressive practice in the digital age.

The plight is particularly acute for blue-collar workers, who frequently struggle to access their visas online. Introducing a nominal fee for compact visa stamps directly in passports could alleviate the burden for many travellers, incentivising them to opt for traditional visa documentation over digital alternatives.

Devoting an entire passport page to a visa stamp appears archaic — a relic of tradition that could be made more practical. A more streamlined approach involving smaller stamps bearing relevant ministry or country logos alongside visa details would save space and simplify procedures. The Emigration Department could consider levying an additional charge for visa stamping upon demand, potentially generating supplementary revenue.

As Bahrain marches steadfastly towards a digital future, ensuring its transition remains inclusive and pragmatic is essential. It must cater to the diverse needs of travellers while embracing the efficiencies of modern technology.

The author is the Chairman and Managing Editor of The Daily Tribune

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Final Dividend Distribution For the year 2023

Following the Annual General Assembly Meeting of the shareholders of Bahrain Telecommunications Company B.S.C held on the 27th March 2024, we are pleased to inform the shareholders that the distribution of the final dividends for the year ended 2023 will be as follows:

Cum-Dividend Date	1 April 2024
Ex-Dividend Date	2 April 2024
Record Date	3 April 2024
Payment Date	22 April 2024

Eligible shareholders shall contact the registrar Bahrain Clear:
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Double trouble

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An African man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for counterfeiting BD20 banknotes using a scam that deceived two female victims into entrusting him with their money by promising to double the amounts and then disappearing.

According to details of the case, the first victim became acquainted with the suspect through his frequent visits to her workplace, where she worked as a transaction clerk. He requested a BD5,000, pledging to return double the amount, BD10,000, after one week.

Impressed by the proposal, the victim informed her friend, who contributed BD3,000 while she paid the remaining BD2,000.

The full amount was then handed over to the suspect. However, once he received the money, he vanished and cut off all communication, leading to the police case.



Large iftar gathering

More than 10,000 people attended one of the largest iftar gatherings organised by the Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre Bahrain. The grand iftar held at Indian School Bahrain premises in Isa Town was inaugurated by Indian Union Muslim League Kerala State president Panakkad Sayyid Thangal.

BBK Soars Past Pandemic

Profits rise steadily since 2019



Officials posing for a group photo session during annual general meeting yesterday

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

Even as talks of a possible merger between National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) and the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) are progressing, figures released by BBK during its annual general meeting on Wednesday showed the company making a strong comeback since the Covid-19 pandemic, possibly indicating a resurgence of the banking industry in the Kingdom to pre-pandemic levels.

The company said its net profit rose 16% in 2023 from last year and reached BD 74.5 million. In 2019, which was largely not impacted by the pandemic, a net profit of BD75.4 m was reported.

Annual net profits of BBK have been on an upward trend post pandemic, rising from BD52m reported in 2020, to BD53.1m in 2021, to BD 64.4m in 2022, and to BD 74.5m in 2023.

A large percentage of the company's total operating income of BD154m this year came from retail banking, which contributed to 43% or BD 66m. Corporate banking brought in 27% or BD 41m. Investment, treasury, and other activities comprised 18% or BD 28m. International banking contributed 12% of the operating income and was worth BD 19m.

Backed by the steady rise in profit, BBK revealed a diluted earnings per share (EPS) of 43

Bahraini Fils for 2023, up over 16% from 37 Fils in 2022. This takes the diluted EPS of BBK close to the 44 Fils reported in 2019, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Total assets remained steady over the years though, with BD 3,902m being reported for 2023 and BD 3,754m in 2022, while it was BD 3,865m in 2019.

Loans and advances have been largely steady since 2019, reaching BD 1,588m in 2023, compared to BD 1,614m in 2022 and BD 1,671m in 2019. Customer deposits too have remained steady since 2019, with BD 2,130m being reported in 2023, whereas BD 2,117m was deposited in 2022 and BD 2,170m were the deposits in 2019.

Along with improving its net profit on a yearly basis since the pandemic, the company was also able to significantly reduce the non-performing ratio of its loans. It reached a low of 3% in 2023 from 5.9% in 2019, with 6.3 percent reported in 2020, 5.2% in 2021, and 3.4% in 2022.

Capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of the bank has also been on an upward trend since 2019, reaching 28.1% in 2023 from the 21.7% reported in 2019. Over the years, the CAR went up from 21.7% in 2019 to 21.8% in 2020, to 23.6% in 2021, to 27.3% in 2022, and to 28.1% in 2023. The company had total assets of BD 3,764m and liabilities of BD 3,244m in 2023, figures revealed by the company said.

Beyon AGM approves BD64.7 m cash dividend



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Bahrain Telecommunications Company (Beyon) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the twelve-months ended 31 December 2023 today. The meeting took place at the Beyon campus in Hamala, Bahrain, in the presence of Beyon's Chairman, Board members, executive management and other officials.

During the AGM shareholders approved the recommendation of the Board of Directors for a full year cash dividend of BD64.7M (US\$171.6M), which includes a regular dividend of 32.5 fils per share plus an additional special dividend of 6.5 fils per share. The 2023 interim dividend of 13.5 fils per share was already paid during the third quarter of 2023 with the remaining dividend announced during the meeting to be paid on 22 April 2024.

Beyon also held an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) during which shareholders

approved changes to the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Beyon Chairman Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Khalifa said, "The company's strong performance in 2023 ensured excellent dividends for shareholders of 32.5 fils per share plus an additional special dividend of 6.5 fils. This emphasises the priority we place on meeting shareholders' expectations, and we will continuously strive to deliver the best value for our shareholders during 2024."

Beyon CEO, Mikkel Vinter, presented an overview of the 2023 achievements, highlighting the solid performance and numerous operational achievements.

"Across our operations we are pleased with the 2023 results for our connectivity and digital businesses, which saw Batelco expand market leadership for mobile and broadband in Bahrain, and strong growth achieved across our international operations."



Takaful International Company announces 7.5% cash dividends



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Takaful International Company held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) yesterday, at 10:30 am at the company's headquarters in Seef Area with a quorum of 91.55%, and in the presence of representatives of the relevant regulatory authorities. The General Assembly approved the company's financial results and approved the distribution of cash dividends of 7.5% (an equivalent of BD 673.5K (7.5 fils per share), to the shareholders.

The shareholders also elected ten members for Board Directorship for the upcoming term (2024 - 2027): Ebrahim Mohamed Al Rayes, Abdulrahman Abdulla Mohamed, Khaled Saoud Al Hasan, Dr. Abdulla Saleh Sultan, Ahmed Abdulrahman Bucheeri, Osama Kamel Kishk, Mr. Rashed Ali Abulrahman, Dr. Osama Taqi Al Baharna, Yahya Ebrahim

Nooruddin and Ms. Fatima Taqi Al Saffar.

Ebrahim Al Rayes, Chairman of the Board of Directors, explained that the company proactively adopted the newly introduced Islamic accounting standards issued by the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) for Islamic insurance companies. though these standards will come into effect from 1st January 2025.

For his part, Essam Al-Ansari, Chief Executive Officer, stated that the company made significant progress last year. The company prioritized enhancing customer service through the implementation of new information technology systems, embracing digitalization and artificial intelligence. These initiatives resulted in notable enhancements to the customer experience, streamlined operations, and increased overall efficiency.

Gulf Insurance Group (Gulf) B.S.C. (c)		
Summary Financial Information		
Separate statement of financial position		
	At 31-Dec-23 BD 000s (Audited)	
	At 31-Dec-22 BD 000s (Restated)	
	At 1-Jan-22 BD 000s (Restated)	
Assets		
Property and equipment	10,046	10,334
Investment properties	1,952	2,040
Intangible assets	6,920	2,069
Right-of-use assets	137	527
Investment in subsidiaries	36,457	36,457
Statutory deposits	10,989	14,863
Insurance contract assets	4,531	6,034
Reinsurance contract assets	59,174	45,279
Investments	180,485	158,743
Deposits with banks	30,729	29,708
Other receivables	2,840	2,236
Cash and cash equivalents	28,768	47,981
Total Assets	373,028	356,271
Equity And Liabilities		
Equity		
Share capital	15,000	15,000
Statutory reserve	7,500	7,500
Fair value reserve	(3,363)	(4,895)
Contingency reserve	8,555	7,316
Capital reserve	9,792	9,792
General reserve	7,500	7,500
Proposed dividend	9,425	7,540
Retained earnings	102,226	96,305
Insurance / reinsurance finance reserve	403	927
Total equity	157,038	146,985
Liabilities		
Employees' end of service benefits	3,253	3,071
Insurance contract liabilities	186,917	195,142
Reinsurance contract liabilities	23,270	8,187
Lease liabilities	106	593
Taxation payable	2,444	2,293
Total liabilities	215,990	209,286
Total Equity And Liabilities	373,028	356,271
Separate statement of comprehensive income		
	Year ended 31-Dec-23 BD 000s (Audited)	Year ended 31-Dec-22 BD 000s (Restated)
Insurance revenue	210,225	206,297
Insurance service expense	(175,584)	(176,098)
Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	34,641	30,199
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(20,216)	(13,241)
Insurance service result	14,425	16,958
Insurance finance expense for insurance contracts issued	(4,023)	(1,368)
Reinsurance finance income for reinsurance contracts held	1,864	555
Insurance service result (net of finance (expense)/income)	12,266	16,145
Interest income	9,989	8,390
Dividend received from a subsidiary	1,194	2,385
Other investment income - net	1,372	515
Net investment income	12,555	11,290
Other expense	(5,509)	(5,547)
Profit for the year before taxation	19,312	21,888
Income tax expense	(1,650)	(1,059)
Profit for the year	17,662	20,829
Total other comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year	1,147	(6,820)
Total comprehensive income for the year	18,809	14,009
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

TRY NOT TO BECOME A MAN OF SUCCESS. RATHER BECOME A MAN OF VALUE
ALBERT EINSTEIN

News in brief

- The Philippines said** yesterday that Iran has freed all 18 Filipino crew members of an oil tanker that was seized in the Gulf of Oman in January. Iran's navy had boarded the Greek-owned St. Nikolas, which was carrying 19 crew, off the coast of Oman. The only Greek crew member was released the following week. Tehran began freeing the Filipino crew in batches at the end of January after a replacement crew was hired from Russia and other countries, Philippine Foreign Undersecretary Eduardo de Vega told AFP. "They were not hostages... but they were not allowed to leave without replacements," de Vega said of the Filipino crew. The last of the Filipino crew returned to Manila last week, he added. The Marshall Islands-flagged ship was carrying 145,000 tonnes of oil from Iraq and heading to Turkey when it was seized. It has been anchored in the vicinity of the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas.
- US and UK authorities** unveiled sanctions yesterday against two people and three companies related to the popular media channel Gaza Now over its fundraising efforts in support of Hamas. The Treasury Department said in a statement that Gaza Now, whose popular Telegram channel has more than 1.8 million followers, and its founder Mustafa Ayash, started fundraising for Hamas after its unprecedented attack on October 7. "Treasury remains committed to degrading Hamas' ability to finance its terrorist activities, including through online fundraising campaigns that seek to funnel money directly to the group," US Treasury under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence Brian Nelson said in a statement.
- At least 13 people** died and a search was under way for several more missing after a gold mine collapsed in Liberia, the National Disaster Management Agency told AFP yesterday. About 25 miners had been trapped at the mine in the centre of the country on Monday night, the agency's spokesman Archievego Doe told AFP. Four survivors had been found along with 13 bodies, he added. Liberia is one of the poorest nations in the world and as across much of west Africa large numbers of artisanal gold and diamond miners take their chances at illicit sites beyond government control. In January more than 60 were killed at a gold mine in southwest Mali. In 2020 some 50 people died in a mine collapse in northwest Liberia.

Philippines says Iran frees 18 Filipino crew of seized oil tanker

Ukraine and India foreign ministers to meet in New Delhi

AFP | New Delhi, India

Ukraine's foreign minister will begin a two-day visit to India yesterday to discuss "global issues", Russia's traditional ally New Delhi said in a statement. Ukraine's Dmytro Kuleba will meet his counterpart S. Jaishankar in New Delhi and also hold talks with India's deputy national security advisor, India's foreign ministry said. Kuleba will discuss "co-operation on regional and global issues of mutual interest", New Delhi said.

Clowns try to

AFP | Palestinian Territories

The children of Gaza have little to eat, have had to flee their homes and have survived nearly six months of terrifying Israeli bombardment. But for a few precious minutes children in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the centre of the Gaza Strip laughed and yelped with joy. Clowns and acrobats performed for them in the courtyard of a school where their displaced families have been sheltering the bombing. The unrelenting war has taken a terrible toll on Gaza's children. Most of the more than 32,414 people killed in the besieged territory since the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel have been women and children. But for once they could forget all that horror as performers in rabbit costumes led them in a conga, pushing one injured boy in a

Liberia gold mine caves in killing 13

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
At 31 December 2023	31 December 2023	Restated 31 December 2022	Restated 1 January 2022
	USD	USD	USD
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with banks	9,752,484	8,802,305	12,557,461
Statutory deposits	2,812,908	2,724,439	2,248,068
Investments	38,722,173	39,631,392	46,733,939
Reinsurance contract assets	8,428,946	10,632,144	10,479,266
Insurance contract assets	13	228,253	12,375
Amount due from related parties	-	630,177	228,440
Other assets	1,656,602	1,311,444	934,905
Property, furniture and fixtures	188,049	352,022	454,542
Intangible assets	94,537	345,214	326,732
TOTAL ASSETS	61,655,712	64,657,390	73,975,728
LIABILITIES, PARTICIPANTS' FUND AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Insurance contract liabilities	35,223,229	38,177,664	48,423,061
Reinsurance contract liabilities	-	226,901	-
Other liabilities	8,647,969	5,914,069	6,386,853
Total liabilities	43,871,198	44,318,634	54,809,914
Net surplus in participants' fund	262,000	116,254	734,964
Equity			
Share capital	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
Statutory reserve	57,820	57,820	57,820
Investment fair value reserve	(257,114)	(371,691)	185,801
Accumulated losses	(7,278,192)	(4,463,627)	(6,812,771)
Total equity	17,522,514	20,222,502	18,430,850
TOTAL LIABILITIES, PARTICIPANTS' FUND AND EQUITY	61,655,712	64,657,390	73,975,728
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARTICIPANTS			
Year ended 31 December 2023	2023 USD	Restated 2022 USD	
Recognised takaful contributions	11,879,262	8,622,685	
Recognised takaful costs	(7,721,866)	(13,878,315)	
Retakaful net results	(4,032,602)	4,662,199	
Takaful participant's gross margin	124,794	(593,431)	
Net participant's investment income / (loss)	2,069,540	(2,546,202)	
Amortisation of deferred (cost) / income (related to provision of takaful arrangements)	(2,138,997)	2,818,979	
Amortisation of deferred income / (expense) (related to retakaful arrangements held)	59,551	(125,806)	
Expected credit loss (charge) on financial assets	(575)	(37,513)	
	(10,481)	109,458	
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO PARTICIPANT'S FUND	114,313	(483,973)	
Fair value changes arising during the year	31,433	(134,737)	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	145,746	(618,710)	
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS			
Year ended 31 December 2023	2023 USD	Restated 2022 USD	
Insurance revenue	4,796,413	7,980,495	
Insurance service expense	(6,813,738)	(5,104,521)	
Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	(2,017,325)	2,875,974	
Insurance income for reinsurance contracts held	4,117,308	4,135,707	
Insurance service expense for reinsurance contracts held	(2,592,207)	(5,107,522)	
Net income / (expense) from reinsurance contracts held	1,525,101	(971,815)	
Insurance service result	(492,224)	1,904,159	
Investment income - net	1,322,913	1,141,798	
Insurance finance (expenses) / income for insurance contracts issued	(344,774)	460,339	
Reinsurance finance income / (expense) for reinsurance contracts held	119,178	(152,492)	
Net insurance and investment result	605,093	3,353,804	
Other expense - net	(3,201,494)	(813,285)	
(Loss) / Profit including participants' share before allowance for credit losses	(2,596,401)	2,540,519	
Expected credit loss on financial assets	(218,164)	(191,375)	
(Loss) / Profit for the year	(2,814,565)	2,349,144	
Other comprehensive income / (loss) reclassified / to be reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss in subsequent years:			
Fair value through other comprehensive income investments:			
Fair value changes arising during the year	114,577	(557,492)	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) / INCOME FOR THE YEAR	(2,699,988)	1,791,652	

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
At 31 December 2023	2023 USD	2022 USD	
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with banks	8,044,494	6,756,841	
Statutory deposits	2,549,307	2,461,639	
Investments	22,909,886	23,199,179	
Takaful receivables	3,465,582	1,072,659	
Retakaful balances receivable	1,111,236	1,271,983	
Retakaful share of technical reserves	3,572,913	5,666,041	
Deferred acquisition costs	117,036	94,974	
Amounts due from related parties	2,108,789	3,521,223	
Intangible assets	30,186	3,631	
Fixed assets	18,705	62,389	
Other assets	1,292,183	1,429,185	
TOTAL ASSETS	45,220,317	45,539,744	
LIABILITIES, PARTICIPANTS' FUND AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Participants' liabilities	17,905,718	18,307,602	
Amounts due to related parties	357,639	2,082,721	
Retakaful balances payable	2,792,130	975,548	
Other liabilities	2,801,493	3,327,334	
Technical reserves	9,318,296	10,619,209	
	33,175,276	35,312,414	
Participants' fund	308,630	199,449	
Retained surplus	(103,768)	(135,201)	
Investment fair value reserve			
Net surplus in participants' fund	204,862	64,248	
Shareholders' Equity			
Share capital	13,262,600	13,262,600	
Accumulated losses	(1,165,307)	(2,727,827)	
Investment fair value reserve	(257,114)	(371,691)	
Total shareholders' equity	11,840,179	10,163,082	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, PARTICIPANTS' FUND AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	45,220,317	45,539,744	
STATEMENT OF PARTICIPANTS' REVENUES AND EXPENSES			
Year ended 31 December 2023	2023 USD	2022 USD	
Revenue			
Contributions net of refunds	17,721,361	15,244,194	
Surrenders and maturities	(4,003,467)	(8,242,641)	
Movement in participants' liabilities	401,884	7,278,614	
Investment gain / (loss) - unrealised	942,789	(2,333,116)	
Total revenue	15,062,567	11,947,051	
Expenses			
Wakala fees	(3,569,888)	(3,237,281)	
CONTRIBUTION TO PARTICIPANTS' FUND	11,492,679	8,709,770	
PARTICIPANTS' FUND			
Revenue			
Net contributions	11,492,679	8,709,770	
Retakaful share of gross contributions	(7,577,895)	(5,528,634)	
Net retained contributions	3,914,784	3,181,136	
Unearned contributions adjustment - gross	(223,684)	263,008	
Unearned contributions adjustment - retakaful	(244,295)	(185,298)	
Earned contributions	3,446,805	3,258,846	
(Impairment) / reversal on takaful receivables	(133,013)	32,288	
Profit income	101,649	49,043	
Net revenue	3,415,441	3,340,177	
Expenses			
Claims incurred	(7,089,821)	(12,337,375)	
Retakaful share of claims incurred	3,834,385	8,587,150	
Mudarib share	(50,824)	(24,522)	
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR IN THE PARTICIPANTS' FUND	109,181	(434,570)	
STATEMENT OF INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS			
Year ended 31 December 2023	2023 USD	2022 USD	
Revenues			
Wakala and mudarib fees	3,620,712	3,261,803	
Management fee	302,148	352,954	
Profit income	495,848	337,355	
Movement in unearned wakala	(112,120)	89,773	
Total revenues	4,306,588	4,021,885	
Expenses			
General and administrative expenses	(2,381,875)	(2,041,946)	
Acquisition costs	(197,939)	(130,054)	
Amortisation of intangible assets	(32,765)	(24,846)	
Investment management fee	(83,530)	(96,913)	
Depreciation	(47,959)	(57,987)	
Total expenses	(2,744,068)	(2,351,746)	
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	1,562,520	1,670,139	

US seeks to seize former Mongolia PM's luxury apartments

AFP | Washington, United States

The United States has said it will attempt to seize two luxury apartments in New York owned by former Mongolian prime minister Sukhbaatar Batbold that it said were bought with the proceeds of a corrupt scheme.



Sukhbaatar Batbold

Mongolia, a landlocked democracy sandwiched between its much larger neighbours China and Russia, is rich in deposits of coal, metals and other minerals. A years-long mining boom has helped ease historically high poverty rates but also fuelled elite corruption that has sparked social unrest. The US Justice Department on Tuesday unsealed a civil complaint claiming that Batbold used his position to award Mongolian mining contracts in return for the equivalent

of millions of dollars in kickbacks. He allegedly splashed \$14 million of that income on a pair of properties in Manhattan's ritzy Midtown and Upper East Side neighbourhoods, the department said. "Today's forfeiture action sends a message that corrupt officials will not use our real estate market to conceal proceeds of crimes," said Breon Peace, US Attorney for New York's Eastern District, in an accompanying press release.

Four sentenced to death for murder of Tunisia opposition leader

AFP | Tunis, Tunisia

Four people were condemned to death and two sentenced to life in prison yesterday after a decade-long investigation into the 2013 killing of Tunisian secular opposition leader Chokri Belaid.

Tunisia still hands down death sentences, particularly in "terrorism" cases, even though a de facto moratorium in effect since 1991 means they are effectively commuted to life terms. Belaid's assassination, which was claimed by jihadists loyal to the Islamic State group, dealt a heavy blow to the fledgling democracy established after the overthrow of longtime dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in the first of the Arab Spring uprisings of 2011.

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AFP | Copenhagen, Denmark

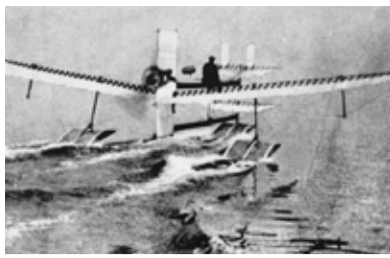
Some 16% of children aged 11 to 15 were cyberbullied in 2022, up from 13% four years ago, a WHO Europe report covering 44 countries said on Wednesday. "This report is a wake-up call for all of us to address bullying and violence, whenever and wherever it happens," WHO regional director for Europe Hans Kluge said in a statement. Fifteen% of boys and 16% of girls reported being cyberbullied at least once in recent months, according to the study, entitled "Health Behaviour in School-aged Children". The UN agency noted that the pandemic has changed the way adolescents behave towards each other. "Virtual forms of peer violence have become particularly relevant since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, when young people's worlds became increasingly virtual during times

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Roman Emperor Valentinian I appoints his brother Flavius Valens co-emperor

1854

Great Britain and France declare war on Russia, expanding the Crimean War



1st seaplane to take off from water under its own power is piloted by Henri Fabre from the Étang de Berre lagoon at Marguges, France

1910

1979

A partial meltdown at Three Mile Island nuclear plant in the US results in the release of radioactive gas and iodine into the atmosphere but no deaths

Put smiles back on faces of Gaza children



A Palestinian clown carries a child during a show amidst the rubble of a building destroyed in the latest round of fighting between Israel and Palestinian militants, in Rafah. Then it was then the turn of clown Omar al-Saidi to tickle their funny bones with zany antics at the expense of another jester. Wassim Lobed, whose support group organised the show and who acted as com-pere, said: "Traumas are beginning to appear on children so we are trying to provide psychological relief."

"We hope to God that this war will end for the sake of our children in Gaza," he added. So deep is the mental suffering of Gaza's children that some hope to die quickly to escape the "nightmare", a spokesman for the UN child welfare agency said Tuesday. "The unspeakable is regularly said in Gaza" now, said UNICEF spokesman James Elder, who is in the territory. After meeting young people on Monday, he said several teenagers said they were "so desperate for this nightmare to end that they hoped to be killed". But Saidi, whose clown name is Uncle Zaatat, said he hoped the show had lifted some of that "burden" from the children's shoulders.

Sri Lanka PM says China to develop strategic infrastructure

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's prime minister said yesterday that China has pledged to develop the island nation's strategic deep sea port and the capital's airport after talks with his counterpart in Beijing.



Gunawardena (L) shaking hands with China's President Xi Jinping

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said China -- the island's biggest bilateral creditor -- would "assist" Sri Lanka's restructuring of external debt, a key condition to maintaining a \$2.9 billion IMF bailout.

Beijing's position on debt restructuring has not been made public, but Sri Lankan officials have said China was reluctant to take a haircut on its loans but could extend the tenure and adjust interest rates.

Sri Lanka in 2022 ran out of foreign exchange to finance essential imports and declared

a sovereign default on its \$46 billion foreign debt.

Months of protests forced then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa out of office.

Gunawardena's office said Premier Li Qiang had promised China would "assist Sri Lanka's debt restructuring process continuously and help Sri Lanka to develop its economy".

Xi tells Dutch PM Rutte 'no force can stop' China tech progress

AFP | Beijing, China

Chinese leader Xi Jinping yesterday told Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte that China's technological progress could not be held back, as they met in Beijing for talks on subjects including the crucial semiconductor industry.

Dutch chip-making machine supplier ASML is one of the world's leading manufacturers of equipment to make state-of-the-art semiconductors, used in everything from mobile phones to cars.

The sector has become a key battleground in recent years, with the United States and some European countries blocking exports

of high-tech chip technology to China over fears of military use. ASML announced this year that it had been blocked from exporting "a small number" of its advanced machines to China, amid reports of US pressure on the Dutch government.

"The Chinese people also have legitimate development rights, and no force can stop the pace of China's scientific and technological progress," Xi told Rutte on Wednesday according to state news agency Xinhua.

Xi added that "China will continue to pursue a win-win approach (and) open wider to the outside world at a high level".

"There is no way out for 'decoupling and breaking the chain,' and opening-up and cooperation are the only choice," the re-

port quoted him as saying. Rutte told reporters at a press conference that he couldn't share details of what had been discussed around semiconductors.

"What I can tell you about our semiconductor sector and companies like ASML is that when we have to take measures that they are never aimed at one country specifically," he said.

"We always try to make sure that the impact is limited, it's not impacting the supply chain and therefore is not impacting, let's say, the overall economic relationship."

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte (R) welcomes the president of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping (File)



UK minister threatened with jail over Afghanistan probe



Johnny Mercer London, United Kingdom

A UK government minister is on a collision course with the law over his refusal to reveal the sources of allegations that British special forces committed war crimes in Afghanistan.

Johnny Mercer, Britain's minister for veterans, has said "multiple officers" told him about alleged murders and a subsequent cover-up during the Afghan conflict.

One child in six is cyberbullied: WHO Europe

of lockdown," the report said.

Other bullying has remained largely stable with just a slight increase.

Eleven% of boys and girls reported being



bullied at school at least two or three times a month in the past couple of months, compared to 10% four years ago.

Six hours of screen time

The highest levels of cyberbullying were experienced by boys in Bulgaria, Lithuania, Moldova and Poland, while the lowest levels were reported in Spain, the WHO said without providing detailed data.

"With young people spending up to six hours online every single day, even small changes in the rates of

bullying and violence can have profound implications for the health and well-being of thousands," Kluge said.

One adolescent in eight admitted cyberbullying others, an increase of three percentage points from 2018, the report said.

The number of adolescents who engaged in physical fighting meanwhile remained stable over the four-year period at 10% -- 14% for boys and six% for girls.

The study was based on data from 279,000 children and adolescents from 44 countries across Europe, Central Asia and Canada.

In most places, cyberbullying peaked when children were 11 years old for boys and 13 for girls.

Parents' socioeconomic status made little difference in children's behaviour, the report found.

Canada was however an exception, where less advantaged youths were more likely to experience bullying.

There, 27% of girls belonging to the 20% least affluent families said they had been subjected to bullying at school, compared to

21% of girls among the 20% most affluent families.

Noting that the problem was widespread, the report called for greater efforts to improve awareness.

"More investment in the monitoring of different forms of peer violence is needed," it said.

"There is also an urgent need to educate young people, families and schools of the forms of cyberbullying and its implications, while regulating social media platforms to limit exposures to cyberbullying," it concluded.

YOU KNOW WHAT

Fifteen% of boys and 16% of girls reported being cyberbullied at least once in recent months

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

Garba is a celebration of life, culture and devotion. It also brings people together. It is gladdening to note that Garba's global popularity on the rise! Sometime ago, Garba found a place in the @UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list. I am glad that the Certificate of Inscription was presented a few days back in Paris. At the same time, a memorable Garba Night was also held in Paris, which was attended by the Indian community in large numbers. @narendramodi

02

Great pleasure to meet @paugasol and the @GasolFndnUSAteam and discuss the need to scale up childhood #obesity prevention, which we agreed was a silent pandemic threatening millions worldwide. @DrTedros

03

Met today with Iraqi Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein to discuss the Iraqi Prime Minister's upcoming visit to Washington, DC and the upcoming meeting of the U.S.-Iraq Higher Coordinating Committee, both of which will highlight the full range of U.S.-Iraq cooperation. @SecBlinken

04

POV: You believe health care should be a right, not a privilege, in America. @POTUS

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Ramadan



Ambassador of Brazil H.E. Adriano Silva Pucci (left), Ambassador of Turkiye H.E. Esen Cakil (second from left), MP Maryam Al Dhaen (third from left), Ambassador of Korea H.E. HeonSang Koo (fourth from left), Ambassador of Thailand H.E. Piyapak Srirachoen (second from right) and other dignitaries at the Ramadan Majlis conducted by MP Maryam on Tuesday.



Ambassador of Thailand H.E. Piyapak Srirachoen (second from left) at the Majlis.



Ambassador of Pakistan H.E. Saqib Rauf (left) talking to MP Maryam at the Majlis.



Meghan Bondy (third from right), wife of US Ambassador H.E. Steven C Bondy, with MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen, Vice Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee at the Council of Representatives (second from left) and officials of the embassy and RCSI at the Majlis.



MP Maryam (left) meeting Ambassador of Korea H.E. HeonSang Koo (right) at the Majlis.



Ambassador of Thailand H.E. Piyapak Srirachoen (at the centre) arriving at the Majlis.

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Van Aert in high-speed crash in Around Flanders race

AFP | Waregem, Belgium

Belgian cyclist Wout van Aert was the main victim of a spectacular high-speed crash during the Around Flanders cycling classic on Wednesday.

A mass collision in the peloton caused by an uneven road surface brought down up to a dozen riders, with Van Aert suffering major abrasions to his back as his yellow Visma team jersey was ripped almost entirely off.

The accident occurred on a three-lane highway where there appeared to be one lane slightly higher than the neighbouring two. Other high-profile riders hurt were Eritrea's Biniam Gir-



Slovenian Tadej Pogacar, team UAE, takes the lead of the 18th one-day classic 'Strade Bianche' (White Roads) cycling race between Siena and Siena, Tuscany

may, Belgian Jasper Stuyven of Lidl-Trek and his Danish teammate Mads Pedersen.

All four of those riders have won major classics and would have been contenders for the Tour of Flanders on Sunday and Paris-Roubaix next Sunday, two major dates on the one-day racing calendar.

Van Aert was one of the favourites for Sunday's Tour of Flanders where up to 750,000 fans usually turn out for Belgium's biggest sports event.

The 29-year-old Van Aert sobbed and rocked in agony as he was placed onto a stretcher and transferred to an ambulance.

Djokovic splits from Ivanisevic with bitter sweet message

AFP | Paris, France

Novak Djokovic and Goran Ivanisevic are to go their separate ways, the tennis world number one announced on Wednesday, ending a five-year association which yielded 12 Grand Slams.

Djokovic brought Croatia's 2001 Wimbledon champion on board as a member of the coaching team ahead of the grass court Grand Slam in 2019 and although the Serbian admitted their "on-court chemistry had its ups and downs", it also resulted in huge success.

However, Djokovic has had by his high standards a poor start to the year, losing to eventual champion Jannik Sinner of Italy in the Australian Open semi-finals. The 36-year-old Serbian then lost to Sinner's unheralded compatriot Luca Nardi in the third round at Indian Wells, prompting him to withdraw from the Miami tournament for what he claimed were scheduling reasons.

"Goran and I decided to stop working together a few days ago," Djokovic posted on Instagram. "Our on court chemistry had its ups and downs, but our friendship was always rock solid."

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"In fact, I am proud to say (not sure he is) that apart from winning tournaments together, we also had a side battle in Parchisi going on... for many years," he said, referring to the online game.

"And -- that tournament never stops for us. Sefinjo, thanks for everything my friend. Love you."

Djokovic said the volatile and charismatic Ivanisevic had brought more than just his tennis acumen to the partnership, which was exactly what he and his then head coach Marian Vajda had been looking for.

"I remember clearly the moment I invited Goran to be part of my team," said Djokovic.

"It was back in 2018, and Marian (Vajda) and I were looking to innovate and bring some serve magic to our duo."

"In fact, not only we brought serve, but also lots of laughter, fun, year end no1 rankings, record breaking achievements and 12 more Grand Slams (and a few finals) to the count since then."



Spain prosecutors want Rubiales jailed for 2.5 years for World Cup kiss

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Spanish prosecutors are seeking two-and-a-half years jail for disgraced ex-football chief Luis Rubiales who is facing trial for kissing Spain midfielder Jenni Hermoso on the lips against her will, court documents showed Wednesday.

Prosecutors also want Rubiales, who has been charged with sexual assault and coercion, to pay at least 50,000 euros (\$54,000) in compensation to Hermoso, they wrote in a document sent to Spain's Audiencia Nacional court, a copy of which was seen by AFP.

During the incident, which took place on August 20 after Spain beat England to win the Women's World Cup final in Australia, Rubiales held Hermoso's head in both hands and forcibly kissed her on the lips.

The kiss took place live in



Spain's defender #20 Rocio Galvez is congratulated by President of the Royal Spanish Football Federation Luis Rubiales (R) next to Spain's Jennifer Hermoso after winning the Australia and New Zealand 2023 Women's World Cup final football match between Spain and England at Stadium Australia in Sydney

front of the world's cameras, provoking widespread outrage and prompting his suspension by world football governing body FIFA.

At the time, Rubiales brushed it off as "a consensual" peck on the lips, but Hermoso, 33, said it was not.

Under Spanish law, a non-con-

sensual kiss can be classed as sexual assault -- a criminal category that groups all types of sexual violence.

Rubiales "grabbed the player's head with both hands, and surprisingly and without consent or the player's acceptance, he kissed her on the lips," they wrote.

After realising the kiss could have "personal and professional consequences" with his suspension by FIFA on August 26, Rubiales and his entourage began to exert "constant pressure" on Hermoso so that she "publicly justify" the kiss as consensual.

The pressure caused her "anxiety and intense stress" for several months, they wrote.

Prosecutors requested that the 46-year-old face a year behind bars for the kiss, and 18 months jail for the charge of coercion.

Footballer Son Jun-ho 'grateful to be home'

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

Son Jun-ho said he was grateful to be safely home with his family after the South Korean international's release from 10 months' detention in China. The 31-year-old World Cup midfielder made his first public comments since Seoul's foreign ministry said on Monday that he had been freed and was home.

Son, who was playing for Chinese Super League side Shandong at the time, was detained in May last year "on suspicion of accepting bribes

by non-state employees".

Chinese authorities have given no more information about the case, but its domestic football is in the grip of a major anti-corruption campaign.

"I'm grateful that I have safely returned and am able to spend comfortable time with my family and enjoy ordinary daily life," Son wrote on Instagram, together with a photo showing a spot of light in the night sky. The post was inundated with messages of support, including from fellow players.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night to bring fun yet competitive activity at BIC

TDT | Manama

Motorsport enthusiasts can invite their family or friends for an exciting head-to-head challenge at Bahrain International Circuit this (BIC) today, in the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night.

This unique event offers participants the opportunity to bring their very own car or motorbike and go one-on-one down the circuit's quarter-mile drag strip against an opponent.

This fun yet competitive activity gives wannabe-drag racers the incredible experience of powering down BIC's world-class strip—which is a part of the prestigious NHRA Worldwide Network of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)—and enjoy the thrill with a fellow-racing lover.

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Motors Rolling Drag Night is similar to BIC's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag

and Drift Nights, with the only difference being at the start, which is done with a rolling speed of 80kph.

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day's activity is scheduled to be held from 8.30pm to 1.30am. It continues the busy and exciting programme of events this holy month of Ramadan at "The Home of motorsport in the Middle East".

T h e cost to

participate is BD22 for each driver or rider. Spectators can watch from the stands for a nominal fee of BD2.

Just as in all activities at BIC, safety is paramount for all taking part. Cars and motorbikes must thus go through scrutineering before being able to hit the strip. Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night is the perfect opportunity for an engaging, yet friendly, battle. Both participants will be able to push their vehicles to their very limit within

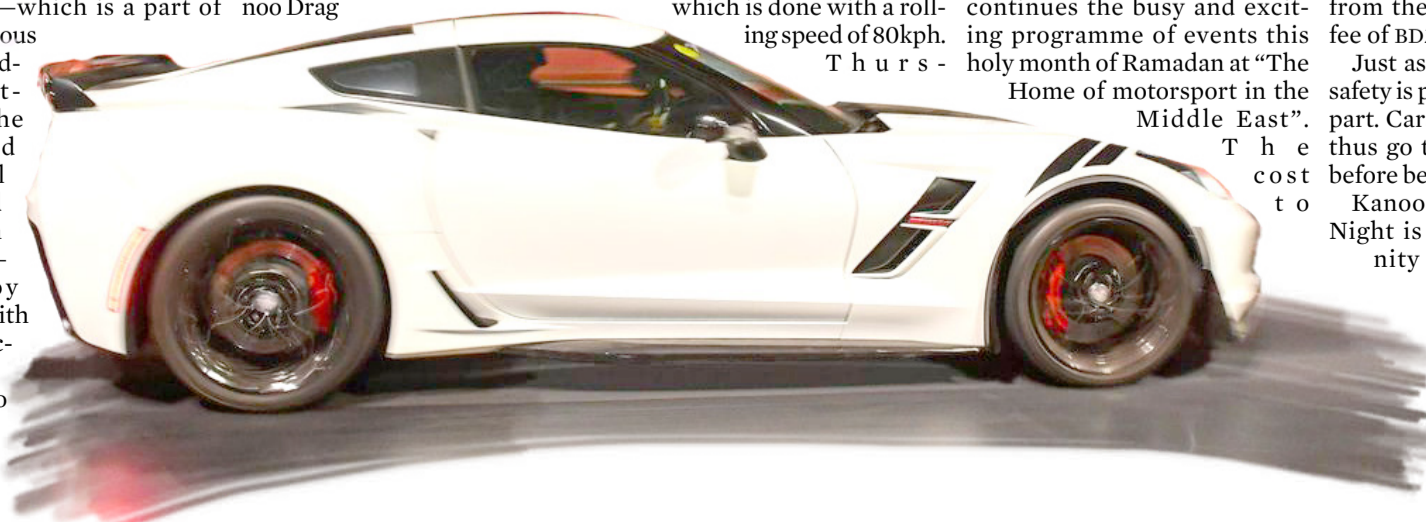
the secure and controlled environment at BIC.

In addition to the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night, also available on Thursday is BIC's most mind-boggling passenger ride: the Dragster Experience.

Known as "the Fastest Ride on Earth", fans will have a chance to get a taste of pure speed as they are taken from zero to 100kph in just one second while in the cockpit of a 10,500cc Top Dragster. The Dragster Experience is available at BD44 for the first passenger while a second passenger can get 50 per cent off.



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Record-breaking day

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AFP | Hyderabad, India

Sunrisers Hyderabad posted 277-3 for the highest-ever Indian Premier League total and went on to beat Mumbai Indians by 31 runs in a six-hitting festival yesterday.

Australia's Travis Head made a 24-ball 62 to lead the assault after Hyderabad batted first and went past the previous IPL best of 263-5 by Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2013.

Mumbai replied strongly in the match which witnessed 38 sixes for another IPL record, bettering the 33 hits over the fence clubbed three times in earlier seasons.

Left-handed Tilak Varma stood out with his 64 in 34 balls for Mumbai but the effort was not enough on a batting-friendly pitch in veteran batsman Rohit Sharma's 200th IPL match.

Rohit smashed a 12-ball 26 and fellow opener Ishan Kishan made 34 to give Mumbai a flying start but the innings lost momentum after 10 overs due to the ever-increasing asking rate.

Tim David smashed an unbeaten 42 in a late charge but the chase was beyond reach as Mumbai ended on 246-5 -- the team's highest IPL total.

It was records galore as the match also featured the highest run aggregate of 523 runs in 17 years of the IPL.

Hyderabad skipper Pat Cummins was the best of the bowlers with 2-35 in his four overs of pace, leading his side to their first win of the season. Earlier



Sunrisers Hyderabad's players celebrate

Rohit Sharma walks back



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en (80 not out in 34 balls) and Aiden Markram, who hit 42, posted an unbeaten stand of 116.

Mumbai's South African import Kwena Maphaka had a bruising introduction to IPL when the 17-year-old left-arm quick went for 66 runs in his four overs.

Five-time winners Mumbai, who had a change in captaincy after Pandya took over from the experienced Rohit, and Hyderabad started this edition with a loss each.

Heinrich Klaasen celebrates

the left-handed Head, dropped on five by David off skipper Hardik Pandya, reached his fifty in 18 balls and after his departure Abhishek Sharma reached his half-century off just 16. The team's 100 came up in only seven overs and Hyderabad posted the tournament's highest ever total in the first 10 overs of 148-2. Abhishek fell for 63 off 23 balls but there was no respite for the bowlers who were at the receiving end of some punishing batting.

It was raining boundaries in Hyderabad's innings with 18 sixes and 19 fours as the South African pair of Heinrich Klaas-

British Olympic diving champion Lee to miss Paris Games after spinal surgery



AFP | London, United Kingdom

British Olympic diving champion Matty Lee, who won gold alongside Tom Daley three years ago, will miss the Paris Games following spinal surgery.

The British pair won the men's synchronised 10m platform at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and Lee also triumphed alongside Noah Williams at the Commonwealth Games the following year. But Lee, 26, will miss the Olympics after receiving treatment.

"The surgery went well but my surgeon told me my nerve was very stuck and it took longer than expected to remove my bulging disc without damaging my nerve," he said in an Instagram post.

"He also told me it wouldn't have got better on its own so to have the surgery was the right decision."

Lee added: "What this means for me this year is self-explanatory, which is very sad, but the reason I look so damn happy in hospital is that I'm no longer in chronic pain, we've found a solution and I have something to work on."

French cyberdefence chief warns Paris Olympics a 'target'



Vincent Strubel

AFP | Lille, France

The head of France's national cybersecurity agency said the Paris Olympics would be a "target" this year including for foreign states interested in "disrupting the opening ceremony or causing problems on public transport".

The warning from Vincent Strubel, director general of the French Cybersecurity Agency (ANSSI), comes amid strained diplomatic relations between France and Russia over the war in Ukraine.

Comments from French President Emmanuel Macron last month suggesting Western troops could be sent to Ukraine has unleashed fury in Moscow, which the French authorities have been blamed for past disinformation and hacking campaigns.

Liverpool 'not the right option' for Alonso



Xabi Alonso

Berlin, Germany

Ballon d'Or winner Lothar Matthaeus said Wednesday a move to Liverpool in the summer was "not the right

option" for in-demand Bayer Leverkusen coach Xabi Alonso.

Alonso has been linked with moves to Liverpool, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich, clubs where he all spent time as a player, having so far done a stunning job at runaway Bundesliga leaders Leverkusen.

Alonso has the unbeaten side 10 points clear of Bayern Munich and on track for a first-ever German title with eight games remaining this season.

In an interview with AFP and other media on Wednesday,

Matthaeus said following outgoing manager Jurgen Klopp would be difficult for any coach and that the in-demand Alonso should stay with Leverkusen.

"Liverpool is not the right option for Xabi Alonso after this season. He has better options."

Matthaeus spent the majority of his career at Bayern and said he would welcome Alonso as the replacement for outgoing coach Thomas Tuchel in the summer but admitted in Munich "(Alonso) would have to build a new team for the future, with new



Lothar Matthaeus

players".

Leverkusen have won 34 and drawn four of 38 games this season. With the club in the final four of the German Cup and the quarter-finals of the Europa

League, Alonso has Leverkusen on course for a treble.

"Why move to Liverpool? Why should he leave this beautiful team which makes us happy with their beautiful football, like Barcelona 12 years ago?"

Klopp shocked the football world in January by announcing he would leave Liverpool at the end of the season after nine years at the Reds, citing exhaustion.

Matthaeus said Klopp's success at Liverpool made him a hard act to follow.