



BD5 note safe for circulation



BD5 denomination
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The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has issued a statement regarding the BD5 denomination currently in circulation, highlighting two distinct issues.

The first issue dates back to 2008, while the second was introduced in 2018, boasting enhanced security features.

Emphasising the safety and negotiability of all cash issues, CBB assured the public of the authenticity and reliability of both the 2008 and 2018 releases of the BD5 denomination.

Kingdom condemns drone attack on Iraqi gas field

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has strongly condemned and denounced the heinous terrorist attack using a bomb-laden drone on the Khor More gas field in the Kurdistan region in the north of the Republic of Iraq, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of innocent civilians, including workers from the Republic of Yemen.

In a statement, the Foreign Affairs Ministry affirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain's unequivocal position in its solidarity with the Republic of Iraq in its war against terrorism, and its support for the measures it deems necessary to preserve its security, stability, unity and territorial integrity.

It expressed sincere condolences to the Yemeni government and people.

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Signs of fresh ceasefire talks

Hamis studying Israel's latest counterproposal to end fighting in Gaza

AFP | Jerusalem

Hamis said yesterday it was studying Israel's latest counterproposal for a Gaza ceasefire, a day after media reports said a delegation from mediator Egypt was in Israel trying to jump-start stalled negotiations.

The armed wing of Hamas also released video footage of two men held hostage in Gaza, identified by Israeli campaign group the Hostages and Missing Families Forum as Keith Siegel and Omri Miran.

The signs of fresh truce talks come after the United Nations warned that "famine thresholds in Gaza will be breached within the next six weeks" unless massive food assistance arrives.

Aid groups say Gaza's already catastrophic humanitarian conditions would be worsened by Israel's vow to attack Hamas fighters still in Rafah city in southernmost Gaza.

Rafah, on the border with Egypt, is crowded with hundreds of thousands of Palestinians displaced by nearly seven months of war between Israel and the Hamas fighters.

"We live in constant terror



A Palestinian child stands amid the debris of a house destroyed by overnight Israeli bombardment in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. (AFP)

and fear of repeated displacement and invasion," Nidaa Safi, 30, who fled Israeli strikes in the north and came to Rafah with her husband and children, told AFP.

The area comes under regular bombardment. Hospital officials said strikes in Rafah and elsewhere killed more than a dozen people overnight.

Among the dead were an entire family, their relative Mohammed Yussef said.

"Nobody left: the father, the mother, a girl and two boys"

were killed when their house was targeted, he said.

Khalil al-Hayya, deputy head of Hamas's political arm in Gaza, said it had "received the official Zionist occupation response to the movement's position, which was delivered to the Egyptian and Qatari mediators on April 13".

In a statement, Hayya said Hamas "will study this proposal" before responding.

The movement has previously insisted on a permanent ceasefire, which Israel rejects.

Unsuccessful

Egypt, Qatar and the United States have been unsuccessfully trying to seal a new Gaza truce deal ever since a one-week halt to the fighting in November saw 80 Israeli hostages exchanged for 240 Palestinians held in Israeli prisons.

Al-Qahera News, which is linked to Egyptian intelligence services, reported "noticeable progress in bringing the views of the Egyptian and Israeli delegations closer".

US campus clashes

Police detain 100 pro-Palestinian protesters in Boston

AFP | Boston

Police in riot gear detained about 100 people as they cleared a pro-Palestinian encampment at a Boston university yesterday, the latest in a series of clashes on US campuses triggered by protests over Israel's war against Hamas.

The action was taken after some protesters resorted to "virulent anti-Semitic slurs," Northeastern University said in a statement on social media platform X.

The campus protests have posed a major challenge to university administrators across the country who are trying to balance commitments to free expression with complaints that the rallies have veered into anti-Semitism and hate speech.

Police have carried out large-scale arrests at universities in recent days, at times using chemical irritants and tasers to disperse demonstrators.

In its statement, Northeastern said campus police backed by local law enforcement moved

in yesterday to clear "an unauthorized encampment" on the campus.

"What began as a student demonstration two days ago was infiltrated by professional organizers with no affiliation to Northeastern," the school said.

It added that detained individuals who produced a valid school ID have been released and will face disciplinary proceedings, not legal action.

"Those who refused to disclose their affiliation were arrested," the school said.



Pro-Palestinian protesters stand in front of a police barricade after police raided an encampment at Northeastern University in Boston. (AFP)

Bahrain braces for days of 'unstable' weather condition

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The Meteorological Department within the Ministry of Transportation and Communications has released updates indicating the development of a new trough over the Arabian Peninsula region, leading to anticipated atmospheric instability in Bahrain.

According to the department's report, the weather condition is expected to persist over the Kingdom for several days, with intermittent effects due to the slow movement of the depression.

Commencing from the evening of Tuesday, April 30, until Saturday, May 4, Bahrain may experience scattered rain, potentially accompanied by thunderstorms at times.

However, the report emphasises that weather models remain subject to change during this period, making it challenging to predict the extent of expected heavy rainfall accurately.

The Meteorological Department reassured the public of its vigilant monitoring of the weather situation and commits to providing timely updates on any developments.

It underscores the importance of obtaining weather information exclusively from official sources within the Kingdom of Bahrain and staying updated on official bulletins and warnings.

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Tourism partnership in progress

H.E. Fatima Al Sairafi sparks mutual endeavors with Monaco delegation to boost bilateral initiatives

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Her Excellency Fatima Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, convened a meeting with a delegation from the Principality of Monaco to discuss enhancing collaboration in the tourism and hospitality sectors and fostering stronger partnerships.

The aim was to leverage shared experiences and exchange insights to bolster the tourism industry in both nations.

At the beginning of the meeting, HE the Minister provided the delegation with an overview of the Kingdom of Bahrain's tourism strategy for 2022-2026. This strategy is designed to double the tourism sector's contribution to the GDP, diversify the tourism product, and attract a more diverse range of tourists.

Her Excellency also presented the latest statistics and developments in the kingdom's



H.E. Fatima Al Sairafi briefs the Monaco delegation about Bahrain's tourism strategy

tourism sector, highlighting key attractions and destinations, and outlined the Ministry of Tourism and Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority's efforts in enhancing tourism infrastructure, boosting the number of hotels and hospitality establishments, and enhancing visitor experiences.

During the meeting, the Minister of Tourism reaffirmed the

Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to supporting all initiatives aimed at accelerating the growth and recovery of the global tourism sector, and enhancing its performance across all fronts, and highlighted BTEA's efforts in collaborating with various regional and international bodies and institutions involved in tourism, travel, culture, and entertainment to foster the develop-

ment of the tourism industry at local, regional, and global levels.

The discussion during the meeting revolved around several key topics, including the exchange of knowledge and experiences in tourism and hospitality, the promotion of tourism marketing efforts in both nations, and the enhancement of tourism services, infrastructure, and logistics.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Her Excellency Fatima Al Sairafi conveyed the readiness of the Ministry of Tourism and

the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority to forge enduring relationships with travel and tourism agencies, as well as official entities, involved in tourism in the Principality of Monaco.

Investment opportunities

Furthermore, Her Excellency pledged to furnish the delegation with comprehensive information regarding available investment opportunities within the tourism sector, and underscored the commitment

to fostering and expanding communication channels and partnerships with the Monaco to bolster bilateral efforts aimed at propelling the growth trajectory of the tourism sector and its ancillary industries in both nations.

The Monaco delegation, on their part, expressed their utmost satisfaction in solidifying tourism connections with the Kingdom of Bahrain, underlining their enthusiasm for furthering tourism cooperation and jointly crafting strategic plans for the industry.

Gulf Madhyamam Silver Jubilee Celebrations



The silver jubilee celebrations of 'Gulf Madhyamam', the first Indian international newspaper originating from the Pearl Islands of the Persian Gulf, have been inaugurated with immense honour. This landmark anniversary marks 25 years since the newspaper's inception at Al Ayam Press in Bahrain. The initial print run was overseen by the then-press chairman, Nabeel bin Yaqub Al Hamar, who played a crucial role in its founding. Today, serving as King Hamad's Media Adviser, he proudly unveiled the silver jubilee logo of Gulf Madhyamam, commemorating a significant chapter in the publication's history. Key figures from Gulf Madhyamam, including Operations Director Salim Ambalan, Global Head of Business Operations Muhammad Rafiq, Executive Committee Chairman Jamal Iringal, Regional Manager Jalil Abdullah and Marketing Manager Saqib Valiapeethikakal were present at the unveiling ceremony.

Indian Fine Arts Society Celebrates 50 Years with Fusion Extravaganza

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The Indian Fine Arts Society (IFAS), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting classical music, dance, and fine arts in Bahrain, celebrated its 50th anniversary in grand style on Thursday, April 25th, 2024.

The event, held at the Cultural Hall in Manama, showcased the vibrant tapestry of Indian, Spanish, and Korean cultures through a unique fusion performance. Titled "Borders and Beyond," the evening highlighted the power of tradition and innovation in strengthening not only nations but also artistic expression.

The program featured captivating dance presentations, including a mesmerizing fusion of Kathak with Flamenco, and a breathtaking display of Manipuri dance alongside its Korean counterpart.

The event was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including H.E. Mr. Vinod Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, Dr. Maryam Al Jalahma, CEO of Government Hospitals, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al Khoazie, Shura Council Member, H.E. Dr. Bahiya Al Jishi, Member of the Supreme Council for Women, and dignitaries from various embassies.

With around 300 attendees, the evening was a resounding success, highlighting IFAS's commitment to promoting cultural exchange and artistic appreciation in Bahrain for the past five decades.



Kathak performance at the event



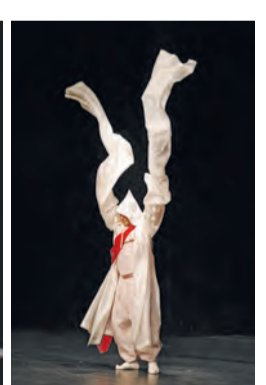
Bahia Al Jishi, Member of the Supreme Council for Women, at the event



Dr. Maryam Al Jalahma, CEO of Government Hospitals welcomed by IFAS members



Kathak with Flamenco performance at the event



Manipuri dance alongside its Korean counterpart



IFAS Members and performers pose for a picture with the Indian Ambassador (fifth from right)

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250 Bahraini workers find hope amid layoffs

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The Ministry of Labour is actively addressing the plight of the 250 Bahraini workers who lost their jobs at a delivery company.

Dismissing rumors linking the closure to the end of wage support from Tamkeen, the ministry emphasised its commitment to overseeing contractual employment relationships in the private sector.

The Ministry initiated employment procedures and interviews to facilitate alternative job opportunities for the laid-off Bahraini workers.

Clarifying misconceptions, the Ministry underscored its dedication to protecting national workers and providing solutions during closures.

While addressing the termination of employment contracts, it assured stringent monitoring of contractual ob-

ligations and offers support to mitigate the impact on affected workers. This proactive approach aims to uphold labour rights and alleviate uncertainties surrounding the closure.

Support

Earlier, the Ministry had pledged support and intervention to secure alternative job opportunities for the affected workers.

The closure of the company's Bahrain branch, attributed to financial constraints and the presence of a sister company, sparked concerns over the fate of dismissed employees.

Dismissed workers, expressing their dismay, approached the ministry to lodge complaints regarding contract terminations. The closure announcement cited financial challenges and the existence of a sister company operating in Bahrain as reasons for the decision.

Relief from financial strain

MP proposes lowering annual fees for 100% Bahraini-owned businesses

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MP Jalal Kadhem has submitted a proposal to amend the Commercial Register Law, aiming to ease the financial burden on 100% Bahraini-owned businesses.

The proposed amendment seeks to reduce the annual regis-

tration fees for these businesses, encouraging increased participation in the commercial sector and boosting economic activity.

The explanatory memorandum accompanying the proposal highlights its intention to alleviate financial obligations for business owners, promote commercial activity within the



MP Jalal Kadhem

Kingdom, and incentivise Bahrainis to engage in trade.

The proposed law suggests lowering the annual registration fee for establishments to BD30 and BD60 for companies, provided they are entirely owned

by Bahrainis.

Foreign ownership

The proposal does not specify fees for foreign companies, instead suggesting that the Minister, with the approval of the Cabinet, determine the fees for foreign entities or those with foreign ownership.

Additionally, the proposal recommends reducing the annual fee for engaging in any commercial activity to BD10 per activity for 100% Bahraini-owned businesses.

The first three activities would be exempt from this fee. Similar to foreign companies, the Minister, with the Cabinet's approval, would determine the fees for foreign entities or those with foreign ownership.



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Gulf Air to resume Bahrain-Iraq flights

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced the reinstatement of its flights between Bahrain and Iraq.

His Excellency Mr. Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gulf Air Group, expressed his satisfaction at the revival of direct flights, highlighting their significance in expanding the company's network.

The resumption marks a significant milestone, reaffirming



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Gulf Air's commitment to enhancing connectivity between Bahrain and Iraq.

The airline's flights to Iraq, which commenced in 1974, were temporarily suspended due to

the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The decision to resume services underscores Gulf Air's determination to adapt and respond to changing circumstances.

While flight schedules and details are yet to be finalised, Gulf Air assures passengers that all necessary official procedures will be completed promptly.

Gulf Air is now preparing to recommence operations between Bahrain and key Iraqi destinations, including Baghdad, Najaf, and Erbil, as well as the flight timings and numbers.

Court punishes four for violating shrimping ban



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Illegally selling fresh shrimp

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The Lower Criminal Court has recently issued two rulings in cases related to the unlawful sale of fresh and unprocessed shrimp in public areas during the ban period.

These rulings have resulted in the conviction of three Asian defendants, who will face imprisonment followed by deportation from the country. Additionally, in a separate case, the court has imposed a fine of BD400 on another defendant.

During previous hearings, the Public Prosecution has expressed its deep concern regarding such incidents, emphasising the utmost importance of safeguarding Bahrain's marine resources and recognising them as a crucial pillar of the economy.

The prosecution has highlighted the existence of the Marine Resources Protection and Exploitation Law (Decree No. 20 of 2002) and subsequent regulations, which provide a comprehensive framework for the proper utilisation and protection of these resources,

along with the imposition of penalties for any violations.

Furthermore, the prosecution has reiterated its strong



The annual ban on catching, trading, or selling shrimp as part of the efforts to preserve fish resources starts on February 1 and continues until July 31.

commitment to preserving Bahrain's marine wealth by actively pursuing those who engage in illegal exploitation.

It has called for strict deterrence against anyone who dares to encroach upon these valuable national resources and emphasised the necessity of punishing individuals who attempt to violate them. In light of this, the prosecution has requested the court to impose the maximum penalty on

Salmaniya Park for people of determination

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A groundbreaking project at Salmaniya Park, tailored for people of determination, has been completed.

This was announced by Eng. Muhammad Saad Al-Sahli, Director General of the Capital Municipality, noting that the Salmaniya Park has been equipped with modern toys designed to accommodate their needs, ensuring equal recreational opportunities alongside fellow members of society.

The inauguration of the initiative at Salmaniya Park, spanning 650 square meters, witnessed the presence of Mr. Tariq Ali Al-Jowder, CEO of Bahrain Parking Company, and other officials.

Eng. Al-Sahli emphasised the



Eng. Muhammad Saad Al-Sahli and Mr. Tariq Ali Al-Jowder with other officials at the inauguration

municipality's commitment to inclusivity, affirming that people of determination are integral to Bahraini society. The project, supported by Mekan Bahrain Parking Company, underscores this belief by providing tailored recreational facilities.

Specialised games catering to different age groups of people of determination have been meticulously designed, featuring a rubber floor with safety measures meeting international standards.

Eng. Al-Sahli highlighted previous initiatives at Sitra Bridge walkway and Umm Al Hassam Park, with plans for further integration in major parks.

Salmaniya Park's selection for

this project is strategic, given its space, location, and proximity to the Bahraini Society for Parents and Friends of the Disabled's entertainment center.

The initiative receives commendation from Al-Jowder as a testament to societal responsibility. Al-Jowder underscores the park's strategic importance and the municipality's efforts to foster inclusivity in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

The initiative reflects a collective commitment to social integration, ensuring that people of determination enjoy recreational facilities on par with their peers, contributing to sustainable development goals and Bahrain's vision for the future.



Course on community partnership

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The Assistant Chief of Public Security for Community Affairs, Brigadier Ammar Al Sayed, inaugurated a one-year course on career progression to achieve community partnership.

The training course includes topics on developing community partnerships and dealing with the public, with the aim of skill development. It also introduces the concepts of cybersecurity, first aid, and cyberspace sexual exploitation of children.

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Cricket hits community sixer



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It is considered one of the richest sports in the world, led by a near-spiritual zeal among much of the Indian sub-continent.

Cricket is played and followed by thousands of fans and wherever there is a diaspora from the subcontinent – India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and lately, the minnows, Afghanistan – you will find formal and informal games being played in clubs, schools and just on open ground.

The original British ‘Gentleman’s Game’ used to spin into a leisurely four or five-day Test Match and was followed by excited fans hanging onto the radio commentary of experts in the pre-TV days.

Once it became sufficiently rich and a new generation of players and fans took their places, the game changed and we have a faster-paced 20-over format and one-day matches that can fit into weekends. This has speeded up turnover and just like the sun never set over the vast British Empire, today somewhere in the world, a game of cricket is being played for high stakes at any given point.

Against this adrenaline-driven scenario, the Bahrain Cricket Federation has boldly struck out to carve a niche for itself in a field dominated by giants with a history of big games, big wins and big money.

True to the character of Bahrain, the Kingdom has opted to cultivate a community-based cricketing fraternity with an emphasis on making the ‘foreign’ game accessible to Bahrainis as well as other expat groups.

The BCF has been powered by the vision of Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, himself a world class sportsman and sports administrator and recently, won the world body, ICC’s Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year Award. This is not the first award – in 2022, the BCF won an award from ICC for its successfully promoting women’s cricket too.

The BCF’s work is an indication of a game from faraway shores can be harnessed for community friendship and well-being.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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Major Arab Parliament award



His Excellence Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, has been conferred the Development Pioneers Medal, awarded by the Arab Parliament to distinguished non-parliamentarians, as the first Arab official to receive this honour, in recognition of his contributions and valuable initiatives in the field of development at the national and Arab levels. The Deputy Premier was honoured during a ceremony held by the Arab Parliament yesterday at the headquarters of the Arab League in Cairo, Egypt, in the presence of Arab Parliament Speaker Adel bin Abdulrahman Al Asoomi, presidents and members of Arab legislative councils and parliaments, members of the Arab Parliament, and participants in the Sixth Conference of the Arab Parliament.

Justice reversed

Court sentences businessman for embezzling over BD64,000 from partner’s company

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The High Appeals Court has overturned the acquittal of an Asian businessman and convicted him of embezzling over BD64,000 from a contracting company he jointly managed with his friend, the victim in the case.

The court sentenced the defendant to one year in prison, ordered him to return the embezzled amount, and referred the civil claim to the competent court without expenses.

As per the court records, the victim had agreed with the defendant to establish three limited liability companies for the purpose of constructing floating structures, buildings, and completing and finishing buildings, including decoration work and other activities. They agreed to share profits and losses equally, with each partner contributing BD19,877.83. The victim paid his share as agreed.

Liabilities

The victim discovered numerous instances of embezzle-



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ment by the defendant from the company, resulting in direct liabilities due to his deliberate plundering of funds. The defendant retained the exclusive right to sign checks, and the company experienced significant losses.

A forensic accountant was appointed to investigate the cause of the substantial loss-



es. The audit revealed checks worth BD87,000 drawn by the defendant.

When confronted, he admitted to withdrawing the checks for personal use without providing any reason related to the company.

Verdict

A criminal complaint was filed, and the Public Prosecution referred the defendant to court on charges of embezzlement. However, the first-instance court acquitted him and dismissed the civil claim. The

prosecution and the civil claimant appealed the verdict.

The court found that the defendant had committed the crime of embezzlement. It unanimously accepted the appeals, overturned the previous judgment, and sentenced the defendant to one year in prison.

The court also ordered him to return the embezzled amount of BD64,820 and ruled for his final deportation from the country after serving his sentence. The civil claim was referred to the competent court without expenses.

Qawwali event shines as fundraiser for education

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A mesmerizing Qawwali night event, organized as a fundraiser for the Pakistani Women’s Association’s Education Scholarship Fund, was a night to remember for all attendees.

Performed by Zain and Zohaib from Pakistan who are a dynamic duo of Qawwali proudly carrying the rich legacy of their forefathers.

Revered as the youngest qawwali artists of this era, these two talented musicians have etched their names in the world of Qawwali with their captivating performances that also includes their stellar performance on Coke Studio Pakistan. This band is rising up like



Board and team members of PWA with Zain and Zohaib

no other.

“It was truly a beautiful and mesmerizing evening that celebrated the power of music and the strength of community. I am grateful to all our sponsors and specially Mr. Mansoor Husain who collaborated to make this event possible,” said PWA President Shahmeen Islam.



Zain and Zohaib’s performance

Early screening campaign



In conjunction with Oral Cancer Awareness Month, which is held during the month of April of each year, the Dental Division of the Department of Health and Social Affairs at the Ministry of Interior organized an awareness campaign under the title “Early screening may change your life” at the Avenues Mall. The campaign included examinations for the complex’s visitors and the provision of educational advice and guidance that contribute to the prevention of this disease. The campaign also aims to raise the level of health awareness among community members about the risks of oral cancer and methods for early detection, in addition to the importance of following a healthy lifestyle to prevent it.

Air ambulance saves man in remote desert crash

Riyadh

Air ambulance crews from the Saudi Red Crescent in Al-Jouf (northern Saudi Arabia) have saved the life of a man who was involved in a hit-and-

run accident in the remote Al-Rawsan desert area.

The Red Crescent received a call about the accident via the 997 emergency hotline on Tuesday morning, April 23. A helicopter was immedi-

ately dispatched to the scene. Thanks to the rapid response and efficiency of the medical team, the helicopter was able to reach the injured man and transport him to the emergency department of Prince Mu-

taib bin Abdul Aziz Hospital in the city of Skaka within 10 minutes.

The injured man is continuing to receive the necessary care in the hospital after his health condition stabilized.



A helicopter dispatched to the scene

Arab Bank Group profits grow by 17pc to \$252.8mn for 2024 Q1

● **Chairman Sabih Masri expresses confidence in the bank's growth strategy**

● **CEO Randa Sadik highlights focus on core banking income and revenue diversification**

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Arab Bank Group reported solid results for the first quarter of 2024, with 17 per cent increase in net income

after tax reaching \$252.8 million as compared to \$216.3m for the same period last year.

The Group maintained its strong capital base with a total equity of \$11.3 billion.

At constant currency the Group's loans grew by 7pc to reach \$37.1b, and deposits grew by 6pc to reach \$49.8b.

Sabih Masri, Chairman of the Board of Directors, stated that Arab Bank's first quarter 2024 performance was strong despite the challenging environment for banks globally and regionally.

He also added that the results reflect the bank's resilience and ability to deliver sustainable growth from multiple markets

mainly from the GCC region.

Masri expressed his confidence in the bank's ability to continue to grow based on its sound strategy, while maintaining the strength of its balance sheet.

Randa Sadik, Chief Executive Officer, stated that Arab Bank delivered robust results during the first quarter 2024, where the bank's net operating profit grew by 10pc driven by increase in core banking income across various sectors and markets, with a clear focus on enhancing non-interest income contribution and revenue diversification.

Sadik added that the Group's liquidity and asset quality re-



A view of Arab Bank Group's headquarters

main solid where loan-to-deposit ratio stood at 74.5pc and credit provisions held against non-performing loans continue to exceed 100pc.

Arab Bank Group maintains a strong capital base that is predominantly composed of common equity with a capital adequacy ratio of 17.8pc.

Sadik emphasized on the bank's commitment towards innovation and digital transformation, highlighting the bank's ongoing investment in technology and its strategic focus on customer-centric innovations offering seamless banking experiences to customers across various sectors.

BIG AUTOWORLD unveils Bahrain's premier Suzuki showroom

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BIG AUTOWORLD, Bahrain's leading Suzuki dealership, announced the successful grand launch of its flagship showroom on Thursday, at the Gulf Hotel in Manama.

Distinguished guests and esteemed patrons, including renowned figures such as Okai Asako, Ambassador of Japan to Bahrain, Koichi Suzuki San, Managing Officer and Executive General Manager Automobile Marketing - Europe, Middle East and Africa - Suzuki, Keiichi Suzuki San, Department General Manager, Global Automobile Planning Department - Suzuki, Yasuhiko Hirose San, Executive Officer - International Marketing - Suzuki, Vivek Anand San Senior Divisional Manager - International Marketing - Suzuki, Takashi Nagasaki San, Divisional Manager - International Marketing - Suzuki, Tomohiro Kudo San, Member of Middle East / Africa Automobile Department Middle East / Africa Automobile Division, Person in charge of Bahrain - Suzuki, Sultan Ahmed Suhail Al Mukhaini Bahwan, Director of BIG AUTOWORLD, Shyam Asnani, CEO of BIG AUTOWORLD, and Paulo Fernandes, COO - BIG AUTOW-



ORLD, graced the occasion as chief guests.

The grand opening gala, featured captivating cultural programs that showcased Bahrain's rich heritage and vibrant traditions. Guests enjoyed an evening filled with entertainment, music, and delectable cuisine, cre-

ating unforgettable memories for all in attendance.

"We are thrilled to officially unveil our premier Suzuki showroom in Bahrain," said COO, Paulo Fernandes of BIG AUTOWORLD. "This grand opening signifies a new chapter in our journey of automotive ex-

cellence, and we are excited to continue serving our valued customers with the highest standards of quality and service."

The event was attended by esteemed members of the media, automotive industry and customers.



BCCI postpones regular General Assembly meeting

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) announced the postponement of its regular General Assembly meeting, originally

scheduled for yesterday. The decision comes after failing to meet the required quorum for the meeting to proceed.

As per Article 19 of the BCCI's governing law, a minimum of 200 members, or 10% of registered members who have

paid their annual subscriptions (whichever is lower), must be present for a valid General Assembly meeting.

Since this threshold was not met yesterday, the meeting has been rescheduled for today, Sunday, April 28th, 2024. This

second meeting will be considered valid with attendance from any registered BCCI member who has settled their annual dues and outstanding fees, provided notification was issued at least seven days prior to the rescheduled date.

China offers nearly \$1,400 for car trade-ins



BYD electric cars waiting to be loaded on a ship are stacked at the international container terminal of Taicang Port at Suzhou Port, in China's eastern Jiangsu Province (file photo)

AFP | Beijing

Drivers in China who trade in an old car for a newer model are eligible for a subsidy of up to 10,000 yuan (\$1,380), the commerce ministry has announced.

China is the world's biggest market for cars, and the most competitive in the electric vehicle sector, with more than 100 homegrown companies racing to make the clean car of the future.

But an economic slowdown has weighed on consumer spending and fuelled a price war between manufacturers, denting their profitability.

To boost demand, Beijing is offering the subsidy to drivers who trade in an electric or hybrid vehicle registered be-

fore 2018, or a gasoline-powered car that doesn't meet certain national emissions standards.

Those who replace a vehicle purchased after 2018 will be eligible for a subsidy of 7,000 yuan (\$960), the commerce ministry said in a statement Friday.

The measure, in force until the end of the year, applies to all purchases of new electric or hybrid vehicles.

Its announcement coincides with the China Auto Show, where Chinese brands are stealing the show from foreign manufacturers struggling to make the transition to electric vehicles.

The decision also comes as Chinese automakers face heightened scrutiny in many Western countries.

Daimler Truck, US workers reach wage agreement, avert strike

AFP | New York

Union leaders for some 7,200 autoworkers late Friday said they reached a last-minute wage agreement with Daimler Truck in three southern US states, averting a strike.

The tentative agreement between the United Auto Workers and Daimler Truck was forged just minutes before a contract was to expire at midnight for workers who build long-haul trucks and buses.

The UAW, led by President Shawn Fain, said the four-year agreement includes raises of

more than 25 percent, the end of wage tiers and regular cost-of-living adjustments.

A strike would have affected four industrial sites in North Carolina and one each in Tennessee and Georgia.

The plants make Freightliner and Western Star trucks and Thomas Built buses.

"We said we needed protection against inflation," Fain said in a late-night Facebook live broadcast, surrounded by autoworkers, from Charlotte, North Carolina. "We won cost of living allowance for the first time in Daimler history."



News in brief

Guatemalan guards allegedly took minors to jail to be raped
Twenty Guatemalan prison guards are to stand trial accused of smuggling minors into jails to be sexually abused by imprisoned gang members, authorities said Friday. A police officer and eight men linked to the Barrio 18 gang will also be tried in the same case, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office, Maria Jose Mansilla, told reporters. The victims, aged between 12 and 16 years old, were taken to prisons where they were "sexually abused and recruited in order to integrate them into the Barrio 18 gang," she added. The gangs used social media and instant messaging applications to contact the girls, she said.

Burkina Faso leader accuses Ivory Coast of welcoming 'destabilisers'
The head of Burkina Faso's military regime, Ibrahim Traore, accused Ivory Coast on Friday of welcoming "all the destabilisers" of his country, adding there was a "problem with the authorities" in Abidjan. Ties between the two countries have been rocky of late, and on April 19 their ministers of defence held a meeting on the border in a bid to bring about a "new start" in relations. Referring to Ivory Coast in an interview with national broadcaster RTB, Traore said: "All the destabilisers are there and they aren't hiding".

US paramedic sentenced over death of Black man during arrest
One of two paramedics who injected a young Black man with ketamine as he was put in a chokehold by US police was sentenced Friday to 14 months in jail with work release and probation, in the final chapter of a case that became a clarion call in the Black Lives Matter movement. Jeremy Cooper had been convicted in December of criminally negligent homicide over the death of Elijah McClain, an unarmed 23-year-old who died several days after a struggle with police in Colorado. He had suffered a cardiac arrest in the ambulance in the moments after

Louvre says Mona Lisa could get a room of her own



Visitors take pictures of Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa"

AFP | Paris

The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci, the world's most famous portrait, could get a room of its own in the Louvre, the museum's president said yesterday.

Such a move would give visitors, many of whom visit the Louvre for the iconic painting alone, a better experience, Laurence des Cars told the France Inter broadcaster.

"It's always frustrating when you don't give visitors the best possible reception, and that is the case for the Mona Lisa," she said.

"A better solution seems necessary to me today," she said, adding that the Louvre was in contact with the culture ministry about potential solutions.

The Louvre, the world's most popular museum, welcomed close to nine million

visitors in 2023.

Des Cars said 80 percent of them -- 20,000 people per day -- braved the crowd to catch a glimpse of the Mona Lisa's enigmatic smile, often taking selfies in front of the painting.

The Mona Lisa currently hangs in the Louvre's Salle des Etats (State Room), the museum's biggest, in a protective glass case, but Da Vinci's masterwork is not alone there.

The Louvre's biggest painting, The Wedding at Cana by Paolo Veronese.

Russia hits Ukrainian energy sites in 'massive' attack

Ukrainian President calls for more air defence systems amid escalating attacks

34 missiles launched overnight; Ukraine shoots down 21

Multiple power plants damaged, triggering blackouts and energy rationing

AFP | Kyiv



Law enforcement officers inspect a crater next to a building following a missile attack in Kharkiv

Russia launched a "massive" missile strike at Ukraine overnight, damaging four power plants in the latest barrage targeting the country's energy supply, officials in Kyiv said yesterday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called on Kyiv's Western partners to supply more air defence systems to protect his country's skies, as the air force said it shot down 21 of 34 incoming missiles.

Moscow has launched some of its biggest ever strikes on Ukraine's energy facilities in re-

cent months, knocking out a significant chunk of production, and triggering blackouts and energy rationing across the country.

Ukraine also said it hit two oil refineries and a military air base in southern Russia its own wave of overnight drone attacks.

"Thirty-four Russian missiles overnight. We managed to shoot down some of them. But the world has every opportunity to help (us) shoot down every missile and every drone," Zelensky said in a post on Telegram.

Energy facilities were hit in at least three regions -- including Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk in the west, hundreds of kilometres from the front line -- Energy Minister German Galushchenko said in a Facebook post.

One of the missiles landed 15 kilometres (nine miles) from the Polish-Ukrainian border, Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk said.

Kyiv says Moscow is escalating attacks from the air and on land

The enemy has once again attacked the country's energy infrastructure. In particular, facilities in Dnipropetrovsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Lviv regions were attacked. There is damage to equipment

ENERGY MINISTER GERMAN GALUSHCHENKO

ahead of nationwide celebrations on May 9, when Russia marks victory in World War II, and while Ukraine awaits the arrival of crucial US weapons.

Energy rationing

The DTEK power operator said equipment at four of its thermal power plants was "severely damaged" in the overnight strikes.

State electricity operator Ukrenergo said it had disconnected its main overhead power line in the west of the country as a preventative measure.

Officials urged people and busi-

nesses to limit their power usage. "We ask all consumers to consume electricity sparingly. Industry is asked to maximise electricity imports and use alternative power sources," Ukrenergo said in a statement.

The head of the western Lviv region called on residents not to use kettles, irons, washing machines and microwaves in peak evening hours.

At least two people were killed in separate shelling attacks on the northeastern Kharkiv region and southern Kherson region, Ukrainian officials said.

The spate of missile and artillery attacks also injured more than a dozen.

Russia's defence ministry said yesterday that over the last week it had carried out 35 "group strikes" against Ukrainian energy sites, military factories, railway facilities, air defence systems and other targets.

The United States on Friday announced a \$6 billion package of military supplies to Kyiv to include key air defence munitions and artillery rounds.

20 Cambodian soldiers killed in ammunition base explosion

AFP | Phnom Penh

Twenty Cambodian soldiers have been killed in an ammunition explosion at an army base, Prime Minister Hun Manet said yesterday.

The blast at around 2.45pm (0745 GMT) at the army base in Kampong Speu province to the west of the capital also wounded several soldiers, according to the PM, with the army saying that an entire truck of munitions had exploded.

"I am deeply shocked to receive the news of the ammunition explosion incident," Hun Manet said in a statement on Facebook, expressing his "deepest condolences" to the families of those killed.

It was not immediately clear what had caused the explosion.

Pictures on social media showed a destroyed one-storey building wreathed in smoke, with residents of a nearby village also sharing images online of broken windows.

Other images showed what appeared to be civilians, including a child in diapers -- with cuts and gashes being treated in hospital.

Munitions accidents are not uncommon in Cambodia, which is awash with ammunition following decades of civil conflict -- accidents that are exacerbated by frequently lax safety standards.

Cambodia's army said the incident was a "warehouse



A damaged military truck following an explosion at an army base in Cambodia

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ammunition explosion", that had destroyed a truck fully loaded with weaponry.

An office building as well as nearby barracks were destroyed, with 25 nearby homes also battered by the resulting explosion.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Orca calf trapped in Canadian lagoon swims to freedom



A killer whale and its calf are shown in a lagoon near Zeballos, BC, Canada (file photo)

AFP | Ottawa

An orphaned killer whale calf that had been trapped for weeks in a tidal lagoon on Vancouver island, dodging multiple rescue attempts, on Friday swam out on her own, a local Indigenous tribe said.

The Ehattesaht First Nation had watched over the orca calf they named Brave Little Hunter after her pregnant mother died on a rocky beach in late March.

They, along with fisheries officials, made several unsuccessful attempts to catch and release her in open waters.

Attempts reportedly included using a sling to transport her, playing recorded killer whale vocalizations to lure her out of the remote lagoon, and even serenading her with violin music.

Then suddenly at 2:30 am local time Friday, during high tide on a starry night, she "swam past the sand bar her mother passed away on, under the bridge, down Little Espinosa Inlet and onto Esperanza (Inlet) all on her own," the Ehattesaht First Nation said in



A woman named Carol Love played her violin on a bridge at high tide, hoping her music would entice the young orca to swim through a narrow channel, under the bridge and into the open ocean to freedom

a statement.

A small group watched her go, it said, after being treated to "a long night of (her) breaching and playing."

The team later caught up with the orca calf in Esperanza Inlet, hoping to "encourage her out toward the open ocean where it is hoped that the Brave Little Hunter's calls will be heard by her family."

Scores of tornadoes lash central US plains states

AFP | Washington

Dozens of tornadoes struck the central United States on Friday, razing homes, knocking down power lines and injuring at least three people, authorities said.

More than 70 tornadoes were recorded across the country by the National Weather Service (NWS), most of them around Omaha, a transportation hub in Nebraska.

Images from storm chasers posted on social networks showed immense black twisters sweeping across the sky, turning over earth, dust and materials in their path.

In the Omaha suburb of Elkhorn, the storms razed numerous homes, blew off roofs



Emergency personnel work next to the damages caused by a tornado at Eppley Airfield, in Omaha, Nebraska

and stripped trees of leaves. "Emergency personnel continue to check damaged houses and assist any injured citizens," Omaha police posted on social

media platform X. Further south, near the Nebraska state capital of Lincoln, a tornado struck an industrial shed.

13 Cubans given hefty prison terms over power cut protests

AFP | Havana

Thirteen Cubans received sentences of up to 15 years in jail for protesting prolonged power cuts on the island in 2022, a human rights group said Friday.

The 10 men and three women had already been incarcerated for taking to the streets and demanding improved living conditions and an end to power outages -- some lasting up to 18 hours -- in the town of Nuevitas, 600 kilometers (370 miles) from Havana.

On Friday, they were notified that their sentences would range from four to 15 years in prison for sedition, contempt, enemy propaganda and sabotage, among other charges, according to a list provided to AFP by Miami-based NGO Justicia 11J.

All 13 were tried in January 2024 by a Camaguey city court, under heavy military and police presence, the Cubalex NGO, also based in Miami, reported at the time.

"My son is doing very badly," the mother of a 23-year-old man sentenced to 10 years in prison, told AFP by telephone, asking not to be identified.

According to Justicia 11J, those convicted can still appeal their sentences.

Subhash Kapoor, an Indian-American, and American Nancy Wiener of the illegal trafficking of the antiquities.

Spanish PM's supporters turn out and beg him to stay

AFP | Madrid

Thousands of supporters of Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez rallied at the headquarters of his Socialist party imploring him not to step down over a graft investigation against his wife.

The 52-year-old, who has been in office since 2018, stunned Spain on Wednesday when he put his resignation on the line after a Madrid court opened a preliminary investigation into suspected influence peddling and corruption against his spouse Begona Gomez.



Demonstrators in support of Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez during a rally

Sanchez said he would suspend all public duties until he announces his decision on Monday. The normally hyperactive

premier has since remained out of sight and silent.

According to Madrid city authorities, the crowd rallying yesterday to beg Sanchez to stay on numbered around 12,500.

Supporters held up placards saying "Spain needs you", "Pedro don't abandon us", and shouted slogans such as "Pedro leader".

"I hope that Sanchez will say on Monday that he will stay," said Sara Dominguez, a consultant in her 30s, adding that his government had "taken good steps for women, the LGBT community and minorities".

'Feel like a beautiful bird': hundreds do yoga on Thai airport runway

AFP | London

Stretching their fingertips to the reddening sky, hundreds of yoga devotees rolled out their mats on the runway of Bangkok's main airport yesterday, practising their downward dog as early morning flights rumbled overhead.

The unusual event on the airport's third runway -- which is still under construction -- saw the workout paired with beverages as participants were offered coconuts, iced teas and water to incorporate into their routines.

Some 500 yoga-goers and camera-ready influencers began arriving at 5:00 am, making their way in the dark to their mats on the runway.

As the sun rose, yoga instructors guided the group through



Yoga enthusiasts perform yoga during a sunrise "Brew Yoga" event on a runway as an airplane takes off at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok

two workouts, cheerily enthusiastic despite the pollution, industrial setting, and occasional flight roar.

"Today is going to be very special," an instructor blared, before urging participants to

focused on getting the perfect shot than the perfect lunge -- most seemed to have come for a laugh.

"This was something fun, this was a nice event," said lawyer Rugeradh Tungsupakul, attending with a friend.

"Right now, because of our jobs, we are too busy to go to a yoga studio," she told AFP.

Although Rugeradh was worried about pollution -- a perennial issue in smoggy Bangkok, which regularly ranks among the world's most polluted cities -- she said they had checked the air quality before arriving.

"Right now, it's not too bad," she explained.

Although there were a few men scattered in the crowd, the workout was dominated by women.

Mexican claims victory in \$28 Cartier earrings battle



Representational image

AFP | Washington

A Mexican man has claimed a victory over French luxury brand Cartier, saying an error allowed him to buy two pairs of earrings for \$28 that were supposed to cost nearly \$28,000.

After a four-month struggle, doctor Rogelio Villarreal said he had finally received the jewelry, which he accused the company of refusing to deliver after his online purchase in December.

According to Villarreal, he came across the low-priced earrings while browsing Instagram.

"I swear I broke out in a cold sweat," he wrote on the social media platform X.

Cartier declined to recognize the purchase and offered Villarreal a refund, as well as a bottle of champagne and a passport holder as compensation, according to a company letter shared by the doctor.

But Villarreal refused and decided to take the case to Mexico's consumer protection agency, which ruled in favor of the doctor.

Cartier accepted the decision, Villarreal announced.

"War is over. Cartier is complying," he wrote.

TOP 4 TWEETS 01



Shukraan, Health Minister Fahad bin Abdurrahman Al-Jalal for a warm welcome to #SaudiArabia. We appreciate your partnership with @WHO to make the world a safer and healthier place. @DrTedros

02

The United States is proud to stand with Ukraine. The Ukraine Defense Contact Group is proud to stand with Ukraine. The results of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group have changed the course of history. @SecDef

03

Marking 30 years since the first post-apartheid elections, the EU joins #SouthAfrica in the celebration of #FreedomDay2024. We salute your spirit of unity and reconciliation and your firm commitment to democracy and human rights. @JosepBorrellF

04

4 out of every 10 people worldwide live in countries where governments spend more on debt interest payments than on education or health. Money is flowing in the wrong direction -- from the countries who need it to the countries who don't. @antoniogetters

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celebs



Rihanna reveals her biggest parenting 'hack'!

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Rihanna says her biggest parenting "hack" is dressing her sons like their rapper dad. The 36-year-old singer has sons RZA, 23 months, and Riot, eight months, with fellow performer A\$AP Rocky, 35, and has now revealed she tries to save time by using their father's style as inspiration for her boys' clothes.

Rihanna

She told Entertainment Tonight: "When I dress them, I always try to dress them like Rocky."

The singer admitted even though she's "always" imagined "dressing a girl" she didn't know what to do with boys when it came to their outfits.

She added: "We all do as women, like, 'Oh, I'm going to dress her in these cute little things."

"But then you get sons and you're like, 'What do I do?'"

"I was like, 'You know what, I have the biggest hack - their dad.'" Rihanna recently told Interview

magazine A\$AP's designer outfits make her look like "his assistant" when they are out and about.

She said: "I'm getting on a plane - we should be in sweats. He wants to be in a full Bottega suit."

"I'm like, 'Why you got to do that to me?'"

She added in the same chat "everybody" thinks A\$AP - real name Rakim Athelston Mayers - dresses her boys "because I dress them in Rocky outfits".

Rihanna has dressed the tots head-to-toe in pricey Gucci looks. The singer - who runs her

Fenty clothes brand - recently ditched her love of wearing tracksuits in public and stepped out in a bold Dolce and Gabbana leopard print look last week.

She also said seeing her boys wear her designs is "incredible", adding: "I've gotten the opportunity to start that with Puma, designing kids shoes through the Avantis and now we're doing the Creepers."

"(It was) really fun (and) cute (to see RZA and Riot) wear stuff like that."

Celine Dion declares her stardom drives her to 'never want to give up on anything'



Celine Dion

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Céline Dion says her stardom has given her the relentless determination to "never want to give up on anything".

The 55-year-old 'My Heart Will Go On' singer - who has no idea when she will be able to return to performing live after her Stiff Person Syndrome forced her off stage following her 2022 diagnosis of the ultra-rare condition - has now insisted she has an irrepressible ambition to do what she was "born" for despite her illness.

She told the latest issue of Vogue France when asked what being a celebrity has "brought" and "taken away from" her: "Celebrity has made me want to never give up on anything. I was born to communicate on stage, with my team, and with my voice, and with my fans."

"It's about sharing. I was worn to do that. When I found myself on stage for the first time, in Québec, I caught the bug!"

"What has fame taken away from me? Nothing? Because I live every day, and I move forward."

Idris Elba wants Black Panther role

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Idris Elba wants to be part of a new 'Black Panther' movie.

The 51-year-old actor has previously played the Asgardian named Heimdall in all of the 'Thor' movies, 'Avengers: Age of Ultron' and 'Avengers: Infinity War', but after his character was killed off in the latter film, he's open to a new role in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and called to be part of Ryan Coogler's potential next project for the organisation.

After Lupita Nyong'o recently expressed her wish to have Idris join the 'Black Panther' cast, he told E! News: "I would love to be in 'Black Panther', yeah."

"It's an amazing cast, amazing storyline, Ryan Coogler's amazing. The whole cast is incredible."

"Let's make it happen."

The 'Luther' star despaired at the idea of playing another villain, but admitted being the bad guy is always "fun".

Asked if he'd play the villain, he replied: "Why I always got to be the villain? I mean, come on, why? But the villain would be a lot more fun."

Despite Idris' plea for a role, there are currently no plans in the works for a third 'Black Panther' film.

Idris recently joked he's "more famous for not playing James Bond"

than past actors who have had the role after being speculated as Daniel Craig's successor for so long.

Asked about the frequent rumours on 'The Chris Moyles Show' on Radio X on Thursday (18.04.24), he said: "I have several times, several sort of half-a-million times."

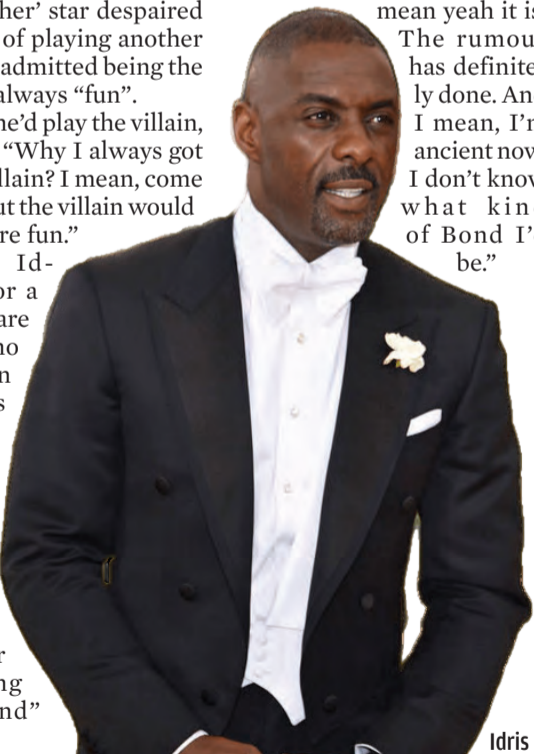
"No, it was definitely one of the biggest rumours. I'm arguably more famous for not playing Bond than some of the actors who did!"

"And you know, it's been one that I've taken lightly at times. You know, everyone loves Bond. Such a fantastic character, and just to me, I found it as a compliment to be considered all those years ago."

The 'Molly's Game' actor insisted he's too "ancient" to take on the role now, in the unlikely event it was offered to him.

When Chris said the idea of Idris as Bond was "not dead", his guest replied: "Well, I mean yeah it is."

The rumour has definitely done. And I mean, I'm ancient now. I don't know what kind of Bond I'd be."



Idris Elba

Paris Hilton: 'Motherhood means more to me than fame and fortune ever could!'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Paris Hilton had always dreamed of having a little girl called London.

The 43-year-old heiress is married to Carter Reum and already has 15-month-old son Phoenix with him but the pair welcomed their daughter - who, like Paris, is also named after a European capital city - in November 2023 and now she has explained she had never considered how "deep" her love could run before reaching motherhood.

She wrote on Instagram: "I've dreamed of having a daughter named London for as long as I can remember I'm so grateful she is here I truly cherish every moment I spend with her. Together with Phoenix, my angel babies have shown me a love that I never even knew could run so deep before I became their mother."

Meanwhile, the former 'Simple Life' star had a short pop career in the late 2000s with hits like 'Stars Are Blind' but has now teamed up with 'Cheap Thrills' singer Sia to feature on a track about how motherhood means more to her than fame and fortune ever could and is hoping that it serves as an "empowering" message to her fans around the globe.

She added: "My incredible journey through motherhood has inspired a

new, deeply personal

song with my dear friend Sia called 'Fame Won't Love You.' The song serves as a reminder that the special bond I feel with my children, my husband and my family is more valuable than anything else in the world."

"It's an anthem that will empower you to hold your most sacred relationships even closer to your heart - whether with family, friends, or yourself. hope you love it as much as I do."



Paris Hilton

Rebel Wilson claims minor British royal invited her to drug-fuelled bash

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Rebel Wilson has claimed a British royal invited her to a drug-fuelled orgy.

The 'Pitch Perfect' actress didn't name the man in question, other than to say he was distantly connected to the throne, but recalled how he had invited her to a party hosted by an American tech billionaire in 2014, but she didn't fully realise what was planned for the evening until long af-

ter she arrived at the bash, which took place at a rented ranch on the outskirts of Los Angeles.

According to the Daily Telegraph newspaper, the 44-year-old star wrote in her new memoir 'Rebel Rising': "I got thrown a last-minute invite to a tech billionaire's party - the guy who invited me, who's like fifteenth or twentieth in line to the British throne, had said to my male friend, 'We need more girls'..."

"The party was insane. Men were

jousting on horses in a field, girls dressed as mermaids were in the pool ... The property was massive, and because it was quite a drive, people had been assigned rooms to sleep there overnight."

It wasn't until the early hours of the morning that Rebel - who wore a "buxom damsel outfit complete with cone hat" in keeping with the medieval theme of the party - figured out what was still to come and she promptly fled the scene.

Rebel Wilson



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How to play
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Across

- Tortilla topped with cheese; 6- Long luxuriant hair; 10- Wagon; 14- Audibly; 15- Yellow spread; 16- Baseball's Felipe; 17- Act badly; 18- Vegas gas; 19- Former Virginia senator Charles; 20- Patsy; 21- Eyeglasses, for short; 23- Columbus's birthplace; 24- Composition; 26- Driving hazard; 27- Worldly; 29- Consumed; 31- Goffer Aoki; 32- Claw; 33- Egg yung; 36- In spite of; 40- Barely manage, with "out"; 41- Coolit; 42- Customer; 43- Seine spot; 44- Jughead's pal; 46- Rice; 48- Tremble; 49- Stan's partner; 50- Bailiwicks; 52- ACLU concerns; 55- Noticed; 56- Rock star Clapton; 57- Brief appearance; 59- Part of MIT; 60- Diplomat's forte; 61- Improve; 62- Cong. meeting; 63- RR stops; 64- Blair of "The Exorcist";

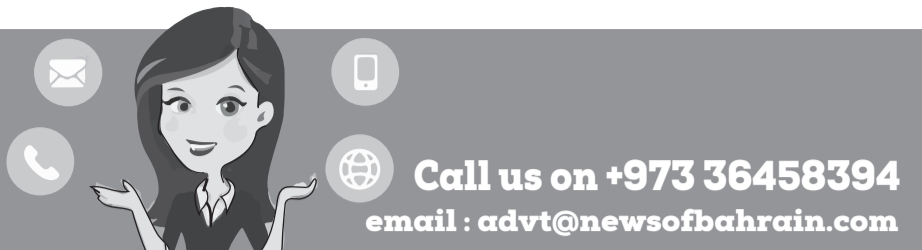
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Yesterday's solution

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Liverpool Premier League title hopes suffer blow, Sheffield Utd relegated

Liverpool draw against West Ham and recent poor form leave them third in Premier League table

● Manchester United's Europe push dented by Burnley draw

● Wolves defeat Luton 2-1; Fulham draw 1-1 with Crystal Palace

AFP | Liverpool

Liverpool's fading Premier League title hopes were dealt a near-fatal blow yesterday as West Ham rescued a draw against Jurgen Klopp's men while Sheffield United dropped through the relegation trap door.

Manchester United's push for Europe was dented by Burnley, who secured a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford, keeping alive their hopes of a dramatic escape act.

Klopp's glittering reign at Anfield appears to be ending on a flat note after they dropped points for the fourth time in five league games at the London Stadium.

Just weeks ago Liverpool, who won the League Cup in February, were on course for a quadruple



Liverpool's Egyptian striker #11 Mohamed Salah runs with the ball

ple of trophies but that is now a distant memory after FA Cup and Europa League exits and a string of damaging league results.

Liverpool would have moved level on points with leaders Arsenal with a victory, at least temporarily, but they failed to make the most of their chances despite a stirring second-half fightback.

The Gunners are on 77 points, two clear of Liverpool with a game in hand, while defending champions Manchester City have 76 points with two games in hand on the Reds.

Jarrod Bowen put David Moyes's West Ham ahead shortly before half time but Liverpool looked a different side in the second period, taking the lead through Andy Robertson before an own goal from West Ham goalkeeper Alphonse Areola.

But West Ham levelled in the 77th minute when Bowen wriggled free down the right and lifted a cross towards Michail Antonio, who headed home to make it 2-2.

A downbeat Klopp, in the final weeks of his time at Anfield,

refused to talk about his side's title chances.

"I'm not in the mood to talk about that to be honest or look at that at all," he told TNT Sports.

"We had to win here, we knew that, and we didn't, and now we have a little bit more time between now and the next game. We try to get the boys ready again and we will go again."

Klopp attempted to play down a touchline spat with Mohamed Salah, who was left out of the starting line-up, but the Egypt forward fanned the flames.

"There's going to be a fire today if I speak," he told reporters.

Pep Guardiola's City, who play relegation-threatened Nottingham Forest on Sunday, are hot favourites to secure an unprecedented fourth straight English top-flight title.

Arsenal, who led the way for much of last season, are firmly in the hunt but face a tough away day at Tottenham, also on Sunday.

Sheffield Utd down

Newcastle's 5-1 win against basement club Sheffield United strengthened their push for European football next season but

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JURGEN KLOPP

sent Chris Wilder's team down to the Championship after just one season in the top flight.

Anel Ahmedhodzic gave the visitors an early lead at St James' Park but Alexander Isak scored twice as the home side roared back.

"We have not been good enough," Wilder told the BBC. "The league has been too powerful for us right the way through the season."

Newcastle remain in seventh place but are just one point behind Manchester United, who conceded a late penalty in a draw against Burnley.

Brazilian winger Antony scored his first Premier League goal of the season but Zeki Am-douni levelled from the spot in the 87th minute to leave the home side ruing missed chances.

United have now won just one of their past six league matches as they limp towards the end of the season.

Burnley are two points behind Forest, who are just outside the relegation zone, and one point behind Luton.

Ten Hag said his team "gave it away".

"We are one of the most dynamic and entertaining teams in the league at this moment," said the Dutchman.

"We are creating loads of chances by playing good football. It was unnecessary to lose control."

Hwang Hee-chan and Toti Gomes scored as Wolves deepened Luton's woes with a 2-1 win and Fulham drew 1-1 with Crystal Palace.

Everton host Brentford later yesterday seeking their fourth win in five games while Aston Villa, chasing a Champions League spot, take on inconsistent Chelsea in the late kick-off.

Action heats up on day 11 of Inter-Hotel Charity Tournament



Anand Singh (Intercontinental Bahrain) receiving "Man of the Match" certificate from Mohammed Naeem (Invited Guest, The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain)

TDT | Manama

Day 11 of the Ritz-Carlton Bahrain Inter-Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament saw exciting matches with Trader Vic's Bahrain, Intercontinental Bahrain, Gulf Hotel Bahrain, Diplomat Radisson Blu, and Majestic Arjaan emerging victorious.

In Match 1, Trader Vic's Bahrain defeated JAW resort by 5 wickets, with Abdul Salam named Man of the Match for his impressive performance.

Intercontinental Bahrain secured a thrilling 3-wicket win over Movenpick in Match 2, thanks to Anand Singh's exceptional gameplay, earning



Justin Antony (Gulf Hotel Bahrain) receiving "Man of the Match" certificate from Geeth Mehaboob (Organizing Committee, The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain)

him the Man of the Match title.

Gulf Hotel Bahrain beat The ART Bahrain by 3 wickets in Match 3, with Justin Antony named Man of the Match for his outstanding skills.

Diplomat Radisson Blu B dominated Marriott Executive Apartments, winning by 56 runs

in Match 4, with Ankush taking home the Man of the Match award for his crucial contribution.

In the final match of the day, Majestic Arjaan defeated Royal Ambassador by 3 wickets, with Hamza Nawaz named Man of the Match for his impressive performance.

Depleted Milan hold Juve to close in on Champions League

AFP | Milan

A C Milan took another step towards Champions League qualification after yesterday's goalless draw at Serie A rivals Juventus.

Stefano Pioli is close to guaranteeing Milan, in second, a spot in Europe's top club competition in what will almost certainly be his final season at the club.

Pioli is set to be replaced by Julen Lopetegui after a campaign which has ended in disaster, with a Europa League exit at the hands of Roma and a humiliating city derby defeat which gave the league title to Inter Milan.

However, with a top-five finish guaranteeing Champions League football Milan are 16 points ahead of sixth-placed Atalanta, who have six games left to play starting with Sunday's home clash with struggling Empoli.



Juventus' Federico Gatti (C) reacts during the match

A top-five place basically assured before kick-off, Milan had little to play for and host of absences following a stormy end to their painful loss in Monday's derby.

Pioli had a threadbare defence with Theo Hernandez, Davide Calabria -- both sent off late on in the derby -- and Fikayo Tomori all suspended, while Simon Kjaer and Pierre Kalulu was also unavailable.

To make matters worse Milan then lost France goalkeeper Mike Maignan to a hamstring problem suffered during the pre-match warm-up.

Leverkusen late heroics keep unbeaten streak alive, Kane hits two in Bayern win

AFP | Berlin

Robert Andrich scored with the last kick of the match to extend Bayer Leverkusen's unbeaten run to a 46th game this season with a 2-2 home draw against Stuttgart yesterday.

With Bundesliga champions Leverkusen facing their first loss of the season in any competition trailing 2-1 late in stoppage time, Andrich hammered in a loose ball to equalise in the sixth minute of stoppage time.



Bayer Leverkusen's German midfielder #08 Robert Andrich (R) celebrates scoring

The strike keeps Leverkusen's remarkable streak of late goals alive, with Xabi Alonso's side doing the same at Borussia Dortmund in the seventh minute of injury time for a 1-1 draw last week.

Two goals in the space of nine minutes to start the second half from Chris Fuehrich and Deniz Undav put Stuttgart on course, with Amine Adli pulling one back after 61 minutes.

Famed for late comeback heroics this season, Leverk-

usen built pressure but could not break through, putting their hopes of becoming the first team to go a full Bundesliga season without defeat in doubt.

The home side won a free kick and Florian Wirtz curled the ball into the box, Andrich snapping up a rebound to score.

Alonso's side have now won or equalised in stoppage time 10 times this season in all competitions.

Earlier yesterday, Harry Kane

scored twice in Bayern Munich's 2-1 win over Eintracht Frankfurt to set a new personal record for goals in a season.

Kane scored in each half, finishing off a tearing Konrad Laimer run and converting a penalty, to raise his league tally to 35 goals in 31 games.

Kane is now six goals shy of Robert Lewandowski's all-time single-season Bundesliga goals record and has hit a personal best of 42 goals in all competitions this campaign.

Fraser-McGurk shines as Delhi down Mumbai in IPL, Rajasthan near play-offs

Australian batsman smashes 84 off 27 deliveries as Delhi Capitals beat Mumbai Indians by 10 runs

● **Rajasthan Royals secure their eighth win in nine matches to strengthen playoff chances**

AFP | New Delhi

Australia's Jake Fraser-McGurk smashed 84 off 27 deliveries to fire Delhi Capitals to 257-4 and a 10-run win over Mumbai Indians in another IPL high-scorer yesterday.

In the second match of the day, skipper Sanju Samson hit an unbeaten 71 as Rajasthan Royals all but confirmed their play-off spot with a seven-wicket hammering of Lucknow Super Giants.

Delhi, at their home Arun Jaitley Stadium, posted their best-ever total in the T20 tournament, a day after Punjab Kings chased down a record target of 262.



Jake Fraser-McGurk of Delhi Capitals plays a shot

Scorecard

Delhi Capitals 257 for 4 (Fraser-McGurk 84, Stubbs 48*, Hope 41, Nabi 1-20) beat **Mumbai Indians 247 for 9** (Tilak 63, Hardik 46, Rasikh 3-34, Mukesh 3-59, Khaleel 2-45) by ten runs

Delhi's previous best was 231-4 in 2011 against Punjab Kings. This edition Sunrisers Hyderabad have twice smashed IPL records with totals of 277 and 287.

Bowlers kept five-time champions Mumbai down to 247-9 despite a valiant 32-ball 63 by Tilak Varma as Delhi boosted

Scorecard

Rajasthan Royals 199 for 3 (Samson 71*, Jurel 52*) beat **Lucknow Super Giants 196 for 5** (Rahul 76, Hooda 50, Sandeep 2-31) by seven wickets

their play-off hopes with five wins in 10 matches.

Fraser-McGurk, a 22-year-old Australian batsman who has taken his IPL debut season by storm with three half-centuries in five matches, started with two fours and a six off England pace bowler Luke Wood in a 19-run first over.

"That's my role, go out there and score as many as I can and get the team off to a nice start," Fraser-McGurk, who has a strike-rate of 237.50, said after his blitz.

The Australian kept up the charge to reach his fifty in 15 balls with a hit over the fence and put on 114 runs with open-

ing partner Abishek Porel, who hit 36.

Leg-spinner Piyush Chawla finally denied Fraser-McGurk, who went unsold in the auction before Delhi signed him as injury replacement, his century.

Samson power

There was no stopping Delhi as Shai Hope hit a 17-ball 41, skipper Rishabh Pant made 29 off 19 deliveries and Tristan Stubbs smashed an unbeaten 48 to pummel the opposition attack.

Mumbai, who have endured a tough season after Hardik Pandya replaced veteran Rohit Sharma as captain and has been booed across a number of venues, lost regular wickets.

Pandya hit 46 off 16 balls but it was a 70-run partnership between Varma and Tim David, who hit 37 off 17 balls that raised Mumbai's hopes, but Delhi kept calm.

David fell lbw to Mukesh Ku-

mar after a four and a six and Varma was run out at the start of the final over as Mumbai remained ninth.

Kumar and fellow medium-pace bowler and impact substitute Rasikh Salam took three wickets each.

In the evening match in Lucknow, the hosts posted 196-5 courtesy a 76 by skipper KL Rahul and his 115 run stand with Deepak Hooda, who made 50.

Lucknow lost two early wickets after New Zealand's left-arm quick Trent Boult bowled Quinton de Kock for eight and Sandeep Sharma bowled Marcus Stoinis for a duck.

Rahul and Hooda steadied the innings and then hit back but the effort was not enough as Dhruv Jurel, who hit 52, and Samson steered table-toppers Rajasthan home with one over to spare for their eighth win in nine matches.

Top four teams will qualify for the play-offs.



The bikers going full-throttle during the qualifying session of the Bahrain Motorcycle Championship at the Round 5 of National Race Day



Azam and Afridi help Pakistan down New Zealand to draw T20I series



Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi celebrates a wicket

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Scorecard

Pakistan 178 for 5 (Babar 69, Fakhar 43, Neesham 1-13) beat **New Zealand 169** (Seifert 52, Shaheen 4-30, Usama 2-21) by 9 runs

Skipper Babar Azam hit a solid half century while spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi grabbed four wickets as Pakistan overcame New Zealand by nine runs in the fifth and final Twenty20 international in Lahore yesterday.

Azam's 44-ball 69 and Fakhar Zaman's 33-ball 43 took Pakistan to 178-5 in their 20 overs before Shaheen claimed 4-30 to restrict New Zealand to 169 in 19.2 overs, squaring the series at 2-2.

But Pakistan's win only came in the final over with 12 needed as Josh Clarkson 38 not out threatened to pull off a heist, but two run outs in Mohammad Amir's over sealed the home win much to the delight of a full house at Gaddafi Stadium.

The first match of the series was abandoned while Pakistan clinched the second and New Zealand the third by identical seven-wicket margins -- all in Rawalpindi. New Zealand took the fourth match, also in Lahore, by four runs.

The series gave both the teams a kickstart to their preparations for the Twenty20 World Cup to be held in the United States and the West Indies in June.

While Pakistan would be disappointed not to have won a series against a depleted New Zealand side missing a host of players due to Indian Premier League, unavailability and injuries, the visitors got a boost from their bench strength.

Shaheen gave Pakistan an ideal start by dismissing Tom Blundell for four in his first over -- his 15th wicket in his opening over of a Twenty20 international -- and 50th in all T20 matches.

Tim Seifert put New Zealand back on track with an aggressive 33-ball 52 -- his ninth T20I half century containing seven boundaries and two sixes.

Nadal gains De Minaur revenge in Madrid

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Rafael Nadal avenged his defeat to Alex de Minaur from Barcelona with a 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 victory over the Australian yesterday to extend his stay in Madrid on his final appearance at his home tournament but admitted he still "needs time" to return to his competitive peak.

Nadal's farewell tour has pitted him against De Minaur twice in as many weeks but this time the result was reversed as the 22-time Grand Slam champion advanced to a third-round meeting with Argentina's Pedro Cachin.

In front of a capacity crowd that included the King of Spain, French football icon Zinedine Zidane, and Real Madrid winger Vinicius Junior, Nadal dug deep to dismiss the world number 11, despite admitting ahead of the tournament he was still struggling with numerous physical issues.

It was an impressive performance from the 37-year-old but he immediately dismissed the idea it was anywhere near his



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Australia's Alex De Minaur

vintage form.

"No, not yet. It needs time," said Nadal on court.

"I think for moments had been a good level of tennis, I've been able to do some positive things, but on and off. To play over two hours means a lot to me and the atmosphere here is just a joke.

"I really believe that tennis hasn't been an issue for the last

two years, more the physical issues. If I'm able to play weeks in a row, then I can see how competitive I can be. That's not the case yet. Just step by step and let's see how I recover."

Five-time Madrid champion Nadal inched ahead 2-0 early on but lost his advantage in controversial manner as chair umpire Fergus Murphy refused to let the Spaniard challenge a

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RAFAEL NADAL

ball from De Minaur that was incorrectly deemed in.

Murphy said that Nadal hadn't clearly indicated his intention to challenge while Nadal argued that he had completely stopped and circled the mark with his racquet, which he believed was enough to trigger a challenge.

Despite Nadal's protests, and his request to speak to the supervisor, Murphy would not relent and De Minaur's long ball was deemed in as the Australian went on to break back and draw level.