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Max Verstappen edges out Fernando Alonso to grab maiden Monaco pole with spectacular final lap | P12

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## HM King, HRH CP, PM congratulate Nepalese President



HM King  
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday congratulated the President of Nepal, Ram Chandra Poudel, on his country's National Day.

HM the King wished the Nepalese President continued good health and happiness on the national occasion.

In a similar statement, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, also congratulated Poudel.

HRH also congratulated the Prime Minister of Nepal, Pushpa Kamal Dahal.

## Tehran says Zelensky using Iran to gain West's support

Tehran, Iran

Iran struck back at Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday, saying his accusation the Islamic republic is arming Russia was an attempt to gain the West's military and financial support.

On Wednesday, during his daily speech, Zelensky said Tehran's "support for evil cannot be denied" and appealed directly to Iranians, asking: "Why do you want to be accomplices in Russian terror?"

In response, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Nassar Kanani said Zelensky's "repetition of false claims" against the Islamic republic was "in harmony with the propaganda and media war of the anti-Iranian axis".

"It is done with the aim of attracting as much military and financial aid from Western countries as possible," Kanani said.

Ukraine, he added, had "specific political goals and motives behind such accusations" and was "avoiding expert negotiations with the Iranian side to investigate the claims".

## Saudi team in Syria to discuss reopening of embassy

Al Arabiya

A Saudi technical team arrived in Syria yesterday to discuss the reopening of the Kingdom's embassy, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

The delegation headed by Ghazi bin Rafea al-Anzi, a ministry of foreign affairs' official, met with Syria's Assistant Foreign and Expatriates Minister Ayman Sousan at the headquarters of the foreign affairs ministry in the capital Damascus, the report added.



A view shows the exterior of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Damascus, Syria

During the meeting, al-Anzi thanked Sousan for the warm welcome and for facilitating the arrival procedure. Meanwhile, Sousan said the ministry was fully ready to offer all the support needed to facilitate the team's task. Last month, Saudi

Arabia and Syria agreed to resume diplomatic ties.

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan met with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Syria's Damascus on April 18. His visit came days after Syria's FM Faisal Mekdad visited the Kingdom.

On May 9, Saudi Arabia said that it will allow its diplomats to resume work in Damascus, more than a decade after withdrawing them over the Syrian civil war. Syria was reinstated in the Arab League after a 12-year suspension in May.

# Sudanese army asks UN to dismiss envoy

## Army Chief Burhan accused Perthes of bias

## He said Perthes presented a misleading picture "of consensus"

AFP | Khartoum

Sudan's army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan has accused UN special envoy Volker Perthes of stoking a brutal conflict with paramilitaries, the latest in a series of apparent moves to bolster his war effort.

United Nations chief Antonio Guterres said he was "shocked" by Burhan's letter, which requested "the nomination of a replacement" to Perthes and accused him of committing "fraud and disinformation" in facilitating a political process which broke down into six weeks of devastating urban warfare.

Burhan and his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who commands the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, were meant to meet for negotiations facilitated by the UN on April 15,



A man walks past a burnt out bank branch in southern Khartoum

the day they turned Khartoum into a war zone.

The meeting aimed to restore a transition to civilian rule disrupted since 2021 when Burhan and Daglo together seized power in a coup before falling out. As their feud worsened, the international community tried to get them to reach a deal on integration of Daglo's RSF into the regular army.

Since late last year Perthes and the UN mission in Sudan, which he heads, have been the target of

several protests by thousands of military and Islamist supporters who accused Perthes of "foreign intervention" and demanded his dismissal.

Similar protests have taken place in the eastern city of Port Sudan since the war started. Perthes had maintained his "optimism" and said the war took him "by surprise".

In the letter, Burhan accused Perthes of bias and of not respecting "national sovereignty." He said Perthes presented

a misleading picture "of consensus" in his reports to the UN, and "without these signs of encouragement, the rebel leader Daglo would not have launched his military operations".

It has never, however, been possible to verify who fired the first shots. The fighting across Sudan has killed more than 1,800 people, according to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project.



Perthes is currently in New York, where last Monday he briefed the Security Council on Sudan. He responded to those who "accuse the UN" by saying those responsible are "the two generals at war".

## Saqqara necropolis

# Egypt unveils ancient mummification workshops and tombs

AFP | Saqqara

Archaeologists in Egypt have unearthed two human and animal embalming workshops, as well as two tombs, discovered in the Saqqara necropolis south of Cairo, the government said yesterday.

The vast burial site, at the ancient Egyptian capital Memphis, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to more than a dozen pyramids, animal graves and old Coptic Christian monasteries.

Mostafa Waziri, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of



Visitors tour the site in the Saqqara necropolis south of Cairo, where archaeologists unearthed two human and animal embalming workshops, as well as two tombs

Antiquities, told reporters the embalming workshops, where humans and animals were mummified, "date back to the 30th dynasty" which reigned around

2,400 years ago.

Researchers "found several rooms equipped with stony beds where the deceased lay down for mummification", Egypt's

tourism and antiquities ministry said.

Each bed ended in gutters to facilitate the mummification process, with a collection of clay pots nearby to hold entrails and organs, as well as a collection of instruments and ritual vessels.

Early studies of the other workshop suggest it was used for the "mummification of sacred animals".

The discovery also includes the tombs of two priests dating back to the 24th and 14th centuries BC, respectively.

The first belonged to Ne He-

sut Ba, who served the fifth dynasty as the head of scribes and priest of the gods Horus and Maat.

The tomb walls are decorated with depictions of "daily life, agriculture and hunting scenes", said Mohamed Youssef, director of the Saqqara archaeological site. The second tomb, that of a priest named Men Kheber, was carved in rock and features depictions of the deceased himself on the tomb walls, as well as in a one-metre-long (three foot) alabaster statue, Youssef told reporters.

## Twitter quits EU disinformation code

Brussels, Belgium

Twitter has decided to leave the EU's disinformation code, a voluntary pact that groups together the major social platforms, but "its obligations remain," EU Industry Commissioner Thierry Breton tweeted yesterday.

Launched in 2018, the EU's code of practice on disinformation counts nearly three dozen signatories including the giants in the sector such as Meta, Google, Twitter, Microsoft and TikTok.

## Bahrain participates in 32nd session of UN Commission on Crime Prevention



TDT | Vienna

Brigadier Abdulaziz Al Rumaihi, the Director-General of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, headed Bahrain's delegation to the 32nd session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), which took place from May 19 to May 27.

He reviewed the Kingdom's crime prevention and criminal justice achievements, including implementing the Alternative Sanctions and Measures Law in 2018 as a project to promote criminal justice and human rights, along with the open prison programmes.



# Malavika Sureshkumar crowned Indian Club May Queen 2023



In pictures, the winners, the Indian Ambassador and his wife, officials and other contestants



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Malavika Sureshkumar was crowned yesterday as this year's Indian Club Beyon Money May Queen, following a fiercely contested competition involving 16 contestants of various nationalities. Alina Nathalie Mendonca secured the first runner-up position,

while Megha Shivakumar became the second runner-up. The event, which took place in the presence of Indian Ambassador Piyush Shrivastava, his wife Monika Srivastava and other dignitaries, also recognised Nayana Manoharan and Astral Cutinha as finalists.

Over 1,000 spectators took part in the event that spanned from Friday to the early hours of the following day. The show had various rounds, including the 'Theme Round' dance performance by all 16 contestants, followed by R&B Casual Round, Ethnic Round &

Party Wear Round. Malavika Sureshkumar, the May Queen 2023, received a cash prize of \$1600, along with gifts such as a Diamond Necklace, electronic gadgets, and sponsored gift hampers. The first and second runners-up were awarded cash prizes of \$1200 and \$700, respectively,

in addition to gift hampers. The two remaining finalists received a cash prize of \$250 each. Category award winners and all contestants received gift hampers. The evening also had captivating performances from professional artists and dance groups, including The Destiny Kings, Prismbliss, Rhythmic Dancers, Aurians, IMAC, Aura, Dazling stars, Srilankan Dance, and a live band by SF Collective.

Additional awards were presented in categories such as Best Smile, Best Walk, Best Hair-do, Audience Choice, and Theme Round.

# UN names Ahmed Ben Lassoued as Director in Manama



Ahmed Ben Lassoued  
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United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has named Ahmed Ben Lassoued of Tunisia as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Manama, a field office of the United Nations Department of Global Communications that provides service to Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. He assumed his new duties on 1 May 2023. Ben Lassoued has over 15 years of experience in communications and journalism. Since 18 January 2022, he has served as the Acting Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Manama. He joined the Department of Global Communications from the United Nations Development Coordination Office, where he provided communication support to United Nations country teams worldwide, including in Africa and the Arab region.

Previously, he worked with the United Nations in various development and humanitarian settings as well as for the Government of Tunisia and the media. Ben Lassoued has developed and implemented multimedia information campaigns and communications strategies, including crisis communications, and has built strong partnerships with United Nations agencies, governmental institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector. Ben Lassoued is a former student of contemporary philosophy (Magistère) at the Ecole Normale Supérieure. He also holds a research master's degree in history of philosophy from the Paris-Sorbonne University.



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) welcomed a delegation of US Congress staff, accompanied by representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the Protection and Grievances Centre. During the meeting, LMRA officials highlighted various key projects and initiatives, including the newly launched Labour Registration Programme, the Optional Insurance System for Domestic Workers, and the Wage Protection System. The officials also provided insights into the objectives and pivotal roles of the Protection and Grievances Centre, which stands as the first comprehensive and specialized facility of its kind in the Middle East. They emphasised its provision of counselling, legal services, and shelter for victims and potential victims of trafficking in persons. Additionally, the delegation received a briefing on the Regional Centre of Excellence and Capacity Building for Combating Trafficking in Persons, which offers a solid foundation of regionally recognized trainers in the field of combating human trafficking.

## WCA opens 'L'ame De Femme' painting exhibition at McIndeez Centre



Women Collective Artists (WCA) opened their first Painting Exhibition titled 'L'âme De Femme' at the McIndeez Centre in Mahooz, showcasing a collection of works created by women artists - housewives and professionals alike. Meaning the "Soul of Women", the expo displays 35 works of 23 women artists from various backgrounds and countries. Renowned Bahraini Artist Balqees Fakhro was the Chief Guest of yesterday's event. Joining her were Latha Unnikrishnan, the Director of The Daily Tribune and McIndeez, RJ Noor from the 973 Show, Blessy George from WCA and Sumithra Praveen, the Co-Founder of Women Across, as Guests of Honour. The exhibition, which continues its artistic journey until the 2nd of June, opens its doors from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily. Entry is free to the public.



# Staying cool this summer comes at a premium



Pool mania sweeps Kingdom as summer scorches escalating costs

- Demand exceeds capacity, says pool makers
  - Chemical costs rise alongside soaring pool demand
- Zahra Ayaz**  
TDT | Manama



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Summer is on the rise in the Kingdom, so is the demand for pools as people started eagerly searching for ways to keep themselves cool. This, however, has resulted in yet another challenge, especially for pool related service providers. Many say they are being flooded with orders than they could fulfil. Unsurprisingly, prices also

skyrocketed, impacting the cost of water treatment chemicals as well. When looked around, The Daily Tribune discovered that almost 50% of villas in the area are currently constructing swimming pools for their residents. Ajish Tom Thottapilly, the Director of Splash pools, confirms this growing pool trend, noting

that Bahrainis, in particular, prioritise pools due to their focus on health consciousness. He reveals that nearly half of all villas in the Kingdom now boast family pools. Despite this, Thottapilly informs The Daily Tribune that demand continues to soar, attributing it to the scorching summer heat. He believes that this time around the summer is going to

be unbearably hot in the Kingdom. “Still, not everyone would like to confine themselves in air-conditioned indoors the entire season. “Instead, I believe that many individuals will opt for the refreshing option of swimming in pools to naturally cool themselves off. Additionally, he emphasises that swimming offers numerous

health benefits. He further highlights that swimming is considered a low-impact activity that can effectively burn calories, estimating that it can help burn approximately 600 calories per hour. How to maintain a pool? Maintaining a pool poses a significant question for many pool owners. According to Thottapilly, maintaining a pool requires careful attention, which can vary based on its usage and specific needs. He elaborated: “Depending on the usage, the pool has to be cleaned three times a week. “During the cleaning process, it is important to thoroughly brush the walls of the pool, vacuum the pool floor, and meticulously clean the pump and skimmer baskets. Instead of completely chang-

ing the water in the pool, it is advisable to regularly test the water quality and make necessary adjustments by adding chemicals as needed. This approach helps maintain the balance and quality of the pool water without the need for frequent water replacement. However, experts also emphasize that pool owners should consider replacing the water when the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) level reaches 1400 or higher. This high TDS level indicates that the pool water has accumulated excessive dissolved substances, making it challenging for chemicals to effectively restore balance. In such cases, replacing the water becomes necessary to maintain optimal water quality. As they say, this is the time when the pool may need a fresh start.

# High appeals Court confirms 10-year jail for women involved in forced prostitution ring

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The High Appeals Court upheld a 10-year jail sentence awarded to two women for forcing another woman into the flesh trade through the use of violence. In the order passed, the Court also confirmed a BD2000 fine imposed on the convicts. Court files state that the two women used force, threats, and coercion to compel the victim to accept clients and kept almost all of the proceeds from the prostitution. Allegedly, they were charging BD10 to BD20 per client, which, according to the victim, continued for six consecutive days before she was rescued by the police. The ordeal came to an end only when the victim managed



Representative picture

to seek help and inform her embassy, who, in turn, alerted the police for a rescue mission. The police said they forced-

bly entered the apartment and found the women locked up in a room. The suspects were using the

apartment for prostitution and allegedly forced the victim into participating. According to the victim's

**Court files state that the two women used force, threats, and coercion to compel the victim to accept clients and kept almost all of the proceeds from the prostitution.** statement to prosecutors, she had a relationship with one of the suspects, who was aware of her dire financial situation. The suspect told her that if she came to Bahrain, she could earn money by working as a masseur, and that they could arrange the visa and air tickets. “Since I was desperate, I agreed and arrived in the Kingdom as they suggested,” the victim’s statement reads.

“They were also present at the airport to welcome and took me to an apartment, instructing to rest. “However, the next day their behaviour changed to threatening, and they demanded that I take in customers. Startled, the victim said,” She refused.” “Then they demanded that I immediately pay them BD1,800, claiming it was to cover my visa and travel expenses. “But I was helpless and had to comply. “For the next six consecutive days, many clients came, and I learned that they were charging BD10 or BD20 from each of them. “This continued until I got an opportunity to inform my situation to the embassy and the police,” she told prosecutors.



CAPTAINS CORNER

Decoding careers of millennials



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

At family gatherings these days, I am amused to hear an oft-repeated parental refrain when addressing children who have newly joined the workforce. Hesitantly, the parent or guardian will ask the new adult, “Err..what exactly it is that you are doing?” Most often the response will be in the form of a New Age career – I have met software writers for transportation companies (think Uber) and app designers, gamers who design exciting video games, consultants whose work revolves around helping companies to swiftly dismantle old projects and build teams and platforms for new ones, drawing up plans on whom to fire and whom to hire.

There are also millennials who work in short bursts – ‘gigs’ as they call them – and use their earnings to indulge in their special interests. They say that they don’t want to be chained in their youth to the 9-to-5 routine and office politics and would rather pursue their non-career goals.

All this is very confusing for us Baby Boomers – the generation born in the fifties and sixties, who were raised to chase the dream of the Board Room position and be dedicated to a high-flying career. But I guess the pandemic of 2020-21 taught us all to pause and take a deep introspective view of things. It taught us that there are different ways to reach the same goal and unless it is dishonest, no way is the wrong way.

Futurologists have predicted that by 2050, leisure and entertainment will rank higher than conventional careers in importance and take up more time in the lives of millennials. I can see that world taking shape before my eyes.

(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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Viral video of reckless driving: Bahraini man’s licence revoked, facing legal action

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A viral video clip showing a Bahraini man driving recklessly and causing accidents on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Street has caught the attention of local authorities.

Based on the video evidence, the General Directorate of Traffic has launched an investigation, ordering the cancellation of the suspect’s driving license and initiating legal proceedings.

The 22-year-old Bahraini national is facing charges of reckless driving and endangering his own life as well



Picture courtesy of AlAyam

as the lives of other road users. Additionally, the police have impounded the suspect’s vehicle. It has been reported that the suspect’s actions resulted in an accident involving two vehicles on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Street. However, it remains unclear if there were any injuries sustained by those involved. In an official statement, authorities affirmed, “After monitoring a video clip circulating on social media, the vehicle was stopped, the licence was revoked, and appropriate legal measures were taken.”



The General Traffic Department announced seizing several vehicles for transporting scarp materials without following road security and safety requirements. Officials said the vehicles and their drivers were found to be in clear violation of traffic laws and regulations, thus endangering the lives of fellow road users. The General Traffic Department has issued a strong appeal to all drivers, urging them to strictly adhere to traffic regulations and rules.

34-year-old drowns after falling off jet ski

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A 34-year-old man tragically lost his life after falling off a jet ski near Amwaj Island.

In a statement, the Coast Guard patrol said they retrieved the body of the deceased soon after receiving an alert.

Authorities have initiated an investigation into the incident to determine the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate event.



Two held for posing as police officers; stealing money and mobiles

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Police yesterday arrested two men on charges of posing as police officers and stealing from a residential apartment in Juffair.

According to police, the suspects, a 33 and 48 year old individuals, are accused of



stealing money and mobile phones from the premises. The suspects were arrested after police receiving a report on the burglary from the residents there. The Capital Governorate Police Directorate confirmed taking legal measures to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

Buyer loses BD18,000 as court cancels sale of car under protective custody

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In a surprising turn of events, a customer finds himself out of BD18,000 after unknowingly purchasing a car that was under the protective custody of the court. The buyer’s unfortunate realisation came when he attempted to change the vehicle’s registration, only to be met with rejection.

Authorities have confirmed that all assets belonging to the seller, including the car in question, had been frozen by the court

and were not eligible for transfer. Frustrated by this unexpected legal hurdle, the buyer decided to file a case in an attempt to have the restraint removed. However, the court delivered a blow to the buyer’s hopes, stating that it was his responsibility to thoroughly inspect the vehicle before making the purchase.

Furthermore, the court ruled that due to its protective custody status, the car could not be sold under any circumstances.



The Cyberspace Child Protection Unit has obtained membership in the International Task Force on Violent Crimes against Children of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The unit is affiliated with the General Directorate for Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security at the Ministry of Interior. Head of unit Fawaz Mohammed Ali took part in a special training programme for the concerned team, which was organised by the FBI over a period of 14 days in Maryland, Washington State.



# Gulf Air successfully concludes IATA operational safety audit

TDT | Manama

Gulf Air has successfully completed the internationally recognised, biennial International Air Transport Association (IATA) Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) and has been renewed the IOSA Safety Audit Registry until 5 May 2025. Gulf Air Chief Operating Officer Captain Suhail Ismail received the certificate on the airline's behalf.

The audit covers approximately 1,000 standards and recommended practices related to



Officials during a photocall on the occasion

the safety of operations, as well as to the maintenance, engineering and procedures of the airline.

Gulf Air Chief Executive Officer, Captain Waleed Al Alawi said, "This essential registration reaffirms the efficiency and safety of our operations as well as the quality of services we provide passengers, helping to maintain the trust they place in us."

This is the 10th IOSA audit Gulf Air has completed since 2005, in-line with IATA's two-year audit cycle.

# Iraq unveils \$17 bn transport project linking Europe, ME

- The project is known as the "Route of Development"
- Stretches 1,200 kilometres from the northern border with Turkey to the Gulf in the south

AFP | Baghdad

Iraq yesterday presented an ambitious plan to turn itself into a regional transportation hub by developing its road and rail infrastructure, linking Europe with the Middle East.

Once completed, the \$17 billion project known as the "Route of Development" would span the length of the country, stretching 1,200 kilometres (745 miles) from the northern border with Turkey to the Gulf in the south.

Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani announced the project during a conference



Iraqi Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani attending a meeting with transport ministry representatives in Baghdad

with transport ministry representatives from Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

"We see this project as a pillar of a sustainable non-oil economy, a link that serves Iraq's neighbours and the region, and a contribution to economic integration efforts," Sudani said.

While further discussions are required, any country that wishes "will be able to carry out part

corridor would allow Iraq to capitalise on its geographical position, with the aim of making the country a transportation hub for goods and people moving between the Gulf, Turkey and Europe.

Work has already started to increase capacity at the commercial port of Al-Faw, on the shores of the Gulf, where cargo is to be unloaded before it embarks on the new road and rail links. The project also includes the construction of around 15 train stations along the route, including in the major cities of Basra, Baghdad and Mosul, and up to the Turkish border.

Transport is a key sector in the global economy and Iraq's announcement is the latest in other planned international mega-projects, including China's "Belt and Road Initiative" announced in 2013 by its President Xi Jinping.

The planned works in that project would see 130 countries across Asia, Europe and Africa connected through land and sea infrastructure providing greater access to China.

# Delays at UK airports after e-gate failure



London's Heathrow Airport apologised for the e-gate disruption and said its teams are working to "help resolve the problem as quickly as possible". (The Straits Times)

AFP | London

UK airports were chaotic yesterday after glitches in the passport e-gate system held up people arriving in the country for hours.

It comes at a busy weekend with a bank holiday on Monday overlapping with a school holiday. Travellers said on social media they waited 12 hours as those eligible to use the e-gates had to have their passports checked by immigration officials instead.

A woman who landed at Heathrow early Saturday wrote: "Returning from Dubai overnight to this mother of queues. 'My plane landed at 6 am, there is still a sea of people in front of me, passport checks are being done manually.'"

London's two main airports -- Heathrow and Gatwick -- were among those affected.

Heathrow said it was "working closely with Border Force", which operates the e-gates, "to

help resolve the problem as quickly as possible" and has deployed additional staff.

The Home Office said the Border Force had "robust plans in place" to send its officers to help reduce wait times.

There are over 270 e-gates at 15 air and rail ports in the UK, according to the government, available to British nationals, EU citizens over the age of 12 as well as passport holders of several other countries, such as Australia and Canada.

On Saturday evening, the Home Office said the issue was resolved.

Following a technical border system fault which affected e-gate arrivals into the UK, we can confirm all e-gates are now operating as normal," it said. The delays come after the UK's British Airways airline cancelled dozens of flights through Heathrow airport over the course of Thursday and Friday following a knock-on technical issue.

# Race for US debt deal as talks go to the wire

Washington

Democrats and Republicans seemed within grasping distance yesterday of a deal to end the US debt ceiling standoff, with both sides playing hardball in the final race for an agreement to avert a potentially catastrophic default.

President Joe Biden gave the strongest sign yet on Friday night that the drama in Washington might be drawing to an end -- saying an agreement was "very close."

Talks ran into the early hours

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Members of Congress left for a 10-day recess at the start of the long Memorial Day weekend -- with Biden himself, to the consternation of some in his own party, spending the weekend at his Camp David retreat, then his home in Delaware.

of Saturday, but Democrats reportedly drew a red line at Republican demands for tougher work requirements in exchange for social aid that they say would kill party support for a deal.

Briefing reporters on Capitol Hill Saturday morning, Republican congressional leader Kevin McCarthy acknowledged negotiators "are not there yet" -- but said he was confident of meeting the critical June 5 deadline for a deal.

That is the day when, short

of an accord allowing it to keep borrowing, the US government says it will run out of money to pay its bills -- raising the prospect of a default that would likely trigger a recession and send shockwaves through the global economy.

"Yes," the House speaker said without hesitation, "I feel we can get there, I really do. I am an optimist."

"I feel closer to an agreement now than I did a long time before," McCarthy adding, saying: "Some things we just have to finish out."



Bahrain and China explored investment prospects in the oil and investment sector during talks yesterday between Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, the Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs and the Ambassador of China, Ni Ruchi. The meeting encompassed discussions on mutual concerns regarding energy, climate, and the environment, as well as strategies to enhance collaboration with Chinese companies. The Chinese ambassador praised Bahrain's advancements in different sectors and expressed well wishes for the Kingdom's continued success in its comprehensive development journey.

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Notice

Please be informed that the Minor Accidents Center in Salmabad will be relocated to Dana Mall in Sanabis Area on the ground floor (near Gate 3) effective Tuesday, 30th of May 2023.



QUOTE OF THE DAY  
UNLESS WE REMEMBER WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND  
E. M. FORSTER

TODAY IN HISTORY

585BC

Solar eclipse, as predicted by Greek philosopher Thales, while Lydians at war with the Medes leads to a truce. One of the cardinal dates from which other dates calculated

1431

Joan of Arc is accused of re-lapsing into heresy by donning male clothing again, providing justification for her execution

1588

King Philip II dispatches the Spanish Armada under the Duke of Medina-Sidonia from Lisbon, Portugal to invade England

1936

Alan Turing submits "On Computable Numbers" for publication, in which he set out the theoretical basis for modern computers

News in brief

Pope returns to work after taking day off with fever



◆ Pope Francis returned to work yesterday after taking a day off with a fever, the Vatican said, with the pontiff set to hold several private audiences. The 86-year-old, who was hospitalised with bronchitis nearly two months ago, had a full calendar of meetings lined up, it said. On Friday Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni had said the Argentine pope was not holding audiences "due to a feverish state". It was unclear who the pope had been expected to meet with, as his agenda was not made public. Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin blamed the pontiff's busy schedule, saying he was "tired".

◆ An avalanche killed at least 10 people in a remote area of northern Pakistan yesterday, officials said, adding that poor weather and limited accessibility were hampering rescue efforts. The avalanche, which also injured more than 10 people, happened near the Shounter Pass that connects the Gilgit-Baltistan region with Pakistan-administered Kashmir. "A group of around 35 nomads who were returning from Kashmir had set up camp close to a ravine," rescue official Subah Khan said.

Avalanche kills at least 10 in northern Pakistan



10 killed in new clashes in southern Chad



◆ Clashes between herders and farmers have killed at least 10 people in southern Chad, a region regularly troubled by such violence, a local governor said yesterday. The fertile border areas of Chad, Cameroon and Central African Republic have been gripped by confrontation between predominantly Muslim nomadic herders and sedentary farmers who are typically Christian or animist. Tensions are historically rooted in rivalry over land. The farmers often accuse the herders of letting their cattle trample their crops and

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

US state exonerates 12 'witches'



Witches and Warlocks shop at Wynnott's Wands, during Halloween  
AFP | New York

The US state of Connecticut has exonerated 12 people convicted of witchcraft in colonial America almost 400 years ago following a campaign to clear their names.

Eleven of the accused witches were hanged after trials in the northeastern state of Connecticut in the mid-1600s, with one receiving a reprieve.

Lawmakers in the New England state passed a resolution on Thursday proclaiming their innocence and condemning the deaths of the nine women and two men as a "miscarriage of justice".

It followed a campaign by the CT Witch Trial Exoneration Project, a group that includes descendants of some of those killed.

The group said in a statement that it was "ecstatic, pleased, and appreciative" of the senators who voted 33-1 in favor of the move.

They noted that the decision came on the eve of 376th anniversary of the first witch-hanging in New England -- that of Alice Young.

"We are grateful to descendants, advocates, historians, legislators of both parties and many others who made this official resolution possible,"



Hundreds of people, mostly women, were accused of witchcraft in New England in the 17th century -- most famously in Salem, Massachusetts -- as the area was gripped by fear, paranoia and superstition

said the statement.

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Dozens were ultimately executed.

The Connecticut witch trials occurred between 1647 to 1663, ending around 30 years before the Salem witch trials.

Some 34 people were indicted for witchcraft in Connecticut, according to the CT Witch Trial Exoneration Project.

# Hundreds of German civil servants to leave Russia

Hundreds working for Germany in Russia forced to quit, leave

Expulsions follow increasingly strained relations between Russia and Germany over Ukraine

AFP | Berlin

Hundreds of civil servants and local employees working for German institutions in Russia will need to leave the country or lose their jobs in the coming days following an order by Moscow, Germany's foreign ministry said yesterday.

Starting from June, Russia will slash the number of people that Germany can employ in its embassies or institutions in Russia in the education and cultural sectors, the ministry said.

Several hundred people are affected, including officials from the embassy and consulate, but mostly employees of the Goethe cultural institute in the country, German schools, nurseries and teachers working in Russian schools, it added.

Both German and local Russian employees are affected, the ministry said, without giving precise figures on each category of staff.

German employees will have to quit the country by June 1.

Russian employees should not be required to leave the country, but will lose their jobs since German institutions will no longer be able to employ them, the ministry said



The exterior view of the German embassy in Moscow

-- clarifying initial indications the locals would have to leave too.

The news was first revealed yesterday in the German newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung, which spoke of a "diplomatic declaration of war by Moscow" against Berlin.

"This is a unilateral, unjustified and incomprehensible decision," the German foreign ministry said in a statement.

A close economic partner with Russia before Moscow invaded Ukraine, Germany has since moved away from Moscow, financially and militarily supporting Kyiv in the conflict.

Since the onset of the conflict in Ukraine, Russian espionage in Germany has grown at a rate rarely equalled in recent years, according to German security services.

Expulsions

In mid-April, Germany expelled a number of Russian diplomats "to reduce the presence of intelligence services" which prompted a tit-for-tat response from Moscow which booted out some 20 German embassy staff.

The Russian foreign ministry in April set a ceiling for the number of German diplomats and representatives of public organisations allowed to stay in Russia or be employed by German institutions, the German foreign ministry said.

"This limit set by Russia from the beginning of June implies major cuts in all areas of (Germany's) presence in Russia," the ministry said.

German authorities have tried in recent weeks to get the Russian ministry to reverse its decision,



Russia and Germany used to share deep economic and cultural links, which have been strained in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

but without success, Sueddeutsche Zeitung said.

Berlin will aim to ensure "a real balance" in its response, the foreign ministry said.

In spring 2022, Germany already expelled some 40 Russian diplomats which Berlin believed to represent a threat to its security.

Before Moscow invaded Ukraine, Russia was Germany's main supplier of gas and a major supplier of oil. However Germany stopped supplies and has since become one of the biggest providers of arms and financial support to Ukraine in its war against Russia, souring relations which had been warming over decades.

Last October, the head of Germany's cybersecurity agency, Arne Schoenbohm, was fired after news reports revealed his proximity to a cybersecurity consultancy believed to have contacts with Russian intelligence services.



The last time officials confirmed the Shandong sailed through the Taiwan Strait was in March 2022, right before China's Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden held a phone call



Chinese aircraft carrier Shandong in Pacific Ocean waters

sage of the Shandong through the 180-kilometer-wide Taiwan Strait is unusual.

"A (People's Liberation Army Navy) flotilla of 3 ships, led by the Shangdong aircraft carrier, passed through the Taiwan Strait around noon today," the ministry said in a statement, referring to China's navy.

The flotilla went "to the west of the median line, heading northward," it added, referring to the unofficial border in the middle of the strait which separates the island from continental Asia.

## Animal rights activists 'rescue' lambs from farm on royal estate

AFP | London

Animal rights campaigners said they had "rescued" three lambs from slaughter on a farm on King Charles III's Sandringham estate in eastern England.

The Animal Rising activist group, which disrupted last month's Grand National steeplechase, said three of its mem-



Prince Philip visits the Dersingham Bog Nature Reserve on the royal Sandringham Estate (file photo)

bers had entered the grounds of Appleton Farm on the royal estate and taken the lambs.

It posted footage on social media, arguing that the animals would have been sent for slaughter.

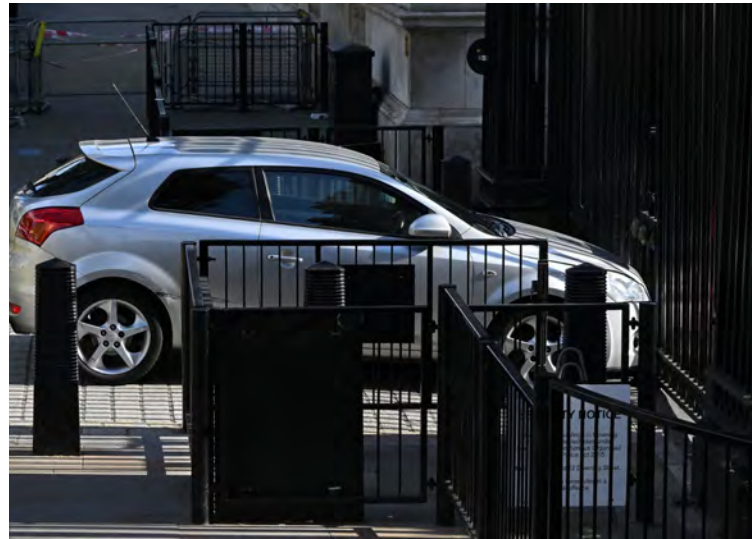
Three women -- named as Rosa, Rose and Sarah -- then turned themselves into police in Windsor, west of London, after posing for pictures outside

the town's royal castle holding protest placards. One read: "I rescued the king's sheep".

"They did this because rescuing animals from harm is the right thing to do," Animal Rising said on Twitter.

"These women have acted out of compassion and they stand by the belief that a jury of ordinary people will take the side of care and freedom.

## Man arrested over Downing Street crash charged with separate offence



A car that was driven into the gates of 10 Downing Street

London, United Kingdom

A man arrested after a car crashed into gates at Downing Street, the British prime minister's London complex, has been remanded in custody on unrelated "indecent images" charges, police said yesterday.

The 43-year-old was detained at the scene of the collision on Thursday on suspicion of criminal damage and dangerous driving and "has since been released under investigation in relation to this matter," London's Metropolitan Police said.

But he was charged with "an unrelated matter of making indecent images of children" and appeared at a London court on Saturday, police added.

He was remanded in custody until June 23.

Video footage on Thursday showed a silver car driving at low speed across London's Whitehall, where many government ministries are located, having emerged from a gated area next to the Ministry of Defence, opposite Downing Street.



10 Downing Street is the official residence of Britain's Prime Minister

It appeared to then mount the footpath and came to a halt after hitting the large metal gates that guard the entrance to Downing Street.

Police said there were no injuries reported and the incident is not being treated as "terror-related".

Inquiries into the incident are ongoing, police added.

## Man who opened Asiana plane door says he wanted out 'quickly'

AFP | Seoul

A man who opened an emergency exit on an Asiana Airlines flight in mid-air felt "suffocated" and wanted to get off quickly, South Korean police said yesterday.

The plane was carrying nearly 200 passengers as it approached the runway on Friday at Daegu International Airport, about 240 kilometres (149 miles) southeast of Seoul, on a domestic flight.

When the plane was around 200 meters (650 feet) above ground, the man who police said was in his 30s without providing further details, opened the exit door.

The passenger was taken in by Daegu police for questioning and told officers he had been "under stress after losing a job recently".

"He felt the flight was taking longer than it should have been and felt suffocated inside the cabin," a Daegu police detective told AFP.

"He wanted out quickly".

The passenger faces up to 10 years in prison for violating aviation safety laws.

A video clip shot by a nearby passenger showed wind ripping through the open door, with fabric seat-backs and passengers' hair flapping wildly as some people shouted in surprise.



An opened door of an Asiana Airlines plane is seen at Daegu International Airport

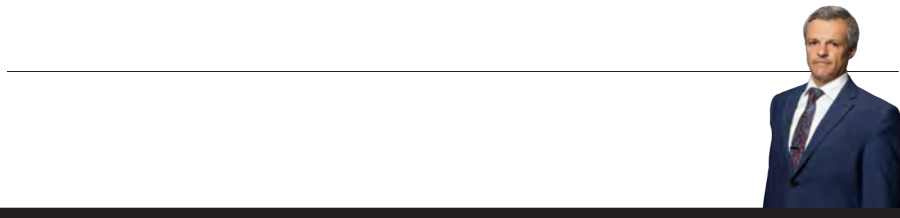


The passenger was taken in by Daegu police for questioning and told officers he had been "under stress after losing a job recently"

being buffeted by strong winds.

A dozen passengers were taken to hospital after experiencing breathing difficulties but there were no major injuries or damage, according to the transport ministry.

## Russia celebrates Victory Day



DR. ALEXEY SKOSYREV, RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

This month, on May 9, 2023, the entire Russian Federation, as well as Russian compatriots abroad and like-minded citizens all over the world, celebrated the Victory Day, commemorating the 78th anniversary of the defeat of the Nazis at the hands of the Soviet people and Allies. This holiday marks an extremely significant event which has defined the course of world history for decades to come, since it symbolizes the critical blow delivered to an inhumane totalitarian ideology of fascism infused by hatred towards others and lust for global dominance. The elimination of the fascist regime that sought to enslave and wipe

with our Bahraini friends.

For Russia, this day has special importance. Our forefathers have lost more than 27 million brothers and sisters in that war, more than 1 800 cities and an uncountable number of villages were leveled to the ground. The price of the Victory was enormous. Yet our people have prevailed, paving the way for a brighter and more peaceful future for their children and for the whole world. We are grateful to them and bear the memory of their bravery and courage in our hearts, passing it over generations.

Unfortunately, the immunity against Nazism, or the "brown plague" as we call it, has weakened considerably over the years. Several decades ago, when the falsification of history took roots, we witnessed with shock the first open celebrations of the veterans of SS and Wehrmacht in a number of European countries. Later, the practice of arbitrary arrests of those celebrating the Victory over Nazism with the respective symbols (like the St. George's Ribbon or the Victory Banner) was introduced there. By now, the disease has progressed to the point at which our soldiers once again have to engage in combat defending people from those worshipping Bandera, Shukhevych and other followers of Hitler, from those seeking to eradicate Russian cultural identity. Once again, our men have to burn German tanks and armored vehicles with "Iron Cross" symbols on their sides in the fields of Ukraine. Once again, our country is crushing this vicious movement, doing that not only for its own interests, but also for those of humanity as whole.

Disappointingly enough, our former Allies who took part in the struggle against the so-called Third Reich – first of all, the US, UK and France – have opted to side with the right-wing extremists represented by the regime in Kiev in a futile attempt to use them as a tool for the "containment" of Russia and, by extension, for the prevention of the emergence of a truly multi-polar world order, as it threatens their hegemonistic and colonialist ambitions. Similarly regrettable is that nations like Germany, Italy and Japan, despite having walked a long way in redeeming themselves after the crimes committed by them in the past, are supporting this madness.

Luckily, the majority of countries around the globe remain untouched by this anti-Russian fervor and show their resilience to the spores of the revived neo-Nazism, which is quite persuasively shown by their rejection of illegitimate sanctions and their support for the Russian-sponsored UNGA resolution on combating the glorification of the aforementioned ideology – support which we much appreciate

out entire ethnicities ushered us into a new era, with its founding principles having been enshrined in the UN Charter.

As it became clear soon, this new era appeared to be imperfect: it was prone to regional conflicts and brutal rivalry between the superpowers. Still, for almost eight decades it has been successfully preventing global wars, which, taking into account the development of the weapons of mass destruction, could have led to the literal destruction of our modern civilization. It has provided us with the United Nations Organization and the international law system – again, imperfect tools for the peaceful regulation of global affairs, yet the most effective ones our world has ever known. These achievements would not have been possible, if not for the concerted efforts made by the international community during that gruesome war and right after its end. And the Kingdom of Bahrain has contributed to this struggle (i.e., in the form of oil supplies for the Allies, donation campaigns etc), too. That is why it is particularly pleasant for us to share our joy of May 9 – the Victory Day

The tide of progress is irreversible, and our cause is just and fair. That is why we are confident that the wrongness of the path chosen by Western capitals in this crisis sooner or later will become evident to them. We hope that in the end, the sanity will return to the members of the Euro-Atlantic community, and instead of wargmongering they will embark on peacebuilding, using their control over the Ukrainian leadership to push it to negotiations, until it's too late.

Meanwhile, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate everyone on the Victory Day for one more time and extend my best wishes in this regard..



TOP 4 TWEETS

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I want the UK to be a science & tech superpower – @Google plays an important role in achieving that. So it was great to host @sundarpichai in Darlington yesterday. We discussed opportunities for global collaboration on safe AI development, which the UK is well-placed to lead UK  
@RishiSunak

02



Hold on to your horse Has the carousel of destiny spins ever faster  
@elonmusk

03



Our economy should be one that helps to fill up kitchen cabinets, not the pockets of the ultra-wealthy.  
@POTUS

04



The only way forward is sustainable re-growth, regeneration and reform. We can build a European Union that works for everyone.  
@EP\_President

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Kim Kardashian ‘exhausted’ over Kanye West divorce

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kim Kardashian feels “guilty” for feeling “exhausted” over her divorce from Kanye West. The 42-year-old reality superstar was married to rapper Kanye from 2014 until 2022 and has North, 10, Saint, seven, Chicago, five, and four-year-old Psalm with him but explained that while he has made several outlandish claims about her

on social media, she will not say anything “negative” and worried that she will be “stuck in this narrative” for the rest of her life. She told her mom Kris Jenner on the season premiere of ‘The Kardashians’ on Thursday: “I never say anything bad, I never say anything negative. If I say I’m exhausted, I feel guilty about that. I am exhausted! For once, can

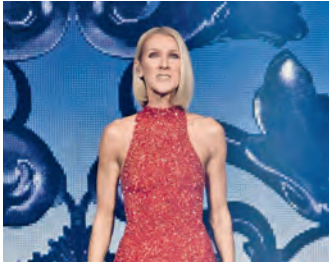
everyone just get their s\*\*\* together around me? ... I wanna have a bad day and I can’t.

“I can’t even be overwhelmed and have a bad day because no one else has theirs \* \* \* together. I feel bad, and I don’t know why I feel bad. And it’s like, I don’t know what to do, I don’t want to be a part of this nar-

rative. And it’s like, when is this ever gonna end? It never will ... I’m stuck with this for the rest of my life.” Kris pointed out to Kim that she is “under a lot of stress” and has the “weight of the world” on her shoulders before Kim noted in a confessional that she “doesn’t want to engage in a public feud” with her ex-husband. She said: “It’s just always so intense. I don’t want to engage in a public feud with him. I feel like I have to do something, especially when it involves other people and it hurts other people!”

Celine Dion cancels 2023-2024 shows over health

AFP | Paris



Celine Dion

Pop icon Celine Dion on Friday cancelled all her remaining shows scheduled for 2023-2024, saying she was not strong enough to tour as she battles a rare neurological disorder.

Last year the 55-year-old Canadian singer revealed that she was suffering from the rare medical condition that was affecting her singing.

“I’m so sorry to disappoint all of you once again... and even though it breaks my heart, it’s best that we cancel everything until I’m really ready to be back on stage,” the My Heart Will Go On singer tweeted.

“I’m not giving up... and I can’t wait to see you again!” she added.

A statement released by her

tour said: “With a sense of tremendous disappointment, Celine Dion’s Courage World Tour today announced the cancellation of all remaining dates currently on sale for 2023 and 2024.”

“I’m working really hard to build back my strength, but touring can be very difficult even when you’re 100%,” Dion said in her statement, which was also posted on Instagram.

Dion, one of the top women singers with an octave-busting voice, is the author of hits like “Because You Loved Me”, “My Heart Will Go On” and “Think Twice”

Tom Hanks receives Honorary Degree from Harvard



Tom Hanks holds a volleyball at Harvard

ANI | Massachusetts

Two-time Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks has received an honorary doctor of arts degree from Harvard University.

Hanks, 66, appeared at Harvard University to deliver a commencement address to graduating students in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Thursday, People reported.

The Ivy League school conferred an honorary doctorate of arts upon the actor as he joked that he had received the degree “without having done a lick of work, without having spent any time in class, without once walking into that library.”

“I don’t know much about Latin, I have no real passion for enzymes, and public global policy is something I scan in the newspaper just before I do the Wordle,” he joked to graduates as he spoke at Harvard Yard’s Tercentenary Theatre, before urging students to stand up against the “indifference of

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TOM HANKS

a people who have been made weary by struggle.”

“Indifference makes citizens into indentured servants held in labour by the despots and tyrants whose default setting is cynicism, who outlawed dissent and ban art and dialogue and books,” Hanks said, during a speech filled with references to Superman and other superheroes.

“Every day, every year, and for every graduating class, there is a choice to be made,” Hanks told the graduating class. “It’s the same option for all grown-ups who have to decide to be one of three types of Americans: those who embrace liberty and freedom for all, those who won’t or those who are indifferent. Only the first do the work of creating a more perfect union, a nation indivisible. The others get in the way.”

During Hanks’ appearance at the university, Harvard also gave him a Harvard-branded volleyball in reference to his 2000 movie Cast Away

Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz ‘less stressed’ now he’s not James Bond

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Rachel Weisz admitted life is “less stressful” for her and Daniel Craig now he is no longer James Bond.

The 53-year-old actress used to worry about her husband - who she married in 2011 - when he was starring in the action franchise because shooting the spy stories could be “very dangerous”, and though she is “very proud” of the work he did until he bowed out with 2021’s ‘No Time To Die’, they are both relieved he’s not putting himself at risk of injury anymore.

Asked if she is relieved Daniel is no longer Bond, Rachel told Emily Maitlis and Jon Sopel on ‘The News Agents’ podcast: “It was very dangerous. I mean, he got injured a lot because he did all his own stunts.

“So, the danger quotient has definitely gone down... It is a much less stressful time for him. I’m really proud of his time as Bond and I think he was really, really brilliant. But yeah, it’s much less stressful

now, for sure.”

The ‘Dead Ringers’ actress previously hit out at the idea of a woman taking over from Daniel as Bond.



Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz

She was quoted by the Daily Star newspaper saying about the concept of changing Bond’s gender: “Definitely not. That is a male character. That is written by a man for a man. No.”

The ‘About a Boy’ actress, 53, previously said women deserve to have their own stories and shouldn’t be pitted against their male counterparts.

Rachel told The Daily Telegraph: “Ian (Fleming – the creator of Bond) devoted an awful lot of time to writing this particular character, who is particularly male and relates in a particular way to women.

“Why not create your own story rather than jumping onto the shoulders and being compared to all those other male predecessors? Women are really fascinating and interesting and should get their own stories.”

Kanye West sued for 2m by Gap

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kanye West is being sued for \$2 million by Gap.

The ‘Gold Digger’ rapper pulled the plug on his partnership with the high street retailer last September after accusing them of not releasing his clothing line as promised, and not opening retail stores specifically designed to promote the collaboration, but now the company are taking legal action over one building that was used to sell the range.



Kanye West

According to documents obtained by TMZ, Gap want Kanye to be held financially responsible for any damages they may have to pay in a lawsuit they are facing from Art City Center, a company that owns

a building in Los Angeles that they leased as a storefront for the Yeezy collection.

Art City Center claim the building underwent various unapproved alterations during 2021 and 2022 and so are suing over the cost to restore the premises, but Gap want the 45-year-old rapper to foot the bill.

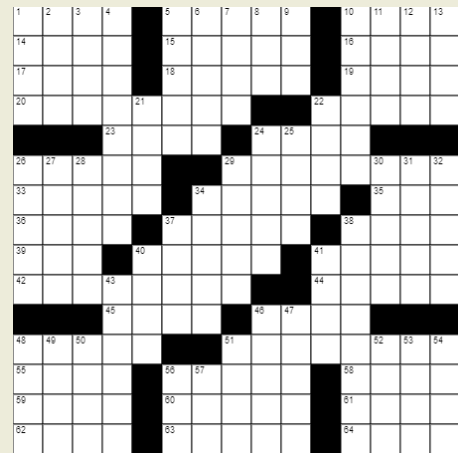
In their lawsuit, Gap argue the contract they had with Kanye called for them not to be held liable for any such claims and so they are seeking over \$2 million in damages, which covers the amount they think they will have to pay over the Yeezy store, plus legal costs.

Kanye ended his 10-year collaborative deal with Gap last September after failing they hadn’t properly fulfilled the terms of their agreement.

But before that, the ‘Bound 2’ hitmaker accused the firm of ripping off his ideas for their own designs.

He took to social media to share a message exchange with an unknown person, in which the texter had sent a link to a photo of a navy T-shirt with the Gap logo on the front along with the message: “This is Gap copying — YGEEB.”

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Across

1- Footless animal; 5- Follows orders; 10- Flat-fish; 14- Burt’s ex; 15- Actor’s parts; 16- Nabokov novel; 17- Requests; 18- Spring up; 19- Desktop image; 20- Witty reply; 22- Peace goddess; 23- Ale, e.g.; 24- Pearl Mosque city; 26- Ludwig and Jennings; 29- Glorify; 33- Adjust to zero; 34- Absurd; 35- Yank’s foe; 36- Not much; 37- Movie critic Roger; 38- Bar bills; 39- Ocean; 40- Enhance; 41- Unconventional; 42- Edible snail; 44- Body of salt water; 45- Vichysoise ingredient; 46- Social standing; 48- Falls short; 51- Sponger; 55- Buck follower; 56- Of sedate character; 58- Rime; 59- Computer list; 60- Doggie catcher; 61- Treater’s words; 62- 3:00; 63- Aquatic mammal; 64- Enlivens, with “up”;

Down

1- Chemical used on trees; 2- Prepare to be shot; 3- Peeling potatoes, perhaps; 4- Handicapped; 5- Emulate Cicero; 6- Tree insect; 7- Writer Wiesel; 8- Affirmative answer; 9- Wind dir.; 10- Helix; 11- Some time ago; 12- Hero; 13- Feminine ending; 21- Breather; 22- Dies; 24- I don’t give; 25- Lady’s man; 26- Rub out or remove from memory; 27- Doles (out); 28- Son of Abraham; 29- Lifeless; 30- Boiling; 31- Horselike African mammal; 32- Clampett player; 34- Apple product; 37- Barely beat; 38- Confectionery; 40- Mars, to the Greeks; 41- The last Mrs. Chaplin; 43- Full-scale; 46- Worker’s reward; 47- Passion; 48- Renown; 49- Scope; 50- Charged particles; 51- Gone by; 52- Actress Skye; 53- Pack firmly; 54- “ \_ Tu”: 1974 hit; 56- \_pitch softball; 57- Sylvester, to Tweety;

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## Replacing Busquets is key to Barca success next season: Xavi



Barcelona's coach Xavi (L) greets Sergio Busquets

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez said yesterday it was key for his side to replace the departing Sergio Busquets if they want to compete for silverware next season.

The 34-year-old pivot is leaving at the end of the season after making over 700 appearances for the club, winning three Champions Leagues and nine La Liga titles.

"We have to find this piece, if we want to compete well next year, we have to find it," Xavi told reporters ahead of Busquets' final home game, on Sunday against Real Mallorca in La Liga.

"For me it's fundamental as a coach. Busquets has been fundamental for us, and very important in winning the Spanish Super Cup and La Liga this year.

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important for us, on and off the pitch, is leaving, so we have to find a very important player to replace Busquets.

"For me, it's the key to competing next year."

Barcelona have been linked with several players, including Real Sociedad midfielder Martin Zubimendi, but the Catalans are still struggling financially and may be limited to cheaper options.

Along with Busquets, Jordi Alba is also leaving the club in the summer, and fans have sold out the clash with Mallorca to give them a warm farewell, as well as the stadium itself.

Sunday's match is the last to take place at Camp Nou before it is rebuilt, with Barcelona set to play in the city's Olympic stadium in Montjuic next season.

"Tomorrow (we are) saying goodbye to Camp Nou, which is a lot of years of history, passion, emotions, great games, it will be an emotional day," continued Xavi.

## Mumbai coach Boucher laments injuries after IPL exit

AFP | London

The loss of fast bowlers Jasprit Bumrah and Jofra Archer to injuries left a hole that was difficult to fill for Mumbai Indians, coach Mark Boucher said after his team's IPL exit.

The five-time winners went down to holders Gujarat Titans in the final playoff on Friday to bow out of the T20 competition they last won in 2020.

On a batting-friendly pitch in Ahmedabad, Mumbai's bowlers were at the receiving end of Shubman Gill's 60-ball 129 which powered Gujarat to 233-3.

South African Boucher, in his first season with Mumbai, said the replacement players offered their best efforts but were still not good enough for a place in the final.

"If you are losing out on your quality players, yes it's going to leave a hole," Boucher told reporters after his team's 62-run hammering.

"Not to put any blame on anyone, those things happen in sports, injuries happen in sports and you've got to deal with it."

He added: "I thought that the guys that we brought in, they did their best in a situation where they probably weren't selected upfront."

The side, skippered by Rohit Sharma, were aware Bumrah



Gujarat Titans' Mohammed Shami (C) watches as Mumbai Indians' Rohit Sharma (R) and teammate Suryakumar Yadav take a run

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**Mumbai bought Archer for \$1.06 million in last year's auction despite the speedster not being available for the whole season**

would miss the season as the yorker specialist underwent lower-back surgery in March and has been out of action since September last year.

But the team suffered a major

blow when England's Archer, who was recovering from an elbow injury, left for home after playing just five matches, to be replaced by fellow countryman Chris Jordan.

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### 'Stressful competition'

Boucher, regarded as one of the world's best wicketkeepers during his playing days, said Mumbai may have to replace some of the team down the line.

"Hopefully the guys can get over the injuries. If they can't, then we've got to look other places," said Boucher.

But he declined to point to

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individual names.

"There are so many things that we can talk about but for me to open up a can of worms now would be stupid," he said.

"I think it's time to just sit back, reflect a bit, take the emotion out of it and make some good, sound cricketing decisions once everything is calmed down and once we understand the future of certain individuals and where they are from a fitness perspective."

Mumbai won the tournament under Rohit in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020 but followed their last title with two bad seasons, including a bottom-place finish in the 10-team table last year.

They brought in Australian allrounder Cameron Green for \$2.11 million in the auction, making him tournament's second most expensive buy ever.

## Five-star Celtic sign off in style over Aberdeen

AFP | London

Celtic bounced back from a three-game winless run to thrash Aberdeen 5-0 yesterday on the day they lifted the Scottish Premiership trophy.

Kyogo Furuhashi and Oh Hyeon-gyu both scored twice as the Hoops warmed up for next weekend's Scottish Cup final, where they could complete a domestic treble against Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Celtic boss Ange Postecoglou has been linked with the vacant managerial post at Tottenham and his side showed why the Australian is in demand.



Celtic's players celebrate with the trophy

Postecoglou has won four of the five trophies available during his time at Celtic Park.

The Scottish champions were more like their old selves after

coming off the boil since sealing the title earlier this month.

"Champions again because of this incredible group of players," said Postecoglou.

"We've got one more to go (in the cup final) because we never stop."

Furuhashi produced two predatory finishes in the space of five first half minutes to put Celtic in command.

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# Musiala takes Bayern to 11th straight title after Dortmund held

Bayern win Bundesliga with last-gasp goal in dramatic season finale

● Dortmund's title dreams in tatters after shock home draw to Mainz

AFP | Berlin

Bayern Munich have won their 11th straight Bundesliga title, a 90th minute goal from Jamal Musiala sealing a late 2-1 win at Cologne after Borussia Dortmund were held 2-2 at home to Mainz.

With Bayern needing a win to overtake Dortmund, the England-raised Germany forward hammered home with the clock winding down, ensuring the Bavarians keep their grip on the title for another season.

Dortmund knew a win would guarantee a title, but were 2-0 down after just 25 minutes, with striker Sebastien Haller also having missed a penalty.

Dortmund scored two second half goals to draw the game but



Bayern Munich's German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer celebrates with the trophy

the point was not enough, Bayern winning the title on goal difference.

Heading into the final matchday, with Dortmund two clear atop the table, Bayern knew only a win would give them hope of a title, while hoping for a Dortmund collapse.

France forward Kingsley Coman struck after eight minutes

to set down the gauntlet to Dortmund, playing one hour to the north.

Despite a bright start, Dortmund soon found themselves behind 1-0 after 15 minutes, Andreas Hanche-Olsen tapping in from a corner.

Dortmund were handed a lifeline when Raphael Guerreiro was brought down in the box,

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Bayern finished on 71 points, ahead on goal difference from Dortmund

but Sebastien Haller failed to convert the penalty.

Mainz doubled their lead shortly after, Karim Onisiwo heading in from close range as the visitors began tearing up the home fans' script.

The home side, who had scored 15 goals in their past three home games, grew nervous and lacked potency in front of goal, while Mainz grew bullish and had several chances on the counter.

With time winding down, Guerreiro gave the home side

hope, scoring with 20 minutes remaining.

**Schalke relegated**

Word filtered around the ground that Cologne had equalised with ten minutes remaining, Dejan Ljubicic converting from the spot, but Musiala's strike again took Bayern atop the table.

Niklas Suele added another in the sixth minute of injury time, but Dortmund were unable to conjure the comeback which would have broken Bayern's hold on the German title.

One bright spot for the disappointed home side was that arch rivals Schalke were relegated, after a 4-2 loss at RB Leipzig.

Schalke had fought back to equalise from two goals down, but Leipzig scored twice in the final ten minutes to secure Schalke's fate.

Elsewhere, Union Berlin secured Champions League football for the first time with a 1-0 home win over Werder Bremen.

Union captain Rani Khedira scored a goal with nine minutes remaining, ensuring victory for the home side and keeping alive a remarkable fourth season in the top division.

Also on track for a first ever Champions League berth but needing Union to slip up, Freiburg lost 2-1 away at Frankfurt. Leading 1-0 after a Vincenzo Grifo strike, Freiburg conceded two goals in the last 10 minutes and will instead play Europa League next season.

Stuttgart's 1-1 draw at Hoffenheim means they finish third last, ensuring a shot at staying in the second division through the relegation playoff.

Bochum's 3-0 win at Leverkusen also ensures they will play top division football for another season, taking them from second last to the safety of 14th.

A ten-man Augsburg lost 2-0 at Borussia Moenchengladbach but will also stay up, having finished 15th.

Relegated Hertha Berlin won 2-1 away at Wolfsburg, denying the hosts a chance at leapfrogging Leverkusen into Europe.

## Haaland picks up Premier League player and young player prizes

AFP | London

Erling Haaland became the first man to win both Premier League player and young player of the year awards in the same season yesterday.

The 22-year-old has taken just 35 appearances to set a new Premier League record of 36 goals in a single season to help Manchester City retain the title.

"I am honoured to have become the first player to win both awards in the same season



Manchester City's Erling Haaland poses with the Premier League trophy

– thank you to everyone who voted for me," said Haaland in a City statement.

"It has been an incredible first season in the Premier League and lifting the trophy last weekend in front of our fans at the

Etihad was a very special moment for me."

The Norwegian, who was also named the football writers' player of the year this week, has scored 52 goals in all competitions as City close in on a treble.

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Pep Guardiola's men face Manchester United in the FA Cup final and Inter Milan in the Champions League final next month.

"These awards would not have been possible without my amazing teammates, the manager and all of the staff at the club who help me perform on the pitch," added Haaland.

"Now we have two more finals to go and we want to finish the season strong."



## Jarry downs Dimitrov to win Geneva final

AFP | Geneva

Outsider Nicolas Jarry beat Grigor Dimitrov in straight sets in the Geneva Open final yesterday to bounce into next week's French Open bolstered by a clay court title.

Chilean Jarry, the world number 54, beat Dimitrov 7-6 (7/1), 6-1 to claim only the third singles title of his career.

Bulgarian world number 33 Dimitrov was Jarry's third impressive scalp in three days at the Parc des Eaux-Vives.

He knocked out top seed and world number four Casper Ruud -- the 2021 and 2022 defending champion -- in the quarter-finals. The Chilean number one then beat Alexander Zverev in the semis.

"It was a very awesome week. Since the beginning my only mistake was one game against Casper," Jarry told reporters.



Nicolas Jarry in action

The 27-year-old will move to a career high ranking of number 35.

Former world number three Dimitrov missed the chance to claim his first title since winning the ATP Finals on his debut in 2017.

The 28-man Geneva tournament serves as a last-chance tune-up before the second Grand Slam of the year in Paris.

Jarry said heading to the Roland-Garros clay with the Geneva trophy "gives me a lot of confidence. I know what I have to do, and I have to grind a little bit more".

## ODI World Cup schedule during WTC final, says India's cricket chief

AFP | London

The dates and venues for this year's ODI World Cup in India will be revealed around the Test championship final, a top official said yesterday.

It remains unusual that a schedule has not been announced for the 50-over showpiece event expected to be held in October-November.

How to accommodate Pakistan remains the main cause of delay.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is looking to work out a plan to play arch-rivals and Asia Cup hosts Pakistan at a neutral venue in September.

Pakistan has threatened to boycott the World Cup in India if the cricketing powerhouse



BCCI secretary Jay Shah refuse to play the Asia Cup.

India and Australia will face-off for Test cricket's ultimate prize in the final between June 7-11 at the Oval, which is likely to be the venue of the World Cup announcement.

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JAY SHAH

ence during the ICC World Test Championship Final," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said in a statement after a meeting on the eve of the Indian Premier League final in Ahmedabad.

"The complete schedule for the tournament will also be re-

vealed," he said adding that they were looking at all the major cities as venues for the tournament, including Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata.

The fate of the Asia Cup is expected to be decided on the sidelines of the IPL final between Chennai Super Kings and holders Gujarat Titans.

Shah, who is also president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), has invited the cricket board presidents of Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka to the IPL final where they will discuss the tournament details.

"The future of the Asia Cup 2023 will be decided once we have a meeting with the ACC members (Test-playing nations) and the Associate nations," said Shah.

## French teen Fils claims first ATP title in Lyon

AFP | Lyon

French teenager Arthur Fils claimed his maiden ATP title in Lyon yesterday with a straight sets win over Argentine Francisco Cerundolo.

The 18-year-old Fils, ranked 112, won 6-3, 7-5 against his 28th-ranked opponent in one-hour 36-minutes to become the youngest champion in the tournament's history.

A finalist in the French Open juniors and doubles champion in Roland Garros in 2021, the youngster from outside Paris broke through having reached the semi-finals in Marseille and Montpellier this season.

"I will remember this forever," said Fils who took almost



Arthur Fils

three hours to win his semi-final in three sets the day before.

"I'm happy with the win and now I want more. It was a tough semi-final match. Today I came onto court with not lots of energy, but I was focused on my game and trying my best."

Fils sealed victory on his first match point against the fourth-seeded Argentine, collapsing in disbelief as the home crowd cheered.



# Verstappen claims first pole in Monaco

Max Verstappen edges out Fernando Alonso to grab maiden Monaco pole with spectacular final lap

● **Charles Leclerc third in Monte Carlo but may face grid penalty**

AFP | Monaco

**M**ax Verstappen delivered a spectacular late lap yesterday to claim his maiden Monaco Grand Prix pole position in a thrilling and dramatic qualifying session.

Red Bull's defending double world champion and series leader clawed back three-tenths of a second in the final sector to beat Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso and Charles Leclerc of Ferrari.

"We knew this was going to be a little bit of a struggle for us, here on this circuit," admitted the Dutchman. "In qualifying here, you need to go all out and risk it all."

Red Bull team boss Christian Horner described the lap as the "best of his career".

Verstappen's success with a best lap in one minute and 11.365 lifted him 0.084 seconds clear of Alonso, who said he had been driving "like an animal" and



Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen drives during the third practice session

pledged to fight for victory in Sunday's classic race.

"Tomorrow, we will try to win the race," he said. "It is a pity we couldn't take pole but Max was a little bit faster."

Local hero Leclerc, who had taken pole for the last two years, was downcast.

"I am not satisfied, not with P3," he said. "It was a very tricky qualifying and I struggled a lot with the car."

Verstappen's pole was the 23rd of his career and gives him

an opportunity to extend his lead in the title race ahead of Red Bull team-mate Sergio Perez, who won last year, but will start from the back of the grid after crashing out in Q1.

Esteban Ocon was fourth for Alpine ahead of Carlos Sainz in the second Ferrari, seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton in his revamped Mercedes and Pierre Gasly in the second Alpine.

## Perez crash

After dominating final prac-

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MAX VERSTAPPEN

tice, Red Bull were hot favourites to repeat that success as qualifying began under blue skies and a very warm sun providing an air temperature of 25 degrees with the track at 50.

Verstappen stamped his authority on proceedings with an early lap in 1:13.784, a tenth faster than Perez, who promptly crashed heavily at Sainte Devote.

Perez, considered the current 'king' of street track racing, lost control as he turned to climb the hill to Casino Square, sliding left into the barriers in a cloud of steel debris.

Initially, he appeared dazed by the impact, reporting "Guys, I've crashed" to the team before remaining in the car until, with some help, he climbed out

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Alex Albon briefly on top before Verstappen resumed normal service followed by Alonso's 1:12.886 -- only for the Dutchman to respond, two-tenths faster.

This late drama saw Hamilton survive as Williams' Logan Sargent, the Haas duo of Kevin Magnussen and Nico Hulkenberg and Guanyu Zhou of Alfa Romeo joined Perez in taking an early Q3 exit.

After that breathless drama, Verstappen led the way in Q2 and set the pace followed by Alonso and Russell with Ferrari struggling and Hamilton, who crashed and damaged his car in final practice, complaining about a problem with his right rear suspension.

As Hamilton fell to 11th, Norris smacked a wall at Tabac, after clipping the barriers, but made it back to the pits for repairs as a typical late effort lifted the seven-time champion to fifth.

Leclerc also recovered to take second while McLaren's Oscar Piastri, Nyck de Vries of Alpha Tauri, Albon, Stroll of Aston Martin and Bottas, in the second Alfa Romeo, missed the cut for the thrills of the top 10 shootout.

## Djokovic says 'part of me will leave' when Nadal quits

AFP | Paris

**N**ovak Djokovic admitted yesterday that when career-long rival Rafael Nadal retires next year "part of me will be leaving too".

Djokovic shares the all-time men's record of 22 Grand Slam titles with Nadal but can break that tie by winning the French Open for a third time.

Nadal, the 14-time champion in Paris, is sitting out Roland Garros with a hip injury. With his 37th birthday fast approaching, the Spaniard has admitted that 2024 will likely be his final year on tour.

"When he announced that he's going to have his last season of his career, I felt part of me is leaving with him too," said Djokovic.

"It made me think about my career and how long I'm going to play.

"I'm not going to make any announcement today, but just reflecting on it. I felt also a little bit emotional about what he was saying."

Djokovic holds a 30-29 career edge over Nadal but the Spanish star has been the superior force at Roland Garros with eight wins in the pair's 10 meetings.

"I don't like seeing him in the draw of Roland Garros, to be honest," added Djokovic.



Novak Djokovic trains on Court Suzanne Lenglen

**Should Djokovic add the 2023 French Open title, he will not only break the Grand Slam tie with Nadal in the men's record books but would also go level with Serena Williams's 23 and be just one short of the overall record for men and women in the sport -- the 24 Grand Slams held by Margaret Court**

"I have had not so much success against him in our head-to-head. I have managed to beat

him twice, but I had to leave my heart and my guts out on the court to achieve that."

## 'History on the line'

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He would also go level with Serena Williams's 23 and be just one short of the overall record for men and women in the sport -- the 24 Grand Slams held by Margaret Court.

"It's no secret that one of the main reasons I play today and compete in professional tennis is to try to break more records and make more history in tennis," said Djokovic.

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"That's extremely motivating and inspiring for me. History being on the line is something that is very flattering."

Despite his two titles at Roland Garros, Djokovic insists current world number one Carlos Alcaraz is favourite to add a maiden Paris crown to his US Open triumph.

The 20-year-old Spaniard, 16 years Djokovic's junior, has titles on clay in Buenos Aires, Madrid and Barcelona this spring.

By comparison, Djokovic failed to get beyond the last eight in any of his clay tournaments with his progress hampered by the recurrence of an elbow injury.

"He's No. 1 in the world, and he's a player that won big titles on clay this season. So right now he is the biggest favourite regardless of the fact that he has one Grand Slam and I have 22."

## Roglic assured of Giro title as Thomas cracks



Fans of Jumbo-Visma's Primoz Roglic, holding the flag of Slovenia, cheer as Bahraini Victorio's Jasha Sutterlin (C) competes

AFP | Milan

**P**rimoz Roglic of the Jumbo-Visma team won an uphill battle to virtually assure himself a Giro d'Italia title and earn some redemption for a meltdown in similar circumstances three years ago.

Roglic overtook overnight leader Geraint Thomas on an uphill individual time trial from Tarviso to Monte Lussari despite the horror of a late chain slip.

The penultimate day time trial has haunted the Slovenian since he lost the 2020 Tour de France in the same manner as Tadej Pogacar overtook and stormed to triumph.

Yesterday, Ineos Grenadiers leader Thomas was already trailing by 16 seconds when Roglic suffered a heart-stopping mechanical problem, which he dealt with only for team mechanics to waste time demanding he switch bikes.

Roglic held his nerve and powered up the steep final in-

cine engulfed by screaming fans waving Slovenian flags.

The three-time Vuelta a Espana winner even accelerated with everything he had to the finish line to finish on 44min 23sec.

Thomas needed to finish within 26 seconds to retain the lead but as he edged agonisingly over the final 400m it became clear that victory belonged to Roglic and the crowds on the mountain-top barely 20km from the Slovenian border appeared relieved.

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**Roglic accelerated with everything he had to the finish line to finish on 44min 23sec**

## New mum Svitolina wins first title since comeback in Strasbourg

AFP | Strasbourg

**F**ormer world number three Elina Svitolina completed a winning return from maternity leave yesterday by lifting her 17th WTA trophy in Strasbourg.

The Ukrainian, who returned



Elina Svitolina

to action last month after more than a year away, swept past Russian Anna Blinkova, 6-2, 6-3.

Blinkova, ranked 66, could find no way past an aggressive and determined Svitolina, who reclaimed the Strasbourg title

she won in 2020.

The 28-year-old Ukrainian, who fell to 508th in the world but benefits from a protected ranking, broke serve three times in the first set which she sealed with a ace in just over half an hour.