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Foreign Ministry summons Iraqi **Charge d'Affaires**

The Foreign Affairs Ministry summoned the Charge d'Affaires of the embassy of Iraq to Bahrain Muayyad Omar Abdul Rahman and informed him of

its regret and dissatisfaction with the repeated violations

Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al

Zayani informed the Ira-

of diplomatic norms. Foreign Affairs Minister

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Royal praise for BDF 'efficiency and capabilities'

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Tis Royal Highness Prince Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, praised the Bahrain Defence Force's efficiency and advanced capabilities, which continue to safeguard the Kingdom's security and sovereignty.

HRH Prince Salman also commended the BDF's vital role in supporting the Kingdom's ongoing development, and its active contribution, alongside allied forces, to upholding regional security and stability.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister was speaking BDF senior officers. as he, along with His Highness hosted yesterday a Ramadan Lieutenant-General Abdullah Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Kingdom, the Arab World, and attended the banquet.



HRH Prince Salman hosts a Ramadan iftar banquet for BDF senior officers

Lieutenant Commander Shai- Highness was received by the Al Nuaimi, and other senior month of Ramadan, His Roy- visor and Commander of the kh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Commander-in-Chief of the BDF officers. Al Khalifa and His Highness BDF, Field Marshal Shaikh Major Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khal- Prince Salman highlighted the mander in Chief and senior bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and a Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, ifa, the Minister of Defence, unwavering support of His BDF officers and wished the number of senior officials also

BDF Chief of Staff, Lieuten- mander, to the BDF. Upon arrival, His Royal ant-General Theyab bin Sagr

iftar banquet for a number of bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, the Al Khalifa, the Supreme Com- Islamic nations security and

On the occasion of the holy al Highness exchanged best Royal Guard, HH Major Gener-During the banquet, HiRH wishes with the BDF Com- al His Highness Shaikh Nasser

prosperity.

The National Security Ad-



US supports move to prosecute Putin for 'crime against peace' over war in Ukraine

AFP | Washington

he US yesterday threw support behind a special



Beth Van Schaack, the US will achieve comprehensive acambassador-at-large for glob- countability for the international criminal justice, said the US al crimes being committed in wanted the court to have in- Ukraine," she said.

qi Charge d'Affairs of the ministry's condemnation of his recent behaviour that does not comply with diplomatic protocols and his diplomatic duties as Charge d'Affaires of the embassy of Iraq in Bahrain.

Stage is set for Heritage Festival TDT | Manama

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m His}^{
m nder}$ the auspices of Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the annual Heritage Festival, in its 29th edition, will kick off on April 5 at the Souq Al Baraha in Diyar Al Muharraq. Organised by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), and supported by Souq Al Baraha, the festival will be open every night and run until April 8.

220 fils (includes VAT)



_ international tribunal to try Russia for "aggression" against Ukraine, building momentum to prosecute the crime for the first time since the aftermath of World War II.

The European Union has already advocated for a special tribunal, which could bring fresh charges against President Vladimir Putin and would be the latest legal salvo after the International Criminal Court

person said yesterday that the its neighbor. US would work with allies to

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky inspects the state border with Russia in Sumy region yesterday. (AFP)

for him over alleged war crimes. crime of aggression" over Rus- support – particularly from our A State Department spokes- sia's February 2022 invasion of partners in Europe - and ideally

(ICC) issued an arrest warrant set up a "special tribunal on the having significant international

"We envision such a court Europe."

ternational personnel and resources

"We believe an internation- tions with the ICC – has explicalised court that is rooted in itly supported a special tribunal Ukraine's judicial system, but on Ukraine. that also includes international elements, will provide the vember floated the idea of a triclearest path to establishing a bunal, which was backed fornew tribunal and maximising mally in January by a vote of the our chances of achieving mean- European Parliament. ingful accountability," she said in a speech on Monday at the known as a crime against peace,

ing with Ukraine and peace-lov- World War II and formed a baing countries around the world sis of the Nuremburg and Tokyo located in another country in to stand up, staff and resource trials of Nazi Germany and imsuch a tribunal in a way that perial Japan.

It was the first time that the US – which has fraught rela-

The European Union in No-

The crime of aggression, then Catholic University of America. was last prosecuted against a "We are committed to work- country in the aftermath of

Scepticism remains high

Israeli parties open talks on judiciary reforms

AFP | Jerusalem

▲ and opposition parties began preme Court and give politi- first dialogue meeting". judiciary reforms that sparked selection of judges. a general strike and mass pro-

over the negotiations on the the ruling coalition, Yesh Atid the face of a nationwide walk- bill" to allow time for dialogue, srael's far-right government curtail authority of the Su- – two centrist parties – for "a

creasing tensions that split ment in Jerusalem. President Isaac Herzog's of- the nation and raised concerns tests, in the country's most se- fice said yesterday evening that among the US and other allies, rupture among our people, I was sacking his defence minisvere domestic crisis in years. he was "currently meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Ne- have decided to pause the sec- ter who had called for the very Scepticism remained high the working teams representing tanyahu bowed to pressure in ond and third readings of the same step.

judicial overhaul that would and the National Unity Party" out on Monday which hit air- the prime minister said in a ports, hospitals and more, while broadcast. tens of thousands of reform optalks yesterday on controversial cians greater powers over the After three months of in- ponents rallied outside parlia- lative process marked a dramat-

The decision to halt the legisic U-turn for the premier, who "Out of a will to prevent a just a day earlier announced he

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Call to donate 'zakat' through digital platform Islamiyat App

Zahra Ayaz

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which allows users to pay the amount of zakat, donate to char- benefit from a variety of servic- service according to the Zubaity projects, and support the es and features through Islami- rah and Bahrain calendar, which the usual lists of mosques and dowments.

Zakat and Charity Fund. The "Zakat Calculation" service allows users to calculate the "annual calendar" feature, and pay the amount of zakat, which allows the users to navhe Islamiyat App intro- based on the daily gold price to duced by Information facilitate the calculation of the ing the year, month and day re- ers to know the time remaining ing the Islamiyat App as part and eGovernment Au- "nisab" amount for the user, and thority (IGA) features "Payment then choose the project and proof Zakat and Charities" service, ceed with the payment directly. The IGA invites the public to endar and the "Prayer Times"

yat App during the holy month. is approved by the Ministry of Quranic centres, a compass to igate through dates by selectquired to display prayer times for the specified date.

It also provides the Hijri cal- tion.

tive to the traditional calendar.

(Benefactor), in addition to and Islamic Affairs and En-

The application also includes Justice, Islamic Affairs and En- determine the direction of Qidowments, as an ideal alterna- bla, the Haj and Umrah service. The regulatory authority said Another feature enabling us- that it would continue updatfor prayer is also available on of the digital transformation the main page of the applica- strategy, in cooperation with all government agencies, in-Ramadan Majlis, Fael Khair cluding the Ministry of Justice

Bahrain-US virtual roundtable talks TDT | Manama

Industry and Commerce Minister Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro participated in the virtual roundtable organised by the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) in cooperation with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the US. During the meeting, the American Business Council was briefed on the latest efforts of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to enhance trade cooperation with the US and create more convergence between the Bahraini business community and the American business community to achieve bilateral goals.

Hospitals agreement



The Government Hospitals and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland-Bahrain (RCSI-Bahrain) have signed an agreement to boost cooperation between both sides. It was signed by the Government **Hospitals Chief Executive Officer Dr** Ahmed Mohammed Al Ansari and RCSI-Bahrain President Prof Sameer Al Atoum. The signing was attended by Board of Trustees Chairman of the Government Hospitals Shaikh Hesham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa and senior officials from both sides. The agreement aims to avail of the existent expertise and capabilities to further develop the health system and build health cadres in education, training and academic research.

Bahraini space engineer showcases firstof-its-kind innovation at UAE event

Julia Cassano

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 $\mathbf{B}_{\mathrm{Yaqoob\ Khaled\ showcased\ for\ the\ future\ within\ scientific}}^{\mathrm{ahraini\ space\ engineer\ ronments,\ and\ opens\ the\ door\ for\ the\ future\ within\ scientific}}$ a first-of-its-kind innovation at research and innovation. the 17th International Conference on Space Operations held in the UAE.

He presented a new material raini Space Team members that ics, human, earth-orbiting, and continuously supporting the im-

the nanosatellite industry. The material was a chemically modified glass fiber that is made to withstand harsh space envi-

The conference aimed to be a place where distinguished Space Science Agency (NSSA) for delegates explored all aspects of space mission operations, Space Team through various produced by him and his Bah- including areas such as robot- international conferences and

erations. In addition, the conference highlighted the latest technologies and opportunities in the sector, and how advanced space technologies can contribute to finding solutions for the future of humanity.

Khaled thanked the National showing support to the Bahrain has never been used before in deep space aspects of space op- portance of scientific research.



Bahrain-EU cooperation





Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received yesterday Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Kingdom of Bahrain, residing in Riyadh, Patrick Simonnet. They discussed cooperation between the European Union and Bahrain and ways of boosting it to serve common interests. They also discussed issues of common interest. The meeting was attended by Head of the European Affairs Sector at the Foreign Ministry, Ahmed Ibrahim Al Qureinis.

Joint inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted two joint inspection campaigns in the Capital Governorate and the Northern Governorate on several shops and work sites. The campaigns resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to report violations via the electronic form on the authority's website www.lmra.gov.bh or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.

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COURT STORY

Causeway traffic altercation leads to Gulf national death

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dispute over the right of Away on the King Fahd Causeway caused an altercation between two young Gulf nationals, ending in the death of one of them while the other was taken to the High Criminal Court on charges of manslaughter.

The court commenced preliminary hearings.

The Public Prosecution Office had been directed to contact the concerned authorities in Saudi Arabia to request the lifting of the defendant's travel ban so that he may attend the tim, which caused the latter to trial sessions. This request was hit the ground and die as a remade to the court by the defendant's attorney.

The victim and his brother Saudi Arabia. left Bahrain via the King Fahd Causeway on the morning of forensic report indicated that the incident with the intention the cause of death was compliof going back to their home cations resulting from the incountry.

between the victim and the their activity. defendant regarding the right of way, as the defendant over- the 24-year-old defendant took the victim's car, causing with manslaughter on Decemthe latter to crash into him ber 3, 2022, within the King from behind.

The victim then advanced partment by crashing into the and stopped in front of the victim with his car, causing defendant's car on the emer- the injuries described by the gency lane carrying a wooden forensic report.



plank. The defendant sped away, colliding with the vicsult of the injury. Meanwhile, the defendant set off towards

The victim's post-mortem jury affecting the main centers A traffic dispute occurred of the brain and terminating

Public Prosecution charged Fahd Causeway Security De-

'Gift of clear sight' project

Rotary Club of Adliya launches Ramadan initiative to collect essential eyeglasses for elderly

Julia Cassano

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or its Ramadan project, The Rotary Club of Adliya has joined forces with Optica, Dar UCO, and Seef Properties to raise environmental awareness and collect essential eyeglasses for the elderly from local day care centres.

Seema Ahmed, a member of the Rotary Club of Adliya, told The Daily Tribune: "This project is very dear to us as Rotarians since it not only complies with the spirit of giving during Ramadan but also fulfills Rotary International's objective to protect the environment. Rotary Club of Adliva is aiming to give back to the elderly communities in the Kingdom, as the elderly who are in need, can be a neglected part of society."

During the holy month, charity work is not only encouraged but it is crucial for societies and individuals to give back where they can and do their part, to raise awareness to various types of projects and issues.

Optica will be collecting, fil- Drop off box tering, cleaning, and providing eye tests and eyeglasses to the nating with other local elderly care centre, will also be coordi- of donated glasses.



Mariam Al Orrayed, of Optiback to the community, we are help is crucial.



delighted to collaborate with our partners to collect used eyewear and donate them to Dar UCO to help them see the world clearer."

During the entire month of Ramadan, eyeglasses that are no longer used can be dropped off at donation boxes located in Seef Mall (Manama, Muharraq and Isa Town) and Al Liwan (Hamala).

Donations of unused glasses will be the gift of clear sight for the elderly, which is greatly needed to provide the elderly with essential eyeglasses that elderly recipients in need. Addi- day care centres, to provide the ca, told The Daily Tribune: "As they may not have funds to actionally, Dar UCO, an elderly day names of 300 eligible recipients Optica's core values of giving quire which is why the public's

Asian man accused of forging driving license on trial

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The case of an Asian man He presented a driving li- charged with forgery. accused of forging a driv- cense issued in Saudi Arabia, During questionir Criminal Court.

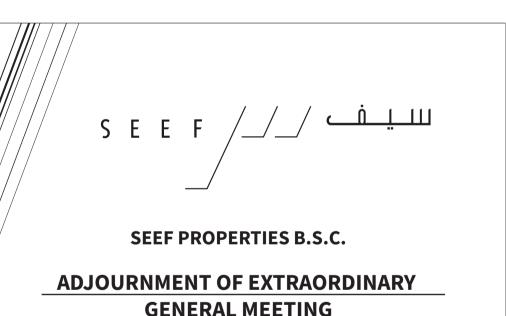
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eral Directorate of Traffic to authorities who replied that BD400.

obtain a Bahraini driving li- it was fake. As a result, the Asian man was arrested and

During questioning, the ing license from a GCC state requesting for it to be con- defendant claimed that he has been heard by the High verted into a Bahraini one. didn't know that it was fake, The license was issued to adding that he agreed with According to court files, the him, while the replacement someone to get the license accused headed to the Gen- license was sent to the Saudi issued for him after paying







Many tailors in the Kingdom are already refusing to accept Eid orders

Zahra Ayaz

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for Eid-ul-Fitr.

harraq closed their doors to any large volume of orders, many requests for tailoring dresses. tailors believe that this year's With the start of the holy Our sister paper, Al Ayam, turnout is exceptionally high month of Ramadan, the reported that demands for and many have stopped acmajority of men's tailors in the Eid tailoring had already cepting new orders since the Kingdom were seen overcharg- started to come in during the beginning of Ramadan. ing their visiting customers and month of Sha'ban as people Despite the fact that Japthey have since ceased taking flocked in advance to secure anese fabric and Kuwaiti new orders as demand surges a date for making the attire. clothing are the most popular,

Due to the abundance and types of cloth and embroi- to have their Eid dresses taiextremely high volume of re- dery used, the cost to tailor lored in white or beige, which quests they received over the a single outfit might range adds a distinct air of elegance.

previous five days, many mar- from BD14 or more. Due to a ketplaces in Manama and Mu- shortage of employees and a Our sister paper, Al Ayam, turnout is exceptionally high

Depending on the various the majority of locals prefer

Seef Properties B.S.C. would like to announce that its Extraordinary General Meeting did not convene on Tuesday 28 March 2023 due to lack of guorum, where only 58.44% of the shareholders attended either personally or via proxy. Accordingly, the aforementioned meeting will be adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 12:30 pm in person at Awal Ballroom- The Gulf Hotel in accordance with the same procedures previously announced.

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Illegal dumping woes

Household waste still being thrown on private property putting people's health at risk

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hile many private property is being exploited to dump waste, the garbage problem still continues within Manama.

The current situation, which presents a challenge for policymakers and puts citizens' health at risk, is caused by the growing population in the Kingdom.

At present, there is increasing pressure on all GCC countries to reduce waste and become more sustainable with growing emphasis on a circular economy.

Experts pointed out that waste per capita is increasing development. Data gathered within the past30 years have all revealed significant annual increases in residential, commercial, demolition, industrial and agriculture wastes.

vironmental concerns when tion with regard to gated comfacilitating waste disposal.



the Kingdom's generation of Household waste thrown in private plots in Um Al Hassam

with large scale infrastructure and a scarcity of waste disposal municipalities do place recysites, managing all the waste cling bins at specific points and being generated in a scientific they also inform the residents of manner is a highly challenging the facility. task for policymakers and municipalities in Bahrain.

Kai Mieting, a waste entrepreneur and environmental activist. living space. No one of those il-

He noted that "illegal waste where it seems acceptable. considering the impact of waste munities where they operate is dumping is a general problem management services and in the effort required to encourage worldwide, and usually not all another issue: the impact on sion 2030, National Energy Effithem to reduce their waste foot- residents are guilty. The blame is health and environment through With limited land available print by segregating the recycla- on people who throw trash care- illegal dumping as the emissions Land Policy.

bles. lessly on nearby private plots T h e just because they are too lazy to pare a National Waste Strategy go and look for garbage bins in according to a report. The strattheir areas."

> ment, nature, surroundings, and their own living space but else-

Mr.Kai had also highlighted



and smell could cause serious harm to humans, animals and

The Kingdom has recently commissioned experts to preegy is consistent with the waste He said it is everyone's respon- management hierarchy, resource sibility to care for our environ- recovery and conservation, and integrated sustainable waste management.

> This also aligned to other national plans and policies including the National Environmental Strategy, Bahrain Economic Viciency Action Plan, and National

Haniniyah region sewage network project completed

Julia Cassano

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The Ministry of Works has announced the completion of the construction of a sewage network at complex 910 in the Haniniyah region of the Southern governorate, in which 44 properties were delivered.

It was part of the Ministry's efforts to deliver sanitation services to different regions to ensure a healthy and safe environment for citizens and residents.

Included in the project is the extension of a 673-metre main line, the construction of nine inspection rooms, and a sewage pumping station.

Through plans as such, the Ministry aims to provide quality infrastructure services to enhance the living standards for all living in the Kingdom.

In addition, the project comes within the strategic plan laid out by the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Treatment as a basis for the planning, development, and expansion of networks and treatment systems in the Kingdom.

Bahrain aims to achieve greater sustainable development, accelerated urban development, and providing the best services to all residents and citizens in the country.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022			STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022		
Assets	31-Dec 2022 BD	31-Dec 2021 BD	Revenues	31-Dec 2022 BD	31-Dec 2021 BD
Furniture and equipment Intangible asset	2,286	2,667 4	Premiums		
Right-of-use assets	18,844	4 26,210	First year	999,017	2,711,738
Statutory deposits	707,955	704,095	Renewal	14,431,579	21,549,831
Investments	415,247,142	622,389,958	Single premium	22,297,646	23,883,073
Policy loans	4,769,176	5,072,639	Unit link premium	-	1,123
Reinsurance contracts receivable	167,980,991	11,922	Reinsurance ceded	(288,939)	(187,030)
Premiums receivable	886,145	1,272,500	Discount on commutation of premium	(39,347)	(255,218)
Term deposits with banks	90,923,980	116,143,699	•		. ,
Accrued interest income	10,363,249	9,525,703	Net insurance premium	37,399,956	47,703,517
Other assets	178,669	1,053,429	Claims incurred	(115,001,763)	(75,421,318)
Cash and cash equivalents	29,594,786	41,613,201	Claims recoverable from reinsurers	574,595	-
Total assets	720,673,227	797,816,027	Change in life insurance fund	44,902,633	(4,202,243)
Equity and liabilities			Net underwriting results	(32,124,579)	(31,920,044)
Equity			Realised income from investments	31,214,217	38,876,665
Share capital	65,439,300	65,439,300	Fair value loss on investments at FVTPL	(12,568,488)	(4,116,710)
Statutory reserve	7,771,644	7,771,644	Impairment of investments, net	(7,431,088)	(35,052)
Contingency fund reserve	232,192	228,580	Income from investments	11,214,641	34,724,903
nvestments fair value reserve	652,299	6,451,544			
Retained earnings Fotal equity	1,504,264 75,599,699	25,587,838 105,478,906		(20,909,938)	2,804,859
lotal equity	73,399,099	103,478,900	General and administrative expenses	(3,377,976)	(3,462,390)
Liabilities			Reinsurance fee	(350,848)	(0,+02,090)
Life insurance fund	637,946,637	683,516,346	Other income	566,385	765,788
Employees' end-of-service indemnity	29,969	36,094	(Loss)/profit before zakat and income tax	(24,072,377)	108,257
Amounts due to related parties	86,234	188,476	Zakat and income tax charge	• • • •	-
Zakat and tax provisions	300,010	300,010		(7,585)	(80,524)
Reinsurance contracts liabilities	80,154	110,980	(Loss)/profit after zakat and income tax	(24,079,962)	27,733
Claims payable	5,130,763	6,215,055	Other comprehensive (loss)/income to be		
_ease liabilities	20,740	28,127	reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Other liabilities	1,479,021	1,942,033	"Net change in fair value of available for sale investments		
Total liabilities	645,073,528	692,337,121	during the year"	(5,799,245)	395,469
Total equity and liabilities	720,673,227	797,816,027	Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	(5,799,245)	395,469
iotal equity and nabilities	120,013,221	/9/,010,02/	Total comprehensive(loss)/income for the year	(29,879,207)	423,202

Experts believe the main chal- was earlier contacted by The legal dumpers would dump it in Such factors pose major en- lenge in residential waste collec- Daily Tribune about the issue.

A Company incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain (C.R. No. - 21606) and licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a Life Insurance Company with paid-up capital of BD65,439,300. The financial information has been audited by M/s Grant Thornton Abdulaal. A copy of the report and financial Information will be available at the registered office of the Company. The financial information was approved by Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by :

Mr. Mangalam R. Kumar Chairman

Mr. Debashis Prasad Pattanaik **CEO & Executive Director**

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Antibiotics 'overuse and misuse'

One of 'greatest threats' to global health, according to development scientist

🗕 Dr Rama Krishna confirms over usage, over prescription of antibiotics

Julia Cassano

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ew data suggests that antibiotics may not help the survival of patients hospitalised with viral infections.

Usually, patients who are admitted to hospitals with acute viral infections are given antibiotics by their doctors or health care providers as a precaution against bacterial co-infection. However, new research suggests that giving antibiotics to people with common respiratory infec- ly Tribune, Dr Rama Krishna, tions is unlikely to lower the risk of death within 30 days.

unaware of the massive chaos prescribed antibiotics in some world." countries.



perbugs.

general surgeon and head of id pandemic, the fear factor in the coming years to effec-Antibiotic Stewardship program amongst the patients and their When the pandemic hit, gov- at American Mission Hospital, relatives increased tremendousernment officials as well as confirmed the over usage and ly. The rise of Covid inflicted doctors were unprepared and over prescription of antibiotics, panic amongst many, in fact, has been hit hard, and in the saying: "There is certainly an for simple viral upper respira- coming years when cultures that Covid-19 would bring to over prescription of antibiotics, tory infections in children, the are further examined across the the world, and at the height of and this is one of the main fac- parents were very insistent to globe by comparing pre-panthe pandemic, around 70 per tors for antibiotic stewardship prescribe an antibiotic, to en- demic cultures to now, this cent of Covid-19 patients were programs beginning all over the sure safety for their children."



There is certainly an over prescription of antibiotics, and this is one of the main factors for antibiotic stewardship programs beginning all over the world.

DR RAMA KRISHNA, GENERAL SURGEON AND HEAD OF ANTIBIOTIC STEWARD-SHIP PROGRAM AT AMERICAN MISSION HOSPITAL

Research says that this could doctor, when a patient is in a have potentially contributed critical condition, it is an alarmto the scourge of antibiotic-re- ing situation. And to ensure that scientist considers this one of sistant pathogens known as su- the patient's condition does not the greatest threats to global worsen, the doctor will usually When speaking to The Dai- prescribe a type of antibiotic.

"Especially during the Cov-

He, however, said that as a ic, parents were increasingly nence of resistance."

worried if their child became unwell, which would lead to a higher demand in parents to receive a prescription for their child.

He noted that currently in developing countries, many people are dying due to the resistant organism. "Many can contain a superbug that is resistant to all antibiotics and the doctors or intensive care specialists will prescribe two to three antibiotics at the highest dose hoping for improvement of the patient's condition to come.'

The research claims that the overuse and misuse of antibiotics has helped microbes become resistant to many treatments, and a development health.

Dr Krisha stated that further research must be conducted tively analyse the rate of the superbugs in patients' cultures. "Since Covid began, the world will lead to clearer evidence to Throughout the pandem- definitively discuss the promi-

New Philippine Chancery in Manama is inaugurated

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Undersecretary for Administration of the Philippines Department of Foreign Bahrain, to the present was Affairs, Antonio A. Morales, shown during the program led the unveiling of the Phil- that followed the unveiling ippine Embassy marker and ceremony. official inauguration of the Manama on 19 March.

The event was attended by in Bahrain, officials from the clients and operations. Ministry of Interior and the vate sector.

the history of the Philippine activities.

Diplomatic Mission in Bahrain covering the period 1992, when the Philippine Embassy was first established in

Ambassador-designate Anne new Philippine Chancery in Jalando-on Louis welcomed Undersecretary Morales and guests to the new Philippine Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chancery and thanked the Deofficials led by Ambassador partment of Foreign Affairs for Dr Mohamed Ali Bahzad, its support and assistance that Undersecretary for Consular enabled the Embassy to transfer and Administrative Affairs, to its new location that offers a the ASEAN Heads of Mission bigger space for the Embassy's

Undersecretary Morales not-Capital Governorate, members ed that the Embassy's transfer to of the Filipino community and its new Chancery means better representatives from the pri- delivery of services and even more efficient implementation A video presentation on of Post's various programs and



Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Acting Commander of the Royal Bahrain Naval Force, Rear Admiral Mohammed Ibrahim Al Binali. The Commander-in-Chief congratulated the Commander of the Royal Bahrain Naval Force on his appointment, wishing him success on his duties.



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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION **OF CASH DIVIDENDS FOR 2022**

The Board of Directors of Seef Properties B.S.C. is pleased to invite the shareholders whose names are registered in the Share Register as of the Record Date on Sunday 2 April 2023 to arrange a prior appointment with the Company's Share Registrar and Dividend Agent, Messrs. Bahrain Clear B.S.C.(C) through the Hotline indicated below or via the appointment booking application (Skiplino) to receive the cash dividends for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 from Sunday 16 April 2023. The shareholders shall carry with them on the date of the appointment their ID card, passport and original share certificates. For shareholders who have previously made arrangement for the transfer of dividends via bank transfer to their IBAN. the cash dividends shall be deposited directly into their bank accounts.

The Filipino Creatives Bahrain artists with Philippine School Bahrain teachers and students

Free art workshop organised for 26 **Philippine School Bahrain students**

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Philippine School Bahrain.

Trinidad and Ms. Jeah Valerio, Rogie B. Garan.

Philippine School alumnis, led the art workshop.

Bahrain artists was held on 24 ent to support the activity. They drawing. They taught the stu-March for the 26 students of were very much thankful to dents about the proper shad-PSB Admins and staff led by ing in shadowing. The second The students who attended Ms. Gydabelle Naval, Princi- session was about oil pastel, the free art workshop were pal, Ms. Ivy Simbala, HS Vice where the students were free from Grades 3 to 11. They were Principal, Jestoni M. Jasmin, to think of their own subject highly recommended by their Elementary Vice Principal, within the style of cubism. teachers being the gifted and Mr. Glenn D. Raz, Head of creative students of the school. Student Affairs, Ms. Liezl C. the students successfully pro-

Ms. Berna Carangan, Ms. Ester Student Activities and Mr. pieces as they applied the

The team held a workshop in two sessions, the first ses-An art workshop conducted The core group and officers sion was about the basic prin-by the Filipino Creatives of FilCreatives were also pres- ciples of graphite or pencil

At the end of the workshop, Filipino Creatives' artists Mercado, Coordinator for duced colourful and creative new techniques learned.

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Bahrain Flour Mills says aims production capacity rise by year end, holds AGM

Well-positioned to serve the Kingdom in the coming years: AlMatahin

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ahrain Flour Mills Company (Al-Matahin) said it is on track to complete the expansion of its mill by the end of this year.

The plans focus on increas- hin Management said during facturing technology, Al-Mata- yesterday.



Marwan Khaled Tabbara, the chairman of Al-Matahin, and other top officials during the AGM at Awal Ballroom, Gulf Hotel

The Board of Directors and the company's activities to en- Tribune, Marwan Khaled Tab-

ing the production capacity by its Annual General Meeting at Executive Management stated sure that it is well-positioned to bara, the chairman of Al-Mataadopting the latest flour manu- the Awal Ballroom Gulf Hotel that the objective of the expan- serve the Kingdom in the com- hin Company, said the expansion volume increased by 7%, and sion is to develop and broaden ing years. Speaking to The Daily works are currently ongoing at sales revenue increased by 11%.

the Mina Salman site, and the company is also exploring the possibility of establishing a new site that aligns with the Kingdom's vision for the next 20-30 years. Tabbara further added that the company is prepared to tackle any challenges that may arise in the industry and provide uninterrupted services to Bahrain.

"Whatever the challenges come to the industry we are ready to provide uninterrupted service to Bahrain."

Al-Matahin reported a net profit of BD 1,422,601, as sales

Gulf Air adds Goa to its destinations, witnesses strong demand, says CEO



Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava with top Gulf Air officials yesterday during the launch celebration of Goa route

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🔼 ulf Air yesterday celebrated 🛛 ficer Captain Waleed Al Alawi, 🛛 tourism, business and trade ex- time. " **U**the launch of Goa, India, as Bahrain Airport Company Chief change between the Kingdom its newest destination, which Executive Officer Mohammed of Bahrain and the Republic of a cake cutting ceremony and the airline said "have already Al Binfalah, and members the India." witnessing strong returns of this airline's executive management. favourite route." The launch was in the pres- Bahrain International Airport, come one of their most popular at Bahrain International ence of Piyush Srivastava, the Captain Al Alawi said: "Our destinations. "We trust that it Airport.

Ambassador of India to Bahrain, 9th Indian destination repre- will become one of our most Gulf Air Chief Executive Of- sents a qualitative addition to popular destinations in no

Alibaba to split into 6 groups, separate IPOs expected

Beijing, China

libaba announced yester-Aday hat it would split into six business groups in one of the most significant overhauls of a leading Chinese tech firm to date.

The Hangzhou-based firm is Staff members walking past the logo one of China's most prominent of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba tech giants, with business operations spanning cloud computing, e-commerce, logistics, media and entertainment, and units will be ceded to the new artificial intelligence.

Daniel Zhang, the company's chairman and CEO, said structure would bring greater in a statement that the restruc- market visibility to the value of turing would enable each separate business to pursue its own fundraising and public listing plans.

Alibaba said the moves were Kong, the firm said. intended to "unlock shareholder value and foster market structure", the reorganisation competitiveness".

each of the six newly estab- functions. lished units will be managed by its own CEO and board of unprecedented headwinds in directors.

A key exception to the re- posed tighter restrictions on structuring is Taobao Tmall the domestic tech industry. Commerce Group -- the opera- Combined revenue at Chitor of one of China's top online na's internet companies shrank purchasing platforms -- which by just over one percent to 1.46 will remain wholly owned by trillion yuan (\$212 billion) in Alibaba Group. Zhang will remain in his almost a decade, according to post as CEO of the company, data from the Ministry of Inalthough day-to-day opera- dustry and Information Techtions of the individual business nology.



at its headquarters in Hangzhou, in China's eastern Zhejiang province.

management bodies.

The company said the new its diverse business operations. These changes will not affect Alibaba shares currently listed in New York and Hong

Aiming for a more "nimble will also involve cuts to the Under the new arrangement, firm's middle and back office

The internet giant has faced recent years as Beijing has im-

He also expressed confi- cially designed Goan menu at During the celebration held at dence that it will quickly be- Gulf Air's Falcon Gold Lounge

The celebration included guests were treated to a spe2022, the first contraction in

Seef Properties AGM approves BD 3.68 million cash dividends

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 $\mathbf{S}^{ ext{eef Properties' shareholders}}_{ ext{have approved recommen-}}$ dations to distribute cash dividends of 8%, equivalent to BD 3.68 million (8 fils per share), during the Ordinary Annual General Meeting held yesterday at Awal Ballroom.

The meeting was presided over by Seef Properties' Chairman, Essa Mohamed Najibi, and attended by Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf, and Board Members.

In addition to the approval of the financial results for 2022, allocation of BD 170,000 in support of charitable and community causes.



shareholders also approved the Seef Properties officials during Ordinary Annual General Meeting held yesterday at Awal Ballroom.

Seef Properties' net profit at- 2022 was reported at BD 6.20 increase compared to BD 5.02 m per share attributable to share- our work fields across the Kingtributable to shareholders for million, representing a 23.46% in the previous year. Earnings holders of the parent amounted dom."

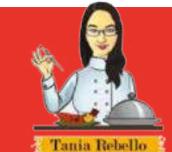
to 13.47 fils, compared to 10.91 fils a year ago. Operating profit also rose by 16.69% to BD 11.98 m from BD 10.26 m in the year-ago period.

During the meeting, Seef Properties Chairman, Mr. Najibi, described the opening of 'Yabeela,' one of the largest projects of Seef Entertainment at Al Liwan, in 2022 as a milestone and a significant source of income, which will have a great impact on enhancing the company's revenues in the coming years.

He added, "We will continue to move steadily towards realising further financial and operational achievements to lead

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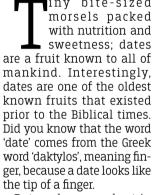
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A Date With Dates

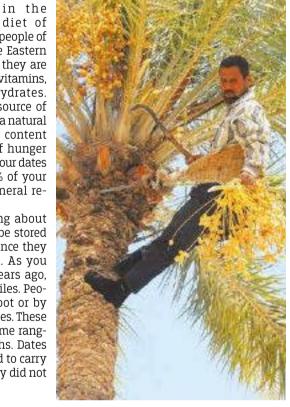


Date palms grow best in Mediterranean region. Dates were first known to be cultivated in the fertile land between Egypt and Mesopotamia over 5,000 years ago. Unlike several other trees, date palms can grow in hot and dry conditions. This superfood has been a staple

people of the Middle Eastern iny bite-sized region for centuries as they are bursting with essential vitamins, minerals and carbohydrates. They are also a good source of iron and can be used as a natural sweetener. Their fiber content helps you to get rid of hunger pangs within minutes. Four dates can give you up to 15% of your daily vitamin and mineral requirement.

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The fascinating thing about dates is that they can be stored for indefinite periods once they are plucked and dried. As you know, thousands of years ago, there were no automobiles. People had to travel on foot or by camels, donkeys or horses. These journeys took a long time ranging from days to months. Dates were a trustworthy food to carry on long journeys as they did not spoil.



Egypt is the highest producer of dates with approximately 15 million tonnes produced per year while Saudi Arabia ranks second with over 7 million tonnes. Bahrain produces 13,000 tonnes and is gearing up to produce more.

There are over 200 varieties of dates that are grown in different parts of the world. Although each variety looks different, their nutritional value is the same. Today, this delicious bite of goodness has gained popularity in the Western world due to its nutritional content and sweet attributes. Thousands of delicious preparations have been created using dates. One common and rather easy way of enjoying dates is by stuffing them with nuts and coating them in chocolate. For the more adventurous home cooks, sticky toffee pudding is a lovely dessert that everyone can enjoy.

So, which recipe are you going to attempt?



CHOCOLATE DATES

Ingredients:

- 10 Medjool dates
- 10 teaspoons peanut butter
- 10 whole pecans
- 3/4 cup melted dark chocolate
- Sea salt flakes
- Dried rose petals

Instructions:

- Using a knife, gently pierce a Medjool date (do not cut it in half) and remove the pit.
- Fill the date with 1 teaspoon of peanut butter.
- Insert 1 whole pecan and close the date.
- Dip it in chocolate and transfer it to a parchment-lined sheet. Then top it with dried rose petals (or sea salt flakes).
- Repeat the above steps for the rest of the dates.
- Let them chill for 20-30 minutes. Pecan chocolate dates are ready. Enjoy!

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

Ingredients:

PUDDINGS

- 50 g Medjool dates, pits removed
- 60 ml boiling water
- 125 g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1⁄4 tsp fine sea salt





The iconic Ramadan Tent of Bahrain returns with buffets and live stations of oriental and worldwide cuisines for a culinary feast.

New for this year, the Premium Experience brings full table-waited service with elegant tableware, Chef's recommended menu, and a dedicated Four Seasons Butler.

- ¹/₄ tsp ground ginger
- 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
- 50 g unsalted butter, softened
- 60 g coconut sugar
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 ½ tbsp molasses
- 60 ml milk, room temperature

Instructions:

Puddings

Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F) and liberally grease 4 bundtlette tins with butter.

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Roughly chop the dates and place them in a small bowl. Cover with the boiling water and let soak for 20 minutes while you make the batter.

TOFFEE SAUCE

50 g unsalted butter

50 g coconut sugar

1/2 tbsp molasses

• 150 ml double cream

½ tsp pure vanilla extract

- In another bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, ginger, and nutmeg. Set aside.
- Add the butter and coconut sugar to a large bowl and cream together using a hand mixer • until pale and fluffy.
- Crack in the egg and drizzle in the molasses. Beat again to combine.
- Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and beat together until smooth. Turn the • mixer down to low and slowly drizzle in the milk until incorporated.
- Mash the dates into the water to create a chunky puree. Add the puree to the batter and mix together just until combined.
- Divide the batter evenly between the 4 tins. Gently wiggle the pans side-to-side to level them and then place the tins on a baking tray. Bake the puddings for 18-22 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow them to rest while you make the toffee sauce.

Toffee Sauce

- Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the coconut sugar, molasses, cream, and vanilla and whisk well to combine.
- Bring the sauce up to the boil, whisking constantly, and allow to boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat.
- Using caution, turn out the hot puddings onto serving plates and pour the hot toffee sauce over top. Serve immediately topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or custard.

Live music during Ghabga, entertainment for kids, and special prices for groups of 30 and above are available.

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Baharat Mahya Ramadan

A Taste of Turkish Tradition and Cuisine

he rich culture and heritage of Türkiye has awestruck people from all over the world. The fascinating history and landmarks of this beautiful country draws scores of tourists every year, thousands from Bahrain. "Mahya" is the tradition of displaying devotional messages on a string of lights from the soaring minarets of the Ottoman-era mosques. This tradition is unique to Turkiye and dates back hundreds of years. Baharat, located at Le Meridien Hotel, has transformed its dining space into a mesmerising Turkish haven bursting with Turkish décor elements and unique culinary delights.

The greeters welcomed me into the beautifully designed eatery. The blue tile design on the walls reminded me of the Hagia Sophia, while light blue ceiling lamps with tassels were reminiscent of Fez/ Tarboosh, a Turkish hat. In keeping with the spirit of Ramadan, they have flown in a 3-piece band from Turkiye to play sooth-



ing stringed instruments. I began with a glass of water and a stride through the restaurant to feast my eyes on the beautiful food display while the aroma filled my senses. A selection of dry fruits were placed on each table to break the fast.

After a glass of cool and refreshing qamar-el-din, a drink made from apricot fruit leather, I plated up some appetisers and salads. I am quite fussy with salads but the salads at Baharat are truly

tasteful. Among a selection of the colorful variety of salads were a few salads and appetisers that I had never seen before. I decided to go with my regular choices-Mutabel, babaganoush and dolma. The chef introduced me to a variety of Turkish salads, two of which I need to highlight. Havuc Tarator is a carrot and yoghurt dip topped with dill, walnuts and drizzled with carrot oil. The carrots were sweet and the dip was creamy from the addition of



yoghurt. Walnuts gave it crunch and dill provided a pop of color. The next dip was köpoğlu which is a medley of eggplant and bell peppers accompanied by labneh, cherry tomatoes and slivers of radish as a garnish. The vegetables were soft and combined nicely with labneh for a fresh and creamy bite.

Baharat has a Turkish oven and they make the most delightful pides in the country. When you visit Baharat, do not forget to order a pide. They have tasty topping combinations such as labneh with zaatar, pepperoni and cheese, labneh with honey, and much more. I

ordered a pepperoni and cheese pide while enjoying my appetisers. Pides cooked in a traditional Turkish oven are irresistible as cooking in high temperatures gives them a striking flavor and texture. After all, who can say no to freshly baked bread?

For the main course, I chose to start with grilled meat. I must say that Baharat has some of the best grilled meats that one can find. They ensure that the softness and juiciness of the meats are maintained during grilling. I relished chunky lamb chops, meat tikka and shish tawook. They also serve shawarma, tacos and pasta at the live counters. The shawarma meat was tasty and several add-ins were available for guests to create shawarmas according to their preferences.

At the carving counter, they had grilled sirloin, hamour and roast chicken. Hamour was smeared with a delicious paste containing coriander, garlic and chilly prior to grilling. Hamour is a fish that needs flavour enhancers and this







The dessert spread was as lavish

Baharat Mahya Ramadan

Le MERIDIEN ITY CENTRE BAHRAIN سيتي سنتر البحرين

Baharat offers a glimpse of Turkish Ramadan tradition from its décor highlighting the Blue Mosque and other religious landmarks, including live entertainerment from Turkiye, performing during for iftar and ghabga.

IFTAR from sunset to 8:30 pm BHD 21.5 net for adults, BHD 10 net for kids 6 to 12 years and kids below 6 years dine for free GHABGA for BHD 14.5 net for adults, served from 9:00 pm to 2:00 am

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is exactly what the brilliant chefs did. The fish was tender and the garlic, chilly and coriander paste was the perfect addition. Other dishes on display included traditional lamb ouzi with tender whole lamb and glossy rice. The inclusion of a mixture of split chickpeas, onions that was cooked with spices as a garnish, took the eggplant shining through the rich Arabic sweets such as bakhlaouzi to a new level.

I was directed to try a Turkish in green curry was also a hit with main dish called Hunkar Begenmany guests plating up more than di consisting of lamb cooked in a single helping. tomato sauce. The lamb was layered over a mixture of mashed as the other counters. The beaueggplant and cheese. It was very tifully displayed desserts were well balanced with the flavour of eye-catching. A vast selection of



tomato and lamb topping. Prawns va, basboosa, kunafa and umm ali were available. I also spotted other familiar desserts such as sticky toffee pudding, mango mousse, cheesecake, panna cotta and many more. They had Dondurma Turkish ice cream and everyone was ensuring that they got a taste of the slightly chewy vanilla ice cream. The chew comes from mastic which is a resin that is added to give the ice cream a slightly gummy texture. I truly enjoyed it just like everyone else. The mango mousse was scrumptious and light with fresh, ripe mango topping. Mango lovers must try this dessert.

> If you are looking to spend the evening enjoying a lovely iftar or ghabga with friends or family, visit Baharat to relish tasty Turkish and Arabic cuisine. Their hospitable staff and delectable food will entice you to return.





Marvellous Iftar At Masaya Pavilion

A review of the Ramadan tent at the Ritz-Carlton

he spirit of Ramadan at the Ritz-Carlton is felt immediately as you walk through the beautifully lit entrance of the Masaya Pavilion. After a series of greetings with big smiles, guests were directed into the Ramadan tent.

As I entered, the center of attraction was a beautiful structure representing the Tree of Life, ornamented with lanterns. Silky, flowy ceiling drapes gave the venue a tent-like ambience. Hues of purple were reflected across the softly lit seating space.

Sometimes the small details are often the most delightful. The wired tree structures with fairy lights that adorned each tastefully decorated table, made the golden tea flask glisten. After admiring the décor, I headed to the buffet. A wide selection of traditional iftar starters were available. Fatayer, samosas, spring rolls, kibbeh and mini chicken shawarmas too. The starter that made my taste buds happy was meat arayes. Crispy flat bread stuffed with a tasty mixture of minced lamb, onions, tomato, garlic, seasonings and fresh herbs. The filling

was generous too. The salad counter had a variety of mix mezza as well as a mix of salads from all over the world. A whole range of meticulously prepared sushi was also available. The bread station had artisan bread that fascinated everyone. Delightful soups made for a good start to the iftar meal and guests were seen lining up for their bowl of soup.

They have an assortment of Bahraini mixed grills such as their



the filling had a combination of prawns, ginger and spring onion.

I headed to the carving station where they had displayed whole ribeye, whole roast chicken, grilled hamour and brisket. Being a meat lover, I decided to try small portions of each of them. The ribeye was cooked until pink in the center and guests could choose

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Asian style noodles with shrimp were tasty. I had to try the pepperoni pizza and it was delicious! The pizza base was the right amount of thickness, topped with a generous quantity of cheese and toppings.

Other delicacies on display included a wide variety of traditional Ramadan dishes including ouzi, lamb tagine with couscous, beef harees, grilled seabass with tahini, parsley and mint sauce, moussaka, chicken madrooba to name a few.

The desert table was a jaw-dropping spectacle on its own. Conical thermocol trees were studded with dates and meringues. Several breathtaking sweet treats were presented and each of them deserved a medal for how gorgeous they looked. We were all drawn to this beautiful spread like magnets.

The cheesecake was light and creamy. Halawat el jibn is the h a v e best Arabic dessert here and piece grilled fur- the first time I tried this delicate

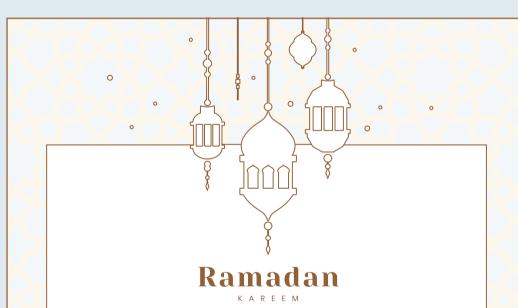
At a brief encounter with Chef Yann Bernard Lejard- Director of Culinary and F&B at the Ritz-Carlton, he explained that perfectly chewy yet soft with the hotel focuses on supporting local farmers and suppliers. Their recent farmer's market was a huge success and they developed strong connections with various farmers and local artisans. Their supply of date ice cream for the Ramadan tent

comes from a local supplier. The date ice cream was smooth, creamy and sweet.

After a wonderful iftar, I sipped on a cup of green tea. All I could think of was how amazing the overall experience was. The iftar / ghabga spread at the Ritz-Carlton is very extensive and includes everyone's favorites without compromising on quality. They also deliver the

delicacies for you to enjoy at the comfort of your home. This makes entertaining easier. Focus on making memories and worry less about the food.

The Masaya Pavilion is perfect for a glamorous evening out with family, friends and for entertaining clients too. Live entertainment is available during ghabga to complete the experience.





prawns, lamb kebabs, meat tikka, lamb chops. Each of them were tender and exuded aromas and enchanting flavours from the use of spices. Chicken tikka was juicy and the tinge of cumin and fennel was pleasing. I am very particular about how meats are salted and they need to be seasoned properly. The chefs at the Ritz-Carlton ensured this with each preparation.

The prawn dim sums looked inviting. Two sauces were served alongside. The dumpling wrappers were smooth, supple and

shish tawook, grilled jumbo ther to their preferred doneness. Tender ribeye with flakey sea salt and chimichurri sauce was a fabulous bite. The chicken was beautifully roasted and this was evident from its golden, crispy skin. I often choose a leg or thigh from a roasted chicken, as these parts tend to be moist in spite of being cooked for long in an oven. A hint of thyme, salt and pepper made for a traditional and tasty roast chicken that combined well with rosemary-roasted potatoes.

Grilled hamour had a spice blend atop it that intensified the delicate flavour of the fish.

dessert was at the Ritz-Carlton's iftar several years ago. They also had Arabic sweets such as kunafa and umm ali for those with a more Arabian palate although some of these desserts are favorite of everyone alike. Tartlets and pastries beautified the dessert counter.

I was informed that the chefs were preparing two interesting ice cream flavors so I had to taste them. I tasted the black lemon ice cream and the zaatar icecream as well. I liked the zaatar icecream as it had a fresh flavor and a beautiful green color.

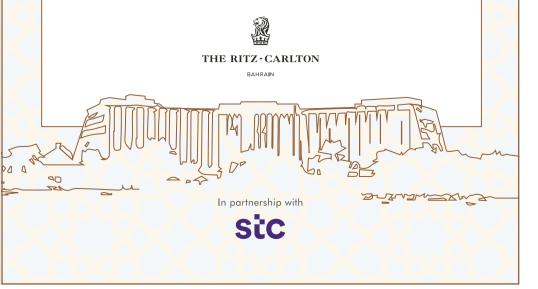
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News in brief

• Germany is planning to boost its military aid spending for Ukraine, a member of the parliamentary budget committee said yesterday. Some 12 billion euros (\$12.9 billion) more in spending is due to be approved by the committee, with the funds to go towards military help for Kyiv as well as replenishing stocks of equipment already sent to Ukraine. The Germany army, or Bundeswehr, will be able to begin spending the cash this year, with further funds also earmarked for the coming years. It was unclear how the sum would be allocated as well as the precise time frame

covered by the spending. The sum would dwarf the three billion euros spent so far by Berlin on military aid for Kyiv. The committee will specifically vote on Wednesday on replenishing stocks of Panzerhaubitze 2000s sent to Ukraine, the source said

Russia said yesterday it had downed in Ukraine a long-distance • rocket-propelled bomb recently supplied to Kyiv by the United States -- a weapon

Russia says downed **US-supplied long**range bomb in Ukraine

seen as vital for a planned Ukrainian counter-offensive. "Air defence (forces) downed... a GLSDB guided rocket," the defence ministry said in a statement, referring to ground launched small diameter bombs produced by Boeing and the Saab Group. These devices have a range of up to 150 kilometres (93 miles), which would threaten Russian positions and supply depots

far behind the front lines. The Pentagon in February announced it was providing Ukraine with GLSDBs as part of a \$2.2 billion arms package

• **Conservationists in Bangladesh** said Tuesday that tourists dropping rubbish in the world's largest mangrove forest had seriously damaged the ecosystem, forcing the imposition of a single-use plastic ban in the World

Heritage site. The Sundarbans forest straddles the Bangladeshi coastline and is home to some of the world's rarest creatures, including the Bengal tiger and the Irrawaddy dolphin. Some 200,000 tourists visit each year, according to government figures, on top of seasonal visits by fishermen and harvesters of



wild honey who depend on the ecosystem's bounties. "When they visit the forest, they bring in disposable water bottles, one-time use plastic food plates, soft-drink bottles and cans," Abu Naser Mohsin Hossain, a government forest conservator, told AFP. "It is tough to clean up," he added.

At least 39 migrants dead in Mexico detention center fire

• A fire started by migrants believed to be protesting against their expected deportation killed at least 39 people at a Mexican immigration detention center near the US border, authorities said yesterday. The blaze broke out shortly before

midnight at the National Migration Institute (INM) facility in Ciudad Juarez, prompting the mobilization of firefighters and dozens of ambulances. The migrants started the blaze themselves as a demonstration, apparently after learning that they would be deported, President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said. "They put mats at the door of the shelter and set them on fire as a protest, and did not imagine that it would cause this terrible tragedy," he told reporters.

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Italy moves to ban lab-grown meat

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Ttaly's government is expect-Led to approve a ban on the



Pilgrim bus crash in Saudi kills 20

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AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

bus ferrying pilgrims to the Aholy city of Mecca burst into flames after a collision on a bridge on Monday, killing 20 people and injuring more than two dozen others, Saudi state media reported.

The incident in the southern province of Asir highlights persistent challenges to safely transporting worshippers to Mecca and Medina.

It comes during the first week of Ramadan, a busy time for umrah pilgrimages, and just months before millions of Muslims are expected to make the annual hajj pilgrimage

"According to preliminary information we have now received, the number of deaths in this accident reached 20, and the total number of injuries was approximately 29," the state-affiliated Al-Ekhbariya channel reported.

It said the victims had "dif-

not mention them or provide a paper Okaz said the accident caught fire". breakdown. The channel said the bus had brakes.

"car trouble", without speci-

resulted from an issue with the

ferent nationalities" but did fying, while the private news- with a bridge, overturned and be the burnt-out shell of the bus.

Footage broadcast on Al-Ekhbariya showed a reporter stand-The vehicle "then collided ing in front of what appeared to

Junta dissolves Suu Kyi party

The scene of the bus crash that killed at least 20 people (Courtesy of AlArabiya News)

Out of 90 existing parties only 50 had applied to re-register under the new rules

Suu Kyi cofounded the NLD in 1988, and won a landslide victory in 1990 elections

Yangon, Myanmar

yanmar's jun-ta-stacked election commission yesterday announced Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party would be dissolved Democracy (NLD) office in Yangon for failing to re-register under The military justified its Feb- re-register under the new rules, ruary 2021 coup with unsub- state broadcaster MRTV said. imated in the junta's bloody stantiated claims of widespread The rest would be dissolved crackdown on dissent, with one fraud in 2020 elections won by the NLD, ending a 10-year demothe country into turmoil. In January, it gave political parties two months to re-register under a strict new electoral



A banner featuring Aung San Suu Kyi is displayed as protesters take part in a demonstration against the military coup in front of the National League for

a tough new military-drafted free nor fair. Out of 90 existing itary-backed parties in elections electoral law, state media said. parties only 50 had applied to in 2015 and 2020.

at least 100,000 party members within 90 days of registration being granted and open offices in at least half of the country's townships within 180 days.

Those unable to do so will "lose their status" as a political party. The rules give no details on how those numbers would be verified across the crisis-racked country, where the military is struggling to crush resistance to its coup and rights groups accuse it of massive intimidation.

The military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party had applied to re-register, according to a junta statement.



use of laboratory-produced meat in food and animal feed, in an effort to protect the country's "agri-food heritage", Reuters reported citing a draft bill.

The bill, subject to approval at a cabinet meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. (1500 GMT), prohibits Italian industries from producing food or feed "from cell cultures or tissues derived from vertebrate animals". The law does not apply to products made or sold in other parts of factories. Producers could the European Union, Turkey, also lose their right to public or the European Economic Area (EEA).

tration, led by Giorgia Melo- Rome to prevent non-convenni, has promised to shield the tional food from being served country's food from technological innovations that are Meloni announced that the perceived as harmful. The ag- government was preparing a riculture ministry has been series of decrees to introduce renamed the "ministry for agri- information labels on products culture and food sovereignty". containing or derived from in-Minister Francesco Lollobrigida, a close ally of Meloni, ar- on the use of cricket flour. gues that laboratory products at risk.

(\$65,000) and the closure of multinational companies".



A butcher cuts meat at a meat shop in the Ballaro market in downtown Palermo, Italy

funding for up to three years. This is not the only initiative of Italy's nationalist adminis- the right-wing government in on Italian tables. Last week, sects, in response to the debate

Agricultural lobby Coldiretput the traditional connection ti praised the government's between agriculture and food move against "synthetic food", stating that the ban was nec-Violations of the ban could essary to safeguard home proresult in fines of up to 60,000 duction "from the attacks of from Wednesday.

victory in 1990 elections that decades. were subsequently annulled by the then-junta.

law ahead of fresh polls it has democratic aspirations in mili- rules. The rules stipulate any promised to hold but which its tary-ruled Myanmar and later party wishing to contest elecopponents say will be neither won crushing victories over mil- tions nationwide must mobilise

Its leadership has been decformer lawmaker executed by Suu Kyi cofounded the NLD the junta in the country's first

cratic experiment and plunging in 1988, and won a landslide use of capital punishment in

Some leaders in exile had previously called for the party not The NLD carried the torch for to re-register under the new

old Nobel laureate, jailing her for a total of 33 years in a process rights groups have condemned as a sham

UK's Guardian apologises for founders' slavery links

London, United Kingdom

he owner of British newspaper The Guardian apologised vesterday for the role of its founders in transatlantic slavery and announced a "decade-long programme of restorative justice", following an independent investigation.

The more than two-year "academic review" into the newspaper's early 19th century creation discovered its main founder John Edward Taylor and many of his financial backers had links



A report reveals that John Edward Taylor, and at least nine of his 11 backers. had links to slavery, principally through the textile industry. (Courtesy of the Guardian)

to slavery, the paper said. Researchers from the universities of Hull and Nottingham found that Taylor -- a journalist and cotton merchant -- and at least nine of his 11 financial backers had slavery links, primarily through the textile industry. The Scott Trust, which owns the media group, plans to invest more than £10 million (\$12.3 million) into restorative justice, with millions earmarked for "descendant communities linked to the Guardian's founders," the paper added.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Paris is sacked by Viking raiders, probably under Ragnar Lodbrok, who collects a huge ransom in exchange for leaving



Captain Robert Falcon Scott, storm-bound in a tent near South Pole, makes last entry in his diary "the end cannot be far





After a 4 and 1\2year trial Nelson Mandela is acquitted of treason in Pretoria

Chinese farmers discover the Terracotta Army near Xi'an, 8,000 clay warrior statues buried to guard the tomb of China's 1st emperor, Qin Shi Huang

Pirates boarded Danish ship in Gulf of Guinea



Liberian-flagged oil tanker, Monjasa Reformer, owned by Monjasa, and technically managed by Montec Ship Management.

Copenhagen, **Denmark**

adding that contact with the 16

The 135-metre-long Monjasa Reformer "experienced (260 kilometres) west of Port asked by AFP. Pointe-Noire in the Republic

boarded, "in accordance with attacked. the onboard anti-piracy emergency protocol".

channels are currently down reached," the official told AFP.

and we are working with the local authorities to establish Pirates boarded a Dan- communication to understand ish-owned Liberi- the situation on board and proan-flagged oil tanker in the vide all the support needed by Gulf of Guinea over the week- the crew to overcome these end, the owner said yesterday, dreadful events," Monjasa said. It said "the vessel was sitting crew members had been lost. idle" when the incident took place.

Monjasa declined to give inan emergency situation" on formation on the nationalities Saturday around 160 miles of the crew members when

According to an official at of Congo, owner Monjasa said. the port of Pointe-Noire, the The shipowner added that ship had arrived in Congolese the crew had sought refuge waters on March 18 and left in the tanker's secure room on March 22, and was in inor "citadel" when the pirates ternational waters when it was

"Three men took control of the ship and since then "Onboard communications the crew can no longer be

Two dead in knife attack at Lisbon Islamic centre



Israel cancels tax on sweetened drinks

Jerusalem. Undefined

Israel's far-right finance min-ister yesterday cancelled a recently imposed levy on sweetened beverages in a bid to reduce household expenses, raising concern among health experts.

Finance Minister Bezalel Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich Smotrich said he signed the battle against the high cost of Tuesday. living."

and the government of Prime by the previous administration instead.



order scrapping the tax "ahead Minister Benjamin Netanyaof Passover and as part of the hu approved the measure later

The tax has been in place Passover begins next week since early last year, introduced couraging people to drink water

of Naftali Bennett.

It imposed a one shekel (28 cents) tariff per litre of beverage containing more than five grams of sugar for every 100 millilitres of liquid.

Hagai Levine, chairman of the Israel Association of Public Health Physicians, said cancelling the tax was "medically, financially, socially and publicly irresponsible".

It is "a huge gift" to soft-drink manufacturers at the public's expense, Hagai tweeted, en-

US slaps sanctions on Syria's Assad's cousins over captagon drug

Washington, United States

The United States yester-▲ day imposed sanctions on two cousins of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad over the trafficking of the stimulant drug captagon, a growing export for the state, which is quickly normalizing ties in the region.

An AFP investigation in November found that Syria has become a narco state with the \$10 billion industry in captagon dwarfing all other exports and funding both Assad and many of his enemies.

ins, Samer Kamal al-Assad and drug trade.



Fighters affiliated with Syria's "Hayat Tahrir al-Sham" (HTS) rebel-group display drugs previously seized at a checkpoint they control in Daret Ezza, in the western countryside of the northern Aleppo province.

The United States, in coordi- a factory in the coastal city of nation with Britain, announced Latakia that produced 84 milit was imposing sanctions on lion captagon pills in 2020, the two of the president's cous- US Treasury Department said. "Syria has become a glob-Wassem Badi al-Assad over the al leader in the production of highly addictive captagon, make transactions with them Samer Kamal al-Assad owns much of which is trafficked a crime.

Indonesia's Anak Krakatoa volcano

erupts, belches huge ash tower

through Lebanon," said Andrea Gacki, the senior Treasury official handling sanctions.

"With our allies, we will hold accountable those who support Bashar al-Assad's regime with illicit drug revenue and other financial means that enable the regime's continued repression of the Syrian people," she said in a statement.

Others targeted in the sanctions include Nouh Zaitar, Lebanon's most famous drug lord who is on the run from authorities, and Hassan Dekko, a Lebanese-Syrian drug kingpin with high-level connections in both countries.

Under the Treasury action, the United States will block any assets on US soil held by the alleged drug traffickers and will



o age, no culture, no N religion, no nationality & no region is immune to terrorism. But the situation in Africa is especially concerning. Community by community, terrorist groups are trying to extend their reach. The @UN stands with Africa to end this scourge, once & for all.

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▼ongratulations to my → sisters and brothers of Karnataka for the establishment of a PM Mitra mega textiles park in Kalaburagi. This park will celebrate Karnataka's rich textiles tradition and also create employment opportunities for the people. @narendramodi



f course, you need to Uhave good customer service for money. Working on it ...

Police officers stand guard at the entrance of an Ismaili Muslim center in Lisbon, Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal

Portuguese police accused The attacker was an Afghan Afghan refugee of stab- who had lost his wife "in difbing two women to death on ficult circumstances" at a ref-Tuesday at an Islamic centre ugee camp in Greece before in Lisbon before being shot relocating to Portugal with his by officers in what authorities three children aged four, seven called an "isolated" incident.

Officers were called to the centre just before 11 am (1000 lieve that this was an isolated GMT) where they encountered act. The circumstances and a man "armed with a large motives of this act are being knife", a police statement said. investigated by police," he told

Police ordered the man to reporters. surrender but he disobeyed "knife in hand," it added.

ongoing threat, the policemen said. used firearms against the perto hospital for treatment.

Interior Minister Jose Luis Lisbon. Carneiro said two female employees of the centre were avoid the area.

killed in the attack at the Ismaili Muslim centre, and a man was seriously injured.

and nine, he added.

"There is every reason to be-

The attacker was not unand advanced towards officers der police surveillance and seemed to lead "a fairly quiet "Faced with the serious and life" in Portugal, the minister

Armed police wearing bulson, hitting and neutralising let-proof vests stood outside the aggressor", the statement the entrance to the Ismaili said of the man who was taken Muslim centre located in a landscaped park in northern

Police urged the public to



Indonesia's Mount Anak Krakatoa erupting and spewing hot ash clouds

• There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage

Jakarta, Indonesia

PVMEG

The offspring of Indonesia's thousands. infamous Krakatoa volcano erupted several times yesterday, reports of injuries or damage sending a huge volcanic ash vesterday. tower some 2,500 metres (8,200 feet) into the sky.

which means Child of Krakatoa, erupted four times, officials said, with the biggest followed by another that sent a column of smoke and ash 1,500 metres above its crater.

"This is part of an eruption phase associated with the formation of a new body for the volcano," Oktory Prambada, an

official at the Centre of Volcan- the series of eruptions, with ology and Geological Hazard authorities imposing an exclu-Mitigation, told AFP.

In 2018, its crater partly colmiles) around the crater. lapsed when a major eruption sent huge chunks of the volcano in a strait that separates the sliding into the ocean, triggerislands of Java and Sumatra, has ing a tsunami that killed more been sporadically active since than 400 people and injured it emerged from the sea at the beginning of last century in the

There were no immediate caldera formed after the 1883 eruption of Mount Krakatoa.

Prambada said the volcadeadliest and most destructive no's alert status remained at in history with an estimated Mount Anak Krakatoa, the second-highest level after 35,000 people killed.



Indonesia, a Southeast Asian archipelago nation, sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire, where the meeting of continental plates causes high volcanic and seismic activity. The country has nearly 130 active volcanoes.

sion zone of five kilometres (3.1

Anak Krakatoa, which sits

That disaster was one of the

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Russian terror de-stroyed hundreds of churches and prayer houses in Ukraine. For Russia everything is just a target. But the rockets and artillery of the terrorist state did not break our humanity and faith. Ukraine will win, life will win!

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New Horizon School opens new campus in Zinj



guest. Nada Sayed Khalil Abdulla - Representative of Ministry of Private Education, Khalid Kanoo, Chairman of Ahli Club, Rajeev Nagpal, Group Head Business Development at VKL Holdings and Al Namal group of Company, KM Cherian, President of Indian Club, PV Radhakrishnapillai, President of Kerala Samajam and Shamnad Shamsudeen, PTA President, were also present

Student research highlighted at RCSI Bahrain Annual Research Conference



RCSI Bahrain 2023 Annual Research Conference with Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health

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The Royal College of Surgeons date presentations by RCSI Bah-rain Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain)

Among the 75 research abhosted on campus its Annual stracts received, the top six medical students have their re-Research Conference, under the shortlisted abstracts were pre- search papers published in Q1 patronage of Lieutenant General sented orally, with the remain- (ie first quartile) scientific jour-Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Ab- der exhibited as part of the post- nals, which is a global quality dulla Al Khalifa, Chairman of er presentation session. Profes- marker.' the Supreme Council of Health. sor Atkin commented on the He was welcomed by Profes- research abstract submissions: for oral presentation were Aysha Head of School of Medicine, ademics, alumni and external

The Research Conference studies, clinical audits, literature started with four research up- reviews to systematic reviews led by students, have enhanced significantly compared to previous years. More RCSI Bahrain



sor Sameer Otoom, President "This year, we had a greater Sanad Albuarki, Prianna Meof RCSI Bahrain; Professor level of participation from our nezes, Mohamed ElHennawi, Alfred Nicholson, Vice Presi- medical students thanks to the Mustafa Hammad, Dr Abu Saleh dent for Academic Affairs/ unwavering support of our ac- MD Moin, and Renad Hesham and Professor Stephen Atkin, collaborators. We also witnessed Oral Presentation. Head of School of Postgradu- that the quality of research and Bahrain.

The top six abstract winners AlAnsari, who also won the Best

For the first time, three post-

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health with RCSI Bahrain medical students and executives

ate Studies and Research, RCSI type of research -from labora- er abstracts were extended the soapbox - equivalent to a spon- generated great enthusiasm Sara Ali Hasan was declared as tory-based, clinical-based, case opportunity to participate in a taneous public address - which around the poster presentations. the soapbox winner.

NOF Juniors felicitated at Bhavans – BIS



Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School (BIS) felicitated 50 Junior Olympiad winners. NOF Junior is a gamified assessment platform wherein the questions asked are interactive, and questions have voice support for better understanding which makes the entire exercise very entertaining and engaging. The students were awarded with the certificates and medals. 140 gold medals were awarded to the students for exhibiting outstanding performance in English, Math and Science. BIS is the first school in Kingdom of Bahrain to introduce Olympiads at Kindergarten level. Lathika Javvadi of KG I, adjudged as the school topper and has bagged topper gold medal, merit certificate and a trophy too. BIS Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma congratulated the students on their outstanding achievements. Principal Saji Jacob motivated students to achieve greater heights.



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Rybakina, Sabalenka march on in Miami, Pegula progresses



Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan plays a forehand to Elise Mertens of Belgium

AFP | Miami

Elena Rybakina extended her winning streak to 11 matches as she booked her place in the Miami Open quarter-finals with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Belgium's Elise Mertens on Monday while world number two Aryna Sabalenka powered past Barbora Krejcíkova in straight sets. But there was agony for Canadian former US Open winner Bianca Andreescu, who had to I'm managing and finding my be wheelchaired off court after way. To be in a quarter-final is suffering a left ankle injury and retiring against Ekaterina Alexandrova. plete the "Sunshine Double" after her triumph in Indian Wells, but she was far from euphoric after her victory.



Physically I'm not the freshest, but I'm happy that I'm managing and finding my way. To be in a quarter-final is great and hopefully

Tsitsipas wins after long wait in Miami, Halys rise continues

AFP | Miami

World number three Ste-fanos Tsitsipas finally got his Miami Open campaign under way on Monday with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win over Cristian Garin while Argentine Francisco Cerendulo upset fifth-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime.

There were no shortage of upsets at Hard Rock Stadium with 12th seeded American Francis Tiafoe beaten by 59th ranked Italian Lorenzo Sonego in straight sets.

France's Adrian Mannarino beat seventh-seeded Pole Hubert Hurkacz and American qualifier Christopher Eubanks defeated Gregoire Barrere in straight sets.

Tsitsipas arrived in Miami a week ago, had a first round bye and then had a walkover win in the second round when Richard Gasquet pulled out with injury.

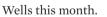
"It has almost felt like a vacation this past week, staying in Miami. I glad I got started. It was a difficult match against an opponent who has played good tennis against good opponents



Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece plays a backhand against Cristian Garin of Chile



It has almost felt like a vacation this past week, staying in Miami. I am glad I got started. It was a difficult match against an opponent who has played good



Tsitsipas to recover a little by Canadian Auger-Aliassime from his injury and although two weeks ago, but it was a very he was not at his sharpest, he different game on the faster did enough to book his place in courts in South Florida. the fourth round against Karen Khachanov.

third set to make sure of his pro- his nerve to triumph 7-5 in the gress against the Chilean, who second.



Halys had never won a match at ATP 1000 level prior to this tournament but has beaten **Spain's Pedro Martinez** and Australian Alex de Minaur before taking out McDonald

Cerundolo was knocked out The rest has, however, helped of Indian Wells in straight sets

The 25th-seeded Argentine was on top from the outset, tak-Tsitsipas broke at 4-4 in the ing the first set 6-2 and he kept

freshest, but I'm happy that opening set.



her slow starts at Indi-

an Wells but said her

rapid-fire opening to

matches in Miami had

not been part of any

strategy

I'm going to play better

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great and hopefully I'm going to play better," she said.

The Kazakh allowed Rybakina is looking to com- Mertens to break in the sixth game of the first set but then two double faults from the Belgian allowed Rybakina to swiftly break back and then 'Physically I'm not the she struck again to take the

> The Wimbledon champion broke early in the second set and never looked back and she will now face Italian Martina Trevisan in the quarters.

Trevisan beat former French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko 6-3. 6-3.

Sabalenka looked in ominous form as she blasted her way to victory over Krejcikova, the 2021 French Open winner, 6-3, 6-2.

Krejcikova had ended Sabalenka's 13-match win streak in February in Dubai but Sabalenka defeated the Czech two weeks ago at Indian Wells.

in the past," said the Greek.

Tsitsipas has not be on court much in recent weeks. He withdrew from Acapulco due to a shoulder injury and was beaten in his opening match at Indian

tennis against good opponents in the past STEFANOS TSITSIPAS

enjoyed plenty of support from the South Florida crowd.

Jiri Lehecka 6-2, 6-4 to reach semi-finals last year, and he relthe Miami last 16 for the first ished the vocal support from his time.

Miami is a happy hunting ground for Cerundolo, who Khachanov defeated Czech made a surprise run to the fans in the crowd.

Marquez to miss Argentinian MotoGP after operation

AFP | London

C ix-time MotoGP world cham-**D** pion Marc Marquez will miss next Sunday's Argentinian race after undergoing an operation on his right hand the championship organisers announced Monday.

The 30-vear-old Spaniard endured a nightmare in the championship-opening Portuguese MotoGP on Sunday.

Despite starting from pole he ended the race with a broken bone in his hand and a time penalty.

He crashed and wiped out home favourite Miguel Oliveira on lap three and received a hostile reception from some of the fans on his return to the pits



Honda Spanish rider Marc Marquez (C TOP) crashes with Aprilia Portuguese rider Miguel Oliveira (C BOTTOM) as Ducati Italian rider Francesco Bagnaia (R) rides past during the MotoGP race of the Portuguese Grand Prix

to the KTM rider's garage to of- eight-time World Champion fer his apologies. (aside from his six MotoGP ti-

"Marc Marquez and the Hon- tles he has also won a Moto2 and possible condition," MotoGP where he quickly made his way da Team have elected for the a 125cc world crown) to miss said in a statement.



who has undergone four surgeries since crashing at the Spanish Grand Prix in 2020

the next round of the World Championship to fully focus on recovery and arrive at the forthcoming rounds in the best

Hala through to Khalifa bin Salman Cup quarters

Tony Farmer scores 32 points to spearhead victors in hard-earned victory over Najma

Ahmed Khalifa chips in with 20, Hussain Jan adds 13 for Hala in win

Hala to next face off with Muharraq in exciting quarterfinal clash

TDT | Manama

l Hala marched through last night to the quarter-finals of the 2022/2023 Khalifa bin Salman Cup.

Hala booked their berth following an 83-76 victory over Al Najma in the first round of the prestigious basketball tournament.

Hala used a strong fourth-quarter performance to take control of a close game. They posted the final canto's first nine points while holding Najma scoreless for more than five minutes in the period.

Najma tried valiantly to stay



Al Hala's Hussain Jan dribbles past the tough defence of Najma's Ali Jaber during within three with under two Defending league champions with an historic "four-peat" their game last night

 (\mathbf{O}) Al Ahli are the tournament's three-time defending champions.

They will be looking to add to their title triumphs in 2020, 2021 and 2022 with an historic "four-peat" this season

in the contest and even got to

three-pointer, but could not get Town, while Bahrain Club and anv closer.

jma took a 24-17 lead at the tomorrow night. end of the first quarter but Hala fought back to tie it at nals, three-time defending 43-apiece by half-time. In the champions Al Ahli are set for third, they powered ahead to an exciting clash against Al take a slim 63-60 edge into the Ettihad, while Nuwaidrat will last quarter, where they ex- be taking on Sitra. The Nutended their lead and held on waidrat-Sitra clash is scheduntil the final whistle.

American Tony Farmer finished with 31 points to spear- will be played on Saturday. head Hala. He also took down 12 rebounds. Ahmed Khalifa seventh edition of the Khalifa added 20, while skipper Hus- bin Salman Cup, which is held sain Jan had 13 and Nader Ali in honour of the late His Royal 12.

For Najma, Nick Ward had 28 Salman Al Khalifa. before fouling out while Jaber Mohammed Buallay contributed 11 in the loss.

waiting Muharraq in the quarters.

Meanwhile, two other firstround fixtures will determine the every year since. They will other teams that will be com- be looking to add to their tripeting in the round of eight. umphs in 2020, 2021 and 2022 minutes to play on an Ali Jaber Manama will be playing Isa this season.

Samaheej are set to face off. Earlier in the game, Na- Both games are scheduled for

Elsewhere in the quarter-fiuled for tonight at 9.30pm, while the Ahli-Ettihad affair

This year's competition is the Highness Prince Khalifa bin

The tournament was finished with 15 and 11 boards. launched in the 2016/2017 season, and Muharraq were the first winners. Manama then Hala are now set to take on a claimed the trophy in 2018, and then Riffa took the crown the following year.

Ahli have then won the ti-

Conte thanks fans who shared his 'passion' after Tottenham exit

AFP | London

ntonio Conte has thanked **A**Tottenham Hotspur fans and all those at the club who shared his "passion" following his departure from the Premier League side.

The Italian left his position as Spurs manager "by mutual agreement" on Sunday following 16 months in charge of the north London team.

His departure came after the Italian's extraordinary postmatch rant following a 3-3 draw at Southampton on March 18, a game in which Spurs blew a 3-1 lead, with Conte slamming Spurs players as "selfish" and unable to perform under pressure.

Conte, 53, wrote on Instagram on Monday: "Football is a **showed me support and** passion. I would like to deeply thank everyone at Spurs who



Antonio Conte reacts at the end of a match (file photo)

my name. Our journey together A special thought to best for the future." the fans who always appreciation, it's been by his assistant Cristian Stellini until the end of the season. unforgettable to hear



forgettable to hear them singing League qualification.

Stellini previously stood in has ended, I wish you all the for Conte on the touchline this season when the experienced Conte, who took over in No- manager was recovering from vember 2021, will be replaced gallbladder surgery.

Conte won league titles in his previous three spells in club

Man Utd to play Hollywood duo's Wrexham in San Diego friendly



Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes scores a goal (file photo)

AFP | London

English football giants Man-chester United will play

appreciated and shared my passion and my intense way of living football as a coach.

"A special thought to the fans who always showed me support and appreciation, it's been un-

them singing my name. **Our journey together** has ended, I wish you all the best for the future ANTONIO CONTE

The departure of Conte management at Juventus, Chelcame with Spurs fourth in the sea and Inter Milan, but was Premier League, but only two unable to end Tottenham's 15points above fifth-placed New- year wait to win a major trophy. castle, who have two games in His contract was due to expire hand in the race for Champions at the end of the season.

a non-league Wrexham team owned by two Hollywood stars in a San Diego friendly on July 25

This is the first match of United's tour of the United States, designed to help the club prepare for the 2023/24 English season.

Welsh club Wrexham, who play in the National League -- the fifth tier of English football's pyramid -- have been owned since 2020 by Hollywood actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney.

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WREXHAM MANAGER PHIL PARKINSON

This season Wrexham defied the odds to make it to the fourth round of the knockout FA Cup before losing to second-tier Sheffield United in a replay

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FA Cup before losing to sec-This season Wrexham de- ond-tier Sheffield United in

> Monday's statement said a 'youth-focused team drawn from United's travelling tour squad supplemented by Academy prospects will take on Wrexham AFC on 25th July. as part of a week-long training camp in San Diego".

Wrexham manager Phil Parkinson added: "We're looking forward to being able to play in the United States for the first time in the club's history. The match against Manchester United is sure to be a memorable occasion at Snapdragon Stadium, San Diego."

joining IPL 2023."

That post sparked speculation he might return to the tournament as a player.

The video drew considerable mirth on social media for Smith's robot-like performance in the 15-second clip, during which he didn't blink.

"DON'T blink if you're being held at gunpoint," one Twitter user quipped.

Another fan advised Smith, who recently led Australia in two Tests and three one-day internationals in India, to use his bat and not the microphone on his Indian return.

Smith last played for the Delhi Capitals in the lucrative IPL in 2021 before he went unsold in

Australia's Smith to debut as commentator at IPL

AFP | New Delhi

ustralia's Steve Smith will Adebut as a commentator at the upcoming Indian Premier League, the tournament's broadcaster said yesterday, ending the mystery about his return to the event.

The 16th edition of the cashrich Twenty20 extravaganza begins Friday in Ahmedabad, with 10 teams and a host of global stars in attendance for the eight-week tournament.

"Steve Smith has joined the expert panel for the marquee tournament. Smith will be making his broadcast debut with Star Sports, adding his invaluable insights and expertise to caster said in a statement. Star Sports' already impressive



Australia's captain Steve Smith celebrates after a wicket

Smith, 33, announced his re- video: "Namaste, India. I've got the auction for the following roster of panelists," the broad- turn to the tournament on Twit- some exciting news for you: I'm season.

ter on Monday, saying in a teaser

THE tribune Bahrain battle past Syria in international friendly

Abdulla Al Khalassi scores match's lone goal for Bahrainis with first-half header

Bahrainis could have added a number of other goals in either half but could not convert on their chances

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Muharraq Club in Arad.

and that eventually proved to be Omar Salem in goal, along with

at the final whistle. week for the nationals at home. They had previously faced off with Palestine and lost 1-2.

Last night's fixture marked and Khalassi. the end of the Bahrainis' latest training gathering under national team head coach Helio Sousa.

According to sources, it could have also been the last internaahrain's senior men's na- tional match for Sousa with the tional football team de- team, as the Portuguese tactifeated their counterparts cian's current contract with the from Syria 1-0 last night in an Bahrain Football Association international friendly match (BFA) ends in June. It is underplayed at Shaikh Ali bin Mo- stood that the BFA does not inhammed Al Khalifa Stadium at tend to renew his deal and will be looking for a new head coach. Abdulla Al Khalassi scored Sousa started yesterday's afwith a header in the first half fair with a team that included

hammed Jassim Marhoon, Ko-It was the second tune-up in a mail Al Aswad, Sayed Hashem Issa, Mahdi Abdullatif, Hamza Juban, Hussein Ali Abdulla, Abbas Fadhel, Ebrahim Al Khattal

> Syria's Argentinian head coach Hector Cuper had Ibrahim Alma between the posts at kick-off, with the rest of his squad featuring Omar Khrbin, Mohammed Al Hallaq, Oliver Isak Kawo, Ampnoul Rachman Oues, Simon Amin, Fahad Yousef, Saad Ahmad, Mohammed Fares Alarnaout, Ammar Ramadan and Molham Babouli.

Bahrain's Salem made impressive back-to-back saves in the 16th minute to keep Syria at bay early on.



Bahrain players gather around Abdulla Al Khalassi, kneeling, after he scored their first goal

took the lead in the 43rd minute on a cross from the right wing After missing out on a handful with Khalassi's brilliant header supplied by Al Khattal. Syria's enough to separate the two sides skipper Waleed Al Hayyam, Mo- of opportunities, the Bahrainis in the face of goal. He connected Alma got his hands on the ball

and tried to punch it away, but it instead went straight into the net.

The home team were unlucky not to have added to their score line on either side of the break.

In the second half, Sayed Hashem Issa and Komail Al Aswad both had fine chances, but could not come up with the finishing touches.

A number of substitutes came on for each team but the score remained the same at the end.

Bahrain have used the friendlies and their training gathering for their upcoming competitions, which includes the next edition of the AFC Asian Cup, to be held in Doha in January of next year. Bahrain are one of 24 teams who have qualified for the Asian Cup.

BIC offers Ramadan discounts on karting sessions

BIC offers up to 25 per cent off on Arriveand-Drive sessions

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Race fans looking to test their driving skills or simply enjoy a fun motor racing experience are in for a treat this Ramadan at Bahrain International Circuit's (BIC) world-class grassroots motorsport facility in Sakhir.

Throughout the holy month, Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) is offering disand-Drive sessions.



A karter in action at BIC

session, and 25 per cent when Arrive-and-Drive, which is one on 17450000.

From Sundays to Wednes- booking two sessions. Each sescounts of up to 25 per cent off days, karters can avail of a 15 per sion is 15 minutes apiece. on its hugely popular Arrive- cent price reduction for a single These are fantastic deals for

fail to beat Bangladesh 3-0 when

of the most widely participated daily offerings at BIKC.

In this activity, both kids and adults alike can get into a kart and take it out for a spin along the 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA world championship-level track.

Children aged seven to 12 years old and of a minimum height of 125cm can suit up and get behind the wheel of BIKC's 7hp kids' karts, while teens and adults are able to enjoy the thrills of driving 9hp and 13hp karts.

BIKC is open to the public every day during Ramadan from 7pm to 1am.

For more information, visit bahraingp.com or bahrain-karting.com or call BIKC

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The teams missing out

on the top eight will

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Ganguly says India 'must play aggressively' to make big wins



Sri Lanka's captain Dasun Shanaka (R) receives the winning cheque from BCCI president Sourav Ganguly at the end of a match (file photo) AFP | New Delhi

Former captain Sourav Ganguly called for India to play



Christchurch washout hits Sri Lanka World Cup hopes

AFP | Christchurch

 \mathbf{S} ri Lanka's hopes of securing automatic qualification for the World Cup took a major blow yesterday when heavy rain and gusting winds forced the second one-day international against New Zealand to be abandoned without a ball being bowled.

Steady rain meant the covers staved on all day at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch, with organisers calling the match off at 1630 local time (0330 GMT) with more showers forecast.

As a result the two teams split the points which further the Super League, who auto- West Indies. matically qualify for the World November.



Puddles form on the field as rain falls before the start of the match

damages Sri Lanka's designs Lanka are now ninth in the table upcoming series against the from which the final two teams on a place in the top eight of with 82 points, six points behind Netherlands, and that Ireland will emerge.

To make the top eight, Sri they meet in May. Cup in India in October and Lanka must win the third ODI against New Zealand in three top eight will go into a repe- as Super League table-toppers

Having also lost the first ODI days' time and pray that South chage 10-team tournament in even if they lose the third ODI in the three-match series, Sri Africa lose at least once in their Zimbabwe in June and July in Hamilton on Friday.

10-team tournament in Zimbabwe in June and July from which the final two teams will emerge

New Zealand have already qualified for the World Cup and The teams missing out on the are now guaranteed to finish

"aggressively" if they are to break their 10-year drought in winning international titles.

India haven't won international silverware since the 2013 Champions Trophy, crashing out of the last two Twenty20 World Cups.

But later this year they will be a strong favourite to win the 50-over World Cup on home soil. They will also face Australia in the ICC World Test Championship final at the Oval in June.

sively, especially in T20s. They have the team to do that," Ganguly told the Times of India cricket". newspaper in an interview published yesterday.

"Indian cricket will always tournaments," he said.

Ganguly, however, declined captain Rohit Sharma or coach the absence of Rohit.

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do that. Indian cricket will always have talent and a big pool. It's the

ones who are more hungry go to the next level. It's about how you prepare for the big tournaments SOURAV GANGULY

"India have to play aggres- Rahul Dravid, saving they are "very balanced people and will do what's best for Indian

But the former Indian cricket board chief hinted that he believed Hardik Pandya could have talent and a big pool. It's be a future permanent India the ones who are more hungry captain. The all-rounder led go to the next level. It's about Gujarat Titans to victory in the how you prepare for the big Indian Premier League in their debut season last year.

He has also been stand-in to criticise India's all-format India captain several times in

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