

Bahrain-Cyprus relations



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Dr. Constantinos Kombos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, at Al Safriya Palace, during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain. HM the King commended the close bilateral relations between Bahrain and Cyprus, highlighting their continued development and growth across various fields. They discussed means to strengthen and expand the longstanding relations between the two countries, particularly in economic, commercial, and investment sectors.

Royal praise for book



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received Dr. Ali Mohamed Fakhro, accompanied by Dr. Hisham Abdulwahab Al Shaikh, at Al Safriya Palace. During the meeting, Dr. Al Shaikh presented HM King Hamad with a book he authored, titled "Dr. Ali Mohamed Fakhro: A Pioneer of Thought and Development." His Majesty expressed his thanks for the book, highlighting the effort made in preparing this distinguished publication, which documents important aspects and milestones in the life and career of Dr. Ali Mohammed Fakhro.

Kingdom supports  
Palestine's new  
leadership reform

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The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomes the decision of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to appoint Hussein Al Sheikh as Deputy President of the Executive Committee of the PLO and Deputy President of the State of Palestine.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed Bahrain's steadfast support for the PLO, the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, in its reform efforts to enhance institutional development, strengthen national unity, and pursue the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.



Empowering Bahraini women

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Al Safriya Palace Dr. Fatema Abduljabbar Al Kooheji, Chairwoman of the Bahrain Businesswomen Society (BBS), accompanied by members of the society. During the meeting, His Majesty the King commended the key role of the BBS in supporting and developing the national economy through its programmes and activities to train and empower women entrepreneurs and enhance the role of Bahraini women in economic and commercial development.

'Weapon of war'

AFP | The Hague, Netherlands

Atop Palestinian official told the International Court of Justice yesterday that Israel was blocking humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza as a "weapon of war", at the start of a week of hearings at the UN's top court.

Israel is not participating at the ICJ but hit back immediately, dismissing the hearings as "part of the systematic persecution and delegitimation" of the country.

The ICJ is hearing dozens of nations and organisations to draw up a so-called advisory opinion on Israel's humanitarian obligations



Palestinian girls look at the rubble of the Abou Mahadi family destroyed in Israeli strikes in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. (AFP)

to Palestinians, more than 50 days into its total blockage on aid entering war-ravaged Gaza.

Top Palestinian official Ammar Hijazi told judges that "all UN-supported bakeries in Gaza have been forced to shut their doors".

"Nine of every 10 Palestinians have no access to safe drinking water. Storage facilities of the UN and other international agencies are empty," added Hijazi.

"These are the facts. Starvation is here. Humanitarian aid is being used as a weapon of war," concluded the Palestinian representative.

In December, the UN's General Assembly asked the ICJ for an advisory opinion "on a priority

basis and with the utmost urgency".

The UN asked judges to clarify Israel's legal duties towards the UN and its agencies, international organisations or third-party states to "ensure and facilitate the unhindered provision of urgently needed supplies essential to the survival of the Palestinian civilian population".

Israel strictly controls all inflows of international aid vital for the 2.4 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

It halted aid deliveries to Gaza on March 2, days before the collapse of a ceasefire that had significantly reduced hostilities after 15 months of war.

US fighter jet  
sinks into sea



The F/A-18E launched from USS Harry Truman

Agencies

An F/A-18E Super Hornet fighter jet slipped off the hangar deck of the USS Harry S Truman and plunged into the Red Sea yesterday while being towed, the US Navy confirmed. The jet was being moved inside the carrier's hangar bay when the towing crew lost control.

Showcasing Bahrain tourism excellence



The Minister of Tourism, Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafar Al-Sairafi, led Bahrain's participation at the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2025, held from April 28 to May 1 at the Dubai World Trade Centre under the theme, "Global Travel: Developing the Tourism of the Future through Enhanced Connectivity." Al-Sairafi emphasised that the exhibition, one of the largest global gatherings for the travel and tourism sector, focuses this year on the future of tourism and the crucial role of connectivity. She highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to participating in major international events that enhance global communication, showcase its advanced tourism infrastructure, and support the objectives of the Tourism Strategy 2022-2026. The Kingdom's pavilion, spanning 425 square meters, features 28 entities from the public and private sectors, including the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, Gulf Air, the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre, luxury hotels, resorts, and destination management companies. Bahrain's participation highlights its premier tourism assets and ongoing initiatives, while fostering cooperation and sharing best practices in sustainable tourism.

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# Boost for Bahrainisation

Kingdom meets annual employment and training targets for citizens by end of first quarter

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Bahrain has achieved its two key annual targets for the employment and training of Bahrainis by the end of the first quarter of 2025. This was outlined in a memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Community Services on labour market indicators for the first quarter of 2025, highlighting the progress toward annual employment and training goals. The memorandum was among several reviewed and approved during the weekly Cabinet meet-

ing held yesterday at Gudaibiya Palace, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa. By the end of March, 24% of the annual target to employ 25,000 Bahrainis had been met, alongside 25% of the annual target to integrate 8,000 Bahrainis into the labour market. In terms of training, 28% of the goal to train 15,000 Bahrainis annually had also been achieved. These results reflect the agreements reached with the Legislative Authority during discussions on Bahrain's gen-



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa  
eral budget for the 2025–2026 fiscal years, and align with the

ongoing implementation of the National Labour Market Plan (2023–2026). **Bahrain-Kyrgyz ties** The Cabinet affirmed the importance of the discussions held between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov in strengthening bilateral cooperation and enhancing investment opportunities between the two countries. It also highlighted the significance of the agreements and memoranda of understanding signed during the visit, follow-

ing a report submitted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the outcomes of the discussions and agreements. The Cabinet commended the success of the Social Housing Innovation Summit and Exhibition, held in line with the directives of HM King Hamad to accelerate the allocation of 50,000 housing units and enhance public services for Bahraini families. The event was inaugurated, on behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, by H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla.

The Cabinet highlighted the strong interest shown by citizens in the new housing financing options and the active engagement of the private sector. It expressed appreciation to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and Eskan Bank for organising the initiative, aligning with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to broaden awareness of available financing programmes. This followed a memorandum submitted by the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning.



## Bahrain-Jordan relations

His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan received His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, at the start of his visit to Jordan. The minister conveyed the greetings and appreciation of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, along with their wishes for further prosperity and progress for the Jordanian people. Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah expressed pride in the strong relations between the two kingdoms, noting that the visit falls within the framework of joint security cooperation and coordination.



## Labour cooperation

His Excellency Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs and Acting Minister of Labour, met with Fayezi Ali Al Mutairi, Director General of the Arab Labour Organisation. They discussed enhancing cooperation in the labour domain and human resource development, and reviewed Bahrain's achievements in developing labour legislation and promoting social dialogue. Al Mutairi highlighted the organisation's efforts to advance joint Arab action and share successful experiences to support labour market development in member states.

# Ten workers detained, 100 deported in LMRA inspection campaigns

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Ten violating and irregular workers were detained, and 100 violators were deported following 1,248 inspection campaigns and visits carried out by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) between April 20 and 26. The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in monitoring a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the LMRA and the Residency Laws in the Kingdom of Bahrain, noting that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations. Inspection visits The authority pointed out that 1,236 inspection visits were carried out on various shops in all governorates, in addition to 12 joint inspection campaigns, that included eight campaigns in the Capital Governorate, two campaigns in the Muharraq Governorate, one campaign in the Northern Governorate, and one campaign in the Southern Governorate. The government entities that participated in the campaigns are the Ministry of Interior, represented by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the Governorate's



respective Police Directorate, the Coast Guard Headquarters, the Supreme Council for Environment, and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture. **Joint coordination** The Authority affirmed the continuation of joint coordination with government agencies to intensify inspection campaigns in all governorates of the Kingdom and to address any violations or practices that negatively affect the stability

and competitiveness of the labour market or harm the economic and social security of the Kingdom. The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labour practices, by reporting violations via the electronic form on the authority's website [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055 or via the government's Suggestions and Complaints System (Tawasil).

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# 47,000 Bahrainis left waiting for a roof over their heads

Parliamentary inquiry reveals housing requests in Bahrain stretch beyond two decades

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More than 47,000 Bahrainis are still waiting for government housing, with some requests stretching back over two decades, a parliamentary investigation has found.

The inquiry, launched to examine the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning's methods, uncovered a system that has steadily drifted away from its founding principle.

Those who have waited longest were meant to be first in line.

Findings

Instead, according to the findings, housing is handed out through a patchwork of local preference schemes and vague ministerial discretion, leaving the queues as long and restless as ever.

Among the requests still stuck in the system, more than 44,000 related to housing units.

The northern governorate bears the heaviest load with more than 20,000 outstanding requests.

The capital follows with over 12,000. Muharraq and the southern governorate account for the rest.

Distribution rules

The ministry insists it uses a blend of national seniority and



The housing backlog: 20 years and counting for 47,000 Bahrainis

local distribution rules, but the committee found the real-world outcome to be less even.

Families with old requests have been passed over as projects sprang up closer to home for others.

The longer the queues grew, the sharper the grievances became.

Concerns

Central to the concerns raised is the ministry's wide discretion to set aside seniority for so-called "special circumstances".

No public list of such circumstances exists.

The committee said this allowed for choices to be made behind closed doors, giving citizens little sense of how or why others moved ahead.



Many of the applicants have lived through years of rising property prices, climbing rents, and squeezed household budgets, with no clear path to a home of their own.

The numbers tell their own story. Requests for units from 2002 alone number 1,067.



The Parliamentary Investigation Committee on Housing with representatives from the Housing Ministry

Meanwhile, older cases of requests for plots and apartments date back to 2013 and 2015, respectively.

Many of the applicants have lived through years of rising property prices, climbing rents, and squeezed household budgets, with no clear path to a home of their own.

The ministry pointed to financing schemes like Mazaya and Tas'heel as ways to move the lists along.

The schemes, it said, gave people quicker ways to buy homes from the private market.

Applicants

Yet the committee found their reach to be limited. Only 17.7 per cent of applicants had been

helped through such routes over the past three years.

Questions were also raised about who could actually make use of the finance on offer. Many lower-income families were left out.

Loans, set by banks, came with strict terms that often pushed affordable housing out of reach. Rising market prices added another barrier.

The inquiry highlighted inconsistencies in the ministry's own data.

Financial schemes

In one part of its response, it said 8,000 people had benefited from financing schemes since 2022.

Elsewhere, it claimed 13,000.

No clear answer was given to explain the gap.

Costs of direct government housing projects came under scrutiny too.

A standard unit now carries a sticker price of about BD128,871.

State support

Applicants are asked to pay BD42,000, backed by state support.

However, the land beneath the houses, said to be a royal grant, has been included in that total cost, something the committee said skews the figures.

The findings pointed to a deeper strain. Housing, once seen as a building block of social order, has become a source of division.

## Two lawyers guilty of using false employment document

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Two lawyers have been convicted after one used an employment contract she had earlier claimed was forged to demand unpaid wages through the courts.

The Court of Cassation upheld rulings that found both guilty of knowingly using a false document, ordering the forged contract to be confiscated and dismissing the lawsuit brought under it.

The case began when the first lawyer lodged a criminal complaint against the head of the firm where she worked.

She accused him of forging her employment contract by recording a monthly salary of BD600 instead of the agreed BD300.

Signature

She claimed the document



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submitted to the Labour Fund, Tamkeen, bore a signature that was not hers and included false information. The contract was dated 25 August 2021.

The complaint reached the Cybercrime Prosecution, where she told prosecutors she had been summoned to her employ-

er's office that day and asked to sign the final page of what she believed was a genuine contract.

The employer, she said, signed the document in her presence.

She added that she had been signing monthly pay certificates for BD300s and only later discovered the contract on file with

the authorities showed a higher salary.

Ruling

The Lower Criminal Court ruled against the employer, sentencing him to six months in prison and fining him BD500. The court ordered the false document to be confiscated.

More than four months after the criminal ruling, the same lawyer returned to court, this time represented by another lawyer, who would later stand trial alongside her.

She claimed once again to have been employed by her former firm, but this time based her case on the same contract she had earlier said was forged.

In her new lawsuit before the Third Labour Case Management Court, she demanded entitlements based on a monthly salary of BD600.

## Man admits killing neighbour

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A man accused of stabbing his neighbour to death in Al Shakhura stood frozen behind the glass barrier in court before finally admitting the killing.

For a few moments, the defendant said nothing. His eyes dropped to the floor, then flicked up towards the judges, before drifting across the courtroom.

The charge of premeditated murder was read to him. Still, he stayed silent.

Charge

When the charge was repeated, the inner battle ended. "Yes," he said.

His lawyer asked the court for a copy of the case file and explained that the defendant had been under psychiatric care at the time of his arrest.

He said his client had a medical record and had been receiving treatment but had stopped taking his medication five days before the attack.

He called for the defendant to be returned to a psychiatric hospital for his own safety and that of others.

Lawyer Abdulrahman Ghunaim, acting for the victim's family, filed a civil claim, demanding damages for the loss of their sole breadwinner. He also requested a copy of the case file.



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# Roads to progress

Fishing jetty and major road upgrades approved to revitalise Muharraq

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The Muharraq Municipal Council approved yesterday a raft of new projects, including the construction of a fishing jetty off the Dair coastline, upgrades to main roads, new access routes, and steps to improve drainage and public utilities across the governorate.

The Dair jetty will formalise long-standing informal fishing activity along a quiet stretch of seafront on the northern side of the ring road.

Residents say the area has long lacked proper facilities, with locals fishing or gathering on the shoreline without safe or organised access.

The project will involve a simple wooden or concrete jetty extending from the pavement, fitted with shaded seating and solar lights.

### Report

Councillor Fadhil Al Oud said: “We prepared a report to set up jetties for fishing enthusiasts, complete with a full study and detailed justifications for the proposal. We hope it will be carried out as planned.”

In a letter sent to the Ministry of Works, villagers described the location as “an ideal place for a safe and straightforward jetty”, noting that the terrain



Muharraq Municipal Council session

requires little preparation.

“The northern side of the ring road overlooks the sea with no buildings or obstacles,” they wrote.

### Letter

The letter argued that the jetty would give families, the elderly, and young people a safer and more welcoming public space, without the risks posed by unprotected shores and nearby traffic.

“The jetty would provide a proper public space for everyone, children, elderly, families, where they can sit, relax, or fish without risk,” it read.

The council’s session, chaired by Mr Abdulaziz Al Naar, began with the review of responses from authorities to earlier council recommendations.

These included commitments

to improve rainwater drainage, develop car parks and gardens, and adjust road levels in several areas.

### Request

The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) confirmed it had acted on a request from councillor Dalal Al Moqahwi to move underground water meters onto house walls in parts of Muharraq to prevent leaks.

Councillor Al Moqahwi thanked the authority for replacing two meters but called for the measure to be extended across Blocks 203, 205, 206 and 209.

“We raised the recommendation and by the third day they had already acted and replaced two meters,” she said. “We are grateful, but the need goes beyond those two. We hope that

once funds are available, the full replacement programme will go ahead.”

### Recommendations

Among other approved recommendations, councillor Fadhil Al Oud submitted a plan for new access points onto the northern ring road at Dair.

Councillor Ahmed Al Moqahwi pressed for the swift opening of the Mohammed bin Humaid Mosque in Arad, while councillor Abdulqader Al Mahmood called for the fast-tracking of a public acquisition in Block 227.

“The ministry asked us to list the property among our priorities at the start of this legislative term,” said Mr Al Mahmood. “We raised the recommendation and we are still following up on the matter. We hope they will speed up the process.”

## Social media influencer accused of donkey abuse

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Tahin, a social media darling donkey, has sparked a police complaint over claims of mistreatment and neglect.

The Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said it filed a formal report against the young influencer who owns him.

Footage posted on Instagram showed the donkey struggling with a broken leg as the influencer attempted to show him off online, the group said.

### Account

Mahmood Faraj, head of the society, added that a sweep of the influencer’s account turned up several pictures where Tahin appeared lame, with no sign of his condition improving for more than a month.

Faraj said the animal had been used repeatedly for stunts and filming, with little regard for its injury.

The Public Prosecution is expected to summon the influencer for questioning.

The society stressed it would continue to press for proper veterinary care for Tahin and other animals needing attention.

### Criminal offence

Faraj pointed to Article 416 of the Penal Code, which makes it a criminal offence to mistreat, abuse, or neglect a domesticated animal, punishable by up to three months in prison or a fine of no more than 20 dinars.



Tahin and his owner

“The animal had been used repeatedly for stunts and filming, with little regard for its injury.”

- MAHMOOD FARAJ, HEAD OF THE BAHRAIN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

The donkey’s owner said he went to a police station in Muharraq after learning of the complaint.

He added that Taahin had been seen by a vet and treated, and insisted their bond stretched back five years.

# High demand for rubbish bags sparks urgent solutions

● Distribution in Northern Region triples that of other areas

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The Northern Municipality is straining under high demand, distributing nearly 28,000 bundles of rubbish bags each month.

This matches the combined output of the other three governorates, as councillors press for quicker fixes to machine problems.

Meeting yesterday, the Northern Municipal Council backed several proposals, among them a car park at the former Diraz scrapyard, new parking spaces near Hamza Mosque in A’ali, and public parking in Block 583 of Madinat Salman.

Council member Abdullah Ashour, raised concerns over difficulties faced by residents



Bundles of rubbish bags distributed each month in the Northern Municipality.



Eng. Lamyia Al Fadalah



Northern Municipal Council meeting in progress

“The Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture had ordered lasting solutions after machines began failing to recognise the new cards. Work is being done to fix the problem.”

- ENG. LAMYIA AL FADALAH, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NORTHERN MUNICIPALITY

urged the creation of an automatic link between the Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture,

to ensure residents’ card details are updated without delay.

Responding to the matter, Engineer Lamyia Al Fadalah, Director General of the Northern

Municipality, said a collection point had already been set up at Hamad Town for those unable to use the machines.

She explained that the Northern Municipality alone distributes about 28,000 bundles every month through ‘Easy’.

This matches the combined distribution of Bahrain’s other three governorates.

Al Fadalah said the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture had ordered lasting solutions after machines began failing to recognise the new

cards. Work is being done to fix the problem.

She also responded to calls for emergency supplies of rubbish bags at service counters, saying the municipality must observe strict controls on distribution and maintain full compliance with administrative and financial rules.

Al Fadalah added that the Hamad Town branch was set up to help residents struggling with the machines, while efforts continue to adapt them to the newer cards.

## WMC Toastmasters celebrate 500th meeting



The World Malayalee Council Toastmasters (WMC Toastmasters Club) celebrated their milestone 500th meeting spanning 21 years since its chartering, at the Ramada Resort Seef on the 25th of April 2025. Dr. Deepak Abraham, Chief of Medical Staff, American Mission Hospital was the Chief Guest. Mentors and past members as well as Toastmasters District officials graced the occasion. Dr. Deepak in his keynote addressed the lessons learned in his leadership journey. The event was filled with various categories of sessions exploring communication which is the core of the Toastmasters International movement. The youth wing of Toastmasters, the Gaveliers put forth a debate on whether the earth would be a better place without humans. A poster competition with the theme Save Our Seas was conducted and the winners were felicitated. Members presented a cultural programme as well as Kahoot to entertain the audience.



# Business Travel Surges

Middle East spending grows 6.1 percent

● GCC drives corporate travel recovery

● Sustainability and AI reshape trends

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Business travel spending across the Middle East is projected to grow by 6.1 percent in 2025, underlining the region's growing influence in reshaping global corporate travel trends, experts revealed at the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2025 in Dubai.

Speaking at the IBTM@ATM Business Events Stage, travel and tourism leaders highlighted how the Gulf Cooperation Council



(GCC) countries are leading the regional recovery, driven by major economic projects, increased connectivity, and evolving business travel priorities.

According to the Global Business Travel Association (GBTA), the Middle East has performed

better than any other region globally, with business travel spending now 19.4 percent higher than pre-pandemic levels. The region's estimated spend reached \$18.1 billion in 2024, with strong growth expected to continue through 2025.

Catherine Logan, Regional Senior Vice President for GBTA, noted that while business travel remains vital worldwide, the ways in which companies manage travel are undergoing major change. "The Middle East, especially the GCC, is responding proactively to global pressures by balancing innovation, economic development, and sustainability," she said.

Ciaran Kelly, Managing Director for FCM Travel in the Middle East and Africa, pointed to the sheer scale of ongoing public and private sector projects across the region as a major growth engine. "Flights between key hubs like Dubai and Riyadh are heavily booked, and hotel occupancy rates across the region are among the highest globally, at around 70 to 80 percent," he said.



**Flights between major Gulf hubs such as Dubai and Riyadh are so busy that airlines and hotels are reporting record occupancy levels across the region.**

Danielle Curtis, Exhibition Director at Arabian Travel Market, stressed that understanding evolving travel behaviours is crucial for businesses and des-

tinuations across the Gulf. "The insights shared at IBTM@ATM help organisations identify future opportunities and adapt to the fast-evolving business travel landscape," she said. The Business Events Stage at ATM continues through 30th April, with sessions covering AI integration into events, strategies for achieving net-zero carbon targets, emerging outbound markets such as China, and the future of MICE travel in a digitally transforming world.

With major initiatives such as Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, the UAE's expansion of aviation and tourism hubs, and Qatar's growing role in global conferences and exhibitions, the GCC is poised to reinforce its position as a key driver of business travel growth in the years ahead.

## Germany sees GCC visitor growth in 2024

More flights, new attractions boost numbers

● GCC visitor numbers up 1.2 percent

● Over 1.2 million overnight stays recorded

● New direct flights and campaigns launched

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Germany recorded strong growth in visitors from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries in 2024, with a 1.2 percent year-on-year increase and a 21 percent jump compared to 2022, officials announced during the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2025 in Dubai.

The German National Tourist Office GCC (GNTO GCC) revealed that over 489,000 GCC nationals visited Germany last year, contributing to more than 1.2 million overnight stays. Direct flights linking GCC cities to major German hubs like Munich, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Berlin,



German National Tourist Office GCC officials during a press conference

and Hamburg have played a significant role in making Germany more accessible to regional travellers.

Yamina Sofo, Director at GNTO GCC, said Germany's appeal to Gulf visitors continues to grow thanks to its cultural diversity, natural attractions, and enhanced connectivity. "Germany has witnessed considerable growth from the GCC region post-pandemic, and we look forward to welcoming even more visitors in 2025," she said.

Strengthening this trend, Lufthansa Group Airlines announced an expansion of its services to Germany, with over 120 direct connections per week from the GCC set to begin in October 2025. Lufthansa's Senior Director of Sales for the Middle East, Luis Monreal, noted that increased demand has led to new routes through airlines like Eurowings, offering more direct flights from Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Jeddah to German cities beyond Frankfurt and Munich.

**Germany's Fairy Tale Route features real-life locations tied to legends like Rapunzel's tower and Sleeping Beauty's castle.**

Germany is also stepping up its tourism campaigns this year. Cultural attractions are in the spotlight under the 'Cultureland Germany' initiative, featuring

destinations such as Chemnitz, the European Capital of Culture for 2025. In parallel, the 'Embrace German Nature' campaign promotes the country's UNESCO-protected natural reserves and scenic hiking trails, while the 'Simply Feel Good' campaign focuses on sustainable travel options, highlighting Germany's 20 sustainably certified regions and cities.

Celebrations also mark the 50th anniversary of the German Fairy Tale Route, a 600-kilometre scenic trail connecting around 70 locations tied to famous fairy tales such as Rapunzel and Sleeping Beauty.

Additionally, Germany's digital push was unveiled with 'Emma', an AI-powered travel companion designed to guide visitors and enhance their experience through personalised digital interaction.

Germany's increased presence at ATM this year includes 27 co-exhibitors occupying 135 square metres, reflecting the country's growing efforts to attract more Middle East travellers.

## EU 'off the pace' in global microchip race: auditors

Brussels, Belgium

The EU is lagging behind in the global race to produce microchips, and looks set to fall well short of its target to claim a fifth of the world's market, the bloc's auditors said Monday.

"The EU urgently needs a reality check in its strategy for the microchips sector," said Annemie Turtelboom, a member of the European Court of Auditors.

"This is a fast-moving field, with intense geopolitical competition, and we are currently far off the pace needed to meet our ambitions."

The disappointing outlook for the European Union comes despite Brussels passing a flagship Chips Act in 2023 aimed at bolstering production in the bloc.

Turtelboom said that at current growth rates, the EU was "nowhere close" to reaching its target of having a 20% share of the global microchip market by 2030.

## TCS boosts Deep-Tech with new offerings

● DigiBOLT accelerates AI adoption

● Cyber Defense Suite enhances security

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Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), one of the world's largest technology and consulting firms, has launched a set of new digital solutions aimed at accelerating innovation in artificial intelligence, cloud ser-



vices, and cybersecurity.

At a ceremony in New Delhi, India, TCS introduced the SovereignSecure Cloud, a first-of-its-kind platform designed

to host sensitive data within national borders while integrating AI capabilities to enhance governance and operational efficiency. The solution is specif-

ically tailored for governments and regulated sectors and is built to comply with emerging data protection standards.

TCS also unveiled DigiBOLT, a low-code platform powered by AI, enabling organisations to rapidly automate their processes and scale digital transformation with minimal technical complexity. This offering targets enterprises seeking to modernise their operations and improve competitiveness in the global digital economy.

In addition, TCS announced the launch of its Cyber Defense Suite in India, bringing its globally trusted cybersecurity

platform to protect enterprises from increasingly sophisticated digital threats. The suite provides AI-driven risk detection, real-time response, and comprehensive protection for hybrid IT environments.

Girish Ramachandran, President of Growth Markets at TCS, said the company is committed to supporting digital transformation journeys worldwide, especially at a time when data sovereignty and AI are reshaping national and economic strategies.

TCS, part of the Tata Group and headquartered in Mumbai, India, operates in 55 countries

**TCS supports nearly 70 percent of India's daily digital services, from stock exchanges to healthcare, showcasing its deep expertise in public sector transformation.**

and employs more than 600,000 consultants. The company generated revenues of \$30 billion in the last financial year and is recognised for supporting critical digital infrastructure projects across sectors including finance, health, education, and public services.



# Middle East Events Surge

Region builds global tourism role

● Events power Middle East economies

● MICE sector drives regional expansion

● Emerging tourism trends reshape strategies

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TDT | Dubai

Major events, festivals, and conferences are becoming key drivers of socio-economic growth across the Middle East, tourism leaders said at Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2025 in Dubai. Speaking on the opening day at the Business Events Stage, representatives from Dubai Economy and Tourism, the Abu Dhabi Convention and Exhibition Bureau, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority, and international bodies

Iconic events such as the Dubai Shopping Festival have helped shape not only Dubai's cultural and economic identity but have also contributed to positioning the region as a world-class destination for events tourism

AHMED AL-KHAJA, CEO OF DUBAI FESTIVALS AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT



like the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) and the International Association of Profes-

MICE tourism now represents one of the most important contributors to Ras Al Khaimah's expansion, helping us connect globally and attract high-net-worth visitors

IYAD RASBEY, VICE PRESIDENT OF DESTINATION TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AT RAS AL KHAIMAH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



sional Congress Organisers (IAPCO) agreed that events are playing a transformative role in strengthening the region's economies, enhancing global appeal, and creating long-term legacies.

Ahmed Al-Khaja, CEO of Dubai Festivals and Retail Establishment, noted that iconic events such as the Dubai Shopping Festival have helped shape not only Dubai's cultural and economic identity but have also contributed to positioning the region as a world-class destination for events tourism. In Abu Dhabi, Mubarak Al Shamsi highlighted how hosting major exhibitions and conferences aligns with national development plans such as Vision 2030, focusing on sectors like healthcare, innovation, sustainability, and energy. "Our strategy is not just about numbers; it's about building lasting economic and knowledge legacies," he said. Iyad Rasbey, Vice President

of Destination Tourism Development at Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority, emphasised that business events have been a catalyst for growth across emerging destinations in the Gulf. "MICE tourism now represents one of the most important contributors to Ras Al Khaimah's expansion, helping us connect globally and attract high-net-worth visitors," he said. The trend is being felt across the Middle East, where a surge in tourism-focused investments and a strategic push towards hosting global summits, cultural events, and industry conventions are reshaping the region's future. Elsewhere during ATM, leaders from Booking.com, dnata Travel Group and Airbnb discussed microtrends such as sleep tourism, dark tourism and coffee tourism, advising tourism providers across the Middle East to adapt their marketing strategies to tap into evolving traveller behaviours.



Ras Al Khaimah's Global Citizen Forum and Arab Aviation Summit are examples of smaller Gulf cities leveraging events to expand international connections.

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AATM 2025 is hosting 2,800 exhibitors and expects to welcome 55,000 attendees from 161 countries, reinforcing the Middle East's growing stature as a hub for global tourism, business events and innovation.

## AMH hosts Mindful Summit 2025



In pictures, participants at the summit

TDT | Manama

The American Mission Hospital (AMH) hosted the Mindful Summit 2025, a one-day symposium dedicated to the science and clinical practice of mental health, on Saturday, April 26 in their hospital auditorium in A'Ali. Opening the event, Dr. George Cheriyan the Corporate CEO, highlighted the urgent need for mental health initiatives across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region, noting that approximately 15% of the population experiences mental health issues annually. "It is important that governments focus on improving the mental wellbeing of citizens, thereby also reducing the economic and social costs to individuals and organizations," he said. The symposium brought together around 150 participants, including doctors, nurses, students, professors, and mental health practitioners from



schools and universities across Bahrain. A series of expert-led sessions covered a broad range of topics, from the genetic underpinnings of mental health conditions to neuromodulation techniques and strategies for suicide prevention. One of the highlights of the event was a presentation by Dr.

John Stapert, a Clinical Psychologist from Phoenix, Arizona, USA, who discussed the significant impact of the female reproductive system on mental health. His talk explored how stages such as menarche, hormonal cycles, childbirth, nursing, and perimenopause influence clinical treatment de-

cisions. Other notable speakers included Dr. Charlotte Awad Kamel, Consultant Psychiatrist and Professor at RCSI Bahrain; Dr. Huda Moosa Omran, Molecular Genetics Specialist at Al Aljnan Medical Center and former lecturer at Arabian Gulf University; and Dr. Frans J. Cronje, Specialist in Aviation and Aerospace Medicine at King Hamad American Mission Hospital. During the closing session, AMH's Chief of Medical Staff, Dr. Deepak Abraham, expressed his appreciation for the symposium's organizing committee, led by Dr. Feba Paul and her colleague Dr. Vivek Mathew, both members of AMH's Mental Health Department and Child Development Unit. The Mindful Summit 2025 marks yet another important step in AMH's ongoing efforts to promote mental health awareness and education in Bahrain and the wider region.

## Amazon set for launch of Starlink-rival satellites

To deploy 3,200 satellites



Washington, United States

After delaying an earlier attempt due to bad weather, Amazon is preparing to launch its first batch of Project Kuiper internet satellites on Monday, stepping into direct competition with Elon Musk's Starlink. The mission, called Kuiper Atlas 1, is scheduled to lift off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida at 7:00 pm local time (2300 GMT), aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket that will carry 27 satellites into orbit. Weather conditions appeared 75 percent favorable. Project Kuiper, a subsidiary of the online retail giant founded by Jeff Bezos, is playing catch-up with Starlink -- SpaceX's sprawling network of internet satellites that has reshaped the sector and handed Musk significant geopolitical clout. The \$10 billion initiative plans to deploy 3,200 satellites into low Earth orbit -- the region of space up to 1,200 miles (1,900 kilometers) above the planet -- with hopes of going live later this year. Pricing has not yet been revealed, but Amazon has

pledged it will align with its reputation as a low-cost retailer. With Monday's launch, Amazon will formally enter a crowded and fast-growing field that includes not just Starlink but other emerging players in the satellite internet race. SpaceX launched the first batch of Starlink satellites in 2019 and now boasts more than 6,750 operational units, serving over five million customers worldwide -- by far the sector's dominant force. Starlink has also provided crucial internet access in disaster and war zones, including Morocco after its devastating 2023 earthquake and on the frontlines in Ukraine's war against Russia. Amazon plans to accelerate launches in the coming months and years, with more than 80 flights booked through United Launch Alliance (a Boeing-Lockheed Martin joint venture), France's Ariane-space, Bezos's own Blue Origin, and even Musk's SpaceX. Its satellites will gradually join the swelling ranks of low Earth orbit, alongside Starlink, Europe's OneWeb, and China's Guowang constellation.



# Ali, Zaina to drive **NBB** Strategy

NBB Elevates Bahraini Leaders for Growth and Sustainability

- Ali Abdulkarim to lead Corporate and Commercial Banking growth.
- Zaina Al Zayani to drive Group Strategy and Sustainability.
- BisB leadership reshaped for deeper Group integration.

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

Ali Abdulkarim has been promoted to Group Chief Executive - Corporate and Commercial Banking at the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), stepping into a role that will oversee the growth and strategic development of the Group's corporate, public sector, financial institutions, and commercial banking segments.

Bringing nearly three decades of regional and international experience, Ali has played a pivotal role in enhancing client relationships, expanding coverage capabilities, and aligning the Bank's corporate strategies with national development goals. He will now serve as a member of NBB's Executive Management team and participate in key governance forums, reflecting the



Zaina Al Zayani has been appointed as Group Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer

Ali Abdulkarim has been promoted to Group Chief Executive - Corporate and Commercial Banking

*Several additional internal promotions have also been announced to reinforce the Group's operational strength and long-term sustainability goals.*

Group's focus on advancing Bahraini leadership.

Alongside this, Zaina Al Zayani has been appointed as Group Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer. Over recent years, Zaina has spearheaded NBB's multi-year expansion strategy

and strengthened the Group's sustainability footprint, while managing its equity investment portfolio. Her appointment to the Executive Management team highlights NBB's commitment to integrating sustainable growth initiatives across its operations

and fostering the development of national talent.

At the broader Group level, Russell Bennett has been promoted to Group Chief Executive Officer - Banking, where he will lead all core banking activities. David McLean has been named

Group Chief Executive Officer - Investment and Treasury, taking charge of investment management, treasury operations, and the Group's investment portfolios. Jean-Christophe Durand continues to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the National

Bank of Bahrain, ensuring continuity in operational leadership.

Meanwhile, at Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), a majority-owned subsidiary of NBB and a critical pillar of the Group's Islamic banking strategy, Hassan Jarrar has been appointed Chief Executive Officer. His leadership is expected to further drive BisB's growth and support greater alignment with the Group's integrated conventional and Islamic banking strategy.

Several additional internal promotions have also been announced to reinforce the Group's operational strength and long-term sustainability goals.



Ali Abdulkarim and Zaina Al Zayani's promotions mark the first time two Bahraini executives have simultaneously taken on Group-level leadership roles at NBB focused on core growth and sustainability.

# Bahraini Entrepreneurs **Shine** Bright

Over 200 participants joined the 54-hour startup sprint



- Three winning teams awarded cash prizes and mentorship
- Surprise recognition for AI governance innovator NervaGrid

Mahir Haneef  
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StartUp Bahrain Weekend wrapped up its fourth and most vibrant edition, showcasing the Kingdom's thriving entrepreneurial spirit and awarding top innovators with prizes backed by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

The event took place from April 24th to 26th at Bahrain Polytechnic, bringing together more than 200 developers, designers, marketers, and founders for an intense 54-hour sprint to transform ideas into viable

businesses.

Supported by strategic partners Brinc, Spring Ventures, General Assembly Bahrain, Reboot Coding Institute and ordable/, along with sponsors such as Bahrain Polytechnic, BIBF, AUBH, Ahlia University, Calo, and others, the weekend created a dynamic platform for startups to build, compete, and shine.

The grand prize of BHD 3,000 and additional perks from ecosystem partners were awarded to three standout teams. First

place went to WISHD, a platform allowing users to organise saved products into smart lists. Akeed, a secure identity and communication platform for sensitive industries like banking and healthcare, secured second place. SIGNify, which developed smart AR glasses to assist the hard-of-hearing, claimed third.

Participants praised the event for offering not only funding opportunities but mentorship and practical experience. "This platform doesn't just empow-

er startups - it ignites them," said Sawsan Haider, founder of WISHD.

In a surprise announcement, NervaGrid was awarded the General Assembly Choice Award for its platform assessing compa-

nies' AI maturity and governance data quality, aligned with major international standards. StartUp Bahrain Weekend continues to be a catalyst for nurturing the next generation of entrepreneurs,



The winning startup WISHD was built from scratch into a working prototype in just 54 hours during the event.



News in brief

◆ **Cardinal Angelo Becciu**, a convicted embezzler stripped by Pope Francis of his privileges, will not take part in the conclave to elect the new Catholic leader, Italian media reported yesterday. Cardinals are meeting from around the world for the vote, which begins on May 7. The prelate -- once one of the most powerful figures in the Vatican -- had reportedly been pushing to take part, despite not being on the official list of electors. But on Monday Cardinal Pietro Parolin, who as secretary of state was Francis's number two, presented Becciu with two documents signed by the Argentine pontiff which said he could not, the media reports said. The letters dated from 2023 and last month, according to the Domani newspaper. Becciu, 76, a former adviser to Francis who was once considered a papal contender himself, was removed from office and stripped of his cardinal "rights and privileges" by the pope in September 2020. He was sentenced in 2023 to five years and six months in jail for financial crimes and has appealed the conviction.



**Convicted cardinal cannot vote in pope election: media**

**Syria group says military chief arrested in UAE**

◆ **Syrian armed group** Jaish al-Islam said its leader was arrested upon arrival at Dubai airport several days ago as supporters gathered in Damascus to demand his release. Since 2015, Issam Buwaydani has been head of Jaish al-Islam, a group that fought against the now-ousted ruler Bashar al-Assad and

once controlled the Eastern Ghouta area near Damascus. After Syria's new authorities announced the dissolution of armed groups following Assad's December overthrow, Jaish al-Islam was integrated into the new Syrian forces and Buwaydani became a defence ministry official. Two sources close to Buwaydani told AFP that he had been arrested Thursday at Dubai airport as he was leaving the United Arab Emirates.

◆ **Huthi rebel-controlled media** in Yemen said yesterday that US strikes hit a migrant detention centre in the movement's stronghold of Saada, killing at least 68 people. The US military has hammered the Iran-backed Huthis with near-daily strikes since March 15 in an operation dubbed "Rough Rider", seeking to end their attacks on vessels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. The Huthis launched strikes targeting Israel and Western vessels in the Red Sea, in what they describe as solidarity with the Palestinians, since Hamas conducted the worst-ever attack on Israel in October 2023. On Sunday, the US said it had hit more than 800 targets in Yemen since mid-March, killing hundreds of Huthi rebels including members of the group's leadership. Just hours later, Huthi media said the latest barrage by US forces had hit a migrant detention centre. AFP could not independently confirm the veracity of Al-Masirah's claim that the strikes had hit a migrant detention centre, or the toll.

**Yemen's Huthi rebel media says 68 killed in US strikes on migrant centre**



SPOTLIGHT

**US says it struck 800 targets in Yemen, killed 100s of Huthis since March 15**



People assess the damage following overnight strikes attributed by the Yemeni media to the United States, in the Huthi-controlled capital Sanaa

Washington, United States

The United States has hit more than 800 targets in Yemen since mid-March, killing hundreds of Huthi rebel fighters, including members of the group's leadership, the US military said Sunday.

Washington's forces have hammered the Huthis with near-daily air strikes since March 15 in an operation dubbed "Rough Rider," seeking to end the threat they pose to vessels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and reestablish US regional "deterrence."

"Since the start of Operation Rough Rider, USCENTCOM has struck over 800 targets. These strikes have killed hundreds of Huthi fighters and numerous Huthi leaders," the military command responsible for the Middle East said in a statement that provided its most

detailed accounting of the operation so far.

"The strikes have destroyed multiple command-and-control facilities, air defense systems, advanced weapons manufacturing facilities, and advanced weapons storage locations," CENTCOM said.

Despite the strikes, the Huthis -- who control large swaths of Yemen and have been at war with a Saudi-led coalition backing the internationally recognized government since 2015 -- have continued to claim attacks against both US vessels and Israel.

CENTCOM said that "while the Huthis have continued to attack our vessels, our operations have degraded the pace and effectiveness of their attacks. Ballistic missile launches have dropped by 69 percent. Additionally, attacks from one-way attack drones have decreased by 55 percent.

Massive blackout hits Spain and Portugal



A Police car officers (R) patrols under switched-off traffic lights during a massive power cut affecting the entire Iberian peninsula and the south of France, in Madrid

● **The national road authority DGT told motorists to stop driving**

● **People were also trapped in lifts**

● **Airports operator Aena said there were flight delays**

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Power went out across all of Spain and Portugal yesterday, cutting cellphone and internet networks, halting trains and trapping people in elevators, officials said.

Spain's government was scrambling to identify the origin of the huge outage, with Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez going to the headquarters of the state electricity network

operator to be briefed.

The operator, Red Electrica, said it would likely take six to 10 hours to restore power in the country and urged people not to speculate as to the cause of the outage.

Images posted on social media showed metro stations plunged into darkness, with trains halted, and people in offices and hallways using the light on their phones to see.

The national road authority DGT told motorists to stop driving, because stop lights were out, forcing vehicles to slow to avoid collisions and police officers to direct traffic at intersections.

AFP journalists in Madrid and Barcelona saw people coming out into the streets, holding their smartphones up to try to connect to a network.

People were also trapped in lifts, Spanish media reported.

The internet activity monitoring site Netblocks told AFP

the blackout caused a "loss of much of the country's digital infrastructure". It said web connections plunged to just 17 percent of normal usage.

**Flights delayed**

Portugal's REN operator said in a statement to AFP that all the Iberian peninsula was affected by the blackout, adding that the outage occurred around midday.

There was also a brief blackout in southwest France, that country's electricity operator said, but power was now restored.

"An electrical incident is currently affecting Spain and Portugal, the cause of which remains to be determined," France's high-voltage grid operator RTE said.

The European Commission was in contact with Spain and Portugal "to understand the underlying cause" of the outage, a spokesperson said.

**Bahrain an important location for interfaith dialogues in the Gulf region**

MOHAMED ALI ISMAEEL, BUSINESSMAN



His Holiness the Pope holds a significant role as the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church and a global symbol of peace, dialogue, and humanitarian leadership. The Pope's influence extends well beyond religious boundaries, fostering conversations around social justice, human rights, and interfaith cooperation.

It is with sadness that, many of us, as a global community, look back on the life of, and pay our respects to the loss of Pope Francis, a leader who was able to bring people together, no matter their faith or creed.

As a Bahraini, I am proud of the Kingdom of Bahrain's efforts, especially under the current reign of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to promote religious tolerance

and peaceful coexistence, for example though the pioneering efforts of the King Hamad Global Center for Coexistence and Tolerance. The center embodies in its vision, mission and goals the fundamental values from the history and civilization of the Kingdom of Bahrain throughout the ages. This is represented in openness to all civilizations and cultures, along with the promotion of coexistence and tolerance.

Bahrain has emerged as an important location for interfaith dialogues in the Gulf region. This was marked by the historic visit of late Pope Francis in 2022, by invitation of His Majesty the King; the first by a pontiff, that underscored the Vatican's commitment to building bridges between faiths.

This relationship not only reflects a shared desire for glob-

al peace, but also sheds light on Bahrain's role as a meeting point for diverse religious communities in the Middle East and the world.

The Pope's presence in Bahrain strengthened diplomatic and cultural ties, and promoted a mutual understanding in a world often divided by differences.

As we look back on Pope Francis life of service to all, many in Bahrain will certainly not forget his contribution to interfaith dialogue and his historical visit to Bahrain, especially his participation in the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence, with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar.

As a Bahraini, I am confident that the Kingdom of Bahrain will continue to work with the Holy See, and all faiths around the world towards building on the tenants of interfaith dialogue, coexistence, peace and tolerance for the benefit of all of humanity.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

**Putin announces surprise Ukraine truce for May 8-10**



Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered a surprise three-day ceasefire from May 8-10, coinciding with Moscow's World War II Victory Day commemorations, the Kremlin said Monday.

Moscow said it expected Kyiv to issue a similar order, and that it stood ready to respond to any violations of the possible halt in fighting.

Putin made a similar order to stop combat over Easter -- a truce that both sides accused the other of violating hundreds of times, but did lead to a temporary reduction in fighting.

**India bans Pakistani channels in social media crackdown**

New Delhi, India

India launched a sweeping crackdown on social media on Monday, banning more than a dozen Pakistani YouTube channels for allegedly spreading "provocative" content following an attack in Kashmir.

The banned platforms include the YouTube channels of Pakistani news outlets Dawn, Samaa TV, ARY News, Bol News, Raftar, Geo News and Suno News.

The sites were blocked in India on Monday, with a message reading it was due to an "order from the government related to national security or public order".

The Press Trust of India news agency, which listed 16 channels, cited a government statement saying they were blocked for "disseminating provocative and communally sensitive content, false and misleading narratives and misinformation against India".

The information ministry also issued an advisory notice on Saturday calling on journalists and social media users to "exercise utmost responsibility" while reporting on matters "concerning defence and other security related operations".

The advisory not warned that "premature disclosure of sensitive information may inadvertently assist hostile elements and endanger operational effectiveness".



Indian paramilitary troopers stand guard at a market area in Srinagar



Jesse James' gang robs a bank of \$1,500 in Columbia, Kentucky, killing bank employee Robert A.C. Martin during the crime



Irish republicans abandon the post office in Dublin and surrender unconditionally, marking the end of the Easter Rising

US Army liberates 31,601 people from the Dachau Nazi concentration camp in Germany

Wrecking cranes begin tearing down the Berlin Wall at the Brandenburg Gate

# Trump offer 'ZERO TARIFFS' if canada becomes 51st US state

Canada was voting yesterday for a new government

● Prime Minister Mark Carney, looked set to lose to the Conservatives' Pierre Poilievre

● Final polls indicate a tight race but put Carney as the favorite

● Nearly 29 million of Canada's 41 million people are eligible to vote

AFP | Ottawa, Canada

Canada was voting yesterday for a new government to confront a trade war and annexation threats by President Donald Trump, who pushed for the United States to absorb its neighbor as polling stations opened.

The Liberal Party, led by new Prime Minister Mark Carney, looked set to lose to the Conservatives' Pierre Poilievre until the US president's attacks on the country sparked a sudden reversal in poll forecasts.

Trump forcefully inserted himself into Canadian politics on election day with a Truth Social post saying Canada would face "ZERO TARIFFS" if it "becomes the cherished 51st state."

"IT WAS MEANT TO BE!" he said.

Carney, 60, has never held elected office and only replaced Justin Trudeau as prime minister last month. He had a lucrative career as an investment banker before serving as the central bank governor in both Canada and Britain.

Carney has argued his global financial experience has prepared him to guide Canada's response to Trump's tariffs.

He has also promised to revitalize internal trade and expand Canada's economic opportunities abroad to cut reliance on the United States, a country Carney says "we can no longer trust."

The United States under Trump "wants to break us, so they can own us," he has warned repeatedly.

"We don't need chaos, we need calm. We don't need anger, we need an adult," Carney said in the campaign's closing days.

Poilievre, a 45-year-old career politician, has tried to keep the focus on domestic concerns that made Trudeau deeply unpopular toward the end of his decade in power, especially soaring living costs.

The Tory leader has argued Carney would continue "the lost Liberal decade," arguing that only a new Conservative government can take action against crime, housing shortages and other non-Trump issues Canadians rank as priorities.

"You cannot handle another



Leaders, members, and supporters from the Canadian labor union Unifor, gather during a "Protect Canadian Jobs Rally" to protest the damaging effects of Trump's trade war at the Riverfront Festival Plaza in Windsor, Ontario



Pierre Poilievre and Mark Carney

four years of this," he said over the weekend.

Poilievre has critiqued Trump, but insisted ten years of poor Liberal governance had left Canada vulnerable to a newly hostile southern neighbor.

'A good pick'

Final polls indicate a tight race but put

also consistently shown voters view the ex-central banker as the best candidate to deal with Trump.

Montreal resident Hamza Fahri, who plans to vote after work, described the election as "unique."

"I wanted to vote for change in Canada. I wanted the Liberals to go, but in the end, I'll vote

for Carney because he is a strong, serious man and that's what the country needs to face Trump," the 28-year-old engineer told AFP.

But Kelsey Leschasin, who lives in the Conservative-leaning central province of Saskatchewan, said her priority was "change."

"I don't agree with the Liberal government and how they're running our country," she told AFP in Montreal, where she was visiting for a conference.

Julie Demers said Trump's dominance over the campaign came at a cost.

"I think it's unfortunate that we only talked about American politics," the 37-year-old mother of two said, regretting that



Canada has the longest coastline of any country in the world – it stretches over 202,000 kilometres (about 125,000 miles)! If you walked one kilometre of Canada's coast every day, it would take you over 550 years to finish.

social equality had been sidelined.

Historic turnaround?

If the Liberals win, it would mark one of the most dramatic turnarounds in Canadian political history.

On January 6, the day Trudeau announced he would resign, the Conservatives led the Liberals by more than 20 points in most polls, and Poilievre looked on track to be Canada's next prime minister.

But Carney replacing Trudeau combined with nationwide unease about Trump transformed the race.

Public broadcaster CBC's poll aggregator on Sunday put the Liberals' national support at 42.8 percent, with the Conservatives at 38.8 percent.

As with US elections, national polling numbers may not predict a result.

The performance of two smaller parties -- the left-wing New Democratic Party (NDP) and the separatist Bloc Quebecois -- could be decisive as strong showings by both parties in past votes have curbed Liberal seat tallies.

Nearly 29 million of Canada's 41 million people are eligible to vote, in the massive G7 country that spans six time zones. A record 7.3 million people cast advanced ballots.



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Attended the Civil Investiture Ceremony-I where the Padma Awards were presented. Outstanding individuals from all walks of life were honoured for their service and achievements.

@narendramodi

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I spoke with @sanchezcastejon about the power outage in the Iberian Peninsula. I reaffirmed the @EU\_Commission's support in monitoring the situation with national and European authorities and our Electricity Coordination Group. We will coordinate efforts and share information to help restore the electricity system, and agreed to stay in close contact.

@vonderleyen

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Our military continues to operate in the Kursk and Belgorod regions - we maintain our presence in Russia. Pokrovsk, all other directions in Donetsk region - I thank our warriors for resilience. Incredible job!

@ZelenskyyUa

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Under Joe Biden, criminal illegal aliens called the shots. Under President Trump, it's a new dawn, a new day, a new life for America — and we're feeling good.

@WhiteHouse

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# India says signs deal with France for 26 Rafale fighter jets

The jets would join 36 French-made Rafale fighters already acquired

● The jets made by French aerospace company Dassault Aviation will replace Russian MiG-29K jets

● The Indian government announced its intention to procure 26 Rafales in 2023

AFP | New Delhi, India

India has signed a contract to purchase 26 Rafale fighter jets from France, New Delhi's

defence ministry said Monday, with the multi-billion-dollar deal to include both single and twin-seat planes.

When delivered, the jets would join 36 French-made Rafale fighters already acquired by New Delhi as part of its efforts to rapidly modernise its military hardware.

"The governments of India and France have signed an inter-governmental agreement for the procurement of 26 Rafale Aircraft," the defence ministry said in a statement.

The jets made by French aerospace company Dassault Aviation are expected to operate from Indian-made aircraft carriers, replacing the Russian

It includes training, simulator, associated equipment, weapons and performance-based logistics" as well as 22 single-seater and four twin-seater jets

INDIA'S DEFENCE MINISTRY

MiG-29K jets.

"It includes training, simulator, associated equipment, weapons and performance-based logistics" as well as 22 single-seater and four twin-seater jets, said India's

defence ministry.

"It also includes additional equipment for the existing Rafale fleet of the Indian Air Force (IAF)."

The Indian government announced its in-



India has become the world's largest arms importer with purchases steadily rising to account for nearly 10 percent of all imports globally in 2019-23, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said last year.

tention to procure 26 Rafales in 2023, when

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited France for the Bastille Day celebrations.

Despite historical ties with Russia as its key supplier for military equipment, India has diversified in recent years with key purchases including from France as well as from the United States and Israel.

Dassault said that the jets will provide India with "state-of-the-art capabilities" and an "active role in guaranteeing national sovereignty and consolidating India's role as a major international player".

India's navy is the first user outside France of the Rafale Marine jet, the company said.



Firefighters give water cannon salute to a Rafale jet during its induction ceremony into the Indian Air Force at the Ambala Air Force Station in Ambala on September 10, 2020

## North Korea confirms troop deployment to Russia's Kursk

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

North Korea confirmed for the first time on Monday it had deployed troops to Russia, with its state news agency KCNA reporting Pyongyang's soldiers helped Moscow reclaim territory under Ukrainian control in the Russian border region of Kursk.

The admission comes just days after Moscow confirmed the North's participation, while Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday heralded the "feat" of Pyongyang's troops.

South Korean and Western intelligence agencies have long reported that Pyongyang sent more than 10,000 soldiers to help in Kursk last year.

North Korean forces "participated in the operations for liberating the Kursk areas", Pyongyang's Central Military Commission said in the KCNA report.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's decision to deploy the troops, it said, was in accordance with a mutual defence treaty.

"They who fought for justice are all heroes and representatives of the honour of the motherland," Kim said, according to KCNA.

Kim added that a monument to the "battle feats" would soon be built in the capital, and referred to "the tombstones of the fallen soldiers", publicly confirming that North Korean troops had been killed in com-



Ukrainian servicemen of the Skala regiment artillery unit fire an M109 howitzer toward Russian positions

**Putin lauds N.Korean troops 'feat' in helping regain territory in Kursk**

Moscow, Russia

President Vladimir Putin on Monday thanked North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for the "feat" of Pyongyang's troops in helping wrest back the area held by Ukraine in Russia's Kursk region.

"The Korean friends acted, guided by the sentiments of solidarity, justice and real camaraderie," the Kremlin cited Putin as saying.

"We appreciate it a lot and are deeply grateful to comrade Kim Jong Un personally... and the North Korean people".

Russian Chief of Staff Valery Gerasimov on Saturday hailed the "heroism" of the North Korean soldiers, who he said "provided significant assistance in defeating the group of Ukrainian armed forces".

bat. The country must "take important national measures to specially honour and care for the families of war veterans", said Kim.

Russian Chief of Staff Valery Gerasimov on Saturday said North Korean soldiers "provided significant assistance in defeating the group of Ukrainian armed forces".

## Prince William and Kate mark wedding anniversary in Scotland



Britain's Prince William, Prince of Wales (2L), Britain's Prince George of Wales (L), Britain's Catherine, Princess of Wales (R), Britain's Princess Charlotte of Wales (C) and Britain's Prince Louis of Wales

London, United Kingdom

Prince William and wife Catherine will celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary on the Scottish island of Mull on Tuesday, the latest step on the princess's road to recovery from cancer.

Catherine, Princess of Wales, revealed in January she was "in remission", having announced last March she had been diagnosed with an unspecified form of the disease and was undergoing chemotherapy.

She has since returned to frontline public duties, but with a slimmed-down schedule and shorter engagements.

The couple will spend two days touring the western Scottish islands of Mull and Iona, where they will "celebrate and connect with rural island com-

munities", according to their Kensington Palace office.

They will celebrate their anniversary on Mull, the fourth-largest island in Scotland, which has a population of around 3,000 people and is known for its fishing and farming communities.

William and Catherine met while studying at the University of St Andrews in Scotland and married at London's Westminster Abbey on April 29, 2011, in a ceremony watched by tens of millions around the world.

Since then, the royal family has undergone a tumultuous decade in which Queen Elizabeth II died after a record-breaking 70-year reign and William's father, King Charles III, ascended to the throne.



# celebs

## Hailee Steinfeld: Sinners had a personal impact on me



Hailee Steinfeld  
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Hailee Steinfeld explored her own family history in preparation for ‘Sinners’.

The 28-year-old actress stars alongside Michael B. Jordan in the new horror movie, which is set in the 30s in Southern United States, and Hailee has admitted to making discoveries about her own family while preparing to play a multi-racial character in the film.

She told People: “It had such an impact on me personally. Therefore, I feel like the least it can do is make an impact on those that watch it.

“I think it affected all of us so personally and so deeply, and I do believe that you feel that and you see that when you watch this movie.”

‘Sinners’ also stars the likes of Jack O’Connell, Wunmi Mosaku, Jayme Lawson, and Omar Miller.

And Hailee has revealed that the cast members developed a “personal connection” to the story.

The Hollywood star said: “I’m so grateful for the deeply personal connection that each of us have [to the material], mine being with my family history, with my grandfather, who I wish was still here to answer all the questions that I have that this movie raised for me and making this movie raised.”

Meanwhile, Michael B Jordan recently hailed Hailee’s performance in ‘Sinners’, suggesting that it could become a landmark in her career.

The 38-year-old actor told WhoWhatWear: “Hailee’s performance in ‘Sinners’ is very, very versatile and honestly fun.

## Wiz Khalifa doesn’t believe the Earth is round: ‘We live on a flat plane’

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Wiz Khalifa seemingly believes Earth is flat.

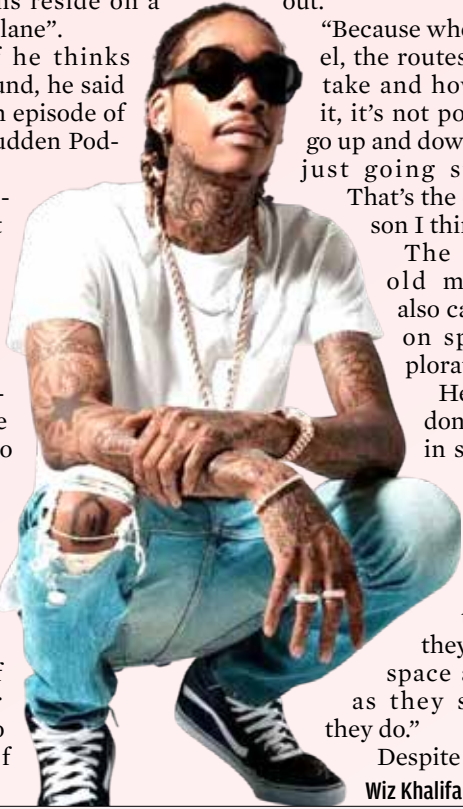
The ‘Black and Yellow’ rapper has rejected the notion the planet is round and is convinced that humans reside on a “huge flat plane”.

Asked if he thinks Earth is round, he said in a Patreon episode of ‘The Joe Budden Podcast’: “No.

“I just believe that we live on a flat plane, like a huge flat plane.

“It’s only because I’ve travelled so much.”

But guest host and academic Marc Lamont Hill then asked Wiz if he had ever travelled to the edge of



Wiz Khalifa

the Earth.

Seemingly referring to the supercontinent of Pangaea, he said: “Nah, it’s not that. I think that there’s more masses than just what we see because it was one thing before and it spread out.

“Because when I travel, the routes that we take and how we do it, it’s not possible to go up and down. You’re just going straight. That’s the only reason I think that.”

The 37-year-old musician also cast doubt on space exploration.

He said: “I don’t believe in space exploration at all. I don’t believe that they explore space as much as they say that they do.”

Despite his com-

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WIZ KHALIFA

ments, the ‘See You Again’ hit-maker’s latest album, ‘Kush + Orange Juice 2’, features a photo of a round Earth on its cover.

The record is a follow-up to his 2010 album but Wiz recently admitted he “wasn’t into doing a sequel” and “would always leave ‘Kush + Orange Juice’ alone”, but his thoughts changed when he began working on the record.

He told Grammy.com: “I just thought, ‘What would be the most satisfying for the fans and the people who support me? Should I start over and do something brand new, or re-create something that they already love and that they’re already used to?’

“So that’s what made me make the decision to work on a follow-up.”

## Natalie Portman drawn to roles depending on personal life

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Natalie Portman is drawn to roles depending on what’s happening in her personal life.

The 43-year-old ‘Black Swan’ actress divorced her husband Benjamin Millepied in 2024, and revealed the impact her mood at home makes on her work during a conversation with Jenna Ortega, 22, following their collaboration on the upcoming film ‘The Gallerist’.

Speaking to Jenna for In-



Natalie Portman

terview magazine, she said: “You want to find that joy and lightness and humour in your work when things are harder at home.”

The two actors also discussed their experiences growing up in the spotlight and how their careers have evolved over time.

Natalie, who finalised her divorce from Benjamin Millepied, 47, in February after over a decade together, added about how her life circumstances often influence her ap-

proach to acting roles.

She said: “There are things that come at certain times of your life.

“There’s moments in your life where it’s really meaningful to have a work experience that just envelopes you in happiness, and this was one of those.”

Natalie continued: “It doesn’t always work out, but I’m drawn to things because of what’s happening in my personal life.”

When asked whether she prioritises character or script when selecting new roles, Natalie replied: “I learned from actresses that came before me who said, ‘It’s important to go for joy.’”

Natalie and Benjamin met while working on the 2010 film ‘Black Swan’, in which she starred as a troubled ballerina, while he served as the film’s ballet choreog-

## Olivia Munn was ‘done’ with acting

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Olivia Munn was “done” with acting after the birth of her son.

The 44-year-old actress - who has Malcolm, three, and six-month-old Mei with husband John Mulaney - spent months suffering from anxiety attacks after welcoming her first child into the world and began considering a new career in editing, producing or writing.

She recalled to the Los Angeles Times newspaper: “I called my agents and my manager and said, ‘I’m done being in front of the camera — don’t put me up for anything.’

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But Olivia had a change of heart when she was offered the role of divorcee Sam in ‘Your Friends and Neigh-

Olivia Munn



bors’, only to then be diagnosed with breast cancer.

The actress began filming after completing her treatment and was initially “really nervous” about her sex scenes.

She said: “I was really nervous about doing any sex scenes because I have a lot of scars. Scars that can be seen in clothing and scars that you wouldn’t know unless I was completely nude...”

“I did feel insecure, but each time I did it, I felt better.”

Olivia is now cancer-free and looking forward to her life getting “back to normal”.

Insisting she never looked for special treatment, she said: “That’s how I handle life. I don’t like when it’s sugarcroaked. I don’t like to be placated.

## Julia Fox slams ex-husband: ‘Don’t have a child with a loser’

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Julia Fox has urged women not to have children with “losers”.

The ‘Uncut Gems’ star has hit out at her ex-husband Peter Artemiev for allegedly having their four-year-old son Valentino baptised without her permission or participation and then claiming she wasn’t interested in being there.

In a rant shared

to TikTok, Julia concluded: “Girls, please, from the bottom of my heart, who you have a child with will dictate the rest of your life.

Do not have a child with a loser.”

Julia had told how she only found out about the baptism from a chance remark made by Peter.

She said: “So basically, what happened was, I went to my son’s school for his school performance. His dad was there. He came late, as usual.

“And then I had to, like, help load some stuff in my car, so we were walking to my car, and he points to this church, and he goes, ‘Oh, this is where Valentino was baptised.’

“I was like, ‘Well, why wasn’t I invited?’ And he was like, ‘You were invited; you just didn’t want to come.’



Julia Fox

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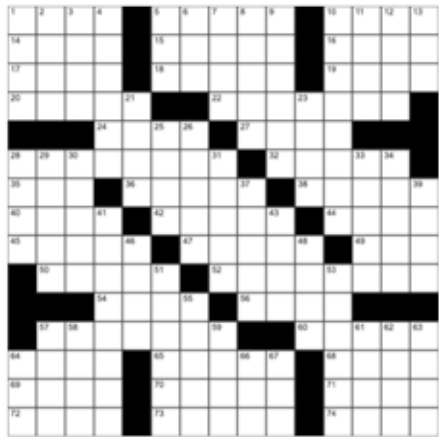
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Yesterday’s solution

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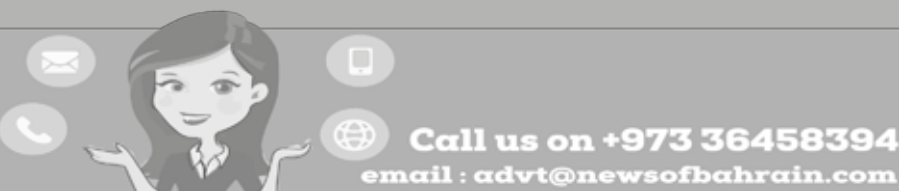
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# Slot plots more Liverpool glory

Premier League champions already planning next campaign amid Anfield celebrations

● Slot vows Liverpool will compete for every trophy next season

SFP | London

Arne Slot says sky-high expectations at Liverpool will not allow for any let-up next season after they won the Premier League title in style. A crushing 5-1 victory against Tottenham at a raucous Anfield on Sunday put the Reds out of reach of nearest challengers Arsenal with four games to go. Liverpool are now level with bitter rivals Manchester United on 20 English top-flight titles after winning just their second league crown in the Premier League era.

It is a remarkable achievement for Slot, who took over the managerial reins from Jurgen Klopp last June, with few pundits expecting him to win the league in his first season.

But Liverpool started at a sprint and have lost just two league matches all season as Manchester City, Chelsea and Arsenal all failed to mount a consistent challenge.

Thousands of fans lingered outside Anfield hours after the final whistle on Sunday, chanting and letting off fireworks as they revelled in the club's success.

The emotion was heightened by the memory of their 2020 title, with that trophy lifted behind closed doors due to Covid restrictions.

Slot, who has eased seamlessly into life at Anfield, said plans were already in place for next season and there would be no problems in motivating his men as he targets more silverware.

"I don't have to manage expectations because the expectations



Liverpool's Dutch manager Arne Slot reacts as Liverpool's Dutch defender #04 Virgil van Dijk (L) and Liverpool's English midfielder #19 Harvey Elliott spray him with champagne

of this club are always the same," said the former Feyenoord boss -- the first Dutch coach to win the Premier League.

"We have to compete for every trophy, and that didn't change when I came in and that doesn't change next season.

"We have a group of players that are able to win things, but we're not the only one. There are so many great teams in this league and in the Champions League, so it's never going to be easy, but we have to compete."

Liverpool's season is finishing on a high note just weeks after a low point following defeat to Newcastle in the League Cup final and a Champions League exit to Paris Saint-Germain.

The club have realistically been Premier League winners-elect for months but there was a sense of anti-climax following the high-profile losses.

At the time the futures of top-scorer Mohamed Salah, cap-

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ARNE SLOT

tain Virgil van Dijk and England defender Trent Alexander-Arnold were all still unresolved, lending an air of uncertainty about the future.

Now Salah and Van Dijk have signed new deals to give a sense of stability at the club, though Alexander-Arnold continues to be linked with a move to Real Madrid.

Slot said the Premier League had always been the priority.

"Although we were all very disappointed when we were knocked out by Paris Saint-Germain, we always felt there was a bigger goal to achieve," he said.

"To do that in the most difficult league in the world in a period of time where it gets harder and harder to win it is very special."

Next season could be even tougher.

The Dutchman acknowledges that Manchester City's drop-off this season helped his men, while Arsenal, likely to finish as runners-up for a third straight year, have not been consistent enough.

'Speechless'

But Liverpool fans celebrating their title in the shadow of the towering Anfield stands believe their triumph can be a springboard for more success.

"Speechless," said Alex Irlam,

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Slot becomes the first Dutch manager to win the Premier League, achieving what even legends like Van Gaal and Gullit couldn't

23. "It's incredible. You don't find this anywhere else. Any Premier League club can win the league but you don't get this anywhere else."

"This is (Bill) Shankly and (Bob) Paisley version two -- Jurgen Klopp and Slot," he added, referring to two of the greatest managers in Liverpool history, who managed one after the other.

Sam Vickers, 23, pleaded for support from the club hierarchy.

"The owners need to back Liverpool FC with funds for transfers," he said. "They need to back us as a team, as a club, because we're the best in the world."

"Look at these celebrations. You don't get this at (Manchester) City, you don't get it at Newcastle."

Frank McShane, 74, who has been watching Liverpool for decades, relished the celebrations outside Anfield and across the city.

"The last time it was Covid and it was a damp squib," he said, adding that he dearly wants Alexander-Arnold to stay.

"I think we'll win it next season," he said. "I hope Trent stays. Where's he going to go? Why would he leave?"

## Slot praises Klopp after Liverpool seal Premier League title

Arne Slot thanked former Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp for the legacy he left at the club as he celebrated winning the Premier League title in his first season at Anfield.

Former Feyenoord manager Slot got the crowd to sing Opus' 1984 track "Live Is Life" but replaced the lyrics "Arne Slot" with "Jurgen Klopp".

Klopp had sung Slot's name to the Kop in his final game at Anfield.

Slot praised the German, who won the Champions League and Premier League among other silverware during his nine-year spell at Anfield for leaving him a solid platform

to build on.

"I think that is something not one manager ever did before. So that is what definitely helped me," he said.

"But apart from that, he helped me even more by the team he left behind and the culture he left behind in that team."

"The quality the players have was, I think, obvious for everyone. But the culture of hard work, the culture not only from the players, but also from the staff members, has been incredible."

"And that is one of the reasons why we could achieve what we've achieved this season."

# Miami's unbeaten MLS run ends after Dallas comeback

AFP | Miami

Inter Miami threw away a 3-1 lead as they suffered their first loss of the Major League Soccer season with a stunning 4-3 defeat to FC Dallas on Sunday.

Lionel Messi sat out the game at Chase Stadium along with teammates Luis Suarez, Jordi Alba and Sergio Busquets for Miami, who face a CONCACAF Champions Cup semi-final second-leg clash on Wednesday.

With Miami trailing 2-0 from

the first-leg of that tie with the Vancouver Whitecaps, coach Javier Mascherano made a host of changes to his starting lineup and the plan looked to have worked with his team 3-1 up with 25 minutes left.

But a determined Dallas struck three times to take all three points and end Miami's status as the only unbeaten team in MLS.

Dallas had taken an eighth-minute lead with a fierce drive from fullback Shaq Moore



Dallas' Osaze Urhohide heads the ball against Inter Miami's Maximiliano Falcón

but Miami were quickly on level terms with a close-range finish from Fafa Picault.

Ecuadorean 18-year-old Allen Obando then put Miami ahead in the 29th minute with a perfectly timed run to meet a low cross from Ian Fray with a clinical finish.

Miami looked to be cruising after David Martinez added the third, pouncing on a loose ball to drive into the far corner after good work from Benjamin Cremaschi.



# Arteta faces Champions League showdown with mentor Luis Enrique

● **Arteta's Arsenal face Luis Enrique's PSG in Champions League semi-final**

AFP | London

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta will have to beat one of the most influential figures in his football life when the Gunners face Luis Enrique's Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League semi-finals.

Arteta's side host PSG in the first leg on Tuesday as the Spaniard aims to lead Arsenal to only the second Champions League final appearance in their history.

Standing in his way is a close friend who, along with Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola, played a major role in his compatriot's impressive transition from the pitch to the dug-out.

Luis Enrique was a senior star at Barcelona when Arteta started his playing career at the Camp Nou, a period that had a major impact on his managerial philosophy with Arsenal.

"He was extremely supportive with the young players, he was one of the main characters by far. I have really good memories of him," Arteta said.

"What I love about him is wherever he's been, as a player or a manager, his fingerprints are all over the place.



Arsenal's Spanish manager Mikel Arteta (C) applauds as he leads a training session

"You can sense it's his team with the way his players behave, the way they want to attack and dominate games."

The pupil has already got the better of his mentor once this season, when Arsenal eased to a 2-0 win over PSG in the league phase at the Emirates in October.

But PSG have improved dramatically since then, in large part because Luis Enrique's decision to drop Ousmane Dem-

bele against Arsenal for disciplinary reasons has inspired the France forward's superb run of form.

It was the kind of ruthless gamble that Arteta is willing to take himself.

"I admire his honesty. He will look in your eyes and tell you what he thinks. In the end, players appreciate that," Arteta said.

"An unbelievable personality, huge character, huge energy. I

learnt a lot of things from him.

"For me he's one of the best coaches in the world and someone who helped me a huge amount. I have the utmost respect both for how he is as a person and his way of working."

The feeling is mutual, with Luis Enrique saying: "He is one of the best coaches at the moment.

"He changed Arsenal's fortunes from a somewhat winless

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Arteta has already defeated Luis Enrique once this season, with Arsenal's 2-0 victory over PSG in the group stage

streak to one of the best teams in the world that is competing for titles."

### 'Electric atmosphere'

While Arteta and Luis Enrique are sure to share a private moment together after the tie, they will put their friendship on hold to focus on finally delivering Champions League glory to their clubs.

Arsenal have never won the tournament, losing to Barcelona in the 2006 final, while PSG have a tortured recent history, beaten by Bayern Munich in their only final in 2020.

Securing the European holy grail would make Arteta immortal in north London and banish any questions about his ability to win major trophies.

The Gunners have gone five years without silverware since Arteta won the only prize of his

reign in the FA Cup.

Arsenal head into the PSG tie emboldened by their swaggering 5-1 aggregate dismissal of holders Real Madrid in the quarter-finals.

However, they have spluttered in the Premier League, effectively surrendering the title to Liverpool after a series of lacklustre draws.

In Arteta's defence, Arsenal have been hampered by injuries for much of the season, with Kai Havertz and Gabriel Jesus still sidelined.

PSG have already knocked out Liverpool and Aston Villa, setting them up for a hat-trick of English scalps if they get past Arsenal.

In their first Champions League semi-final since losing to Manchester United in 2009, the key for Arsenal could lie in their ability to recreate the fevered atmosphere that swept away Madrid in the last eight.

"With the home crowd behind us, there needs to be an electric atmosphere, and they will push us forward," Arsenal forward Leandro Trossard said.

Trossard could lead the attack against PSG, with makeshift forward Mikel Merino expected to revert to midfield in the absence of the suspended Thomas Partey.

"We want the same as last time. The fans were incredible in the home game against Madrid. If we can do that again it would be amazing," Trossard said.



## Jannik Sinner launches foundation supporting children

AFP | Rome

World number one Jannik Sinner announced yesterday the creation of a foundation in his name aimed at "empowering children

through education and sports", six days out from the Italian's return to action after a doping ban.

The Jannik Sinner Foundation "will support sports programmes, school projects and community in-

itiatives to make sports and education more accessible to the next generation" in Italy and abroad.

"For me, it's an honour to support children and young athletes," said Sinner in a statement.

## T'Wolves win to push Lakers to brink, Celtics, Knicks and Pacers win

TDT | Manama

Anthony Edwards scored 43 Apoints and the Minnesota Timberwolves out-gunned the Los Angeles Lakers down the stretch to win a pulsating NBA playoff clash 116-113 and take a 3-1 lead in their Western Conference first-round series.

Luka Doncic scored 38 points and LeBron James added 27 for the Lakers, who took a 10-point lead into the fourth quarter but are now one game away from elimination.

Jaden McDaniels drove for a basket and drew a foul with 39.5 seconds to play, converting the free throw to put Minnesota up 114-113.



Karl-Anthony Towns

McDaniels then stole an inbounds pass from James and Edwards drew a foul on the Lakers superstar and made two free throws that sealed it as Austin Reaves missed a final three-point attempt.

The Lakers will try to stay alive in the best-of-seven series when they host game five on Wednesday.

## Vidhu Mittal takes Consolation Bowl as Shuvendu Bakshi clinches Winners Cup at Awali Golf Club



1st vice captain Balbir Singh, Shuvendu Bakshi and captain Steve Newall

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Vidhu Mittal claimed victory in the Consolation Bowl at Awali Golf Club, while Shuvendu Bakshi secured the Winners Cup as the club's competition season drew to a close. The Consolation Bowl is traditionally the final trophy event of the season, offering a last chance for members who haven't won a main prize to achieve victory, while

previous season winners compete for the Winners Cup.

Rising temperatures added an extra layer of difficulty to the competition, with some players opting to sit out. Maintaining a good pace of play was crucial to limit exposure to the sun and heat, and players were reminded to stay hydrated and replenish energy levels with water, energy bars, bananas, and salts.

Shuvendu Bakshi demonstrat-



1st vice captain Balbir Singh, Vidhu Mittal and captain Steve Newall

ed consistent form, balancing triple bogeys with well-played pars to finish with a net 67. This score was enough to secure the Winners Cup, edging out Abdulrahman Abdulwahed Al Shaikh by a single shot.

The battle for the Consolation Bowl saw a tight finish. Despite a disappointing final hole, Vidhu Mittal's strong performance throughout the round gave him a comfortable

lead, ultimately winning with a net 67. He beat both Khalid Salem Al Aathem and Abdulrahman Mubarak Al Jowher by one shot. The best gross score of the day was achieved by Salem Khalifa Masood, who carded an impressive 69, finishing his round in style with an eagle on the 18th hole. The prizes were presented by Club Captain Steve Newall and Vice Captain Balbir Singh.

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# Massive blackout halts Madrid Open

Massive power cut across Spain, Portugal forces tournament to cancel entire day's play

- Only three matches completed before tournament suspension
- Coco Gauff, Mirra Andreeva advance to quarter-finals

AFP | Madrid

Play has been cancelled at the Madrid Open for the rest of the day following a massive power cut in Spain and neighbouring Portugal, tournament organisers announced yesterday.

A power cut affecting “the whole of the Iberian peninsula and part of France”, according to Portuguese electricity network operator REN, halted matches shortly after 10.30am GMT, before Madrid Open organisers called off the rest of the day’s action four hours later.



US Coco Gauff returns the ball to Switzerland’s Belinda Bencic

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The power cut occurred just as Dimitrov was one point away from victory against Fearnley at 6-4, 5-4

“For reasons beyond the control of the organisation and in order to guarantee general safety, the nationwide power-cut experienced in Spain yesterday 28 April has forced the cancellation of both the day and night sessions at the Madrid Open,” the tournament announced on social media.

Only three matches were completed yesterday before the

outage.

Women’s world number four Coco Gauff beat Belinda Bencic 6-4, 6-2 in the last 16 and teenage sensation Mirra Andreeva also progressed to the quarter-finals, beating Yuliia Starodubtseva 6-1, 6-4.

Matteo Arnaldi, who knocked out Novak Djokovic on Saturday, reached the round of 16 with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Damir Dzumhur.

Elsewhere, the match between Grigor Dimitrov and Jacob Fearnley was suspended when the Bulgarian 15th seed was leading 6-4, 5-4 with his opponent serving to stay in the match.

Among the matches initially scheduled for yesterday and now postponed until today are the last 16 matches of women’s world numbers one and two, Aryna Sabalenka and Iga Swiatek, who were due to take on Peyton Stearns and Diana Shnaider, respectively.

## Middle East welcomes Arenacross World Tour

- Arenacross Finals bring global spotlight to Abu Dhabi
- World’s top motocross stars to compete in Middle East
- Region strengthens role as international motorsport hub

Mahir Haneef  
TDT | Manama

Abu Dhabi is set to reinforce the Middle East’s growing reputation as a global hub for world-class sporting events when it hosts the high-octane Arenacross World Tour Finals at Etihad Arena on July 5th.

Bringing together the world’s



Action from a previous event

best indoor motocross and freestyle riders, the championship showdown will showcase the Middle East’s ability to stage

large-scale, international motorsport spectacles that combine extreme sports, entertainment, and fan engagement.

Leading the line-up is Scotland’s Dean Wilson, a former AMA motocross champion and the current Arenacross front-runner. Joining him will be British star Tommy Searle, French champion Cedric Soubeyras, 2024 Arenacross title-holder Jack Brunell, and other elite riders from Europe and beyond, all vying for glory in Abu Dhabi.

The Arenacross Finals offer more than just racing, with three hours of breathtaking action featuring freestyle motocross stunts, pyrotechnics, live music, and a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere. Spectators will also have access to exclusive trackside experiences, athlete meet-and-greets, and a behind-the-scenes Track Walk.

## Lucknow back Pant as IPL leader despite batting flop

- Pant has scored only 110 runs in nine IPL innings
- Team mentor Zaheer Khan praises Pant’s leadership qualities

AFP | Lucknow

Lucknow Super Giants have given their backing to skipper Rishabh Pant to lead them to glory in the Indian Premier League despite the swashbuckling left-hander’s struggles with the bat.

Pant’s Lucknow went down to Mumbai Indians on Sunday for their fifth defeat in this edition of the T20 tournament, with 46 out of 74 matches played.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Pant was snapped up by Lucknow for a record price of \$3.21 million in the November auction and later appointed captain ahead of the 18th season.

But Pant has managed just 110 runs from nine innings.

His poor batting form coincides with Lucknow’s patchy run in the league as they are placed sixth after 10 matches.

However, team mentor Zaheer Khan praised Pant’s leadership in the 10-team tournament, where top four teams will move into the play-offs.

“He’s been fantastic as a leader, that’s something which I can vouch for,” Zaheer said after the

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Pant was bought by Lucknow for a record \$3.21 million, the highest price in the last IPL auction

team’s 54-run loss to Mumbai.

“The kind of efforts he’s been taking to make sure that each individual in that group is comfortable, is heard, and the planning to do everything which goes around in IPL, he’s being spot on.”

Former India pace bowler Zaheer added that the team’s middle order is “dependent on Rishabh”, and remained sure he will provide the runs that are needed.

“I’m very confident that the impact, which we want from him, will come,” he added. “It’s just about something clicking -- so I wouldn’t relate it to pressure.”

Pant’s batting flop extended to Lucknow’s 10th match when he attempted a reverse sweep off England spinner Will Jacks and got caught out at short third-man for four.

Rishabh Pant

## Bangladesh spinner Taijul’s 5 wickets trigger Zimbabwe collapse in 2nd Test

AFP | Chattogram

Bangladesh’s left-arm spinner Taijul Islam registered his 16th five-wicket haul as Zimbabwe slumped to 227-9 at the end of the first day of the second Test in Chattogram yesterday.

Nick Welch and Sean Williams each scored fifties for the visitors but the day belonged to Bangladesh as they sought to level the two-match series after losing the opener.

Zimbabwe got off to a decent start after winning the toss and opting to bat but lost both openers in quick succession.

Debutant Tanzim Hasan Sakib made the first breakthrough, getting Brian Bennett caught behind off an outside edge.

Taijul struck with the second delivery of his spell, removing Ben Curran when the opener



Najmul Hossain and Taijul Islam celebrate the fall of a Zimbabwe wicket

chopped one onto his stumps for 21 off 50 balls.

Welch and Williams steadied the innings but their dismissals triggered a collapse, with Taijul getting four wickets in the final session.

He dismissed Wessly Madhere for 15 in the 79th over and then struck twice more quickly, sending back Wellington Masakadza for six and Richard Ngarava for a first-ball duck.

Taijul claimed his fifth wicket

with five overs remaining in the day, removing Welch for 54 to leave Zimbabwe reeling.

However, tailender Blessing Muzarabani held firm with Tafadzwa Tsiga to survive the rest of the day.

Taijul finished with 5-60, while his spin partner Nayeem Hasan chipped in with two wickets.

Bangladesh made three changes, recalling Anamul Haque and Nayeem Hasan, and handing right-arm paceman Sakib his Test debut.

Anamul’s return came after four centuries in domestic cricket.

Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Nahid Rana and Khaled Ahmed were dropped to make room for them.

Zimbabwe brought in debutant leg-spinner Vincent Masekesa and Tsiga, replacing Victor Nyauchi and Nyasha Mayavo.