

SIO launches new website

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The Social Insurance Organisation (SIO) has launched its new website (www.sio.gov.bh), in line with the government's programme and Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, aimed at enhancing public service quality and improving efficiency in meeting the needs of citizens and residents.

Sahar Rashid Al Mannai, Chief Executive Officer of the SIO, said the new website is a key step in the organisation's digital transformation strategy.

She noted that the platform offers an improved and integrated user experience that makes it easier to access insurance related information and services.

The redesigned website features a modern layout reflecting the SIO's corporate identity. It includes structured content on electronic services, relevant laws and regulations.

Six rescued in Qalali house fire

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Civil Defense teams successfully rescued six individuals after a fire broke out in a residential house in the Qalali area.

The blaze was swiftly brought under control, and no injuries were reported.

Authorities confirmed that the fire was fully contained, preventing further damage to surrounding properties.

Immediate safety measures were implemented at the scene to ensure public safety and prevent any secondary hazards.

An investigation has been launched to determine the cause of the fire.

War casualties

AFP | Kyiv

A Russian drone strike on Ukraine's southern port city of Odesa killed two people and wounded 14, including children, local authorities said yesterday.

Moscow has stepped up drone and missile attacks on Ukraine and peace talks initiated by the United States to end the three-year conflict have stalled.

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Drone and air strikes

AFP | Gaza City

Gaza's civil defence agency said Israeli forces killed 37 people in the devastated territory yesterday, including at least nine children who died in strikes.

Civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal told AFP 35 people were killed in seven Israeli drone and air strikes in various locations, and two others by Israeli fire while waiting for food aid in the Netzarim zone in central Gaza.

He said the dead included three children who were killed in an air strike on a home in Jabalia, in northern Gaza.

Bassal said at least six more children died in a neighbourhood in the northeast of Gaza City, including some in an air strike near a school where displaced people were sheltering.

Mourners

AFP images showed mourners weeping over the bodies of seven people, including at least two children, wrapped in white shrouds and blankets at Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City.

Video footage filmed from southern Israel showed smoke rising over northern Gaza after blasts.

Other AFP footage filmed in Gaza City showed a cloud of smoke rising from buildings after a strike.

In Jabalia, an AFP photographer saw civil defence rescuers aiding a man with blood on his back.

Israel launched its offensive



Smoke billows after an Israeli strike on Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip. (AFP)

Six Israelis detained for attacking soldiers

AFP | Jerusalem

Six Israelis were detained for assaulting soldiers near a village in the occupied West Bank where deadly clashes with Palestinians erupted this week, the military said yesterday.

in Gaza in October 2023 in response to a deadly attack by Palestinian group Hamas.

After claiming victory in a 12-day war against Iran that ended with a ceasefire on June 24, the

The fresh violence around of Kafr Malik came after the Palestinian health ministry said three men died there in an attack by Israeli settlers on Wednesday.

Soldiers went to disperse a

gathering of Israelis near the village overnight, the military said in a statement.

"Dozens of Israeli civilians hurled stones toward them and physically and verbally assaulted the soldiers, including the battalion commander," it said.

Israeli military said it would re-focus on its offensive in Gaza, where Palestinian fighters still hold Israeli hostages.

Qatar said yesterday that it and fellow mediators the US and

Egypt were engaging with Israel and Hamas to build on momentum from the ceasefire with Iran and work towards a Gaza truce.

"If we don't utilise this window of opportunity and this mo-

mentum, it's an opportunity lost amongst many in the near past. We don't want to see that again," said Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari.

Death toll

Hamas's October 2023 attack resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli official figures.

Israel's retaliatory military campaign has killed at least 56,412 people, also mostly civilians, according to Gaza's health ministry.

The United Nations considers these figures to be reliable.

Sea rescue



A Coast Guard patrol rescued a man swept away by sea currents near Khalifa bin Salman Port. He was found to be in good health.

A win for Trump

US multinationals exempted from global minimum tax

AFP | Ottawa, Canada

The Group of Seven nations said yesterday they have agreed to exempt US multinational companies from a global minimum tax imposed by other countries - a win for President Donald Trump's government, which pushed hard for the compromise.

The deal will see US companies benefit from a "side-by-side" solution under which they will only be taxed at home, on both domestic and foreign profits, the G7 said in a statement released by Canada, which

holds the group's rotating presidency.

The agreement was reached in part due to "recently proposed changes to the US international tax system" included in Trump's signature domestic policy bill, which is still being debated in Congress, the statement said.

Stability

The side-by-side system could "provide greater stability and certainty in the international tax system moving forward," it added.

Nearly 140 countries struck a

deal in 2021 to tax multinational companies, an agreement negotiated under the auspices of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

That agreement, deeply criticized by Trump, includes two "pillars," the second of which sets a minimum global tax rate of 15 percent.

The OECD must ultimately decide to exempt the US companies from that tax - or not.

The G7 said it looked forward to "expeditiously reaching a solution that is acceptable and implementable to all."



# More Than Toys

Hands-on art zones debut at EWB



Fun and learning activities for the Kingdom's young aspiring artists



- **DIY art for families**
- **Festival expands creative focus**
- **Local studio leads workshops**

**Mahir Haneef**  
TDT | Manama

What began as a celebration of toys is fast transforming into a full-blown creative festival. Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) is launching a hands-on

art zone called 'EWB's Imagination Station', offering a new layer to the Bahrain Summer Toy Festival 2025 with daily interactive workshops and walk-in art experiences for families. The new station, developed in partnership with the Bahrain-based creative studio Artly, aims to deliver more than just entertainment. Running from July 1st to August 5th alongside the Toy Festival, the initiative turns part of EWB's East Lounge into a working arts lab filled with painting stations, crafting corners, and design challenges for children, teens, and adults. Among the standout attrac-



tions is the 'Fluid Bear Bar', where visitors can paint acrylic designs on bear figures, along with canvas sessions that bring Bahrain's iconic landmarks to life. Other options include tote bag painting and guided DIY art classes for age groups starting at four years old and extending

to adults. Each week, a rotating schedule will feature new creative experiences such as mask-making, cookie decorating, paracord bracelet weaving, clay modelling and more, ensuring no two visits are alike. "We're turning EWB into a year-round destination for creativity, learning, and family engagement," said Huda Al Shamlan, Director of Marketing, Communication and Partnerships at EWB. "The Imagination Station is more than a summer add-on. It is part of a wider strategy to deepen the value of public-facing events at our venue."

## Labour Ministry Launches 12 Rest Stations for Delivery Drivers



One of the rest stations  
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As part of a pioneering initiative to enhance the safe working environment for those working in the delivery sector, the Ministry of Labour has announced the launch of 12 air-conditioned and fully equipped rest stations for all delivery drivers from various companies and establishments, in cooperation with Talabat Bahrain, during the summer season. These stations offer com-

prehensive services including secure parking, rest areas, and essential facilities such as air conditioning, seating, and other services. The stations will be distributed in locations near delivery driver gathering points across different areas of the Kingdom, making them easily accessible. This initiative aims to improve driver comfort, enhance professional performance, and raise the quality of services provided to them.

## Health Minister participates in Brussels summit on immunisation

Brussels

Her Excellency Dr. Jaleela Hibint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health, led Bahrain's delegation to the high level global summit Health and

Prosperity through Immunisation, organised in Brussels by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, in partnership with the European Commission and the Gates Foundation. The summit brought together

heads of state and government, health ministers, and representatives of international organisations and agencies. Dr. Jaleela emphasised Bahrain's commitment to global immunisation and preventive

health efforts, citing the Kingdom's approach under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and

Prime Minister. She highlighted efforts to strengthen international partnerships that protect society and future generations from infectious diseases. The minister said the sum-

mit offered a global platform to highlight the importance of international solidarity in ensuring fair and equal access to vaccines as a foundation of health and sustainable development.

## Hilton Bahrain Brings Pet Lovers Together for 'Raise the Woof!' Community Gathering

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Hilton Bahrain, widely known as the most pet-friendly hotel in the Kingdom, once again opened its doors to the dog-loving community with a fun and meaningful event: "Raise the Woof! - Petworking" yesterday, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Timed in honor of World Day Against Pet Abandonment, the event aims to raise awareness about animal welfare and promote responsible pet ownership, while donating a portion of the entry fee to Bahrain Strays.

Having already hosted successful and quirky pet-focused events like a pet fashion show and a recent conducted dog adoption event in collaboration with Bahrain Strays, the hotel has earned its place in the hearts of Bahrain's pet parents.

Building on that momentum, Raise the Woof! introduces the concept of "pet-working" — yes, networking with a "p" — an event designed not only for pet owners to socialize but also for their furry companions to do the same.



Dog lovers at the Hilton Bahrain event



This pet-loving hotel continues to establish itself not just for pet overnight stays, but as a lively destination for pet-posi-



tive experiences. For BHD5 net, each guest will receive a complimentary soft beverage and access to an



evening full of joy, connection, and purpose. Pet owners and their four-legged companions will be treated

**Hilton Bahrain celebrates World Day Against Pet Abandonment with a "pet networking" event—supporting Bahrain Dog Adoption and bringing the dog-loving community together.**

to a variety of thoughtfully prepared activities and surprises by Hilton Bahrain and its event partners.

From delicious treats to interactive games, the evening promises a blend of relaxation and excitement.

### Lucky winners

One of the main highlights is the Pet Parent Bingo, where lucky winners will get a chance to win exciting prizes — including a one-night stay at Hilton Bahrain.

Guests will also enjoy music from a live DJ, adding a vibrant atmosphere to the open-air lounge where the event will take place.

Beyond the fun and festivities, guests will also have the chance to meet the adorable rescue dogs from Bahrain Strays, all of whom are looking for loving forever homes.

This event is proudly supported by a group of passionate local partners and sponsors, including Pet Studio, Bubbles & Miche, Bed & Biscuits, and VIBES, all of whom share Hilton Bahrain's commitment to animal welfare, community engagement, and responsible pet ownership.

"This event is not just about a great evening out," said Tamer Farouk, General Manager, Hilton Bahrain. "It's about building a community around shared values — joy, compassion, and connection. At Hilton Bahrain, we believe pets are family, and we're proud to create spaces and experiences that reflect that."

With this event, Hilton Bahrain continues to lead with heart, combining entertainment with purpose for the good of the community — and its beloved animals.

For more information, please contact: +973 36484674.



# ‘Humanitarian disaster’

Lawmakers call for urgent action on Gaza suffering after Rafah visit

Mohammed Darwish  
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A senior Arab parliamentarian has described the Gaza situation as a ‘humanitarian disaster’ following a visit to the Rafah crossing, as lawmakers, including Bahrain’s Mamdouh Al Saleh and Dr Hisham Al Ashiri, met in Cairo for the closing session.

Mohammed Al Yamahi, who chairs the Arab Parliament, said the visit laid bare the suffering in Gaza.

He praised Egypt’s efforts to deliver aid in coordination with the Egyptian Red Crescent, and urged the international community to act to end the violence and violations against Palestinians.

The session, held at the Arab League headquarters, drew MPs from across the Arab world.

Among them were the two Bahraini representatives, who



MPs Mamdouh Al Saleh, Dr Hisham Al Ashiri (bottom left), and Shura member Dr Adel Al Maawda (top right)

reaffirmed their country’s backing for the Palestinian cause.

## Leadership

Dr Al Ashiri linked Bahrain’s stance to the leadership of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the continued support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

“Bahrain’s position is clear,”

he said. “The Palestinian people have a right to an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.”

Al Saleh said the Kingdom’s presence formed part of its effort to back Arab causes on the global stage.

The session also saw the swearing-in of new members and the unopposed appointment of Saudi Shura Council member Saad bin Sulaib Al Otaibi as First

Deputy Speaker.

## Forums

Proposals to establish forums for Arab women and youth MPs were approved. Reports from the Parliament’s standing committees were also adopted for submission to the relevant authorities.

Dr Adel Al Maawada, from Bahrain’s Shura Council, took part in the session and contrib-

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- DR ADEL AL MAAWDA, SHURA COUNCIL MEMBER

uted to the work of the committee on foreign, political, and security affairs.

He said the meeting showed

growing Arab engagement with core issues.

“The session discussed a number of key matters,” he said, “including developments in Palestinian territories, regional tensions, the importance of maintaining the ceasefire, avoiding military conflict, and working to keep the region free of weapons of mass destruction.”

## Reports

Members also reviewed reports from the legal, economic, social, and Palestinian affairs committees, as well as notes from the Rafah visit and a side meeting held during the Arab Summit in Baghdad.

Other items on the table included plans for a conference on the blue economy, a draft law to address irregular migration, proposals to support social enterprises and home-run businesses, and steps to improve online education across the Arab world.

Strategic initiative to empower young people launched  
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Her Excellency Rawan Hbint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, announced a national initiative inspired by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian and Youth Affairs, to build an innovative and impactful generation by empowering youth and promoting community partnership.

The initiative aims to position young people as key contributors to the Kingdom’s comprehensive development by encouraging public and private sector institutions to make youth support a strategic priority.

It also seeks to invest in their creativity, build their leadership capacity, and enhance their participation in national development.

Tawfiqi said the initiative promotes a broad-based community alliance committed to enabling youth participation in decision making and fostering trust in their leadership potential.

It will also serve as a national platform to raise their profile and offer wider opportunities for success and global competitiveness.

The minister explained that clear evaluation criteria have been established for institutions applying to be recognised as youth supporters.

These include the extent of their engagement with young people, integration into policies and leadership roles, and the measurable impact of their youth focused programmes.

# Beyond the Barracks: Bahrain’s Military Athletes Step Onto Global Podiums



Bahraini military athletes are shining on the global stage, making the Kingdom proud

● Consistent global podium finishes

● BDF praised for sporting rise

● Military sports gain momentum

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Bahrain is steadily building a reputation for sporting excellence through its armed forces, with its military athletes claiming global recognition

across a range of international competitions.

From winning gold at the World Military Golf Championship to taking bronze in the Military World Judo Championship, the Kingdom’s servicemen have consistently reached the podium at major events.

These achievements reflect a growing emphasis on fitness, discipline and competitive performance within the Bahrain Defence Force’s sporting divisions.

The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) has invested significantly in sports development, enabling its athletes to represent the nation with distinction in events such as athletics, golf and judo



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

under the banner of the International Military Sports Council (CISM).

With more than 140 member countries, CISM competitions

attract some of the most elite military athletes in the world.

Bahrain’s bronze in judo at the 2023 Military World Championship in Uzbekistan and its strong performances in the pentathlon and track events have helped establish the Kingdom as an emerging force in international military sports.

## Official praise

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, has previously praised the determination and discipline of Bahrain’s military athletes.

He described their achievements on the international stage

as a source of national pride.

In earlier statements, he also highlighted the value of military sports in building morale and representing Bahrain’s values through global engagement.

The BDF’s Military Sports Federation continues to benefit from strong national support, with ongoing efforts focused on high-level training and broader international participation.

## Future focus

With momentum on its side, Bahrain’s military sports programme is expected to feature prominently in future regional and international championships.

# Bahrain Backs Developer Partnerships

● Visit boosts urban cooperation

● Licensing, laws under review

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Bahrain is reinforcing its commitment to collaborative urban development through closer cooperation between govern-



H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak with ministry officials and private sector developers

ment agencies and private sector developers.

This was underscored during a working visit by His Excellency Engineer Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipali-

ties Affairs and Agriculture, to the Bahrain Real Estate Development Association.

The visit, attended by Association Chairman Engineer Arif Ahmed Hejres and a number

of ministry officials and developers, focused on aligning efforts to improve the investment climate and streamline urban planning processes.

Al Mubarak praised the role of

specialised civil society organisations in supporting Bahrain’s economic and urban development goals.

He said the government is eager to expand collaboration with key private stakeholders, especially in updating construction sector legislation and simplifying licensing procedures.

“We are committed to strengthening our partnership with the real estate sector and continuously improving the regulatory environment to enhance investor confidence,” he said.



# Food firm owner charged over 'fake' expiry dates

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A warehouse filled with expired baking goods, repackaged with altered use-by dates, has led to court charges against a company boss. Prosecutors allege the expiry dates were stripped off and replaced with new ones before the products were put back into circulation.

The case has been scheduled for hearing on Wednesday, 2 July 2025, before the Minor Criminal Court.

The matter came to light when

Khamis Police Station (A) received information via the Ministry of Industry and Commerce about a warehouse storing expired stock.

## Premises

Inspectors from the ministry visited the premises and found food products either long expired or tampered with.

The warehouse was ordered shut immediately.

A team from the Public Prosecution inspected the site and took statements from twenty-three people, including suspects, workers, and witnesses.



The warehouse was sealed, and ministry staff were instructed to inventory its contents, identify expired goods, and lo-

cate any similar items on sale elsewhere.

## Baking ingredients

Among the confiscated stock were baking ingredients and packaged items bearing forged expiry dates.

Investigators later found more products in a shop supplied by the same company, also carrying changed labels.

A forensic expert confirmed that the original dates had been removed and replaced with new ones, either by printing directly onto the packaging or applying replacement stickers.

Police enquiries supported these findings.

## Trial

The prosecution, having gathered sufficient evidence, ordered the defendant's referral to trial.

The company owner stands accused of putting public health at risk through fraudulent practices.

The head of the relevant prosecution division said legal measures would continue to be taken against anyone found tampering with food supplies, stressing that public safety remains a top concern.

## Court nullifies gift after Bahraini man dies in same house

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A Bahraini man's attempt to give his house to his wife fell apart after the Sharia Court of Appeal found he had never left the property, making the transfer void.

Judges ruled the house must return to the deceased's name and be divided among his heirs, including children from a previous marriage.

Since he remained living in the house until his death, the court found the gift had never taken effect.

The case was brought by the man's children, who said their stepmother had transferred the property into her name using a gift deed signed while their father was still alive.

## Poor health

They argued he was in poor health at the time, lacked full awareness, and never vacated the home.

Their lawyer, Mohammed Al Sharabi, told the court that un-

der Maliki doctrine and Article 912 of Bahrain's Civil Code, a property gift is only valid if the donor gives up possession while still alive. Otherwise, it is treated as a will.

Islamic law does not allow bequests to legal heirs unless all other beneficiaries agree.

The court agreed. It found the man owned other houses but chose to remain in this one.

## Ownership

His wife never moved in, never used the property, and never showed any sign of control or ownership.

There had been no handover, either in fact or in practice. Without that, the court said, the gift was void.

The lower court had dismissed the claim and ordered the children to pay costs.

The appeal court overturned that decision, cancelled the gift, and ordered the property returned to the deceased's name to be shared out according to Islamic inheritance law.

## Verdict due in boat 'theft' and forged ownership form

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A man accused of forging papers to steal his friend's boat will learn his fate on 15 July.

Prosecutors allege the 36-year-old defendant worked with a ministry employee to alter a government form used for transferring boat ownership.

The form, supposedly signed by the rightful owner, was used to register the boat under the defendant's name at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications between 2022 and 2023.

## False information

The case turns on claims that the accused provided false information to a ministry clerk, who accepted it without suspicion.

The boat transfer went through based on these statements.

Prosecutors say the defendant knew the document had been tampered with, yet submitted it as part of the ownership process.

According to the complainant, he had purchased the boat



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in 2022 for his brother to use for fishing.

After his brother was fined, the vessel was kept in a stable owned by the family.

The accused, a frequent visitor, later removed it. When questioned, he claimed he was only cleaning and servicing it.

But when pressed to return it, he said he had sold it due to an unpaid debt owed by the complainant's brother.

The complainant later found his signature had been faked on the transfer form. His brother

confirmed this in his testimony.

Another man said the accused had offered to sell him the boat, claiming to be the owner.

The man, who enjoyed fishing, agreed to buy it after the accused helped complete the legal paperwork.

A clerk at the small vessels registration office told the court he had handled the ownership transfer and signed the form as part of his job.

He said he followed all the usual steps and acted on the documents presented.

## Indian Embassy relocates consular 'services to Al Seef premises

● Starting July 1

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The Embassy of India in the Kingdom of Bahrain has announced the relocation of all consular services from IVS Global Services at Dana Mall to the Embassy premises in Al-Seef, effective July 1, 2025, until further notice.

The services affected by this move include the issuance and renewal of passports, visas, and other miscellaneous consular functions.

All consular services will now be rendered at the Embassy of India, located at Building 1090, Road No. 2819, Block No. 428 in the Al-Seef area of Manama.

The working hours for consular services will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, excluding public holidays. Collection of documents such as passports and other consular certificates will take place between 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. on the same working days, with no prior appointment required for collection.

## Appointments

To streamline operations and ensure efficiency, the Embassy has clarified that all applicants must schedule appointments in advance through the "EoIBHConnect" mobile application, available on both Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

Consular services will only be provided to applicants with prior appointments. Walk-in applicants will be entertained solely for Emergency Certificate (EC) applications.

Applicants are required to bring a duly filled application form along with all supporting documents as specified on the official website of the Embassy at [www.eoibahrain.gov.in](http://www.eoibahrain.gov.in).

## ICRF Thirst Quenchers 2025 second week held at Salmaniya worksite

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The Indian Community Welfare Association - ICRF Bahrain continues its annual summer awareness program - Thirst Quenchers 2025.

Aligning with the Ministry of Labour's initiative to ensure a safe working environment during the sweltering three months, ICRF Bahrain distributed water, juice, laban, orange, apple and banana at the worksite of Mohammed Jalal Contracting Company located in Salmaniya.

This year, the event is supported by the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour, LMRA and IOM.

Around 150 workers took part in the event.

Guests from Ministry of Inte-



ICRF Bahrain and generous volunteers distribute food and drinks to expat workers

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rior, Ms Nedal Abdulla Alalawai, from Ministry of Labour - Mr Hasan AlAradi - Head of Occupational Safety & Health Inspection and from LMRA - Mr Fahad AlBinali, all spoke about the support extended to the workers by

each Ministries.

Advisor Dr Babu Ramachandran talked about health and safety precautions to be taken during the summer months.

ICRF Chairman Adv. V K Thomas, Joint Secretaries Javad Pasha and Suresh Babu, Vice Chairmen Prakash Mohan and Pankaj Nallur, Treasurer Uday Shanbhagh, Thirst Quenchers Coordinators Faisal Madapally and Siraj, Sivakumar, Ajayakrishnan, Zulfiqar Moiz, Kalpana Patil, Sandra Palanna, Althea D'Souza, HSE Officer Rajesh Sadanand along with enthusiastic students have joined the distribution.

As in previous years, the Bohra community and generous volunteers have shown strong support for this project.



# Trump ends trade talks with Canada over tax hitting US tech firms

Ottawa said will adjust its 25% counter tariffs on US steel and aluminum

- Dozens of economies face a July 9 deadline for steeper duties to kick in
- China began requiring export licenses in early April

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said yesterday he is calling off trade negotiations with Canada in retaliation for taxes impacting US tech firms, adding that Ottawa will learn of their new tariff rate within a week.

Trump was referring to Canada's digital services tax, which was enacted last year and forecast to bring in Can\$5.9 billion (US\$4.2 billion) over five years.

While the measure is not new, US service providers will be "on the hook for a multi-billion dollar payment in Canada" come



June 30, noted the Computer & Communications Industry Asso-

ciation recently.

The three percent tax applies to large or multinational companies such as Alphabet, Amazon and Meta that provide digital services to Canadians, and Washington has previously requested dispute settlement talks over the matter.

"Based on this egregious Tax, we are hereby terminating ALL discussions on Trade with Canada, effective immediately," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform Friday.

Canada may have been spared some of Trump's sweeping duties, but it faces a separate tariff regime.

Trump has also imposed steep levies on imports of steel, aluminum and autos.

Last week, Canadian Prime

Minister Mark Carney said Ottawa will adjust its 25% counter tariffs on US steel and aluminum -- in response to a doubling of US levies on the metals to 50% -- if a bilateral trade deal was not reached in 30 days.

"We will continue to conduct these complex negotiations in the best interest of Canadians," Carney said Friday, adding that he had not spoken to Trump on the day.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told CNBC that Washington had hoped Carney's government would halt the tax "as a sign of goodwill."

He now expects US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer to start a probe to determine the harm stemming from Canada's digital tax.

## China progress

Trump's salvo targeting Canada came shortly after Washington and Beijing confirmed finalizing a framework to move forward on trade.

A priority for Washington in talks with Beijing had been ensuring the supply of the rare earths essential for products including electric vehicles, hard drives and national defense equipment.

China, which dominates global production of the elements, began requiring export licenses in early April, a move widely viewed as a response to Trump's blistering tariffs.

Both sides agreed after talks in Geneva in May to temporarily lower steep tit-for-tat duties on each other's products.

China also committed to easing some non-tariff countermeasures but US officials later accused Beijing of violating the pact and slow-walking export

license approvals for rare earths.

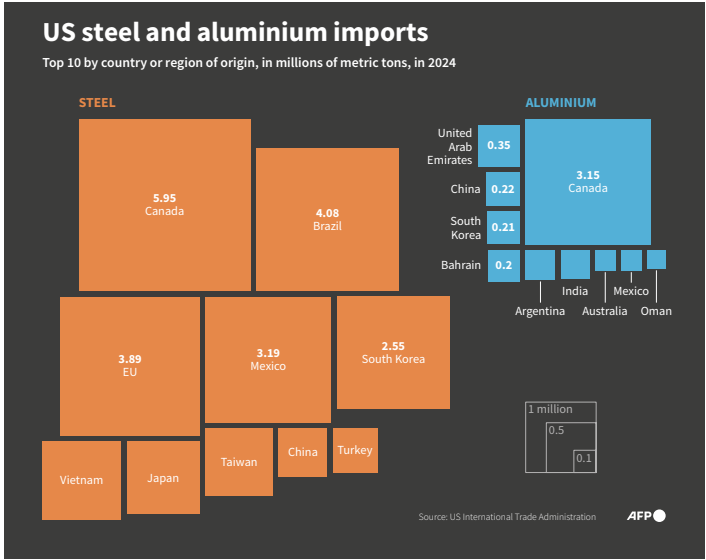
They eventually agreed on a framework to move forward with their Geneva consensus, following talks in London this month.

A White House official told AFP on Thursday that the Trump administration and China had "agreed to an additional understanding for a framework to implement the Geneva agreement."

This clarification came after the US president told an event that Washington had inked a deal relating to trade with China, without providing details.

Under the deal, China "will review and approve applications for the export control items that meet the requirements in accordance with the law," China's commerce ministry said.

"The US side will correspondingly cancel a series of restrictive measures against China," it added.



## Upcoming deals?

Dozens of economies, although not China, face a July 9 deadline for steeper duties to kick in -- rising from a current 10 percent.

It remains to be seen if countries will successfully reach agreements to avoid them before the deadline.

On talks with the European Union, for example, Trump told an event at the White House on Friday: "We have the cards. We have the cards far more than they do."

But Bessent said Washington could wrap up its agenda for trade deals by September, indicating more agreements

could be concluded, although talks were likely to extend past July.

Bessent told Fox Business there are 18 key partners Washington is focused on pacts with. "If we can ink 10 or 12 of the important 18, there are another important 20 relationships, then I think we could have trade wrapped up by Labor Day," Bessent said, referring to the US holiday on September 1.

Wall Street's major indexes finished at fresh records as markets cheered progress in US-China trade while shrugging off concerns about Canada.

## California governor files \$787 mn defamation suit against Fox News

Los Angeles, United States

California Governor Gavin Newsom filed a lawsuit Friday against broadcaster Fox News, claiming defamation after alleged purposeful misrepresentation of details of a phone call with US President Donald Trump earlier this month.

The suit seeks \$787 million in damages and was filed in a Delaware court, where Fox News is registered as a corporation.

Trump and Newsom spoke on the phone in the early hours of June 7 Washington time, but the pair did not address protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids occurring throughout Los Angeles, according to the lawsuit.

Later that day, Republican Trump ordered thousands of National Guard troops to deploy to the city in response to the protests, against the wishes of the Democratic governor.

Trump said during a June 10 White House press conference

The amount Newsom's lawsuit seeks in damages, \$787 million, is nearly the same as the amount Fox News paid in a settlement to Dominion.

that he talked with Newsom "a day ago" -- a claim the California politician quickly refuted on social media.

"There was no call. Not even a voicemail," Newsom wrote on X.

In response, Fox News host Jesse Watters claimed Newsom was lying about the call.

Another Fox News reporter, John Roberts, said Trump sent him a call log to prove Newsom was lying, but the screenshot he provided showed the call happened on June 7.

"Rather than leave the matter alone, or simply provide the facts, Fox News chose to

defame Governor Newsom, branding him a liar," the lawsuit said.

Newsom told broadcaster MeidasTouch he was used to criticism from Fox News, "but this crossed the line -- journalistic lines, ethical lines, defamation, malice."

The lawsuit said Fox News deliberately misled viewers about the call to harm Newsom's career, saying those who watched Watters's report would be less likely to support his future campaigns.

Fox News called the lawsuit a "publicity stunt."

It said in a statement to AFP that the legal action "is frivolous and designed to chill free speech critical of him."

Newsom in a statement compared his case to a 2023 lawsuit against Fox News filed by election technology company Dominion Voting Systems, which said the broadcaster knowingly spread lies that its voting machines swayed the 2020 presidential election against Trump.

## US Fed says large banks can weather major downturn

AFP | Washington, United States

Major banks in the United States have enough resources to hold up in a severe recession and keep lending to families and businesses, the Federal Reserve said Friday.

All 22 large banks subject to the Fed's annual "stress test" exercise, to gauge if they can weather a sharp downturn, were found to have passed.

"Large banks remain well capitalized and resilient to a range of severe outcomes," said Fed vice chair for supervision Michelle Bowman in a statement.

"The 2025 stress test results show that the 22 large banks subject to the test this year have sufficient capital to absorb more than \$550 billion in losses," the Fed said in its report.

A senior Fed official added that even after enduring such projected losses, they still have more than double their minimum capital requirements,



marking solid levels.

This year's scenario included a severe global recession with elevated stress in commercial and residential real estate markets, as well as corporate debt markets.

The hypothetical crisis included a 30 percent drop in commercial real estate prices, and a 33 percent fall in house prices.

The unemployment rate rose nearly 5.9 percentage points to reach 10 percent in this situation, while economic output

also declined.

But the scenario was less severe than last year's due to the test's "countercyclical design," the Fed said.

The stress tests were implemented in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis, and they apply to banks with at least \$100 billion in total assets, including a top tier designated as "global systemically important banks."

But smaller banks are only subjected to the stress tests every two years.



News in brief

◆ Iran held a state funeral

Saturday for some 60 scientists and commanders killed in its war with Israel, after its top diplomat condemned the latest White House tirade against supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. State television aired footage of thousands of black-clad mourners chanting “Death to America” and “Death to Israel” as they held aloft photographs of the dead. “Boom, boom, Tel Aviv,” read one banner, referring to the retaliatory missile fire launched by Iran against Israel during their 12-day war. State television showed mock-ups of ballistic missiles like those Iran fired at Israel alongside coffins draped in Iranian flags.



Iran holds state funeral for top brass slain in Israel war

Iran condemns Trump’s ‘disrespectful and unacceptable’ comments on Khamenei



◆ Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi condemned Saturday the “disrespectful and unacceptable” comments from Donald Trump, after the US president claimed to have saved Iran’s Ayatollah Ali Khamenei from an “ugly and ignominious death”. “If President Trump is genuine about wanting a deal, he should put aside the disrespectful and unacceptable tone towards Iran’s Supreme Leader, Grand Ayatollah Khamenei, and stop hurting his millions of heartfelt supporters,” Araghchi posted on his account on social media platform X. “The Great and Powerful Iranian People, who showed the world that the Israeli regime had NO CHOICE but to RUN to ‘Daddy’ to avoid being flattened by our Missiles, do not take kindly to Threats and Insults,” the foreign minister said. The United States carried out strikes on three Iranian nuclear sites last weekend, with no consensus as to how effective they were. With those strikes, Washington joined Israel’s bombardments of Iran’s nuclear programme in the 12-day conflict launched on June 13. The foreign minister’s condemnation on Saturday came after Trump said on his Truth Social platform that he had saved the Iranian leader from assassination, accusing Khamenei of ingratitude. “I knew EXACTLY where he was sheltered, and would not let Israel, or the U.S. Armed Forces, by far the Greatest and Most Powerful in the World, terminate his life,” Trump posted.

CAPTAIN’S CORNER

The trust deficit in our responses



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By the Grace of Allah, we seem to have crossed the worst danger of war in our region. But the tense five to seven days, with their echoes of the Gulf War, showed us all how far we have gone in terms of technological adaptation and adjusting to potential crisis. As with every national crisis, Bahrain’s leadership and government moved immediately into top protection mode with siren drills, designating of shelter zones and communications on how to respond to any crisis if one is on the road or in the heart of a danger area. There was so much precision and transparency about all arrangements. Government officials met with essential service heads in public and private sector, ensuring that medicare, food supply and transportation were available to residents.

And still – we found ourselves receiving rumours on our social media and witnesses unnecessary panic-buying in stores and the filling of petrol so cars could travel long distances – to where? All exit roads led through danger areas after all! And now that the war has ended, they are left with excess supply of food stuff that will take them months to get through. An FMCG manager told me that, unlike popular perception that shops are happy with this over-spending, such panic buying is like a shock to the economic graph and will take the Kingdom months to recover from. For example, families will now have less money to spend on the regular beginning-of-the-month purchases or even on essential medical care like dental work. It all gets postponed.

And it is not as if citizens listened to the advise and warnings. I was at a prominent shopping centre one night when the sirens sounded and the way shoppers rushed and pushed their way out showed that despite the frequent informercials on how to manage a call to safety, nobody remembers when the moment hits. Worse, people behaved as if they were film-makers on the war front, pausing to film and upload videos on their social media with panicky voice-overs that spread fear even in areas far from the actual danger zone.

All of us need to play a stronger role in building trust – trust in our government’s ability to ensure safety and navigate the prickly pathways of peace, trust in each other as we respond to sudden emergencies and trust in ourselves to follow the rules. Only then can we defeat the enemy.

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

Europe **bakes**

Summer’s first heatwave as continent warms

● Temperatures are set to rise to 37 degrees Celsius (99 Fahrenheit) in Rome

● Two-thirds of Portugal will be on high alert on Sunday

● Spain is expecting peak temperatures in excess of 40C (104F)

AFP | Marseille, France

Southern Europeans braced yesterday for their first heatwave of the northern hemisphere summer, as climate change pushes thermometers on the world’s fastest-warming continent increasingly into the red.

Temperatures are set to rise to 37 degrees Celsius (99 Fahrenheit) in Rome, driving the Eternal City’s many tourists and pilgrims towards the Italian capital’s 2,500 public fountains for refreshment.

With residents of the southern French port city of Marseille expected to have to cope with temperatures flirting with 40C (104F), the city’s authorities ordered public swimming pools be free of charge to help residents beat the Mediterranean heat.

Two-thirds of Portugal will be on high alert on Sunday for extreme heat and forest fires, with 42C (108F) expected in the capital Lisbon, while visitors to -- and protesters against -- Amazon tycoon Jeff Bezos’s Friday wedding in Venice likewise sweltered under the summer sun.

“There is no wind, a lot of humidity, we are sweating, and I’m suffocating at night,” Alejandra Echeverria, a 40-year-old Mexican tourist to Venice, told AFP on Saturday.

“I try not to think about it, but



People cool off underneath water fountains in the Madrid Rio recreation area during the first heatwave of the summer in Madrid

I drink a lot of water and never stay still, because that’s when you get sunstroke,” Srianne Mina, an Italian student, told AFP the day before.

Scientists have long warned that humanity’s burning of fossil fuels is heating up the world with disastrous consequences for the environment, with Europe’s ever-hotter and increasingly common blistering summer heatwaves a direct result of that warming.

The heatwave is forecast to become even more intense on Sunday.

Spain, which has in past years seen a series of deadly summer blazes, is expecting peak temperatures in excess of 40C (104F) across most of the country.

Outdoor work ban

According to the Spanish meteorological agency, temperatures may even register 42C (108F) in

some areas, including the Guadalquivir, Guadiana, and Tagus regions.

The past three years have been the hottest in Spain’s history.

With peaks of 39C (102F) expected in Palermo, Sicily has ordered a ban on outdoor work in the hottest hours of the day, as has the Liguria region in northern Italy.

The country’s trade unions are campaigning to extend the measure to other parts of the country. In Nice, where the mercury hit 33 degrees Celcius at midday, residents and tourists sought refuge in misted parks and museums.

In Seville, where forecasts suggested temperatures could reach up to 43 degrees Celcius, locals and tourists used handheld fans and caps to shield themselves from heat.

According to Copernicus and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Europe has



By some estimates 2024, the hottest year in recorded history so far, saw worldwide disasters that cost more than \$300 billion.

been warming at roughly twice the global average since the 1980s.

As a result of the planet’s warming, extreme weather events including hurricanes, droughts, floods and heatwaves like this weekend’s have become more frequent and intense, scientists warn.

US sanctions on Sudan over alleged chemical weapons use take effect

AFP | Washington, United States

US sanctions on Sudan’s government -- imposed over what Washington says was the use by Khartoum’s military of chemical weapons in the country’s bloody civil war last year -- have taken effect.

The sanctions -- which include restrictions on US exports, arms sales and financing to the government in Khartoum -- are to remain in place for at least one year, the US government said in a notice published Friday in the Federal Register.

Assistance to Sudan will be terminated “except for urgent humanitarian assistance and food or other agricultural commodities or products,” it said. However, certain measures will



The wreckage of cars lie on the remains of the Shambat Bridge, which connects Omdurman and Bahri

be partially waived because “it is essential to the national security interests of the United States” to do so, it added.

“The United States calls on the Government of Sudan to cease all chemical weapons use and uphold its obligations” under the Chemical Weapons Convention, an international treaty signed by nearly all countries that prohibits their use, the State Department said last month when it announced the sanctions.

The New York Times reported in January that Sudan’s military had used chemical weapons on at least two occasions in remote areas its war with the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

Citing anonymous US officials, the newspaper said that the weapon appeared to be chlorine gas, which can cause severe respiratory pain and death.



1613

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London burns down during a performance of "Henry VIII"

1939

Ford introduces the revolutionary Ford-Ferguson 9N tractor incorporating Harry Ferguson's three-point hitch system



1941

6,000 Jews are murdered in a pogrom in Bucharest, Romania

1966

US planes bomb North Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, and the port city of Haiphong for the first time in the Vietnam War

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Remembering Shri PV Narasimha Rao Garu on his birth anniversary. India is grateful to him for his effective leadership during a crucial phase of our development trajectory. His intellect, wisdom and scholarly nature are also widely admired.

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The solution to the horrific humanitarian crisis in Gaza is ultimately political. The only sustainable path to re-establishing hope in Gaza is by paving the way to the two-State solution. Diplomacy and human dignity for all must prevail.

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A huge rulling by the Supreme Court, smacking down the ridiculous process of nationwide injunctions. Under our system, everyone has to follow the law--including judges!

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With @rafaelmgrosi Director General of the @IAEAorg. France stands firmly alongside the IAEA, whose role is vital for nuclear safety and security. It is urgent that the Agency be allowed to resume its mission in Iran.

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# 'Window of opportunity'

Qatar urges Israel, Hamas to work towards truce



Palestinians look at the sand covering their tents and vehicles after the Israeli army targeted the tents of displaced people in the northern Al-Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City

● Israel and Iran on Tuesday agreed to a ceasefire brokered by the United States and Qatar

● US President Donald Trump voiced optimism on Friday about a new ceasefire in Gaza

● A two-month truce, which was agreed as Trump came into office in January, collapsed in March

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Gaza mediators are engaging with Israel and Hamas to build on momentum from this week's ceasefire with Iran and work towards a truce in the Palestinian territory, Qatar foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said.

Israel and Iran on Tuesday agreed to a ceasefire brokered by the United States and Qatar just hours after the Islamic republic launched a salvo of missiles towards the wealthy Gulf state, targeting the American military base hosted there.

The unprecedented attack on Qatari soil followed Washington's intervention into a days-



Palestinians walk past the rubble and a destroyed vehicle in the Al-Bureij camp in the central Gaza Strip after a house was targeted by an Israeli strike

long war between Israel and Iran which saw US warplanes strike Iranian nuclear facilities, prompting promises of retaliation from Tehran.

In an interview with AFP on Friday, Ansari said Doha -- with fellow Gaza mediators in Washington and Cairo -- was now "trying to use the momentum that was created by the ceasefire between Iran and Israel to restart the talks over Gaza".

"If we don't utilise this window of opportunity and this momentum, it's an opportunity lost amongst many in the near past. We don't want to see that again," the spokesman, who is

also an adviser to Qatar's prime minister, said.

US President Donald Trump voiced optimism on Friday about a new ceasefire in Gaza saying an agreement involving Israel and Hamas could come as early as next week.

Mediators have been engaged in months of back-and-forth negotiations with the warring parties aimed at ending 20 months of war in Gaza, with Ansari explaining there were no current talks between the sides but that Qatar was "heavily involved in talking to every side separately".

'The right pressure'

A two-month truce, which was agreed as Trump came into office in January, collapsed in March with Israel intensifying military operations in Gaza afterwards.

"We have seen US pressure and what it can accomplish," Ansari said referring to the January truce which saw dozens of hostages held by Hamas released in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

The Qatari official said particularly in the context of US enforcement of the Israel-Iran truce, it was "not a far-fetched idea" that pressure from Washington would achieve a fresh truce in Gaza.

"We are working with them very, very closely to make sure that the right pressure is applied from the international community as a whole, especially from the US, to see both parties at the negotiating table," Ansari said.

There were no casualties on Monday when Iran targeted Al Udeid, the Middle East's biggest US base and headquarters of its regional command.

Ansari said that as leaders were weighing their response to the attack, a call came from the US president to Qatar's emir, saying "there is a possibility for regional stability... and that Israel has agreed to a ceasefire".

"Qatar could have taken the decision to escalate," Ansari said. "But because there was a chance for peace... we opted for that," he said.

## Huthis say fired missile at Israel

Sanaa, Yemen

Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels said they fired a ballistic missile towards Israel yesterday, in response to Israel's conduct towards Palestinians during the Gaza war.

In Israel, warning sirens sounded in several areas, before the army announced the "missile was most likely successfully intercepted".

It was the first missile launch against Israel announced by the Huthis since the June 24 ceasefire between Israel and Iran which followed their 12-day war.

In a statement, rebel military spokesman Yahya Saree said the Huthis had fired at a "sensitive Israeli enemy target in the occupied area of Beersheba using a Dhu al-Fiqar ballistic missile".

The attack was in "response to the crimes of the criminal Zionist enemy against civilians in the Gaza Strip", Saree added.

## Thousands of protesters demand Thai PM's resignation

Bangkok, Thailand

Thousands of anti-government protesters rallied in the Thai capital Bangkok on Saturday, demanding Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra resign after a leaked diplomatic phone call stirred public anger.

A Cambodian elder statesman leaked a call meant to soothe a border spat between the two nations in which Paetongtarn called him "uncle" and referred to a Thai military commander as her "opponent".

A key party abandoned Paetongtarn's coalition, accusing the 38-year-old dynastic premier of kowtowing to Cambodia and undermining Thailand's military, leaving her teetering with a slim parliamentary majority.

About 10,000 demonstrators jammed roads ringing the capital's Victory Monument, waving Thai flags and placards reading "Evil PM, get out".

One speaker took to the stage and shouted: "PM, you committed treason!"

The crowd was mostly senior-aged and led by veteran activists of the "Yellow Shirt" movement, which helped oust Paetongtarn's father Thaksin in the 2000s.



"Red Shirt" supporters hold a picture of fugitive former premier Thaksin Shinawatra



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## Juiced for decades

EV batteries age slower than you think

## ● New data shows 20-year lifespan with minimal degradation

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There is ongoing discourse surrounding the longevity and degradation behaviour of lithium-ion batteries in electric vehicles (EVs), with misconceptions often suggesting they deteriorate significantly within a few years. However, recent large-scale telemetry studies provide data-driven clarity on actual degradation trends.

According to Geotab, which analysed performance data from over 10,000 EVs across multiple

OEMs, most EV batteries exhibit an average degradation rate of ~1.8% per annum. This implies that after 20 years, under normal operating conditions, a battery may retain approximately 64% of its original usable capacity, assuming no catastrophic failures.

This estimated 20-year lifespan notably exceeds the average vehicle ownership period in North America (~14 years), indicating that battery longevity is unlikely to be a limiting factor in the usable life of most EVs.

**Failure Rates and Architecture**

While concerns about high-voltage battery pack failures are valid, empirical evidence shows that modern EVs (post-2013 models) demonstrate a battery failure incidence below 0.5%, largely due to robust

battery management systems (BMS) and cell-level fault tolerance.

**Thermal Degradation and Climate Sensitivity**

Battery degradation is strongly influenced by ambient temperature profiles. Elevated temperatures accelerate electrolyte decomposition and SEI (solid electrolyte interphase) growth, especially during charging. That said, contemporary EVs integrate active thermal management systems, including liquid cooling loops and heat pumps, which maintain pack temperatures within optimal operating ranges (typically 20–40°C).

Users in hot climates are still advised to avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight, espe-

cially during DC fast charging, as thermal buildup can increase degradation rates. Fast charging introduces higher current densities, elevating cell temperatures and potentially causing lithium plating during high SOC charging.

**SOC Range and Chemistries**

Battery life can also be optimised by managing depth-of-discharge (DoD):

- For nickel-rich chemistries such as NMC (nickel-manganese-cobalt) or NCA (nickel-cobalt-aluminium), maintaining an SOC between 20%–80% is beneficial. These chemistries are more sensitive to high voltages and full charge conditions.

- LFP (lithium iron phosphate) chemistries are

more thermally stable and tolerant of full cycles, but recent findings suggest that persistent charging to 100% may still marginally reduce cycle life, especially under elevated temperatures or high C-rates.

**Conclusion**

In real-world usage, modern EV battery packs are engineered to outlast the vehicles themselves, provided appropriate thermal and charging practices are followed. The convergence of better cell chemistries, thermal management, and BMS algorithms ensures degradation remains within predictable bounds, making battery replacement a non-issue for the majority of end-users over typical vehicle lifespans.



Electric vehicles can recover energy while braking – a feature called regenerative braking. Instead of wasting energy as heat like traditional brakes, EVs convert it back into electricity and store it in the battery. In city driving, this can boost energy efficiency and extend range significantly – by up to 30% in some models!

## Toyota Supra's next chapter could include a Lexus sibling



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The Toyota Supra has long been a favourite among sports car enthusiasts around the globe. As the current-generation GR Supra approaches the end of its seven-year production run, Toyota has confirmed that a next-gen model is already in development. But fresh reports from Japan suggest the story might come with a twist – in the form of a Lexus counterpart.

According to Japanese publication BestCar, Lexus may be planning its own version of the new Supra, potentially serving as a replacement for both the discontinued RC and the ageing LC models. While the upcoming GR Supra will stick to a traditional two-seat sports car layout, the Lexus variant is expected to adopt

a 2+2 seating configuration, offering a more grand touring character. A convertible version is reportedly under consideration as well.

To distinguish itself further, the Lexus model is likely to feature a more luxurious interior, in keeping with the brand's premium positioning.

Both cars are expected to be powered by a new 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine paired with a self-charging hybrid system. Power will be sent to the rear wheels via either an 8-speed or 10-speed automatic transmission, with a lightweight carbon fibre propeller shaft ensuring strength and efficiency.

The next-generation Supra is anticipated to debut sometime in 2026 or 2027, with the Lexus version likely to follow shortly after.

## Skoda reveals L&amp;K 130 pickup concept for Tour de France



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Skoda has unveiled the L&K 130, a one-off pickup concept based on the Superb Combi, ahead of the 2025 Tour de France. Built by 28 students from the Skoda Vocational School, the vehicle is designed as a support car for cycling events.

Extensively modified, the concept features an extendable cargo bed, a custom rear bicycle rack, and a roof-mounted holder for a third bike. The passenger-side rear door now slides back for easier access to the cargo area.

The L&K 130 sports a bold red, black, and gold livery, a backlit grille, 19-inch Supernova alloys, and Laurin & Klement badging. Inside, it continues the colour theme, with "130 years" embroidery, an extra display, a large cool box, and an integrated radio



system.

Power comes from a 1.5-litre turbo-petrol engine with a plug-in hybrid system, producing 201 BHP and offering over 100 km of electric range via a 25.7 kWh battery.

The L&K 130 will be showcased during the 112th Tour de France, starting July 5, 2025.

## Mercedes-AMG unveils Concept GT XX



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Mercedes-AMG has revealed the Concept GT XX, its first fully electric concept car and a preview of the brand's upcoming series-production EV. The four-door model is the first to be built on the new AMG.EA skateboard platform, specifically engineered for high-performance electric vehicles.

At its core, the GT XX features three axial flux electric motors and a bespoke high-performance battery. The drivetrain technology comes from YASA, a British electric motor specialist and wholly owned subsidiary of Mercedes-Benz. The setup includes two High-Performance Electric Drive Units (HPEDUs) – one at the front and a more powerful one at the rear.

The rear HPEDU houses two axial flux motors, each with a planetary gearbox and water-cooled inverter, all com-

pactly packaged in a single casing. These components are oil-cooled for efficiency, and the hydraulic pump control unit is also integrated. The front motor acts as a booster, engaging only when additional traction or power is needed. It can be disconnected via a Disconnect Unit (DCU) to reduce energy loss during cruising. Combined, the system delivers over 1,341 BHP, with rear-wheel drive as the default.

Inspired by Formula 1 and the AMG One Hypercar, the GT XX's battery features an 800V architecture and supports ultra-fast DC charging. AMG claims charging speeds of up to 850 kW, enabling 400 km of range to be added in just five minutes – sustained across a wide portion of the charging curve.

The Concept GT XX signals Mercedes-AMG's next step in high-performance electrification, blending cutting-edge battery tech with motor-sport-grade drive systems.



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AHMED MANSOOR ALAALI has a vacancy for the occupation of FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17265555 or adeel.hameed@al-aali.com

M.A.M.H BUSINESS GROUP W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33261465 or SAQIBUAEATT.NET@GMAIL.COM

AMAANI GLOBAL SERVICES WLL has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36836629 or QASIMKHAN44566@GMAIL.COM

ROMA STARS TRADING CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66708118 or info@awtadi.com

RIFFA MART CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39233478 or RIFFAMART@GMAIL.COM

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PEBBLES GATE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17778868 or MAHMOODESA151@YAHOO.COM

LAO ER GE FOOD CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66705309 or YANXINGUO38@GMAIL.COM

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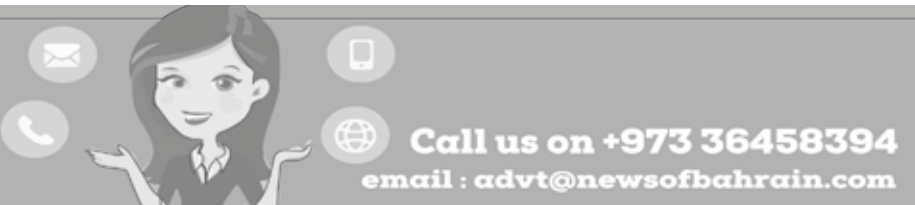
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SEALINKS LOGISTICS SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37552807 or MS9829958@GMAIL.COM

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# Bahrain set for William Jones Cup return



National team to face eight opponents in Chinese Taipei

- **Bahrain return after 47 years**
- **Eight games in nine days**
- **Vovorras leads new-look squad**
- **Focus on Arab Championship prep**

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Bahrain's men's basketball team will compete in the 44th William Jones Cup from July 12 to 20, taking on a demanding schedule against some of Asia's top sides. The tournament, hosted in Chinese Taipei, is the team's second appearance in the competition and comes as part of their wider preparation for the Arab Na-



tions Championship later this summer.

### Vovorras Takes Charge

Newly appointed head coach Georgios Vovorras will make his Bahrain debut in the tournament. The 48-year-old Greek

brings top-level experience from across Europe and the NBA Summer League, with previous stints at the Milwaukee Bucks

and Minnesota Timberwolves.

Vovorras is currently working with an 18-player squad, which includes a mix of local talent and international professionals such as Wayne Chism, Elijah Thomas, and Jakarr Sampson.

Bahrain open their campaign against Japan on July 12. They'll then face Chinese Taipei's national development team and Malaysia, followed by back-to-back games against teams from Australia, the UAE, Qatar, Chinese Taipei's senior national team, and the Philippines.

The full match schedule is as follows:

- July 12, 8AM – Bahrain vs Japan
- July 13, 12PM – Bahrain vs Chinese Taipei B
- July 14, 8AM – Bahrain vs Malaysia
- July 15, 8AM – Bahrain vs Australia
- July 16, 8AM – Bahrain vs UAE
- July 17, 10AM – Bahrain

vs Qatar

- July 18, 2PM – Bahrain vs Chinese Taipei A
- July 19, 10AM – Bahrain vs Philippines

The field features national teams, university sides, and clubs from Bahrain, Japan, Malaysia, Australia, the UAE, Qatar, the Philippines, and hosts Chinese Taipei.

### Building Toward Tunisia

The Bahrain Basketball Association sees the tournament as a key part of its strategy to elevate the national team through top level exposure. The experience is expected to help with their preparations ahead of the Arab Nations Championship in Tunisia, which kicks off July 25.

Bahrain's return to the William Jones Cup, nearly half a century since their last appearance, reflects the federation's serious intent to raise their game across Asia.

# Road to Asian Cup begins

Bahrain women kick off historic Asian Cup qualifying bid today

- **Bahrain face Bangladesh today at 3:30PM**
- **Only group winners advance**

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Bahrain's women's national football team begin their bid to reach the AFC Women's Asian Cup for the first time today at 3:30PM as they face Bangladesh in Yangon, Myanmar. The match is the opening fixture of Group C in the qualifiers, with Bahrain also drawn alongside Turkmenistan and the hosts Myanmar.

It's a short but important campaign, with only the group winner advancing to next year's tournament in Australia, which is Asia's premier women's football competition.

### Tough Build-Up

Bahrain's preparations have been constrained by time, but head coach Mohammed Adnan remains optimistic about the team's readiness.

"We hope to put in a strong performance," said Adnan. "The preparation period went well overall. We played friendlies against the UAE and were later invited for another match against Saudi, which was also a helpful experience for the team. The group we're in offers a real opportunity for qualification,



and we're going in with that goal in mind."

"Our preparation was good considering the time," said forward Hessa Al Isa. "We had two training camps and some trial matches. The results were positive, and we've seen real progress. The period was short, but we tried not to rush, we just want to get the most out of it."

"There's nothing impossible," added Al Isa. "We've had small matches to build momentum. Now it's about showing what we can do."

### Experience and Youth

Rawan Al Ali believes the team's strength lies in its mix of

senior players and up-and-coming talents, despite the challenge of competing against better-prepared sides.

"First of all, we're grateful we even had some time to prepare, even if it wasn't much," she said. "Our group isn't easy. Bangladesh, Turkmenistan, and Myanmar all have more preparation than us. But with the experience we have, and the training we've done, we believe qualification is within reach."

Al Ali pointed to the balance of experience and youthful energy as a defining feature of this team.

"Some teams are just coming back after years away. For us, it's about the older players sharing



their knowledge, and the younger ones using their energy and speed. Together, they complete each other."

She concluded with measured confidence: "Maybe we lack experience. But as a squad, and with the support of the whole team behind us, inshAllah, we can do something good."

### One Spot, One Dream

The AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifiers feature 34 teams split into eight groups, with only the group winners progressing. Bahrain's group, hosted in Yangon, sees all matches played at Thuwanna Stadium. The team will

face Turkmenistan on Wednesday before concluding their

campaign next Saturday against Myanmar.

Elsewhere in the qualifiers, teams such as Jordan, Thailand, Vietnam, and North Korea are battling across other groups, but only one winner from each pool will join pre-qualified sides Australia, Japan, South Korea, and China at the main event next March.

This is the 21st edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup, and Bahrain are determined to make it their first.

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# Norris stuns Verstappen

Secures pole at Austrian GP with stunning last lap

AFP | Spielberg, Austria

Lando Norris delivered a superb final flying lap in his McLaren yesterday to end Max Verstappen's run of domination in qualifying at the Red Bull Ring by claiming pole position for the Austrian Grand Prix.

The 25-year-old Briton clocked an outstanding lap in one minute and 3.971 seconds to outpace nearest rival Charles Leclerc of Ferrari by 0.521 seconds, with McLaren team-mate and championship leader Oscar Piastri third.

Norris, who is 22 points behind Piastri in the drivers' title race, erased any hangover from his collision with Piastri in Canada two weeks ago with a thrilling demonstration of his speed and talent.

"It was a good lap, that's for sure," said Norris. "I guess that just little bit by little bit, I was able to get more time. Q1 was good, but I knew there were a few places I could get more time and I did what I planned to do."

Verstappen had taken pole position at the Red Bull-owned circuit in the Styrian Alps for the last five F1 races before Norris succeeded and seized his first pole in Austria, his third of the season and 12th of his career.



Pole position winner McLaren's British driver Lando Norris (L) poses with the pole position award



Pole position winner McLaren's British driver Lando Norris (L) speaks with team mate third placed McLaren's Australian driver Oscar Piastri

Team-mate Piastri was disappointed and frustrated. Verstappen's last lap was spoiled by a yellow flag waved

when Gasly spun in his Alpine, leaving him, like Piastri, unable to clock a flying lap time. He finished seventh.

Leclerc said: "I'm very pleased. It's been a long time since we started on the front row and it's been a difficult season overall, but the team has kept pushing."

"We brought some new parts this weekend which for sure made a difference. We know we have a better car in the race than in qualifying so I hope we can put more pressure on the McLarens."

Leclerc's Ferrari team-mate and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton was an encouraging fourth ahead of Mercedes' George Russell, Liam Lawson of Racing Bulls, four-time champion Verstappen of Red Bull and Gabriel Bortoleto of Sauber.

Italian rookie Kimi Antonelli was ninth in the second Mercedes and Gasly 10th.

**'Worse than before'**

The session began in hot conditions with temperatures of 32 (air) and 48 (track) indicating hard work for tyres.

After a frantic finale, in which Russell recovered from the drop zone to 11th, it was Aston Martin's Lance Stroll, Esteban Ocon of Haas, Red Bull's Yuki Tsuno-

da, Carlos Sainz in the second Williams and Sauber's Nico Hulkenberg who were eliminated.

McLaren, led by Norris, set the pace.

The entire field was separated by less than a second with the Red Bulls of Verstappen and Tsunoda, sixth and 18th, only 0.25 seconds apart. It was Sainz's third consecutive Q1 exit.

The track temperature touched 50 at the start of Q2 with Ferrari leading the way on

used softs as Norris established his supremacy again before a trackside grass fire prompted a red flag stoppage, Hamilton having run wide there at turn 10.

Verstappen was unhappy with his car's reaction to the heat. "No grip, it's worse than before," he reported. "I don't know what to say!" After six minutes, the action resumed with only four to go as Norris and Piastri set the pace ahead of Leclerc while two-time champion Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin, Williams' Alex Albon, Racing Bulls rookie Isack Hadjar, Franco Colapinto of Alpine and Oliver Bearman of Haas missed out.

All this left Bortoleto celebrating his first top ten qualification in fifth for the improving Sauber outfit while Verstappen complained he was impeded by a Ferrari in a way that was "a bit naughty and super unnecessary".

As Q3 began, Russell almost hit a Ferrari when he was released into their path narrowly avoiding a collision.

On the first runs, Norris was fastest again ahead of Leclerc with Piastri third and Hamilton fourth, the Ferraris enjoying the heat as Mercedes wilted before Norris stormed to pole.



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# Sri Lanka crush Bangladesh

AFP | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka completed a thumping innings and 78-run victory over Bangladesh before lunch on day four of the second Test in Colombo on Saturday, wrapping up the two-match series 1-0.

Resuming the day on a precarious 115-6, the visitors still trailed by 97 runs and needed a minor miracle to avoid an innings defeat.

Any hopes of a rearguard were dashed almost immediately.

Left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya, under the pump after a wicketless outing in the first innings, struck gold with the fifth ball of the morning

as Litton Das edged behind to wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis for 14.

With that scalp, the last recognised batter was back in the hut and Bangladesh's house of cards came tumbling down soon after, all out for 133.

It was a clinical all-round performance by hosts Sri Lanka, who walked away with crucial World Test Championship points.

None of the visiting batters managed to cross fifty in the match -- a far cry from the first Test in Galle, which ended in a draw when captain Najmul Hossain Shanto hit twin cen-

turies. Bangladesh had won the toss on a docile Colombo pitch but squandered the advantage, bundled out for 247.

Sri Lanka replied in commanding fashion, piling on 458 to take a hefty 211-run lead.

The foundation was laid by a masterclass from opener Pathum Nissanka, who crafted a fluent 158 -- his second successive century in the series -- while Dinesh Chandimal chipped in with a polished 93.

The pair added 194 runs for the second wicket, putting the game firmly in Sri Lanka's control.

Bangladesh threatened brief-

ly when the second new ball brought them three quick wickets, but Kusal steadied the ship with a counterattacking 84, ensuring the hosts didn't let the momentum slip.

Nissanka, who was declared man of the match, said he was "very pleased with the effort".

"It feels good to contribute. I am now the senior opener with Dimuth Karunaratne retired and I try to do my best for the team," he said.

Bangladesh captain Shanto called it a "very disappointing game".

"The way we batted in the first innings is when things

went wrong for us. A total of 247 was not good on this pitch.

"No harm with the decision to bat first. But the way we got out was very disappointing. One good thing was the way our bowlers kept fighting."

"That will be one positive we will take from this series."

The two sides will now shift focus to the limited-overs leg of the tour, with three one-day internationals and three T20s.

**Brief scores:**

Bangladesh first innings: 247 all out in 79.3 overs (Shadman Islam 46, Mushfiqur

Rahim 35, Sonal Dinusha 3-22, Asitha Fernando 3-51)

Sri Lanka first innings: 458 all out in 116.5 overs (Pathum Nissanka 158, Dinesh Chandimal 93, Kusal Mendis 84, Taijul Islam 5-131)

Bangladesh second innings: 133 all out in 44.2 overs (Mushfiqur Rahim 26, Prabath Jayasuriya 5-56)

Sri Lanka's players pose with the trophy after their win in the end of the fourth day of the second Test cricket match against Bangladesh at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) in Colombo

