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Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Preventative measures reduce the spread of COVID-19



VACCINATE AND STAY SAFE

COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

5405502

ACTIVE CASES

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DEATHS

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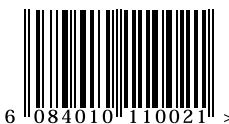
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NEW CASES

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210 fils (includes VAT)






HM King hails Bahrain's 'successes' against COVID



Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Last update - 9:00 pm
28 July 2021

Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

1105717

(Second dose)

1049663


(Booster dose)

132257



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HM King hails Bahrain’s ‘successes’ against COVID

Praise for HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister’s dedication and distinguished leadership

● His Majesty chairs Supreme Defence Council meeting

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has praised Team Bahrain’s “successes” on various fronts to overcome the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

HM the King expressed pride in the dedicated and commendable efforts exerted by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, citing HRH’s distinguished leadership of Team Bahrain’s efforts to



HM the King meets the Supreme Defence Council

cushion the impact of the pandemic.

His Majesty made the remarks as he chaired the meeting of the Supreme Defence Council (SDC), attended by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday.

Also Supreme Commander and President of the Council, HM the

King highlighted Team Bahrain’s professionalism, well-thought-out plans and tireless efforts that have resulted in a sharp drop in the number of daily active cases and an increase in the number of recoveries. He commended the medical and health competencies, as well as all frontliners, allied entities and volunteers, for

playing important roles in the Kingdom’s fight against the virus.

HM the King also lauded the praise of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, during his visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain’s distinguished initiatives, measures and outstanding success in dealing with the pan-



dem, in addition to his call to document Bahrain’s experience in fighting the pandemic in order to take advantage of it at the international level.

HM King Hamad added that Bahrain’s landmark achievements will remain engraved in the national memory, as they reflect the spirit of challenge and authentic awareness of the people of Bahrain, stressing that Bahrainis will continue working together to advance the comprehensive development process with determination towards a better present and a brighter future for the coming generations.

The Supreme Defence Council followed with interest the ongoing developments in sisterly Tunisia, wishing Tunisia and its dear people success in achieving security, stability and growth, under the leadership of President Kais Saied.

The Council also discussed ways to develop the technological performance across various fields to enhance the nation’s progress. HM the King lauded the fruitful efforts made by the Bahrain Defence Force, Interior Minister and National Guard.

Indian Ambassador meets TDT Chairman and CEO



Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava, centre, meets The Daily Tribune (TDT) Chairman and Managing Director, P Unnikrishnan, left, and Chief Executive Officer Abdul Jaleel Abdulla as they discussed issues of mutual interest.

Finance Minister receives Sudanese Ambassador



Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, received yesterday outgoing Sudan Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Ibrahim Mohammed Al Hassan. He stressed deep-rooted fraternal relations between both countries and growing cooperation mainly in the economic field. Shaikh Salman praised the Ambassador’s efforts to boost bilateral relations mainly in the financial and economic field, wishing him every success in his future duties. The Sudanese Ambassador expressed utmost thanks and appreciation to the Finance Minister, wishing Bahrain constant growth and prosperity.

Pakistani Foreign Minister arrives in Bahrain



Pakistan Foreign Affairs Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi yesterday arrived in the Kingdom of Bahrain on an official visit to participate in the second meeting of the Bahrain-Pakistan Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC). He was welcomed by Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Ministry’s Undersecretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs, Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor, the Ambassador of Bahrain to Pakistan, Mohammed Ibrahim Mohammed, and the Ambassador of Pakistan to Bahrain, Mohammed Ayub.

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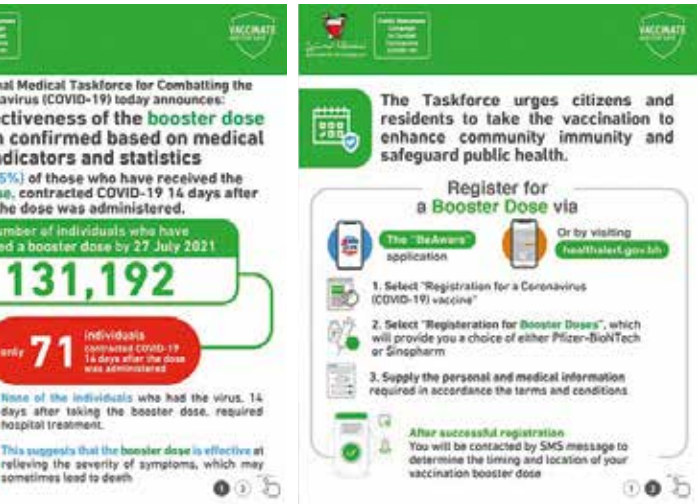
Booster dose effectiveness confirmed

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The National Medical Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) yesterday announced that the effectiveness of the booster dose has been confirmed based on medical indicators and statistics.

The Taskforce noted that 131,192 individuals had received a booster dose by 27 July. Of those who have received the booster dose, only 71 individuals (0.05%) contracted COVID-19 14 days after the dose was administered.

None of the individuals who were infected with the virus, 14 days after taking the booster



dose, required hospital treatment. This suggests that the booster dose is effective at relieving the severity of symptoms, which may sometimes lead to death.

The Taskforce urged citizens and residents to take the vaccination to enhance community

immunity and safeguard public health.

Booster shots have been attributed to significantly reduced deaths as zero deaths and hospitalisations were recorded in Bahrain for individuals after two weeks of receiving a booster shot.

Bahrain pushes for joint action with Pakistan

Key to maintain regional and international security and stability: Deputy Prime Minister

● **HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak receives Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister**

● **Regional and international issues of common interest discussed**

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High Highness the Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, has emphasised the importance of joint action between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Pakistan to maintain regional and international security and stability.

This comes as the Deputy Prime Minister received in his office at Gudaibiya Palace the



The visit of the Pakistani Foreign Minister is a reflection of historical relations between Bahrain and Pakistan. This will enhance the growing cooperation between the two friendly countries and common keenness to boost it in various fields.”

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, HIGH HIGHNESS
SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK AL KHALIFA



HH the Deputy Prime Minister with Foreign Affairs Minister Qureshi

Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, on the occasion of his visit to the Kingdom to participate in the work of the Bahrain-Pakistan Joint Committee.

The meeting was held in the presence of Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid

Al Zayani. A number of regional and international issues of common interest between the two countries were also reviewed.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak welcomed Minister Qureshi, stressing that the visit comes within the framework of the historical relations and co-

operation existing between the two countries in light of their keenness to strengthen and develop them in their various fields.

The Pakistani Minister expressed his happiness to visit Bahrain, stressing that the convening of the Bahrain-Pakistan

Committee reflects the keenness of the two friendly countries to develop and strengthen their relations and cooperation to serve their common interests, praising the development and growth witnessed by the Kingdom under its wise leadership.

The meeting was also attend-

ed by Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, Ambassador Muhammad Ayoub, Pakistan Ambassador to Bahrain, and Ambassador Muhammad Ibrahim Abdul Qadir, Ambassador of Bahrain to Pakistan.

Bahrain strongly condemns Houthi attacks in Saudi



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Bahrain condemned the terrorist Houthi militia's continued launch of ballistic missiles and drones targeting civilian areas and facilities in Saudi Arabia.

Foreign Affairs Ministry strongly condemned their launch yesterday of four ballistic missiles and two booby-trapped drones towards Jazan, in a systematic and deliberate terrorist act that contravenes the principles of international humanitarian law.

The Ministry affirmed solidarity with Saudi Arabia in all the measures it takes to ensure the security and safety of its territories, citizens and residents, commending the vigilance and readiness of the Coalition Defense Forces to Support Legitimacy in Yemen, which managed to intercept and destroy the ballistic missiles and drones.

It called on the international community to condemn these cowardly terrorist acts that violate international norms and laws.

Cooperation hailed to promote parliamentary diplomacy

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His Highness the Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa praised the existing cooperation between the legislative and executive authorities in promoting parliamentary diplomacy.

This comes as a ceremony, under the patronage of HH the Deputy Prime Minister, was held yesterday to honour the Parliamentary Diplomacy Programme in the presence of Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal and Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani.

The ceremony was organised by the Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Council of Representatives.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak delivered a speech in which he expressed his delight in patronising the ceremony, which is one of the initiatives that stem from the goals of the reform approach of His Majesty



Minister Al Zayani and Speaker Zainal at the ceremony

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and his interest in promoting the diplomatic role in the international and parliamentary community.

He extended his thanks and great gratitude to His Majesty for his order to establish and name this academy.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that the completion of the programme reflects the continuous effort undertaken by the government represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to promote Bahrain's parliamentary work at the local and external

levels, and stressed the keenness of the Representatives to participate in its work.

He said that the cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Council of Representatives in the success of this programme demonstrates the keenness of Speaker Zainal to develop the role of the Council by having tools for positive interaction with the outside world and informing the Representatives of the best practices of contemporary parliamentary diplomacy.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin

Mubarak also affirmed that he is following the remarkable efforts made by Dr Al Zayani, to develop the role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and advance the performance of its members in line with the global developments.

He added that the academy's educational role, and its pioneering initiatives in promoting and developing diplomacy, have enabled it to be a scientific and practical centre for the rehabilitation and graduation of a capable diplomatic generation.

Bahrain travellers to Abu Dhabi exempted from COVID-19 quarantine

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Travellers from Bahrain will no longer need to quarantine upon arrival in Abu Dhabi.

The Department of Culture and Tourism in Abu Dhabi has updated its "Green List" for travellers coming to the emirate. It takes effect at 2pm (UAE time) on 31 July.

It includes Bahrain to the list of "green countries" exempted from quarantine.

Under the scheme, vaccinated travellers coming from the country included in the list will be exempted from the compulsory quarantine period when they visit Abu Dhabi.

They will only be required to conduct a PCR test upon

arrival at Abu Dhabi International Airport, in addition to the same COVID-19 test on the sixth day if they are staying six or more consecutive days, as well as on day 12 if they are staying for 12 or more consecutive days.

The countries and territories on the list will also be routinely updated based on the global developments of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the names of countries that meet strict health and security standards are included in order to protect the local community.

The procedures of the list apply to the countries of departure from which the visitors are travelling and not only the nationality.

Work priorities to enhance health system and services



As part of an integrated health system, the Kingdom of Bahrain seeks to enhance public health and the quality of health services while developing innovative partnerships between the Health Ministry and various sectors. (Supreme Health Council tasked to develop national health strategy - Page 4)

Construction of new mosque set to begin

Part of Diyar Al Muharraq’s Jeewan project; completion scheduled for April 2022

- In line with commitment to provide necessary facilities for community
- Bawab Contracting Company appointed to implement project

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The construction of a new mosque in the Jeewan residential project is set to start. This was announced by Diyar Al Muharraq, one of the largest real estate developers in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This initiative comes in succession to the real estate developer’s recent announcement of construction on the Malalla Mosque in the Sarat project, and Khonji Mosque in the Deerat Al Oyoun project in April. Diyar Al Muharraq has appointed Bawab Contracting Company to implement the project, kicking off construction in April 2021, with completion scheduled for April 2022. The mosque, which has been donated by a local philanthropist, will be built over an area of 1,053 square metres and is set to serve a neighbourhood of 450 homes, with a capacity to receive 550 worshippers in total upon its completion. Commenting on the project, Eng. Ahmed Ali Alammadi, CEO of Diyar Al Muharraq, said: “We are pleased to announce the commencement of construction on a mosque in the Jeewan



An artist’s impression of the new mosque

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residential project, and extend our sincere gratitude to the benefactors for their generous donation.” He added: “This initiative comes in line with our ongoing commitment to providing the necessary facilities to residents and visitors alike, ensuring all

their needs are met within the Diyar Al Muharraq masterplan.” The mosque’s unique design pays tribute to both modern and traditional Bahraini architectural design. The structure will be brought to life through a seamless combination of Islamic and Iwani motifs and geometric detailing over the mosque’s dome and minaret, making for an architectural masterpiece, and visual landmark unlike any other. In May, the real estate developer announced construction completion on the Malalla Mosque in the Sarat project. While in April it completed work on the Khonji Mosque in the Deerat Al Oyoun project. Diyar Al Muharraq is one of the largest integrated cities in the Kingdom, offering a variety of housing solutions and a luxurious modern lifestyle while persevering the core family values in Bahraini society. It offers a unique, balanced mix of residential, commercial, recreational, and healthcare facilities, creating a fully integrated and futuristic model city.

Supreme Health Council tasked to develop national strategy for Kingdom: Al Saleh



Minister Al Saleh

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The Supreme Health Council shall be tasked to develop the national health strategy of the Kingdom of Bahrain. This was confirmed by Health Minister Faiqa bint Saeed Al Saleh during the government media briefing organised by the National Communication Centre in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. It discussed the role of the Health Ministry in upgrading the Kingdom’s health system. Parts of the Supreme Health Council’s duties will be to follow up its implementation with the relevant ministries, institutions and bodies, the implementation of a comprehensive health insurance system and the development of policies for future health needs. It will also help formulate the training policies for health personnel, a unified health information system, development of quality standards, promotion and coordination of scientific research, establishment of controls for the appointment of boards of health institutions, coordination of

health sector stakeholders, governance, follow-up and evaluation of the health system through reports issued by the Ministry, adoption of committee reports and action through the Ministry as executive director. Al Saleh said that the Ministry is an essential component of the Council, which participates in all its duties and functions and in health financing decisions and policies, and in the field of quality, planning and training in line with Bahrain’s Vision 2030. Her Excellency stressed that, according to the health system and within the framework of health insurance, government health service providers include both primary care, government hospitals and military hospitals. Private institutions include both clinics and centres licensed to provide primary health services, and private hospitals, while the health services project is limited to the “Shifa” social insurance organisation, which provides insurance services to citizens, and private insurance companies that provide insurance services to residents.

AI international group established

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The International Group of Artificial Intelligence, the fastest growing global AI association, has been established with its operational headquarters in Dubai and registered in the UK. It has over 500 members from more than 24 countries representing Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Australia, India, Pakistan, France, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Belgium, Spain, South Africa, Croatia, Romania and Benin. The Chairmanship of the Group was presented to Bah-

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DR JASSIM HAJI, BAHRAIN’S REPRESENTATIVE

rain’s Representative, Dr Jas-

sim Haji, who said that this is a great achievement to the Kingdom. He added that Bahrain has always been a pioneer in innovations and technology, hence leading AI at an international level is always a target and follows the leadership’s visions and goals. The aim and objectives of the International Group of Artificial Intelligence is to disseminate Artificial Intelligence across the globe and to various levels of communities, universities, organisations and societies through conducting researches, conferences, literatures and exchanges of expertise.



The management of American Mission Hospital received at its Riffa Medical and Dental Center a delegation from the Supreme Council of Health, Bahrain. Lieutenant General Doctor Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health and his team were given a tour of the Riffa Clinic by AMH CCEO Dr George Cheriyan and GCEO Julia Tovey. The service line head of Riffa Clinic Dr Rabihi Abouleila explained the working of the clinic during the visit. The Riffa clinic, which opened in 2018, has a Wellness Center, with a large portion of its facility allocated to health and fitness training. The place has a well-equipped gym, a large indoor swimming pool, and other facilities.

Clean-up campaigns against violations on public roads and buildings

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The Municipality of the Southern Region, in co-operation with the Municipal Council, the Monitoring and Inspection Department, and the Cleaning Services Follow-up Department, carried out more than 2,000 campaigns to remove violations in the first half of the year from January to June 2021. During the inspection campaigns, about 348 building violations, 256 road occupancy violations, 864 advertisements and posters that distorted the urban appearance of residential

areas and neighbourhoods, 22 street vendors, 90 dilapidated properties, 81 shared housing, 46 scrap cars, four abandoned vehicles and boats, and 241 dead animals were removed. In all residential and commercial complexes, these violations were monitored and their conditions corrected. The municipality stressed the need to initiate the necessary licence before commencing the implementation of any work related to housing or shops, in order to avoid taking the necessary measures regarding them with



The municipality team removing illegal structures

removal. It stressed that it will not tolerate the application of laws and requirements applicable to violators in order to preserve the prestige of the law and to preserve the general appearance and urban character of the areas and residential neighborhoods. Article (2) of Law No. (2) of 1996 concerning the occupancy of public roads, it states that “it is not permissible, without a license from the Ministry of Housing, Municipalities and Environment, to occupy the public road in a horizontal or vertical direction, and in particular with the following: Occupation resulting from excavation, construction, demolition and paving works, laying pipes and wires above or below the surface of the earth, or making openings. In the sidewalks and the like, leaving movables outside the shops, factories, warehouses, or homes except for the shortest period necessary to carry out loading or unloading and provided that traffic is not obstructed, and placing shelves, carriers of goods, umbrellas and the like, and placing goods.”

Focus on Bapco H1 performance



Bapco board meeting

- **Bapco holds board meeting**
- **Review progress of Performance Indicators**
- **Discussed the status of Modernisation Programme**

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Bahrain Petroleum Company board of directors reviewed Bapco's performance for the first half of 2021 during a meeting chaired by the Chairman and Chief Executive of Bapco, Dr Dawood Nassif. The meeting yesterday also reviewed Bapco's progress on key Performance Indicators. During the session, board members noted the significant progress made in various areas of operations despite the continuing global challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic slowdown.

They commended management on completing a 50-day FCCU complex turnaround and inspection programme, which was accomplished within budget, earlier than scheduled, and achieved without a single safety incident. In addition, the meeting received updates on the transformational initiatives underway throughout the company, which are crucial on the path to the

Bapco of the Future. Other issues addressed included the effective management on limiting the spread of Covid-19 infections within the workforce, the outstanding safety record over the last quarter, and the complete dedication and commitment of all employees to maintain safe and efficient operations during these challenging times. The board reviewed the sta-

tus of the Bapco Modernisation Programme (BMP). They also visited the wharf, where work is ongoing to handle the increased refinery capacity due to the BMP. Board members applauded the progress and efforts undertaken by Bapco to expedite the completion of this investment programme, despite the challenges of Covid-19 over the last one-and-a-half years.



Board members during a visit to the wharf, where work is ongoing to handle the increased refinery capacity due to the BMP.

UAE's top banks post strong Q2 net profit amid recovery from pandemic

Reuters | Dubai

United Arab Emirates' biggest lenders First Abu Dhabi Bank and Emirates NBD, posted double-digit percentage gains in quarterly net profit yesterday, as impairments fell amid a recovery from the pandemic while fee and commission income rose. UAE banks are benefiting from an economic recovery from last year's pandemic-led lockdowns which will see the Gulf's second-largest economy grow 3.1% this year, the International Monetary Fund has said, versus a 5.9% contraction in 2020.

"The UAE economy has remained open thanks to the speed and success of the UAE's vaccination programme," Hesham Abdulla al-Qassim, vice



Emirates NBD bank is seen in Mall of Emirates in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

chairman of Emirates NBD, said. "With 70% of the population fully vaccinated, and with one of the highest testing rates globally, the UAE continues to be a safe

and attractive destination for residents and visitors." FAB posted a net profit of 2.879 billion dirhams (\$783.87 million) for the quarter to June

30, up from 2.4 bn a year earlier. Emirates NBD posted a net profit of 2.46 bn dirhams, up from 2.01 bn as both lenders beat analysts expectations. Smaller rival Dubai Islamic Bank, however, posted a flat quarterly net income. FAB's net impairment charges fell 36% to 677 m dirhams while Emirates NBD's almost halved to 851 m dirhams. FAB Group CFO James Burdett said in a statement impairment charges were lower due to significantly improved economic conditions. FAB's net fee and commission income jumped by more than a fifth while Emirates NBD posted a 38% rise. Both lenders recorded lower net interest income reflecting weak global interest rates.

Saudi Arabia's oil exports climb 147% to \$16 bln in May

Reuters | Dubai

The value of Saudi Arabia's oil exports in May increased 147% to just over 60 billion riyals (\$16 bn) from a year earlier while non-oil exports rose by 70%, official data showed yesterday. "Overall merchandise exports increased by 120.1% in May 2021 compared to May 2020, when



international trade was impacted by COVID-related lockdowns and travel bans in numerous countries", the General Authority for Statistics said.

Oil exports accounted for 73.2% of total exports, up from 65.3% in May last year. Non-oil exports rose to 22 bil-

lion riyals from 12.9 bn riyals in May 2020. Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, suffered last year as the COVID-19 pandemic hit energy demand and its state coffers as a result. China remained Saudi Arabia's main trading partner in May, with Saudi exports there corresponding to 21.4% of total exports.

Bahrain Bourse, Injaz Bahrain launch National Challenge for smart investor programme



Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa



Hana Sarwani

- **Entry is for 4th-grade elementary students enrolled in the Smart Investor Programme**
- **Filtration process will take place through a test upon completion of the programme**
- **30 scoring students will be qualified to compete across schools.**

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Bahrain Bourse will be launching a national challenge in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain for Smart Investor Programme participants to spark engagement and inspire students to utilise their learnings during the programme. Since its inception, BHB has conducted the programme for three consecutive academic years. It will commence in October and continue until April next year. The programme is open to 4th-grade elementary students enrolled in the Smart Investor Programme and have completed all seven sessions. The filtration process will take place through a test upon completion of the programme, and the top 30 scoring students will be qualified to compete across schools. For entry submissions, video format presentations will be requested from students to have them present their opinions on statements related to the programme's objectives. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse commented, "Since the launch of the programme, we have achieved a key milestone of engaging up to 15,000 students. The challenge is another element to encourage young students to engage and apply their accumulated knowledge and skills to real-life situations

involving financial issues and decisions." "Financial education is needed at various levels: basic financial education, investor education, and thereby resulting in more informed investment decisions. These programmes are crucial, especially to tackle and address a more complex world. To increase financial literacy among the youth falls in line with the Kingdom's 2030 vision to better shape our society," Shaikh Khalifa added. Hana Sarwani, the Executive Director at INJAZ Bahrain commented "Promoting Financial Literacy through INJAZ Bahrain's core pillars where we focus on enhancing the money management, financial planning and investment awareness knowledge." The Smart Investor programme is a national awareness programme that was launched in 2018 in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain. The program equips young students with basic concepts related to money management, savings and smart financial planning through interactive edutainment activities to assist them in making sound financial decisions.



The Smart Investor programme for the academic year 2020-2021 was conducted virtually with the participation of around 5000 students. The strategic partner for the 2020-2021 programme was the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), and the silver sponsor was: Bank ABC.

Oil up near \$75

Reuters | New York

Oil rose toward \$75 a barrel yesterday after data showed US crude inventories fell more sharply than analysts had forecast, bringing the market's focus back to tight supplies rather than rising coronavirus infections. Crude inventories fell by 4.1 million barrels in the week to July 23, the US Energy Information Administration said yesterday. Gasoline and distillate fuel stocks also dropped.

Brent crude rose 18 cents, or 0.2%, to \$74.66 a barrel at 11:32 a.m. EDT (1532 GMT), after posting on Tuesday its first decline in six days. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude advanced 43 cents, or 0.6%, to \$72.08. Oil has risen 45% this year, helped by demand recovery and supply curbs by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies, known as OPEC+.

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News in brief

◆ **Saudi affirmed its confidence in Tunisia's leadership, saying it stands with everything that supports the security and stability of Tunisia, the Saudi state news agency (SPA) reported on Tuesday.** The kingdom also said it respects everything related to Tunisian internal affairs and considers it a sovereign matter, SPA added. "Saudi Arabia affirms its confidence in the Tunisian leadership to overcome these circumstances and to achieve a decent life and prosperity for the brotherly Tunisian people."



Saudi affirms its confidence in Tunisian leadership

◆ **An Israeli soldier killed a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday,** the Palestinian health ministry said, and the army said he had approached troops with an iron bar in his hand. Some local residents described the man slain at the entrance to Beita village near the city of Nablus as a 41-year-old plumber who was heading home from work when he was shot dead. There were no disturbances there at the time, the locals said. An Israeli military spokeswoman said the Palestinian, carrying an iron bar, had "advanced rapidly" toward troops despite them firing warning shots in the air.

Israeli troops kill Palestinian in West Bank, officials say

◆ **Thai volunteers yesterday turned a cargo warehouse at Bangkok's Don Muang Airport into a 1,800-bed field hospital** for COVID-19 patients with less severe symptoms, as the country deals with its biggest outbreak to date. The Southeast Asian nation reported a daily record of 16,533 new cases, plus 133 new deaths on Wednesday, bringing the total accumulated cases to 543,361 and 4,397 deaths. Workers drilled walls for toilet installations and set up beds and blankets. "This is a level 1+ field hospital where it can receive a large number of patients, who have less severe symptoms," Rienthong Nanna, director of Mongkutwattana Hospital, said.

Thailand builds COVID-19 hospital in Bangkok airport



◆ **Iran's COVID-19 cases hit a record high for the second time in as many days on Tuesday,** rising to almost 35,000, as the health minister warned there was little hope of improvement unless the public followed health precautions, state TV reported. The epicentre of the pandemic in the Middle East, Iran reported 34,951 new cases on Tuesday, after registering a record 31,814 cases on Monday in a fifth wave blamed on the highly transmissible Delta variant. Deaths rose by 357 to 89,479 on Tuesday. "If health protocols are followed as they are now, we will not have much hope of getting out of the (high risk) 'red' situation," Health Minister Saeed Namaki told state TV. Officials say less than 40% of Iranians wear masks and follow other precautions. State television broadcast scenes from burials of COVID-19 victims with crying relatives appealing to the public to follow safety precautions.



Iran's daily new COVID-19 cases hit two consecutive record highs

COVID-1:9 Countries worst affected

	Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1	USA	35,353,923	627,351	196,210,343
2	India	31,490,153	422,175	
3	Brazil	19,749,073	551,906	
4	Russia	6,195,232	156,178	4,197,201
5	France	6,026,115	111,695	
6	UK	5,745,526	129,303	177,836,489
7	Turkey	5,638,178	51,048	
8	Argentina	4,875,927	104,352	+4,831
9	Colombia	4,747,775	119,482	
10	Spain	4,368,453	81,323	+267,412
11	Italy	4,330,739	128,010	
12	Iran	3,792,014	89,782	
13	Germany	3,767,531	92,083	
14	Indonesia	3,287,727	88,659	

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	284,090		16,498		228,624	38,968
Saudi Arabia	522,108	+1,334	8,200	+11	502,528	11,380
UAE	674,724		1,929		652,180	20,615
Kuwait	394,538		2,298		378,810	13,430
Oman	295,535	+518	3,802	+14	277,632	14,101
Qatar	225,747	+225	601	+1	223,376	1,770

Figures as of closing

Kuwait bans unvaccinated citizens from travelling abroad



A Kuwaiti passenger holding his luggage walks by the police and civil aviation personnel upon his arrival from Amman at Kuwait Airport

Reuters | Cairo

Kuwait on Tuesday said only citizens who have been vaccinated for the coronavirus will be allowed to travel abroad starting on Aug. 1. A government statement said the rule excepted children under age of 16, those with a health ministry certificate saying they cannot be vaccinated, and pregnant women who have a pregnancy proof certificate from authorities. Also on Tuesday, the civil aviation authority said that all arrivals in Kuwait must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test before they board their flights and must not be showing any symptoms. All arrivals will have to be home quarantined for seven days unless they take a COVID-19 PCR test inside Kuwait that comes out negative. The Kuwaiti government on Monday eased some coronavirus related restrictions and resumed all activities except for gatherings which include conferences, weddings, and social events.

Reuters | Beirut

It should have been the happiest of times, but Lebanese doctor Israa Seblani does not even have a photograph of her wedding on display as the memories are so painful.

She was standing radiant in a white gown and headdress in a square in Beirut last Aug. 4, the day she married businessman Ahmad Subeih, when the scene was shattered by a deafening roar as a powerful shockwave nearly blew her off her feet.

The video was seen round the world - one heartstopping moment among many families' stories on the day a huge explosion rocked the Lebanese capital. More than 200 people were killed and thousands more injured. Swathes of the city were destroyed, the devastation still

US envoy back in Gulf to push Yemen truce as battles spread



A Yemeni government fighter fires a vehicle-mounted weapon at a frontline position during fighting against Houthi fighters in Marib, Yemen

Reuters | Dubai

Senior US diplomats are Sholding talks in the Gulf region in a renewed push for a ceasefire in Yemen as fierce ground battles spread and the Iran-aligned Houthi group resumed cross-border attacks on Saudi Arabia after a brief lull over holidays. US special envoy for Yemen Tim Lenderking arrived in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday following a visit by Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman to Oman, amid stalled efforts for a breakthrough in ending more than six years of war. The Saudi-led coalition that backs Yemen's recognised government and the Houthis have been at odds over a United Nations-led proposal for a nationwide truce and the lifting of a coalition blockade to ease a dire humanitarian crisis. Meanwhile battles are raging in Yemen's gas-rich Marib region, the government's last northern stronghold, and in al-Bayda governorate. The coalition said late on Tuesday it destroyed four Houthi ballistic missiles and two drones launched towards Jizan in southern Saudi Arabia. Fighting has spread to al-Bayda as Houthi forces try



The Houthi movement holds most big urban centres after ousting the government from the capital, Sanaa, in late 2014, which prompted the coalition to intervene months later

to advance towards the southern oil-producing Shabwa region, local and military sources said. Coalition air strikes have so far repelled Houthi advances. Lenderking will discuss "growing consequences" of the Marib offensive that is triggering instability elsewhere and the "urgent need" for Riyadh and the Saudi-backed government to facilitate fuel imports to northern Yemen, the State Department said. The Houthis have insisted sea and air restrictions on areas they control be removed before any ceasefire talks, while the coalition wants a simultaneous deal.

India a

● **First visit to India since joining US President Joe Biden's administration**

● **Blinken announces \$25 million from the US government, through @USAID, to support India's COVID-19 vaccination programme**

● **Blinken met his Indian counterpart, Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, and other officials**

● **The two sides also discussed supplies of COVID-19 vaccines and the human rights records of both countries**

TDT | agencies

The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is on his first visit to India since joining US President Joe Biden's administration, welcomed yesterday India's emergence as a leading global power amid discussions over deepening the US-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership. "India is one of our most valued partners, and the US welcomes India's emergence as a leading global power," Blinken said in a tweet after meeting his Indian counterpart, Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. Blinken said he had a collaborative discussion with Jaishankar, "on many areas of cooperation, including efforts to support peace and stability in Afghanistan." "Had a warm discussion with @DrSJJaishankar on deepening the US-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, including strengthening Indo-Pacific cooperation bilaterally and through the Quad. I look forward to work-

No happy anniversary fo



Israa Seblani, a Lebanese doctor and the bride who was caught up in the last year's Beirut port blast during a wedding photoshoot, poses for a picture with her husband Ahmad Subeih, at the same square where they were for their photoshoot in the moment of August 4 explosion, in Beirut, Lebanon July 24, 2021.

visible today. "I still don't have a photo of my wedding day at home," Seblani, 30, said, back in the same square



Screen grabs from video taken during other couples celebrated their nuptials, just like they did. "It was a disaster for the Lebanese people. I can't see parents



leading global power, says Blinken



Welcoming Blinken Modi said, "Good to meet US Secretary of State @SecBlinken today. I welcome President Biden's strong commitment to strengthen the India-US Strategic Partnership, which is anchored in our shared democratic values and is a force for global good."



Jaishankar and Blinken hold a joint news conference at Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan (JNB) in New Delhi

Today, I'm proud to announce an additional \$25 million from the US government, through @USAID, to support India's COVID-19 vaccination programme. The United States' support will help save lives by strengthening vaccine supply chains across India

ANTONY BLINKEN



India's Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken deliver opening remarks as they sit down to meet at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India

ing together in a continued partnership," Blinken wrote.

He also held discussions with other officials yesterday before calling on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Later in the day, Blinken announced a US\$25 million support to India through USAID to back India's COVID-19 vaccination programme.

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The two sides also discussed supplies of COVID-19 vaccines and

the human rights records of both countries, the ministers told a joint news conference, and the Quad alliance, a security group that also includes Australia and Japan and has also angered China.

Asked about China taking umbrage at Indo-Pacific security cooperation and the Quad, Jaishankar told the news conference:



Blinken and US Ambassador to India Atul Keshap deliver remarks to civil society organization representatives in a meeting room at the Leela Palace Hotel in New Delhi, India



Blinken and US Ambassador to India for the warm welcome

"For groups of countries to work together is not strange.... People need to get over the idea that somehow other countries doing things is directed against them."

Speaking to a group of civil society leaders at a New Delhi hotel, Blinken said that the relationship between the United States and India was "one of the most important in the world".

"The Indian people and the American people believe in human dignity and equality of opportunity, the rule of law, fundamental freedoms including freedom of religion and belief... these are the fundamental tenets of democracies like ours," he said.

"And of course, both of our democracies are works in progress. As friends, we talk about that."

In yet another tweet thanking the US Ambassador of India for the warm welcome, Blinken said, cooperation between our two nations continues to grow, and

the work of @USandIndia, @USAndKolkata, @USandChennai, @USandMumbai, and @USandHyderabad to strengthen our ties with the Indian government and people truly makes a difference.

Blinken also held a meeting with a representative of the Dalai Lama in New Delhi yesterday.

Meets Dalailama's representative

Blinken met briefly with Ngodup Dongchung, who presented him with a scarf from the Dalai Lama, a senior State Department official said. Dongchung serves as a representative of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), also known as the Tibetan government in exile.

"The Dalai Lama obviously is a globally revered spiritual leader and so the gesture was gratefully received and appreciated," said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

or bride caught up in Beirut blast



ring the wedding in the moment of August 4 explosion



Israa Seblani walks outside Rafik Hariri University Hospital, in Beirut, Lebanon

The video was seen round the world - one heartstopping moment among many families' stories on the day a huge explosion rocked the Lebanese capital.

gether until they find a new base away from the economic crisis of their homeland.

"We are looking for security, we don't want money, we are not looking for a fancy life, we just want security," Seblani said.

She may also be looking for somewhere where people will recognise her for other reasons.

"Of course I feel happy that people know me wherever I go, and I am sure everyone likes to be famous, but I prefer to be famous in a different way, because when people call me the famous bride or bride of Beirut, I remember the bad moments."

who lost their children, children who lost their parents, or the destruction that happened, and be happy. I won't lie to myself."

their first anniversary to keep themselves busy: she at the Rafik Hariri University Hospital, he at his clothing business.

"This is a day during which we

can't have any plans," said Subeih, 34, "This is a day of sadness and sorrow, it's a black day, a day of mourning for all Lebanon."

Seblani returned to the United

States, where she had been working, in September, but coronavirus restrictions prevented Subeih from joining her. She went back to Lebanon so they could be to-



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TWEETS

01



Central Government is closely monitoring the situation in the wake of the cloudbursts in Kishtwar and Kargil. All possible assistance is being made available in the affected areas. I pray for everyone's safety and well-being.

@narendramodi

02



So honoured to meet His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of #Kuwait. I thanked him for Kuwait's generosity in supporting humanitarian & health crisis responses. @WHO welcomes Kuwait's solidarity in the fight against #COVID19 & for #VaccineEquity.

@DrTedros

03



Today's announcement makes clear that the most important protection we have against the Delta variant is the vaccine. Although most U.S. adults are vaccinated, too many are not and that has to change.

@JoeBiden

04



We're now almost halfway to our target of recruiting 20,000 new police officers by 2023.

@BorisJohnson

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Majority in India’s big states with COVID-19 antibodies- survey

Reuters | Mumbai

More than 70% of people in eight of India's large states are estimated to have COVID-19 antibodies, a government survey showed yesterday, suggesting that a second surge in infections affected many more people than the reported figures.
The survey, which tested a



People walk through a crowded market on a rainy day

sample of the population for the presence of COVID-19 antibodies, was conducted in June and July and showed that two-thirds of India's 1.3 billion people were likely to have been exposed to the virus.
The sero-prevalance survey, which tested around 29,000 people across the country, showed

that in eight of India's largest and most populous states, more than 70% had antibodies for COVID-19, according to a government statement.
In the central state of Madhya Pradesh, 79% of its estimated population of 70.3 million had antibodies, the survey showed.
At least 75% of the popula-

tion in the densely populated eastern state of Bihar showed the presence of antibodies, as did 71% of the 220 million people in the country's most populous state of Uttar Pradesh, data showed.
India's daily cases have fallen after a devastating second wave that overwhelmed the

healthcare system. Yesterday, it reported 43,654 new cases and 640 deaths, down from a peak of 414,188 daily cases reported on May 7. India's vaccination has picked up after a lull in April and May, but it may still not be able to meet its stated aim of inoculating all 950 million adults by the end of the year.

Mikati hopes to form government soon

Reuters | Beirut

Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Najib Mikati said yesterday that he hoped to form a government shortly after securing the approval of President Michel Aoun for most of his nominees.
Mikati, a businessman, is the third potential prime minister to be nominated since Hassan Diab's government resigned after an explosion in Beirut's port area on Aug. 4 last year that killed more than 200 people and flattened large areas of the city. He spoke to reporters after meeting Aoun.
Diab's government has stayed



Lebanon's President Michel Aoun meets with leading businessman Najib Mikati, the prime minister-designate, at the presidential palace in Baabda, Lebanon

on in a caretaker capacity, but Lebanon's currency has collapsed, jobs have vanished and banks have frozen accounts in the country's worst crisis since the 1975-90 civil war.

"I gave my proposals, President Aoun approved most of them and he made some remarks which are acceptable; God willing ... we will be able to form a government soon," Mikati said.
Mikati has been prime minister twice before and, unlike many Lebanese leaders, does not represent a political bloc or hail from a dynasty.
Like the previous nominee, Saad al-Hariri, he must navigate the sectarian, power-sharing structure and secure agreement on a cabinet equipped to address the financial meltdown in Lebanon, one of the world's most heavily indebted states.

Hope of finding survivors of blast in German industrial park fades

Reuters | Duesseldorf, Germany

The operator of a German industrial park that was rocked by an explosion on Tuesday dampened hopes of finding more survivors in the debris and warned residents near the site to stay away from soot that rained down after the blast.
Two people were found dead after the explosion at the Chempark site, home to chem-



A view shows Chempark following an explosion in Leverkusen, Germany

icals companies including Bayer and Lanxess, and 31 were injured.
Five are still missing, Currenta chief Frank Hyldmar told journalists on Wednesday, adding that "we have to assume that we will not find them alive".
With the focus on the scene still on finding the missing people, including with the aid of high-resolution drones, the company said it was still too early to say what caused the explosion, which led to a fire in a tank containing solvents.
Experts are also analysing whether soot that rained down on the surrounding area after the blast could be toxic.
Until the results are in, residents should avoid getting the soot on their skin and bringing it into the house on their shoes, and they should not eat fruit from their gardens, Hermann Greven of the Leverkusen fire department said.
He also said that playgrounds in the area have been closed.

JUNGLE CRUISE

(PG-13) (ACTION/ ADVENTURE/ COMEDY) (NEW)
DWAYNE JOHNSON, EMILY BLUNT, EDGAR RAM "REZ
OASIS JUFFAIR (ATMOS) : 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP) :12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 10.45 AM + 11.45 AM + 1.30 + 2.30 + 4.15 + 5.15 + 7.00 + 8.00 + 9.45 + 10.45 PM + (12.30 MN + 1.00 AM THURS/FRI)
CITY CENTRE (ATMOS): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN
CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 12.15 + 5.45 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE (IMAX 3D): 3.00 + 8.30 PM
CITY CENTRE (VIP I) : 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM
CITY CENTRE (VIP II) : 11.30 AM + 2.15 + 5.00 + 7.45 + 10.30 PM
SEEF (I) :10.45 AM + 12.30 + 1.30 + 3.15 + 4.15 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 8.45 + 9.45 + 11.30 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
SEEF (II) :10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN
WADI AL SAIL: 11.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.30 + 3.30 + 5.15 + 6.15 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 10.45 PM + 11.45 PM

THE FOREVER PURGE

(18+) (ACTION/CRIME/HORROR) (NEW)
ANA DE LA REGUERA, JOSH LUCAS, TENOCH HUERTA
OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM
CITY CENTRE:10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 +7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (I) :12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II) : (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
WADI AL SAIL:12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

THE LITTLE THINGS

(15+) (CRIME/THRILLER) (NEW)
DENZEL WASHINGTON, RAMI MALEK, JARED LETO
CITY CENTRE:12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II) :6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

THE VIRTUOSO

(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/ THRILLER) (NEW)
ANTHONY HOPKINS, ABBIE CORNISH, ANSON MOUNT
CITY CENTRE:12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (I) :1.30 + 6.15 + 11.00 PM

INITIATION

(18+) (CRIME/HORROR/THRILLER) (NEW)
ISABELLA GOMEZ, LINDSAY LAVANCHY, FROY GUTIERREZ
CITY CENTRE:11.15 AM + 3.30 + 7.45 + 12.00 MN

THE BOX

(PG) (KOREAN/MUSICAL/DRAMA) (NEW)
DAL HWAN CHO, CHAN-YEOL PARK
CITY CENTRE:1.30 + 5.45 + 10.00 PM

BLACKPINK THE MOVIE

(PG-13) (MUSICAL)
DAL HWAN CHO, CHAN-YEOL PARK
CITY CENTRE:4.30 PM (only Wed 04 AUG)
WADI AL SAIL: 6.30 PM (only Wed 04 AUG)

WELD MARZOUG

(PG) (ARABIC/COMEDY) (NEW)
TAREK AL HARBI, SHAILA SABT, ANDRE SKAF
SEEF (I) : 11.30 AM + 4.30 + 9.30 PM

ESCAPE ROOM : NO WAY OUT

(PG-15) (THRILLER/CRIME)
TAYLOR RUSSELL, LOGAN MILLER, INDYA MOORE
OASIS JUFFAIR : 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (I) :5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

MESH ANA

(PG-13)(ARABIC/COMDY)
TAMER HOSNI, HALA SHEHA, MAJED ALKOD-WANI
OASIS JUFFAIR :12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (II) :11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

SNAKE EYES : G.I.JOE ORIGIN

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/THRILLER)
HENRY GOLDING, ANDREW KOJI, URSULA CORBERO
OASIS JUFFAIR :3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (I) 11.00 AM + 3.45 + 8.30 PM

FAST & FURIOUS - 9 (THE FAST SAGA)

(PG-13)(ACTION/CRIME/ THRILLER)
VIN DIESEL, MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ, JORDANA BREWSTER
OASIS JUFFAIR :12.00 + 5.30 + 11.00 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.45 AM + 2.45 + 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II) : 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

A QUIET PLACE PART II

(15+) (THRILLER/HORROR)
EMILY BLUNT, CILLIAN MURPHY, MILLICENT SIMMONDS
OASIS JUFFAIR : 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 +10.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM (4.30 show will not play on Wed)
SEEF (II) :12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL:8.45 PM + 11.00 PM

HITMAN'S WIFE'S BODYGUARD

(15+) (ACTION/ COMEDY/CRIME)

RYAN REYNOLDS, SAMUEL L. JACKSON, SALMA HAYEK
OASIS JUFFAIR : 3.00 + 8.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (II) :11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN

THE BOSS BABY : FAMILY BUSINESS

(PG) (ANIMATION/ COMEDY/ADVENTURE)
AMY SEDARIS, JAMES MARSDEN, JEFF GOLDBLUM
OASIS JUFFAIR: (KIDS CINEMA):4.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR:11.15 AM + 1.30 PM
SEEF (II) :11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM
WADI AL SAIL:11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 PM + (6.30 show will not play on Wed)

BLACK WIDOW

(PG-13) (ACTION/ ADVENTURE)
SCARLETT JOHANSSON, FLORENCE PUGH, DAVID HARBOUR
OASIS JUFFAIR:5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM
CITY CENTRE:12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (I) : 1.45 + 6.45 + 11.45 PM

LUCA

(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
JACOB TREMBLAY, JACK DYLAN GRAZER, SACHA BARON COHEN
OASIS JUFFAIR: (KIDS CINEMA):12.00 + 2.00 + 6.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM
SEEF (I) :11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 PM

EL ARIF : AWDAT YOUNIS

(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)
AHMED EZZ, AHMAD FAHMY, MOSTAFA KHATER
SEEF (II) :10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

CRUELLA

(PG-13)(COMEDY/CRIME)
EMMA STONE, EMMA THOMPSON, JOEL FRY
CITY CENTRE :3.15 + 8.30 PM
SEEF (II) : 10.45 AM + 1.30 + 4.15 + 7.00 + 9.45 PM

THE CONJURING: THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT

(15+)(HORROR/THRILLER)
VERA FARMIGA, PATRICK WILSON, RUAIRI O'CONNOR
CITY CENTRE: 12.45 + 6.00 + 11.15 PM
SEEF (II):10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

SPACE JAM: A NEW LEGACY

(PG) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FAMILY)
OASIS JUFFAIR:10.45 AM + 1.00 + 3.15 PM
SEEF (II) :11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 PM
LEBRON JAMES, DON CHEADLE, KHRIS DAVIS

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celebs

Stephen Dorff apologises for trashing Scarlett Johansson’s film ‘Black Widow’

ANI | Washington

Stephen Dorff, the ‘True Detective’ actor who recently compared Scarlett Johansson’s feature film ‘Black Widow’ to ‘a bad video game’ in a candid interview, has now apologised for trashing the film and Scarlett’s role in it.

Stephen recently took several swings at Hollywood in a candid interview, blasting the 2021 Oscars broadcast, likening feature film Black Widow to “a bad video game” and expressing embarrassment for the Marvel movie’s star.

TMZ spotted the veteran actor leaving Porta Via in Los Angeles, weeks after the premiere of ‘Black Widow’ and nearly a month after he trashed “everything about Hollywood” and especially Scarlett for her role in the Marvel film.

The ‘Blade’ was all praises for the 36-year-old star and further explained his interview with the UK’s Independent outlet was “taken a little bit out of context.”

For the unversed, Stephen in the interview made a statement that came out controversial. He said, “I still hunt out the good s*** because I don’t want to be in ‘Black Widow.’ It looks like garbage to me. It looks like a bad video game. I’m embarrassed for those people. I’m embarrassed for Scarlett!”



Stephen Dorff

‘Schitt’s Creek’ actor Annie Murphy bags role in ‘Witness Protection’

ANI | Washington

After tickling our funny bone with her role in popular sitcom ‘Schitt’s Creek’, actor Annie Murphy is all set to star in ‘Witness Protection’.

Murphy will also executive produce the project.

According to Deadline, ‘Witness Protection’ revolves around a woman who has always defined herself by her romantic relationships, but when she is forced to enter witness protection, she must try to figure out who she really is



Annie Murphy

Murphy had won Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series at the Emmys last year for her role of Alexis Rose in ‘Schitt’s Creek’

for the first time while maintaining her cover and keeping the criminals at bay.

Murphy even took to her Instagram account to express her excitement on reuniting with scribes Rupinder Gill and David West Read of the Emmy-winning ‘Schitt’s Creek’, who will write and executive produce the feature.

“Reunited with mother and father and it feels so good,” she wrote.

For the unversed, Murphy had won Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series at the Emmys last year for her role of Alexis Rose in ‘Schitt’s Creek’.

In the years since the confrontation, Liu said crew members have told her that they’re “grateful” that she spoke up.

Lucy Liu recalls spat with Bill Murray on ‘Charlie’s Angels’ set

Fox | Los Angeles

Lucy Liu doesn’t have a problem when it comes to sticking up for herself.

At least, that was the case when preparing to film the 2000 movie “Charlie’s Angels,” which she starred in alongside comedy legend Bill Murray.

The 52-year-old actress recently appeared on the “Asian Enough” podcast and opened up about working with Murray, now 70, on the espionage adventure comedy.

She recalled a not-so-pleasant interaction with the “Saturday Night Live” alum.

Lui said she didn’t want to “get into the specifics,” but mentioned a rehearsal performance that Murray was not present for because he had to attend a family gathering. When he did show, however, Liu claims he began to “hurl insults” that “kept going on and on,” per The Hollywood Reporter.

“I was, like, ‘Wow, he seems like he’s looking straight at me.’ I couldn’t believe that it could be towards me, because what do I have to do with anything majorly important at that time?” the actress recalled, explaining that she asked whether Murray was speaking directly to her as the conversation “started to become a one-on-one communication.”

“It was unjust and it was uncalled for. Some of the language was inexcusable and unacceptable, and I was not going to just sit there and take it,” the star said. “So, yes, I stood up for myself, and I don’t regret it.”

Liu continued: “Because no matter how low on the totem pole you may be or wherever you came from, there’s no need to condescend or to put other people down. And I would not stand down, and nor should I have and nor did I.”



Lucy Liu

No time to plan my wedding: Jenna Dewan

IANIS | Los Angeles

Actress Jenna Dewan says she has had no time to discuss her wedding plans with fiancé Steve Kazee, because she’s been too busy raising their baby son Callum, who was born one month after the pair got engaged.

“It’s so funny, we hadn’t even had a chance to talk much about our wedding. A month after we got engaged, I had Callum and then a week later, (coronavirus) quarantine began,” Dewan said, re-

ports femalefirst.co.uk.

The 40-year-old actress, who also has eight-year-old daughter Everly with former-husband and Hollywood star Channing Tatum, isn’t too worried about her wedding plans though.

She also wants her wedding to be unconventional, as she wants to put an “emphasis on simplicity and on presence”.

The actress added: “I am a firm believer in staying in the flow of life. I know I will know when it’s right. Same goes for the details of the day. I definitely think in the past few years, there’s been an emphasis on simplicity and on presence.



Jenna Dewan

Dua Lipa condemns homophobic remarks made by DaBaby

ANI | Washington

Singer-songwriter Dua Lipa has condemned the homophobic remarks made by DaBaby at Rolling Loud music festival recently.

Lipa, who worked with DaBaby on the popular remix of her song ‘Levitating’, took to her Instagram Story and criticised the latter

I know my fans know where my heart lies and that I stand 100% with the LGBTQ community

DUA LIPA

saying she is horrified.

“I’m surprised and horrified at DaBaby’s comments. I really don’t recognise this as the person I worked with. I know my fans know where my heart

lies and that I stand 100% with the LGBTQ community. We need to come together to fight the stigma and ignorance around HIV/AIDS,” she wrote.

According to Variety, artist DaBaby on Sunday night made derogatory remarks about HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ+ people during his performance. He asked the audience to put their cell phone flashlights in the air if they “didn’t show up today with HIV/AIDS or any of them deadly sexually transmitted diseases that will make you die in two to three weeks”.

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Shaikh Khalid discusses domestic clubs’ needs and General Sports Authority’s work policy

TDT | Manama

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee has held a virtual meeting with the presidents of the national clubs to discuss their needs and the work policy of the Authority.

This was HH Shaikh Khalid’s first meeting with the clubs’ presidents after being appointed as President of the General Sports Authority. The meeting was attended by HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa,



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa during the meeting

Deputy President of the General Sports Authority President of Bahrain Combat Sports Council, Dr. Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, CEO of the Authority as well as all the presidents of the national clubs.

At the beginning of the meeting, HH Shaikh Khalid welcomed all the attendees, conveying to them the greetings of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Thereafter, His Highness praised the efforts of the national clubs towards embracing the youth and juniors through the development of various programmes that help in honing their skills and capabilities

in order to empower them to reach their full potentials at the sports level, while, at the same time, bolstering their loyalty and sense of national belonging.

His Highness affirmed that the general climate is heading towards recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and getting back to normal, pointing to the recent positive indicators which came thanks to the efforts of Team Bahrain under the leadership of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, the meeting discussed the needs of the clubs through establishing direct

contact with the clubs in order to ensure speedy delivery and promote the clubs’ corporate work as well as the application of quality standards and governance adopted by the General Sports Authority.

Furthermore, HH Shaikh Khalid stressed that the General Sports Authority will adopt the policy of open doors with all sports establishments, stating that extra organisational steps will be taken in the coming period to contribute to the implementation of plans that advance the administrative, financial and sports system in the clubs, according to indicators to measure performance and results.

Djokovic rolls at Olympics as Medvedev suffers in heat

Novak Djokovic books quarter-final clash with Kei Nishikori

● Daniil Medvedev battled the heat and a tricky opponent to qualify for the quarter-finals at the Olympics

AFP | Tokyo

Novak Djokovic set up a quarter-final with Japan’s Kei Nishikori at the Tokyo Olympics yesterday as gold medal rival Daniil Medvedev struggled with the heat, even asking the chair umpire who would be responsible if he died.

World number one Djokovic continued his bid for a calendar Golden Slam by defeating 34th-ranked Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain 6-3, 6-1 to extend his winning run to 21 matches.

The Serb, a singles bronze medallist in 2008, faced a quick turnaround as he was due to partner Nina Stojanovic in the mixed doubles later.

Medvedev stayed on course to meet Djokovic in the men’s final as the Russian second seed overcame Italy’s Fabio Fognini 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

But the two-time Grand Slam runner-up, who had urged organisers to delay start times after his opening match, again found the temperatures testing as the extreme weather policy



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, returns to Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, of Spain

was implemented.

“Even from the first set I didn’t feel good enough with my breathing. I felt like my diaphragm was blocked, I couldn’t breathe properly,” said Medvedev, who took a medical timeout and received two visits from the trainer.

Asked by the umpire if he was OK during the second set, the Russian replied: “I can finish the match, but I can die. If I die, are you going to be responsible?”

“I think it was the most humid day we had so far, maybe the hottest,” added Medvedev.

“The sun was pretty hot. At the end of the second set I just had darkness in my eyes. I was bending over, and I couldn’t get my breathing together. I was ready to just fall down on the

court.”

Following a 10-minute interval between the second and third sets, Medvedev broke Fognini and won the first three games of the decider.

He saved three break points at 4-2 before clinching victory, going through to a last-eight clash with Spain’s Pablo Carreno Busta.

Tsitsipas sent packing

Medvedev renewed calls to start matches later as temperatures peaked at 32 degrees Celsius (90 degrees Fahrenheit), with the heat index topping out at 37C.

“They should start the matches later, I said it from the first round, and I continue saying it,” said Medvedev.

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DANIIL MEDVEDEV

“I heard maybe from tomorrow they’re going to change it, but let’s see.”

Stefanos Tsitsipas bowed out after the Greek third seed lost 2-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 to Frenchman Ugo Humbert.

Tsitsipas required a medical timeout for an injury to his right leg at the end of the second set as Humbert booked a showdown with Russia’s Karen Khachanov.

Nishikori, the 2016 bronze medallist, beat Ilya Ivashka of Belarus 7-6 (9/7), 6-0, while fourth seed Alexander Zverev and Frenchman Jeremy Chardy also progressed.

Ukraine’s Elina Svitolina, the highest-ranked player left in the women’s draw, reached the semi-finals with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Camila Giorgi of Italy.

Murray casts doubt on Olympic future after doubles exit



Andy Murray of Britain reacts during his men's doubles quarterfinal match

AFP | London

Andy Murray said he was unsure if he would play at another Olympics after his bid for a third gold medal ended with a quarter-final defeat in the men’s doubles yesterday.

Murray, a two-time Olympic singles champion, and partner Joe Salisbury lost 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 10-7 to Croatia’s Marin Cilic and Ivan Dodig.

The British pair led Cilic and Dodig by a set and a break but suffered a late collapse as the Croatians prevailed in a deciding tie-break.

“I don’t know. I don’t know if I’ll get the opportunity to play again,” said Murray, asked if he would appear at a fifth Olympics in Paris in 2024.

“I love every minute of playing the Olympics. I wish that today would have gone differently. I had another chance with Joe to win a medal. We were so close and that is just disappointing.

“There was some stuff I wish I could have done at the end of the match to try and

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ANDY MURRAY

help out more. But yeah, very disappointing.”

Murray pulled out of the singles in Tokyo due to a muscle strain. The three-time Grand Slam winner won gold in the event at London 2012 and Rio 2016.

“I don’t regret that decision,” he said.

“I think we put ourselves in a really good position to win and do well here. This is the one -- it hurts a lot losing that one because you get through it and you get two matches for a medal. We were just so close.”

Richarlison fires Brazil into Olympics quarter-finals, Germany out

AFP | Tokyo

Richarlison continued his fine form at the Olympics with a double as Brazil eased into the quarter-finals after a 3-1 win over Saudi Arabia yesterday, as Germany exited the men’s tournament and hosts Japan progressed with a thrashing of France.

Reigning champions Brazil, who won gold for the first time on home soil in Rio de Janeiro five years ago, finished top of Group D and will face Egypt in the last eight on Saturday.

Matheus Cunha put them ahead in Saitama yesterday,



Richarlison heads in the first of his two goals as Brazil beat Saudi Arabia at the Olympics

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A draw would have been enough for Brazil to go through as group winners, but Richarlison netted in the 76th minute and again in injury time

but Abdulelah Al-Amri’s goal brought the Saudis level before

the half-hour mark.

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The Everton forward is now the leading scorer in the tournament with five goals after his hat-trick against Germany.

The Germans, runners-up to Brazil in 2016, bowed out after a 1-1 draw with the Ivory Coast.

Germany had to win to progress, but Benjamin Henrichs’ own goal midway through the second half proved costly.

Eduard Lowen’s equaliser shortly afterwards set up a tense

finale, but the Ivorians held on to seal second spot in the group and a quarter-final against Spain.

The Spaniards are one of the gold medal favourites after naming a strong squad featuring six members of the team that reached the Euro 2020 semi-finals. But they scored only twice in the group stage, with a 1-1 draw against Argentina enough to edge them through.

Real Sociedad midfielder Mikel Merino put Spain in front in the 66th minute. Tomas Belmonte netted a late equaliser for Argentina but the point sealed 1992 champions Spain first place in Group C.

Biles out of next event, mental health in Games spotlight

Simone Biles in second pull-out as mental struggles laid bare at Tokyo Olympics

● Biles withdraws from all-around gymnastics after dropping out of the women's team final

AFP | Tokyo

Superstar gymnast Simone Biles pulled out of a second event to protect her mental health yesterday, putting the spotlight on athletes' wellbeing at a Tokyo Olympics held under strict rules to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Biles, who caused shockwaves with her withdrawal during the team event on Tuesday, also ditched the all-around, raising doubts about her further participation in Tokyo.

The 24-year-old American's struggles follow those of Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka, another face of the Games who lost in the third round on her return from a mental health break.

Biles, unbeaten in all-around competition since 2013 and widely touted as the 'G.O.A.T.' (Greatest Of All Time), arrived seeking five Olympic titles to equal Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina's career record of nine.

But this week she complained she had "the weight of the world on my shoulders" and withdrew after a single, shaky vault in the team competition. Attention will now focus on whether she will compete in her four remaining individual events.



Simone Biles

Second time lucky as Dutch rider Van Vleuten strikes time trial gold

Veteran Dutch cyclist Annemiek van Vleuten powered to gold in the Olympic women's time trial, days after her red-faced finish to the road race when she mistakenly thought she had won.

The 38-year-old from Utrecht produced an Olympic gaffe for the ages on Sunday, punching the air in delight after crossing the finish line believing

she had won gold.

In fact, the race had been won by Anna Kiesenhof, with a blushing Van Vleuten later admitting she was unaware that the Austrian amateur had broken away earlier in the race.

There was no doubt about victory in yesterday's time trial at the Fuji International Speedway, however, as Van Vleuten delivered a dominant performance to finish the undulating 22.1km course in 30min 13sec.



Annemiek van Vleuten of the Netherlands in action

OLYMPIC MEDAL TABLE				
				TOTAL
Japan	13	4	5	22
China	12	6	9	27
USA	11	11	9	31
ROC	7	9	6	22
Australia	6	1	9	16
Great Britain	5	6	5	16
South Korea	4	2	5	11
Germany	3	2	5	10
France	3	2	3	8
Netherlands	2	6	3	11
Canada	2	3	4	9
Hungary	2	1	2	5
Slovenia	2	1	1	4
Kosovo	2	0	0	2



Biles will be evaluated daily before deciding if she will participate in next week's individual events. Biles qualified for the finals on all four apparatuses, something she didn't even do during her five-medal haul in Rio de Janeiro in 2016

Quarantined Dutch athletes demand fresh air

Dutch athletes in quarantine in Tokyo after testing positive revealed they staged a sit-in strike over the harsh conditions, eventually earning the concession of being able to stand at an open window for 15 minutes a day.

"Not having any outside air is so inhuman, and it is mentally super-draining," said street skateboarder Candy Jacobs, while taekwondo fighter Reshmie Oogink called it "Olympic jail".

International Olympic Committee

spokesman Mark Adams said support measures included psychologists in the Athletes' Village and phone helplines.

"That became more urgent obviously with the Covid pandemic, so we've been working on that quite a lot," he said.

More golds for Ohashi, British men win relay

Japan's Yui Ohashi completed a medley double, winning the 200m event to go with the 400m gold she secured on Sunday, while world record-holder Kristof Milak powered to the men's 200m butterfly gold.

Britain's freestyle swimmers brought the morning session to a thrilling climax, narrowly missing out on a world record in the 4x200m freestyle as they beat the Russian team by more than three seconds.



Yui Ohashi

Heat woes prompt schedule change



Paula Badosa of Team Spain is helped away from the court in a wheelchair

In baking conditions, Spanish tennis player Paula Badosa retired and left the court in a wheelchair after suffering heatstroke.

In response to the incident, organisers said from today matches would not start until 3:00pm to avoid the worst of the Tokyo heat.

Fiji retain title with emphatic win over New Zealand

Fiji maintained their dominance of the Olympic Rugby Sevens yesterday with a comprehensive 27-12 gold medal win over New Zealand at the Tokyo Stadium, retaining the title they won in Rio five years ago.

Argentina claimed the bronze with a 17-12 victory over Britain, sparking wild scenes of celebration, and plenty of tears, at the final whistle.

But it was Fiji's day as they ran in

four tries to cap an excellent tournament. They put pressure on their near neighbours from the start with a deep kick and were rewarded when the tall Meli Derenalagi dived over in the corner.

Fiji were in again when Andrew Knewstubb failed to gather a kick into New Zealand's in-goal area and the impressive Sireli Maqala dotted down the loose ball.



USA thrash Iran to get Olympic basketball challenge back on track



United States' Damian Lillard shoots over Iran's Mohammadsina Vahedi

In men's basketball, the United States bounced back to hammer Iran 120-66 after they fell to a strong French team for their first Olympic defeat in 17 years.

Players and coaches from the geopolitical rivals chatted after the game. USA coach Gregg Popovich said: "People generally get along and appreciate each other, no matter what country you are talking about. I really believe that."



Ariarne Titmus

'Terminator' Titmus

US swimming great Katie Ledecky bounced back from her second defeat by Australia's Ariarne Titmus to win her first gold in Tokyo.

Ledecky, 24, is just the

also ceding her 400m title to the Australian.

But Ledecky regrouped to annihilate the field in the first women's 1500m held at an Olympics, finishing more than four seconds clear of US teammate Erica Sullivan.

fourth female swimmer to claim six Olympic gold medals, with her first coming in the 800m freestyle at the London 2012 Games.

But Titmus, nicknamed "Terminator", is emerging as one of the stars at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre.



Kathleen Ledecky of the United States gets ready

Bahrain bow to favourites Denmark

Men's national handball team suffer third straight loss in Tokyo after double-digit defeat to reigning world and Olympic champions

● **Denmark take control of contest from opening throw, lead by as many as 13 goals in second half**

● **Despite still scoring zero points on Group B standings, Bahrainis still have a chance at qualifying for quarters**

● **Bahrain have two matches remaining, first against hosts Japan tomorrow and then with Egypt on Sunday**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain lost to reigning world and Olympic champions Denmark 21-31 yesterday in their Group B game in men's handball at the Tokyo Games.

The Danes lived up to their tag as the heavy favourites and were in control from the opening throw. They were ahead 12-7 at the half and enjoyed leads big as 13 goals in the final 30-minute period.

The result was the third straight loss for the Bahrainis at the Olympics, following their narrow setbacks against Sweden and Portugal. Despite this, they still have an outside chance of advancing to the quarter-fi-



Bahrain's Mahdi Saad looks to score from the wings against Denmark during their match yesterday

Group B standings

(*qualified for quarter-finals)

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Denmark*	3	3	0	0	+32	6
Sweden*	3	3	0	0	+4	6
Egypt	3	2	0	1	+5	4
Portugal	3	1	0	2	-6	2
Bahrain	3	0	0	3	-12	0
Japan	3	0	0	3	-23	0

Four players scored four goals apiece for Bahrain in the loss, including Ahmed Fadhul, Mohammed Mirza, Mahdi Saad and Ahmed Almaqabi. Hasan Ali and Ali Mirza added two goals apiece, while Ali Eid, Mohammed Abdulredha, Mohammed Habib, Mohamed Mohamed and Hussain Al Sayyad all finished with one each.

Johan Hansen top scored for Denmark with six goals whereas Mikkel Hansen had five.

In yesterday's other Group B matches, Sweden edged past Portugal 29-28 and Egypt defeat-

nals but must win their last two games, first against hosts Japan tomorrow and then against Egypt on Sunday.

Both games are scheduled to

get underway at 5am, Bahrain time.

Denmark registered their third successive victory and sit atop Group B.



Bahrain players watch from the bench while action takes place



Group B leaders Denmark and Sweden are still undefeated in Tokyo following yesterday's results and have already secured their berths in the ensuing knockout quarter-finals

secured their berths in the ensuing knockout quarter-final stage. They are followed by Egypt, Portugal, Bahrain and Japan on the table.

Group A features Spain, France, Norway, Germany, Brazil and Argentina. Only the top four teams from each group following a single round-robin move on to the last eight.

Yesterday's match was attended by Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and the Kingdom's delegation head at the Tokyo Olympics His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Isa was joined by BOC secretary general and deputy head of the Bahrain mission in Tokyo Mohammed Al Nusuf and Bahrain's Chef de Mission at the Olympics and former national table tennis star Hamad Buhijji.

Bahrain delegation chief visits Olympic Museum

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Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and the Kingdom's delegation head at the Tokyo Games His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa visited yesterday the Olympic Museum..

He was accompanied by BOC secretary general and deputy head of the Bahrain mission in Tokyo Mohammed Al Nusuf, as well as other delegation members.

HH Shaikh Isa expressed his admiration for all that was on display at the Olympic Museum, which documents a long history of the Olympic movement.



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa is accompanied by other Bahrain delegation officials as they tour the Olympic Museum in Tokyo



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa with other officials and the Olympic rings

Swimmer Abdulla Isa looks to set new national record

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's 18-year-old swimmer Abdulla Isa will be getting into the pool today to compete in the heats of the Men's 100m Butterfly at the Tokyo Olympics.

Abdulla is the national record holder for all the distances in the Butterfly, and today will be looking to improve on his best of 58.44 in the 100m.

Abdulla said that is one of his main goals, particularly as it will be a source of motivation as he will also be competing in the GCC Swimming Championship in Doha next month.

There are two other swimmers in Abdulla's heat, namely Salvador Gordo of Angola who has an entry time for the Olympics of 55.57s and Yousif Bu Arish of Saudi Arabia, whose entry time is 56.58s.

There are a total of 59 entries in the Men's 100m Butterfly, set



Bahrain's Abdulla Isa in Tokyo

to compete over eight heats for one of 16 places in the semi-finals.

In preparing for his participation today, Abdulla has been training daily since arriving in Tokyo under the supervision of head coach Dhaen Yusuf Alamer

and fellow-swimmer Noor Yusuf Taha, who will be competing tomorrow in the Women's 50m Freestyle.

This year's Games marks the sixth straight Olympics where Bahraini swimmers are competing, and seventh overall.