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Jarrah Al-Silawi open to trilogy with Mohammad **Fakhreddine**

BRAVE CF Welterweight champion Jarrah Al-Silawi says he is ready to face Middleweight king Mohammad Fakhreddine| **P 12**

Paris attack suspect wanted to avenge Prophet cartoons



Taylor Swift makes Billboard 200 history



BUSINESS

Apple suppliers to invest \$900 million in India



Public Awareness Campaign to Combat **Coronavirus** (COVID-19)

#Commit4Bahrain during the upcoming 2 weeks

Until Oct

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HM the King

HM King thanked by Moldova president

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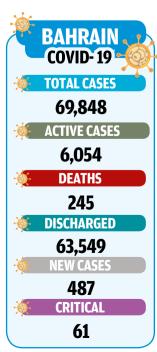
 \mathbf{H} is Majesty King Ham-ad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from Moldova President Igor Dodon, in reply to HM's congratulations on his country's Independence

UAE launches mini satellite into space

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The UAE's MeznSat, a na-**⊥** tional project in partnership between UAE Space Agency, American University of Ras Al Khaimah, AU-RAK, and Khalifa University, KU, lifted off aboard a Soyuz-2b rocket from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome in Russia

A nanosatellite, MeznSat weighs around 2.7kg, and measures 10cm x 10cm x 30cm.



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HRH Premier to discuss Bahrain visions on global issues

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Tis Royal Highness Prime stability will also be highlighted. Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa will ad- also shed light on ways of handress today the fourth edition dling international challenges of "Bahrain Visions-Shared Vi-resulting from the coronavirus sions for a Successful Global (COVID-19) pandemic and means Future" forum.

To be convene remotely under the patronage of HRH the Pre-tiative by HRH the Premier, the mier, the event is organised by forum will be held in conjunchis court in co-operation with tion with high profile meetings the World Health Organisation of the United Nations General Scientific and Cultural Or-(WHO). HRH the Premier will Assembly and the celebration ganisation (UNESCO) Director spotlight his vision regarding of the 75th anniversary of the General Audrey Azoulay and key issues related to sustainable international organisation. development in the region and the whole world.

development as well as achieving global peace, security and

HRH the Prime Minister will of weathering its repercussions.

Organised in line with an ini-



HRH the Premier

Tedros Adhanom Ghebrevesus, United Nations Educational, Foreign Ministry Undersecre-Secretary General Antonio Gu-Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al nity in the field of sustainable WHO Director General Dr Strategic, International and En- opment goals agenda.

ergy Studies (DERASAT).

Also taking part in the forum which will be held this year under the theme "Sustainable Development Goals in Post-COV-ID-19 Pandemic" are high-profile international officials and experts.

The attendees will include Nobel Peace Prize 2018 winner Denis Mukwege and the **UN Special Envoy on Financing** the 2030 Agenda, Mahmoud Mohieldin.

The forum will focus this year on the sustainable development goals in the post-coronavirus Participants will include UN tary for International Affairs Dr phase, ways of tackling current challenges and means of back-The Kingdom's efforts to sup- terres, Foreign Minister Dr Ab- Khalifa, the Board of Trustees ing the international efforts to port the international commu- dellatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, chairman of Bahrain Centre for achieve the sustainable devel-

HM King issues amended Commercial **Companies Law**

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 \mathbf{H} is Majesty King Ham-ad bin Isa Al Khalifa vesterday issued a Decree law 28 of 2020 amending certain provisions of the Commercial Companies Law, which was issued by virtue of Decree 21 of 2001.

The Prime Minister and the ministers, each in his own right, shall implement the provisions of this law which takes effect a day after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Stimulus package extension

Bahrain government to pay 50% of salaries of citizens working in private sector

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(COVID-19) for a period of three the pandemic. more months, starting from October until December.

held remotely, and chaired by the following: His Royal Highness Prince Sal-Prime Minister.

benefit from the new salary pay- of the constitution.

ment scheme.

The government had previ-The government has de- ously extended its assistance to d to continue pay- Bahraini citizens by paying half ing 50% of the salaries of their wages from April to June of insured Bahraini citizens and from July to September to hardest hit by the coronavirus cushion the financial impact of

Following the Royal Directives of HM the King to unify The extension of stimulus national efforts and sustaining package was approved during the Kingdom's national econothe weekly Cabinet meeting, my, the Cabinet also decided on

• The Cabinet approved a man bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Draft Law adding a new clause Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme (No.5) to Paragraph (c) of Article Commander and First Deputy (8) of Decree-Law No. (78) of the year 2006, regarding insur-More than 23,000 Bahraini ance against unemployment and private company workers and recommending its promulgation 4,000 establishments stand to in accordance with Article (38)



HRH the Crown Prince chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

• The payment of 50% of the

• To extend the wage supsalaries of a total of 524 unin- port provided by the Kingdom's sured employees in kindergar- Labour Fund (Tamkeen) for an cilities from tourism fees for an tens and nurseries for a period of additional 3 months, starting additional three months, start-3 months starting from October from October 2020, at the rate of ing from October 2020. 150 dinars per month to support



More than 23.000 Bahraini private company workers and 4.000 establishments stand to benefit from the new salary payment scheme.

950 taxi drivers, public transport drivers, and 829 driving instructors.

• The exemption of tourist fa-

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Three die from COVID-19; 662 recoveries

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L cumbed to the coronavirus expatriate man, 56. (COVID-19) vesterday, bringing try of Health announced.

raini woman, 64, and an 81-year-

ailment, raising the number of travel-related.

The deceased included a Bah-survivors to 63,549.

There were 487 new active active, recoveries and deaths treatment with 61 critical and Three more patients suc- old male citizen, along with an cases detected yesterday follow- - brought the overall number 5,993 in stable condition. ing 10,557 tests. The fresh infec- of confirmed registered cases Early this morning, the min-tions included 135 expatriate in Bahrain to nearly 70,000 at increased to 1,418 129. the virus-related death toll in istry also announced 662 new workers and 343 from contacts 69,848, dating back to when the the Kingdom to 245, the Minis- recoveries from the respiratory of active cases, while nine were first case was reported in Feb- its condolences to the families

The new cases - including A total of 149 is receiving

The total tests done in Bahrain

The ministry has expressed

of the deceased.

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HM King's advisor congratulates Al Ahli Club

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is Majesty the King for Youth and Sports Affairs advisor Saleh bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai sent a cable of congratulations to Al Ahli Sports Club's board chairman Khalid Kanoo on winning Zain Basketball League title.

The advisor praised the great efforts made by the club's board of directors to create a suitable atmosphere for the team's technical, administrative bodies and players in order to win the title, noting the players great performance and wishing them further success in the upcoming tournaments.

Cabinet hails HM the King's address for world peace

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uring the session, the During the session, Cabinet praised HM the King's address delivered at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, which reaffirmed the importance of preserving world peace for a better future for

HM the King's address further shed light on the Kingdom's comprehensive vision regarding regional and international issues that concern the Arab nations, particularly the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and Bahrain's position for a just and comprehensive peace with the establishment of an independent Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital, based on the Arab Peace Initiative.

The Cabinet went on to commend the turnout for volunteering for the COVID-19 clinical trials, adding that the Kingdom has received 6,000 volunteers over a period of six weeks.

The Cabinet noted that this turnout reflects the awareness and noble humanitarian values exhibited by the Kingdom's citizens and residents in support of national efforts aimed to combat the virus.

In this regard, the Cabinet noted the importance of ensuring a further 1,700 volunteers are available to guarantee the success of the clinical trials and to identify the availability of a safe and effective treatment for the benefit of mankind.

The Cabinet praised the diplomatic and humanitarian achievements of the Amir of the State of Kuwait, HH Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, which received international recognition, adding that the Amir's efforts have had a positive impact on all.

The Cabinet called for reducing tension between Azerbaijan and Armenia in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh territory.

The Cabinet highlighted the importance of resorting to dialogue and peaceful methods to resolve differences within the framework of international law and UN Security Council decisions in order to achieve security and stability in the region and the world.

HRH the Crown Prince praises GDN outgoing editor-in-chief

Williams hails HRH the Crown Prince support to national press

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Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme strengthening the role of the Commander and First Deputy Kingdom's national press. Prime Minister, yesterday met remotely with Gulf Daily News lighted the important role of

(GDN) editor-in-chief George Williams.

HRH the Crown Prince acknowledged Williams's extensive career with the GDN, wishing him success in his future

For his part, Williams expressed his gratitude for the is Royal Highness opportunity to meet HRH the Prince Salman bin Crown Prince, and for his con-Hamad Al Khalifa, the tinued support towards further

HRH the Crown Prince high-



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She lauded the launch of

the financial and economic

package for the most adversely

national economy and its sus-

tainability, and contribute to

parliamentary full support to

taking all constitutional and

maintain sustainable growth.

sentatives Council will accord

directives embody constant

of the pandemic.

She stressed that the Repre-

stability of Bahraini families.

HRH the Crown Prince during the video meeting

the national press in reporting on the Kingdom's many achievements across all sectors, adding that journalists and press outlets are partners in the Kingdom's development

HRH the Crown Prince noted the broad history of the Kingdom's national press, represented by those who established it and the following generations who continue to provide professional and responsible journalism to inform the public.

'Sign of recovery'

Financial and economic initiatives paying off amid **COVIC-19** pandemic



£ A man wearing a mask in the heart of Manama. Image Credit: AFP

Value of imports increases by 88.1% in August

Number of exporting trucks through King Fahd Causeway up by 21.5%

Average 4- and 5-star hotel occupancy rate on the rise

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new financial initiatives have increased by 88.1% in August, benefitted the Kingdom and its compared to July 2020. citizens, according to the Ministry of Finance and National ed a sign of recovery registered in 4- and 5-star hotels increased Economy.

sion of innovative initiatives, compared to July 2020. has contributed to supporting period.

The Ministry noted that the decisions to gradually resume and re-open various economic sectors and activities, starting in May, has had a positive impact on a number of key economic indicators, resulting in improvement across a number of sectors during the third quarter of 2020.

It was in stark contrast to this year's second quarter, which has witnessed a decline in performance indicators by 8.9% compared to the same period last year as a result of the global spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

After a monthly decline in ngoing efforts to drive imports to the Kingdom since economic growth the onset of the COVID-19 panthrough a number of demic, the value of imports

In particular, the economic dent by the monthly increase month and by 17.6% in August stimulus package, launched to in number of exporting trucks month on month. support the citizens and pri- through the King Fahd Causevate sector through the provi- way by 21.5% in August 2020 of monthly transactions in the

the third quarter of 2020, in- pared to July.



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cluding hotel and leisure. The The Ministry also highlight- average hotel occupancy rate within the trade sector, evi- by 13.3% in July month on

Furthermore, the number Survey and Land Registration The performance of other Bureau gradually increased in economic diversification and economic sectors and activities July by 19.1% compared to June, sustainable growth during this showed improvement within and by 21.6% in August com-

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Quiz on Gandhi 'legacy' set

The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) is organTh ising a quiz on the life, philos- on 3 October at 7.30pm. ophy, works and principles of Mahatma Gandhi.

As part of the celebration of 150 years of The Mahatma, the malan and Ajay Nair through quiz titled "Bapu the Sparkle", will be conducted online and it is open to all.

The preliminary round of the quiz will be conducted on 30 September at 7.30pm.

Those who wish to participate may visit the YouTube participate and to know the Channel Q Positive and Sub-rules and regulations of the scribe Channel link: https:// www.voutube.com/channel/ book page or call 36939596 or UCGtMeE0sordNskmE_Hyo- 39648304.

jgg and watch the sample Quiz videos there to get familiar-

The final round will be held

The quiz, in English language, will be conducted by Ouiz Masters Aneesh Niron-line using two applications - Zoom and Kahoot, both to be downloaded by the participating teams.

The winners will receive attractive prizes.

For more details on how to quiz, please visit ICRF Face-

BCCI chief hails support to private sector

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of Bahraini private workers adthree months, starting in Octo- tablishments.

ber until December.

Bahrain Chamber of Com- chaired remotely by His Roy- and residents' health and safety merce and Industry (BCCI) al Highness Prince Salman bin and ensure state's programmes has hailed the government's de- Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown to achieve sustainable developcision to pay 50% of the salaries Prince, Deputy Supreme Comment goals. mander and First Deputy Prime versely affected by the corona- Minister, will benefit 23,000 decision to shoulder 50% of the virus (COVID-19) for a period of Bahraini citizens and 4,000 es- salaries of a total of 524 unin-

BCCI chairman Samir Abdultives of His Majesty King Hamofthree months starting from la Nasser said the decisions, ad bin Isa Al Khalifa to harness October.

which were announced during all national efforts to combat the weekly Cabinet meeting, the coronavirus, protect citizens

The chamber commended the sured employees in kindergar-He welcomed the royal directens and nurseries for a period



 $affected\ sectors\ to\ safeguard\ \ \textbf{Speaker}\ \textbf{Zainal}$

citizens' interests, support the tinguished and relentless follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Depu-The Speaker affirmed the ty Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

She also lauded the achievelegislative procedures to back ments of Bahrain taskforce, the government's trend to pro- under the leadership of HRH vide the needed liquidity to the Crown Prince, thanks to deal with the current circum- well-studied plans, diverse stances, combat the virus and programmes, pioneering initiatives and cooperation of all institutions.

The Speaker asserted that utmost priority to what will the financial package will conbe referred to the legislative tribute to backing the nationbranch out of the historical na- al economy and ensuring its tional responsibility to provide sustainability as well as alleevery support to the efforts in viating the negative impact of fighting the coronavirus pan- the exceptional circumstances undergone by the economic Zainal added that the royal sectors.

She noted that the legislative keenness of HM the King to and executive branches place support the nation and citi- citizens' interests and the ecozens, overcome all challenges, nomic sector among their top and protect their interests by priorities.

weathering the repercussions She also praised the efforts of Finance and National Econ-She expressed sincere omy Minister Shaikh Salman thanks and appreciation for bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and his the continuous efforts of the keenness to support the comgovernment led by His Roy- mercial and economic sector al Highness Prime Minister as well as promote economic Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al stability and financial sustain-Khalifa, commending the dis- ability.

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'BeAware Bahrain' app to offer coronavirus PCR test certificate service

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'nformation and eGovernment Authority (iGA) chief executive Mohammed Ali Al Qaed announced yesterday that the "BeAware Bahrain" app will begin providing a Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test certificate service for travellers from Bahrain to other countries.

Launched in co-operation with relevant authorities, the new service will be included in the latest app update. The issuance of the certificates via the app is in line with new travel procedures, and the certificates will be unified across public and private hospitals in the King-

Al Qaed said a certificate can only be issued for the latest test that applicants have undergone, provided that the results are negative and that no more than a month has passed since they were conducted.



'BeAware Bahrain' app

certificate is considered an offi- by" the Kingdom of Bahrain, travellers from Bahrain can dis- ities will inspect the validity of tem, Tawasul, or by calling the Al Qaed noted that the PCR cial and valid certificate "issued" which does not require any furplay their valid certificates at the certificate by scanning its QR National Contact Center on 444.



iGA chief executive Al Oaed

ther approvals from specialist

Travellers from the Kingdom can apply for the certificate immediately after receiving their test results, which will appear on the app within 24 hours from 'Print PDF' option or display the authorities at entry points. OR Code.

countries.

YOU

Individuals should retake the tions of those countries.

then select the latest test, hit the cates to present the document to ios and Android.

Al Qaed further noted that entry point, concerned author- suggestions and complaints sys-

entry points upon arrival but Code, and then receiving digital must put into consideration the information from the Nationofficial time frame for accepting al Health Information System the results at the destination (i-SEHA) which will display the test results.

The iGA urges all individuals

to download the "BeAware

Bahrain" app by visiting the

eGovernment Apps Store www.

bahrain.bh/apps, and register-

ing on the app, which is availa-

ble for iOS and Android.

The iGA urges all individutest in case they have exceeded als to download the "BeAware that duration as per the regula- Bahrain" app by visiting the eGovernment Apps Store www. Al Oaed emphasised the im- bahrain.bh/apps, and registering the date of the test. They can portance of printing PCR certifi- on the app, which is available for

> All comments and enquiries Once a traveller arrives at the can be submitted via the national

Bahrain and Rwanda boost co-operation

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m F}^{
m oreign\ Affairs\ Minister\ Dr}_{
m Abdullatif\ bin\ Rashid\ Al}$ Zayani held yesterday a video conference with his counterpart from the Republic of Rwanda, Dr Vincent Biruta.

During the meeting, they discussed friendship and joint co-operation relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain Minister Al Zavani holds a video and Rwanda, and the efforts conference with Dr Biruta exerted to further develop in addition to a number of topthese relations at all levels.

They stressed the imporco-operation in all areas to secretary for Western Counserve the common interests tries and Afro-Asian Affairs, of the two friendly countries Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed and people.

gional challenges threatening Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah regional security and stability, Al Khalifa.



ics of common concern.

The meeting was also attance of promoting bilateral tended by the assistant under-Almansoor, and the ambas-They also discussed the re-sador of Bahrain to the UAE,

Ambassador guest at Bahrain Radio Programme

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 $\mathbf{B}^{ ext{ahraini Ambassador to Italy}}_{ ext{Nasser bin Mohammed Al}}$ Balooshi will today highlight his diplomatic experience and achievements at Bahrain Radio's talk show, "the Diplomatic Dialogue".

The ambassador will talk about his career, which is characterised by a combination of economy, diplomacy and multilingualism, as he is fluent in several languages, including English and French, and has written La Legion D'Honneur Medal" many articles and research related to economic development Chirac, in 2003, and the "Shaikh and technology transfer.

the "Medal of Honour" by His in 2002.



Ambassador Al Balooshi

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in 2013, the "Officier de by French President, Jacques Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa Medal Dr Al Balooshi was granted of Honour" by HM King Hamad

He obtained his Ph.D. in Eco- and provided testimony before litical and Economic Affairs. He Switzerland and Spain.

ambassador to the US and year. Non-Resident ambassador to Argentina and Canada, the prepared and presented by a Kingdom's Economic Repre- Bahrain Radio team, including sentative to the SA, and a speak- Sabeeka Al Shihhy, Wafa Khalifa er at the Sixth Annual Monterey and Rashid Sanad, in co-oper-Congressional Forum on Trade ation with the Foreign Affairs Policy in Monterey, California, Ministry.

nomics with honors, and held the International Trade Commany key posts. He served at the mission (ITC) in Washington DC. Ministry of Foreign Affairs as He was also the executive dithe advisor to former Minister, rector of management services Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin at the Central Bank of Bahrain Mohammed Al Khalifa, for Po- (CBB) between 1992 and 2003.

Aired every Tuesday at 5pm was also the kingdom's ambas- on Bahrain Radio 102.3 FM, sador to France, Non-Resident the programme documents the Ambassador to the Holy See, march and achievements of the Bahraini diplomacy which cel-He also served as Bahrain's ebrated its Golden Jubilee last

The weekly programme is

Slow lane on Janabiyah Highway to be closed starting today



Map of the Janabiyah Highway

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Mipality Affairs and Ur- of all. ban Planning has announced be provided for traffic move-

The closure will be effec- and Road 7113.

tive from today for a period of 40 days. All road users are requested to observe and Tinistry of Works, Munic- obey the traffic rules for safety

It will be carried out in the closure of slow lane for co-operation with the Gennorthbound traffic leading eral Directorate of Traffic as to Budaiya and one lane will part of installation work of water pipelines on Janabiyah Highway between Road 7128

'Sectarian sermon' lands three men behind bars

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Three men have been reising a meeting that consisted ID-19". of several violations of the law, such as insulting a sect and vio-ID-19) pandemic.

who said in a press statement ed of several violations. issued by the Public Prosecu-

"violating precautionary and preventive measures to contain "The Public Prosecution be- inal court.

The official further explained "publicly insulting people who mission to insult the compan- activities of the meeting. are glorified among the people ions of Prophet Muhammad, as The Chief Prosecutor clari- avoid the atmosphere that helps

to hate a group of people" and a way that would stir up discord. tinued in the case in order to

▲ manded recently for organ- and prevent the spread of COV- gan its investigation as soon as it received the notification, as conducted by the prosecution Fakhro said the Public Pros- it examined the recording of indicated that the meeting was ecution was tipped off by the the sermon and interrogated held by agreement between the lating the preventive measures General Directorate of Criminal the suspect who delivered it, three suspects defendants, as to combat the coronavirus (COV- Investigation and Forensic Sci- as well as the second accused, the second man published a ence about a sermon posted on and confronted them with the public invitation to attend the This has been confirmed by social media sites delivered by contents of the sermon, which meeting without notifying the Chief Prosecutor Adnan Fakhro, one of the suspects and consist- constituted crimes punishable competent authorities as reby law."

tion this week that the three that the sermon included sectar- ecution interrogated the third confront the COVID-19 pandemsuspects were charged with ian remarks and an explicit per- suspect, who participated in the ic, prohibiting gatherings, and

The statement mentioned: refer it to the concerned crim-

He added: "The investigations quired by law, and in violation Fakhro also said that the pros- of the health measures taken to urging social distancing and to of a community, and incitement well as the defaming of a sect in fied that investigations are con- on the spread of the pandemic.

Al Doseri receives German, Italian ambassadors

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Ministry's General Court am-

al bin Jabur Al Doseri received rectorate, Ambassador Shaikha develop them. yesterday in his office at the Aysha Ahmed Sager Alkhalifa.

Germany and Paola Amadi of Kingdom's distinct relations lauding the strong friendship dom further development.

Italy. The meeting was attend- with their countries and their linking the Bahrain with their ssistant Foreign Affairs ed by the director of European development at all levels, stress- countries. Aminister Abdulla bin Fais- Affairs and European Union Di- ing Bahrain's desire to further

They also emphasised the importance of promoting joint The two ambassadors ex- coordination and co-operation Al Doseri welcomed Boeck- pressed their pride in meeting between the friendly countries bassadors Kai Boeckmann of mann and Amadi, hailing the the assistant foreign minister, in all areas, wishing the King-

Foreign Ministry receives award for volunteer work

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Donation boxes initiative a big success

More than BD3,000 collected to fund foundation's charity activities

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ore than BD3,000 was raised by Seef Properties to help finance the charity activities and initiatives of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF).

Seef Properties placed four donation boxes, two in Seef Mall-Seef District, one in Seef Mall-Muharraq, and one in Seef Mall-Isa Town with the aim of raising funds as part of its solid commitment to support the foundation.

The amount will be exclusively used to support projects serving orphaned children under the care of the foundation, mainly in education, health and social care.

RHF Charitable Resources Development director Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa expressed gratitude and appreciation to Seef Properties for the success

creative gesture shown by the orphans. children under the care of the



Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa, right, with Seef Properties CEO Ahmed Yusuf as Charity Donations Section head May Al Saie, left, looks on

This initiative by Seef Prop- less-privileged segments in the erties, one of the leading inte- Bahraini society, in line with one the opportunity to contribgrated real estate development the directives of the Foundacompanies in the Kingdom of tion's honorary chairman HM erties is keen to always be one Bahrain, is consistent with His the King. Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's benevolent directives contributes to the national efof the donation boxes initiative. to provide comprehensive care forts exerted to enhance the and other charities," Yusuf said. Shaikh Ali also praised the and a decent living standard to

It reflects the mall visitors'

The amount will be exclusively

used to support projects serving

orphaned children under the

care of the foundation, mainly

in education, health and social

care.

livelihood of the Bahraini so-

of HM the King, Prime Minis-Foundation to decorate the box-recognition of the significant ter, His Royal Highness Prince es with their artistic drawings. role played by RHF in aiding the Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First uing our endeavors to spread Deputy Prime Minister, His awareness on the importance of Royal Highness Prince Salman

bin Hamad Al Khalifa. tive officer Ahmed Yusuf valued to contribute to humanitarian the social awareness demon- and charity works, in cooperastrated by shoppers and visitors of the malls.

"The donation boxes initiative Fund."

The donation boxes initiative at Seef Malls has constituted a true activation of community partnership and granted everyone the opportunity to contribute to charity works

AHMED YUSUF, SEEF PROPERTIES CEO

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Bahrain.

individuals and institutions in

Undersecretary Dr Shaikha

Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khal-

ifa expressed delight with the

award bestowed on the min-

istry and other institutions at

the closing ceremony of the

10th edition of HH Shaikh Isa

bin Ali Al Khalifa Award for

She thanked HH Shaikh Isa and The Good Word for the

award, stressing it would mo-

tivate further the spread of

noble human values and social

progress through unique vol-

The event was held to hon-

our Bahraini frontliners who

made outstanding contribu-

tions in mitigating the impact

of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

ed the efforts of His Highness

Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khali-

fa Al Khalifa, Cabinet Affairs

president of the Good Word

Society, in supporting various

voluntary initiatives by indi-

She praised the Good Word

Dr Shaikha Rana stressed

the ceremony, which marked

important annual milestone in

Society in advancing institu-

viduals and institution.

tional volunteer work.

Dr Shaikha Rana commend-

Volunteer Work.

unteer work.

at Seef Malls has constituted a true activation of community partnership and granted everyute to charity works. Seef Propof the leaders in charity work Seef Properties proactively and to support many projects and initiatives launched by RHF

"Seef Properties is aware of ciety in line with the directives the importance of sustaining businesses' social work by engaging with all different segments of the society.

"Therefore, we are contincommunity partnership, aiding the needy and granting all mem-Seef Properties chief execubers of society the opportunity tion with all the related parties, chiefly the Royal Humanitarian



The event was held to honour **Bahraini front**liners who made outstanding contributions in mitigating the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

fa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, and the aspirations of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

Dr Shaikha Rana highlighted the clear and tangible role of the ministry's departments undersecretary and honorary and diplomatic missions abroad in the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

> The ministry's priority is the safety of residents in the Kingdom, she noted.

Dr Shaikha Rana said the current unprecedented challenges across the world are an opportunity to show patriotten years of the award, was an ism and to intensify efforts to continue voluntary work. social and volunteer work that

She stressed that Bahrain contributed to strengthening has always been a pioneer Bahrain's efforts in community in the fields of community solidarity at the regional level. service and volunteer work, She added the foreign min-thanks to the leadership of HM istry's national duty is embod- the King and the active roles ying the visions of HM King played by public and private Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the sectors, civil society instituwisdom of HRH Prince Khali- tions and civil associations.

National Quarry's major role hailed

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Sustainable Energy Authority (SEA) president Dr Abdulhussain bin Ali Mirza received yesterday National Quarry consultant Rashid Juma Al Malood.

Dr Mirza lauded the major role played by the National Quarry in achieving the optimal use of natural resources in the Kingdom, and meeting the needs of government projects. in coordination with the Min- Dr Mirza with Al Malood istry of Works, Municipalities

included in both the National ergy efficiency technology. Renewable Energy Action Plan ciency Action Plan.

government projects to which jectives related to the sustain- the national efforts to ensure government's projects.



SEA provides technical support ability of energy resources, and the sustainability of energy re-He presented an overview in order to integrate renewable availing of the benefits of vari- sources. For his part, Al Malood of the renewable energy and energy solutions in them and ous initiatives on them, he said. commended the tangible efforts energy efficiency initiatives ensure their optimal use of en-

and the National Energy Effi-solidate the role of various govall government departments, He also reviewed the main to achieving the national ob- ernment entities to supporting tional Quarry to support the

commitment to supporting newable energy and energy ef-The ultimate goal is to con- the modernisation efforts of ficiency sectors. ernment entities in contributing within the contributions of gov-velopment projects of the Na-

Chief of Staff attends 15th Officer Candidates course opening



Lieutenant-General Al Nuaimi at the opening ceremony

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m Dr}$ Chief of Stan Electronian Theyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi inauguratalso present.

ed the Cadet Officers' 15th session at the Isa Roval Military College.

Al Nuaimi delivered the inaugural speech in which he expressed pride in the participants of the course held at the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander.

He urged the course participants to embody the noble military traits derived from the Islamic faith and genuine Arabian values to become soldiers of righteousness and Bahrain's treasure.

Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, assistant chief of saff for human resources, and Brigadier Salah Rashid Al DF Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Saad, director of military training were

Al Saleh hails volunteers

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Shura Council chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh praised all parties and individuals who were honoured during the Shura chairman 10th edition of the Al Saleh



Shaikh Isa bin Ali Award for Volun-

tary Work. Al Saleh noted that this award represents loyalty to everyone who contributed during this exceptional time to preserve the safety and health of citizens and residents in the Kingdom.

The award was dedicated this year to the frontliners in recognition of their efforts and tremendous contribution to alleviating the impact of the pandemic in Bahrain.

National Anti-smoking Committee meeting held

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ealth Minister Faeqa bint Health Minister Facqa ome ed assistant undersecretary for public health Dr Mariam Al Hajri to participate in the National Anti-smoking Committee meeting.

The meeting discussed the committee members' opinions regarding the tobacco control national plan in Bahrain.

Anti-smoking Group head Dr Ejlal Al Alawi presented a proposal of the committee's annual report, which includes products memorandum to be statistics, achievements and efforts made by the relevant and tobacco of all kinds.



Dr Al Hajri

submitted to the Cabinet.

They reviewed the tobacco authorities to combat smoking economics in the GCC countries study, which was carried In addition, the committee out with the support of the discussed the heated tobacco GCC Health Council.

Apple suppliers to invest \$900 million in India

Foxconn, Wistron and Pegatron all plan to make investments

Wistron, which assembles roughly 200,000 secondgeneration iPhone SEs per month in India, plans to scale that up to 400,000 a month by the end of the year

Foxconn assembles devices for Xiaomi in India

The commitments would help Apple diversify its supply chain beyond China

Reuters | New Delhi

Three of Apple Inc's top contract manufacturers plan to invest a total of almost \$900 million in India in the next five years to tap into a new production-linked incentive plan, according to two sources familiar with the matter.

Foxconn, Wistron and Pega- ments under the scheme, said

iPhoneX

Workers adjust a hoarding of the newly launched iPhone XS in Ahmedabad, India

production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme offers companies cash incentives on any increase in sales of locally-made smartphones over the next five years

tron all plan to make invest- the sources, who asked not to about 40 billion rupees (\$542)

be named as the discussions are m i 1 -

India's new \$6.65 billion pro- while duction-linked incentive (PLI) Wistron scheme offers companies cash a n d incentives on any increase in Pegasales of locally-made smart- tron have phones over the next five years, committed compared with 2019-20 levels. to invest close The scheme aims to help trans- to 13 billion ruform India into an export man-pees and 12 billion ufacturing hub.

Foxconn has applied to invest the PLI plan, the sources said.

at boosting manufacturing of Apple devices in India, but the sources and industry insiders said the vast majority would be focused on expanding iPhone manufacturing in the country. While Foxconn, Pegatron and

the investment will be targeted

Wistron make devices for companies other than Apple globally, Wistron's arm in India currently assembles only iPhones.

Wistron, which assembles roughly 200,000 second-generation iPhone SEs per month in India, plans to scale that up to 400,000 a month by the end of the year, one of the sources said, as it looks to cater to export

> demand for the device. That plan is expected to create roughly 10,000

salesman checks a customer's iPhone at a

mobile phone store in New Delhi, India

added.

It is unclear whether all of with several states, with Tamil States.

Apple started assembling in 2017 a low-cost iPhone model in India through Wistron's local unit in the tech hub of Bengaluru. It later ramped up production, with Foxconn beginning to assemble iPhones last year and Wistron widening operations.

jobs, the Nadu in the south emerging as a frontrunner for a planned plant to manufacture Apple devices, a third source said.

Foxconn, which also assembles devices for Xiaomi in India, already has enough capacity to meet Xiaomi's needs and is likely to use the PLI plan largely to boost iPhone production, a fourth source said.

The commitments would help Apple diversify its supply chain Pegatron is yet to start Indian beyond China, which is locked operations, but has been in talks in a trade war with the United

CBB T-Bills fully subscribed

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This week's BD 70 million issue of Government Treasury Bills is fully sub-

The bills, carrying a maturity of 91 days, are issued by the CBB, on behalf of the Government of Bahrain.

The issue date of the bills is 30 September 2020 and the maturity date is 30 December 2020.

The weighted average rate of interest is 2.22pc compared to 2.23pc of the previous issue on 23 September 2020.

The approximate average price for the issue was 99.441pc with the lowest accepted price being 99.434pc.

This is issue No. 1828 (ISIN BH0001527371) of Government Treasury Bills. With this, the total outstanding value of Government Treasury Bills is BD 2.110 billion.

EU won't leave trade deal talks with Britain: EU's Sefcovic

Reuters | Brussels

The European Union **⊥** will not leave the negotiating table with Britain on a future trade relationship even if London pushes ahead with its withdrawal treaty-breaking internal market bill European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic said.

Safety top priority as RCSI opens doors for new academic year

rupees, respectively, under

lion),















To familiarise, RCSI Bahrain has created a mandatory online induction required before entering its campus.

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) said it took extra health and safety measures to ensure a safer educational environment for students and staff members in the new academic year. The changes are in line with Government guidelines for reopening educational institutions under the COVID-19 pandemic.

To familiarise, RCSI Bahrain said it created a mandatory online induction required before entering its campus.

RCSI Bahrain said it closely manages and monitors the entry Here at RCSI Bahrain,

we have worked hard to put safety measures in place to protect the health and wellbeing of our students. while ensuring that the quality of the students' educational experience is maintained during this challenging time

PROFESSOR SAMEER OTOOM. PRESIDENT OF RCSI BAHRAIN

and attendance of students, staff of general cleaning and saniti- the masks. Besides, the capacand visitors to its campus to lim- sation on campus, by repeated ity and seating of all teaching it the total number of individu- cleaning of touched surfaces, spaces such as lecture theatres, als on campus at any one time, such as door handles, light tutorial rooms, labs and clinical and facilitate contact tracing if switches, handrails and lift but- simulations spaces, have been the need arises.

Besides, a one-way movement two persons only. system across campus and on staircases are in place to limit students with six reusable face hospitals. contact, with specific designat- masks which they will receive ed entrances and exits. Further- at the campus' main gate for member or visitor exhibits COVmore, plexiglass protection for using while on campus. A col- ID-19 symptoms, an isolation front desks will avoid direct our coding table is also in place room, and a protocol is in place physical interactions.

tons. There are now increased calculated and adjusted in line On-Campus, instructional number of hand sanitisers across with social distancing recomsignages are installed to guide campus, hand-free/foot-operat- mendations. Students and staff and remind students about the ed devices for the doors, and members will be provided with precautions and steps to follow. restricted the usage of lifts to PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for their clinical training, RCSI Bahrain is providing whether on campus or in the

In the case, a student, staff for students to wear a specific to ensure that the infected indi-RCSI Bahrain has also in- coloured mask on specific days, vidual receives required assiscreased the level and frequency which allows time for cleaning tance while maintaining safety.

SoftBank brings food service robot to labour-strapped Japan

Reuters | Tokyo

SoftBank's robotics arm said yesterday it will bring a food service robot developed by California-based Bear Robotics to Japan as restaurants grapple with labour shortages and a new socially distanced norm as a result of the novel coronavirus.

The robot named Servi will act as a sort of waiter, using its Lidar sensors to navigate be- pan in January and will cost layers of travs to carry food and tween kitchen and tables. drinks and its 3D cameras and





SoftBank's robotics arm displays a food service robot Servi, developed for

99,800 ven (\$950) per month Servi will be launched in Ja- excluding tax on a three-year anese restaurant operators, in- customer base.

prototype to Softbank chief ex- grapples with an aging workecutive Masayoshi Son last year force and deepening labour and SoftBank led a \$32 million shortages. round of investment in the startup in January.

The launch leverages Soft-Bank's long experience in bringing overseas technology to Japan tancing. but reflects the shift away from Son's earlier focus on humanoid robots

plan, SoftBank Group Corp said. cluding Seven & i Holdings at The start up first showed a its Denny's chain, as the sector

The launch comes as companies are scrambling to employ technology to offer contactless service and ensure social dis-

SoftBank's humanoid Pepper robot became the face of the company following its 2014 un-Servi has been tested by Jap- veiling but failed to find a global

Paris attack suspect wanted to avenge Prophet cartoons

The suspect is from Pakistan

He in a video say will commint an act of "resistance"

Mehmood's father praised his son.

Reuters | Paris/Islamabad

rench police are studying suspected of attacking people with a meat cleaver on Friday says he will commit an act of "resistance" after the republication of cartoons mocking the Prophet Mohammad in a satirical magazine.

The suspect, who is from Pakistan, was arrested soon after two people were wounded in front of the old offices of the Charlie Hebdo magazine. Officials said his clothes were spattered in blood.

The video was found on the suspect's mobile phone, French media reported. A police source confirmed a video was being examined.

tifies himself as Zeheer Hassan jab province. Starting to sob, he



a video in which the man Police operation ongoing near the former offices of Charlie Hebdo, in Paris

If I'm sounding emotional, let me explain: here. in France, the caricatures of the **Prophet Mohammad** were made. I am going to do (an act of) resistance today, Sept. 25

ZEHEER HASSAN MEHMOOD SAYS IN

In the video, the suspect iden- from Mandi Bahauddin in Pun-Mehmood and says he came then recites poetry praising the lished by Charlie Hebdo in 2006 for comment.

Prophet Mohammad.

"If I'm sounding emotional, let me explain: here, in France, the caricatures of the Prophet Mohammad were made," he says in Urdu. "I am going to do (an act of) resistance topraised his son.

"My heart is filled with happiness," Arshad Mehmood told the online news site Naya Paki- the globe. stan from the family home. "I protect the Prophet's honour."

him, and assigned him to kill the the law should not apply. blasphemers."

and spurred Islamist militants to target the magazine's office in 2015 in an attack that left 12 people dead and was claimed by al Qaeda.

The weekly, which

moved to a secret lo-

cation after the attack,

republished the car-

toons earlier this month

to mark the beginning

of the trial of 14 people

with alleged links to the

Charlie Hebdo killers.

Wearing a long tunic, the suspect said he was spiritually day, Sept. 25."Mehmood's father guided by Ilyas Qadri. Qadri is a Sunni cleric and the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, a non-violent organisation spread across

Qadri says a person who comcan sacrifice all my five sons to mits blasphemy should be handed in to police, but if another "He called us ... and said that individual were driven by their the God's Prophet had chosen emotions to kill the blasphemer,

Dawat-e-Islami did not im-The cartoons were first pub- mediately respond to a request

Covid-19

News in brief

♦ Pakistani anticorruption officials arrested the country's opposition leader on Monday, days after he vowed to help lead efforts to dislodge Prime Minister Imran Khan's government. Shahbaz

Sharif -- who heads the opposition in the country's National Assembly -- was arrested in Lahore after the eastern city's high court rejected a bail plea in a money-laundering case. Sharif is the brother of three-time prime minister Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted over corruption allegations in 2017 and is currently residing in Britain after being released from prison earlier this year for medical

Indonesia landslides kill 11 including infant

twins

♦ Two 10-month-old twins were among at least 11 people **killed** in landslides

treatment.



Pakistan

opposition

leader

across an Indonesian city early yesterday, a search and rescue officer said. Several houses were buried in four separate locations around Tarakan on Borneo island after hours of heavy rain and strong winds. Five children were among the dead while four other people were rescued alive.

♦ One of four suspects on trial for the 2014 downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 has denied any involvement with firing

or supplying the missile allegedly used in its destruction, a lawyer said in court on Monday. MH17 was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when it was shot down by a missile fired from territory held by pro-Russian rebels during fighting in eastern Ukraine, international investigators say. All 298 people on board were killed. After an investigation lasting nearly six years, four defendants went on trial in March. The men are all still at large and three are being tried in absentia.

Suspect in downing of flight MH17 denies anv involvement

♦ Chancellor Angela Merkel told leaders of her Christian Democrats

(CDU) yesterday that coronavirus infection rate could hit 19,200 per day in Germany if the current trend continues but stressed that the economy must be kept running, a party source said. Infections have been rising in Germany for weeks. Data from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) for infectious diseases showed



German infections could hit Merkel

the number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Germany rose by 1,192 on Monday. The case load has **19,200 a day:** leapt by more than 2,000 on some recent days.

♦ A US judge late

on Sunday temporarily blocked a Trump administration order that was set to

ban video-sharing app TikTok from download on Apple and Google's app stores. The Chinese-owned TikTok was to be barred at 11:59 p.m on Sunday, but U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols, a nominee of President Donald Trump, said in a brief order he was issuing a preliminary injunction to prevent the TikTok app store ban from taking effect.

judge blocks Trump's TikTok app store ban

"Because our planet is dying soon"

India's 8-year-old plans solo moon mission to save Earth

Reuters | New Delhi

When 8-year-old Indian climate change activist Licypriya Kangujam is older, she wants to launch a solo mission to the moon to research ways to save planet earth.

One of the world's youngest climate change activists, Kangujam was influenced by the images of the devastation caused by the Nepal earthquakes in 2015 that killed some 9,000 people and destroyed one million homes.

As a four-year-old, she helped her father raise funds and gather relief materials to be delivered to the millions of people displaced by the tragedy. Now she is leading a

vouth movement calling for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Indian law- Licypriya makers to pass a new law Kangujam aimed at capping carbon holds a emissions in the world's poster during a protest third largest producer of demanding to greenhouse gases. "I am fighting to save

our planet and our fu-outside the ture," she said as she protested outside Parliament New Delhi House in New Delhi on read: "Child movement for climate, pass the climate change

Born in India's northeastern state of Manipur, home to like "Frozen" together. pristine mountains and crystal



has seen in

Delhi.

Licypriya Kangujam carrying a placard is stopped by a policewoman during a protest demanding to pass a climate change law outside the parliament in New Delhi

"I am worried about the health of the school children and small, small babies," Kangujam told Reuters from her high-rise apartment in Noida, a satellite town

of New Delhi. pass a climate Just a week shy of her change law 9th birthday, Kangujam's home is testament parliament in to both her activism and her youth. Awards and

Sept 23, clutching a placard that trophies from international back on earth. agencies fill a cabinet, while she and her six-year-old sister Irina have pillow fights, sing the fresh air to breathe, and karaoke, dance and watch films how we can get water, fresh

Kangujam's ultimate ambi- to grow the crops," she said. clear air, Kangujam has been tion is to become a "space scioutraged by the air quality she entist" in a bid to save humans soon."

I will go to the moon and I will research how we can get the fresh air to breathe, and how we can get water. fresh water to drink, and food, how to grow the crops. Because our planet is dying soon

LICYPRIYA KANGUJAM

"I will go to the moon and I will research how we can get water to drink, and food, how

"Because our planet is dying

Global		Countries worst affect							
9 Cases:		Country		Total cases	new cases	Total	New		

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New deaths +1,224

\mathbf{O}	1	USA	7,325,115	+3,772	209,502	+49
	2	India	6,087,454	+14,106	95,678	+104
_	3	Brazil	4,736,831	+4,522	141,776	
_	4	Russia	1,159,573	+8,135	20,385	+61
	5	Colombia	813,056		25,488	
	6	Peru	805,302		32,262	
5U	7	Spain	735,198		31,232	
	8	Mexico	730,317	+3,886	76,430	+187
	9	Argentina	711,325		15,749	
	10	South Africa	670,766		16,398	
	11	France	538,569		31,727	
	12	Chile	457,901		12,641	
	13	Iran	449,960	+3,512	25,779	+190
	14	UK	439,013	+4,044	42,001	+13

Mid	idle E	ast 🔃						Figures as of closing
Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases	Serious, Critical	Tot cases/1m pop
Egypt	102,840		5,883		95,080	1,877	41	1,000
Saudi Arabia	333,648	+455	4,712	+29	317,846	11,090	1,034	9,548
UAE	92,095	+626	413	+1	81,462	10,220		9,285
Kuwait	103,981	+437	605	+4	95,511	7,865	125	24,263
Oman	98,057	+607	924	+15	88,234	8,899	201	19,089
Qatar	125,311	+227	214		122,209	2,888	55	44,630

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One million and counting!

- United States has the highest death toll with more than 200,000 fatalities
- Infections in India, home to 1.3 billion people, surged past six million
- The IMF has warned that the economic upheaval could cause a "crisis like no other

AFP News

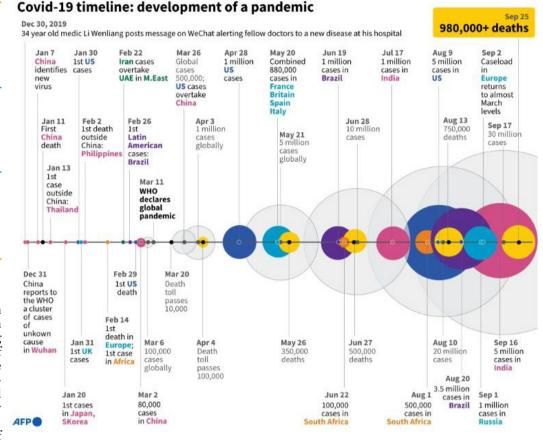
ore than one million people have died from coronavirus, marking a grim milestone in the spread of the disease that has ravaged the world economy, inflamed diplomatic tensions and upended lives from Indian slums to New York City.

Drastic controls that put half of humanity -- more than four tively treated or prevented, deform of lockdown by April at first slowed the spread, but since restrictions were eased, infections have soared

By 1100 GMT Monday, the disease had claimed 1,002,036 victims from 33,162,930 recorded infections, according to official sources, and dedicated team of data specialists.

The United States has the highest death toll with more than 200,000 fatalities, followed by Brazil, India, Mexico and Britain.

Behind the figures lie millions of lives shattered by an illness that still holds many mysteries and which cannot yet be effec-



drugs and a vaccine.

For Italian truck driver Carlo Chiodi, the global mortality statistics include both his parents, whom he lost within days of each other.

"I saw my father walking out

Currently, nine vaccine candidates are in last-stage clinical trials, with hopes some will be rolled out next year

of the house, getting into the wave, is now facing another billion people -- under some spite a global race to develop ambulance, and all I could say surge, with Paris, London and

'A crisis like no other'

worldwide, governments have been forced into an uneasy balancing act: virus controls slow the spread of the disease, but to us," Steffen Seibert said. "We they hurt already reeling economies and businesses.

The IMF has warned that the economic upheaval could cause a "crisis like no other", 1.3 billion people, surged past though the Fund's outlook ap- six million on Monday, but aupears brighter now than it did thorities pressed ahead with a

Europe, hit hard by the first Asian economy.

was 'goodbye'," Chiodi, 50, said. Madrid all forced to introduce "I regret not saying 'I love controls to slow infections you' and I regret not hugging threatening to overload hos-

In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman urged With new cases again surging citizens to keep to strict hygiene measures.

> The development of infection numbers is of great concern can see from some of our European friends where that could

Infections in India, home to reopening of the battered South

News in brief



♦ German Chancellor Angela Merkel paid a personal visit to **Russian opposition** politician Alexei Navalny while he was undergoing treatment in a Berlin hospital

for poisoning, her spokesman said yesterday. "It was a personal visit to Navalny in hospital," Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert told a regular news conference, declining to

disclose details of what was said or how long the meeting lasted. Germany still expects an explanation from Russia on the case, Seibert added. Navalny wrote on Twitter that it was "a private meeting and conversation with the family". He added: "I am very grateful to Chancellor Merkel for visiting me in hospital."

Taiwan expressed satisfaction on Monday and said the **European Union had stepped i**n to help after a global alliance of mayors stopped referring to Taiwanese cities as part of China, in a rare win for the island

help, Taiwan gets rare win in China naming dispute



amid growing Chinese pressure. China has ramped up efforts to get international groups and companies to refer on their websites and in official documents to democratic,

Chinese-claimed Taiwan as being part of China, to the ire of Taiwan's government and many of its people.

♦ The owner of Australia's biggest theme park was fined Aus\$3.6 million (\$2.5 million)



Australian theme park fined millions for ride deaths

vesterday for safety

failures leading to the deaths of four people on a popular water ride in 2016. Two women and two men died when their rafts collided on the Thunder River Rapids ride at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast, leading prosecutors to file three charges against owner Ardent Leisure in June.



Bombshell report claims **Trump** avoided taxes for years

◆ US President **Donald Trump** on Sunday faced allegations that he paid little or no federal income tax for years before he came to power, as his cloudy

financial past stoked controversy ahead of the first election debate. The New York Times alleged the billionaire president paid just \$750 federal income taxes in 2016 -- the year he won the White House -- and 2017, and no federal income taxes at all in 10 of the previous 15 years because he reported losing more money than he made. Trump, who immediately dismissed the accusations as "totally fake news." is readying to come face to face with his Democratic opponent Joe Biden at a pivotal live debate on Tuesday. The Republican leader has broken with presidential tradition by refusing to release his tax returns, fighting a long battle in the courts and triggering speculation about what they might contain. "First of all, I paid a lot and I paid a lot of state income taxes too... It'll all be revealed," Trump said as he shrugged off the Times story that cited tax data extending more than 20 years.

US threatens to evacuate diplomats from Iraq

By Sunday, Washington had begun preparations to withdraw diplomatic staff

Agencies

Washington has made preparations to withsaid, a step Iraqis fear could attacks. turn their country into a battle

Salih, two Iraqi government into a battleground. sources said. The conversation was initially reported by an mats said the US administra-Iraqi news website.

The concern among the Ira-replied: "Strikes."



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo meets with Iraq's Foreign Minister Hussein at the State Department in Washington

draw diplomats from Iraq after qis is that pulling out diplowarning Baghdad it could shut mats would be followed quickits embassy, two Iraqi officials ly by military action against and two Western diplomats forces Washington blamed for

Populist Iraqi cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who commands a Secretary of State Mike following of millions of Iraqis, Pompeo threatened to close issued a statement last week the embassy in a phone call a pleading for groups to avoid an week ago to President Barham escalation that would turn Iraq

One of the Western diplotion did not "want to be limited By Sunday, Washington had in their options" to weaken begun preparations to with- Iran or pro-Iranian militias draw diplomatic staff if such a in Iraq. Asked whether he decision is taken, those sourc- expected Washington to rees and the two Western diplo- spond with economic or military measures, the diplomat



The new Beijing law states that anyone whose tip-offs are later verified would be rewarded, and suffer no penalties.

Beijing passes law to protect medical whistleblowers

AFP News

B eijing's city government will protect "non-malicious" medical whistleblowers under a new law, passed months after a Chinese doctor was punished for sounding the alarm at the very beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

He had attempted to warn authorities about the new infection but was instead reprimanded for "spreading rumours"

Other medical whistleblowers in Wuhan later told Chinese media they were punished by government officials for discussing the outbreak without permission from superiors.

The new Beijing law, which came into effect from Friday, states that anyone whose tip-offs are later verified would be rewarded, and suffer no penalties.

But the regulations do not cover anyone "fabricating or deliberately disseminating false information" about developing public health emergencies, according to a government notice

The new legislation is similar to a public health emergency law passed by Shenzhen municipal government in August, which also vows to protect "non-malicious" whistleblowers from legal consequences -- the first of its kind in China.

Armenian, Azeri forces battle again, 21 killed

Reuters | Yerevan/Baku

At least 21 people were killed yesterday in a second day of heavy clashes between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh that reportedly involved air power, missiles and heavy armour.

The fiercest fighting in years between the two former Soviet republics has revived concern over stability in the South Cau- An Azerbaijani service member casus, a corridor for pipelines carrying oil and gas to world markets.

Any move to all-out conflict could drag in major regional powers Russia and Turkey. Moscow has a defence alliance with Armenia, while Ankara backs its ethnic Turkic kin in Azerbaijan.

Angela Frangyan, a documentary film maker living in the Nagorno-Karabakh capital Stepanakert, said residents had taken cover in bomb shelters and constant shelling could be heard. All shops were closed and hardly anyone was in the streets, she said.

Armenia's parliament condemned what it said was a "full-scale military attack" by Azerbaijan on Nagorno-Karainvolvement could risk desta- in the fighting.



drives an armoured carrier in Baku



People are seen in a bomb shelter in Stepanakert



bakh that was receiving Tur- bilising the region. Azerbaijan key's help, adding Ankara's denied Turkey was taking part

Nasal spray kills COVID-19 virus!

Australian firm says its nasal spray reduced coronavirus growth in animal study

Reuters | Sydney

ustralian biotech company Ena Respiratory said on Monday that a nasal spray it is developing to improve the human immune system to fight common cold and flu significantly reduced the growth of the coronavirus in a recent study on animals.

A study on ferrets showed the product dubbed INNA-051, which could be used complementary to vaccines, lowered the levels of the virus that causes COVID-19 by up to 96 per cent. the company said. The study was led by British government agency Public Health England.

Ena Respiratory said it would be ready to test INNA-051 in human trials in less than four

A computer image created by Nexu Science Communication together with Trinity College in Dublin, shows a model structurally representative of a betacoronavirus which is the type of virus linked to COVID-19

Australia has so far reported 875 deaths and just over 27,000 coronavirus cases, far less than the numbers reported in other developed countries.

months, subject to successful CSL Ltd. toxicity studies and regulatory approval.

A\$11.7 million (\$8.24 million) Australia has entered into agreefor the development of the spray. ments with some drug compa-Investors include venture capi- nies investing billions to secure tal firm Brandon Capital Ltd, the potential vaccines for COVID-19, Australian federal government, which has killed over 992,000 pension funds and biotech giant people worldwide.

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Several companies across the world are in the pursuit of de-The company has raised veloping a coronavirus vaccine.

Malta to ask for return of shark tooth given to Prince George

Reuters | Valletta

 \mathbf{M} alta wants back a prehistoric shark tooth that was given as a present to Britain's Prince George by naturalist Sir David Attenborough, saying the fossil should be put on display in the island where it was discovered.

Kensington Palace announced the gift on Saturday, saying the giant tooth was given to the seven-year-old prince when Atmental documentary with members of the royal family.

Attenborough found the fossil old. during a family holiday to Malta



complained to educational authorities.

Sir David Attenborough

viewing of his latest environ- It was embedded in soft yel- tooth should be in a local museto be about 23 million years rolling" to get it back.

However, Maltese Culture are important to Maltese natu- until 1964.

tenborough attended a private in the late 1960s, the palace said. Minister Jose Herrera said the low limestone, and is believed um and promised to "set the ball

"There are some artefacts that

ral heritage and which ended up abroad and deserve to be retrieved," Herrera told the Times of Malta, without giving details of how he intended to recover the fossil.

The tooth once belonged to a megalodon, an extinct species of giant shark that could grow up to 16 metres (52 feet).

"We rightly give a lot of attention to historical and artistic artefacts. However, it is not always the case with our natural history. I am determined to direct a change in this attitude," the minister said.

Malta was a British colony

'Music is not a crime': UN experts urge Nigeria to lift singer's death sentence

Reuters | Geneva

a 22-year-old singer who was condemned to death over an penalty for artistic expression allegedly blasphemous song, or for sharing a song on the and said the sentence broke internet is a flagrant violation international law.

sentenced last month by a sha-stitution," said Karima Benria court in Kano, the commer- noune, special rapporteur on cial hub of Nigeria's mostly cultural rights. Muslim north, after he performed the song and shared it Nigeria should overturn the on WhatsApp.

"Music is not a crime," read a $U_{\rm geria\ yesterday\ to\ release}^{\rm N\ rights\ experts\ asked\ Ni-joint\ statement\ from\ the\ group}$ of U.N. rapporteurs.

"Application of the death of international human rights Yahaya Aminu Sharif was law, as well as of Nigeria's con-

The rights experts said death sentence.

Frenchman says tattoos cost him kindergarten teaching job



schoolteacher whose body, parents were always cool with him he would no longer teach A face and tongue are covered me because basically they kindergarten children, he said. toos at the age of 27 when, while in tattoos and who has had the knew me," said Helaine, who "I think the decision they took teaching at a private school in whites of his eyes surgically estimated he has spent around was quite sad," said Helaine. turned black said he was pre- 460 hours under the tattooists'

French kindergarten after "It's only when people see me sume the worst."

vain Helaine, 35, still ing kindergarten at the Docteur pearance", the spokesman said. are adults they will be less racist teaches children Morere Elementary School in Despite the setbacks, Helaine and less homophobic and more from the age of six Palaiseau, a suburb of Paris, said he would stick with his open-minded," he said. up, and said that, when the parents of a three- chosen career. "I'm a primary after an ini- year-old child complained to

"All of my students and their the school authorities informed ... I love my job."

ucation authority said an agreeting tattoos is my passion." ment was reached with Helaine He said he hoped to show a parent complained he from far away that they can as- to move him away from teaching pupils that they should accept kindergarten. Pupils under six people who are different from He said last year he was teach- "could be frightened by his ap- the norm. "Maybe when they

school teacher

He said he started getting tat-London, he had an "existential A spokesman for the local ed-crisis". Since then, he said, "Get-



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Taylor Swift makes Billboard 200 history

Taylor Swift beats Whitney Houston's longstanding record for most cumulative weeks at No.1 on the Billboard 200 chart for a female artist

Daily Mail | Los Angeles

aylor Swift has just surpassed Whitney Houston's longstanding record for most cumulative weeks spent at number one on the Billboard 200 chart for a female

Swift's grand total, across across all of her chart-topping albums, comes to 47 weeks, which is one more week than Houston's 46 week record, as reported by Billboard on Sunday.

Houston, who passed away at the age of 48 in 2012, has been the reigning record holder since

The 30-year-old singer chart's number one spot for 'a in the U.S. this week. seventh nonconsecutive week.'



The Beatles are the musician/group with the most number one hits of all time with a grand total of 132 weeks spanning from their '19 chart-topping album'

According to Nielsen Music/ sales, had its downachieved the impressive feat MRC Data, Folklore, which was loads combined with this week after her latest album released on July 24, raked in the original, studio Folklore climbed back to the 87.000 equivalent album units

The total is comprised not ston grand total

only of album sales, but also track equivalent albums and streaming equivalent albums.

Folklore's 97% uptick in sales comes after Swift's live performance of her new single Betty at the 2020 ACM Awards on September 16 in Nashville.

Swift's ACM performance, the first in seven-years, was released to streaming platforms and, in terms of tracking version of Betty.

Whitney Hou-

Taylor Swift

Hilary Swank says she developed severe claustrophobia while filming in a spacesuit for 'Away'

After six months.

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HILARY SWANK

Fox | Los Angeles

ot even winning two Oscars can protect Hilary Swank from developing a phobia on set.

Netflix series "Away," in which of control over such situations. she plays an astronaut on a space.

One difficulty stood out to Swank, as she explained in an Instagram post Saturday: filming in a spacesuit.

"I have never, not once in a type of meeting of my life, had a phobia. Until now. And I'm

gonna be it's just a spider, etc. er thought it would." walk away," she ad-

> severely claustrophobic. my entire body broke out in sweat and I was drenched within 30 seconds and and "#Away."

> > **Hilary Swank**

tomato...and I almost passed out while trying on my finished spacesuit and helmet for the first time."

The actress explained that her experience was mental The 46-year-old actress and physical, but noted that most recently appeared in the "our mental minds" have a lot

"After six months, I was not years-long mission to outer able to overcome my claus-

trophobia, but I was able to come to a type of meeting of the minds with it," Swank continued. "When we calm our minds and sit with the fear. NOT try and push it away, we can sit with it in a different way, that makes

honest, I never under- it 'doable.' Playing an astronaut stood them, I always in AWAY made me push into thought 'get over it, the sharp edges in a way I nev-

The "Million Dollar Baby" mitted in the post. star said that "in many ways," 'Untill, of course filming the show was "such myself, became an important lesson" for

> "I hope that in sharing this To the point you might feel less alone in whatever it is that takes over your mind and therefore body," she concluded. "Be patient with yourself."

The star added the hashtags "#WeAreNeverInThisAlone"

Along with the lengthy caplooked tion came a handful of photos like a of Swank on set wearing the very ripe spacesuit.



The Beatles are the musician/group with the most number one hits of all time with a grand total of 132 weeks spanning from their '19 chart-topping album,' while Elvis Presley holds 67 weeks at number one, making him the male solo artist with the most weeks, according to Billboard.

album earned her in

1987, The Bodyguard

Camila Cabello continues filming Cinderella with **Idina Menzel in UK**

Daily Mail | London

Three-time Grammy nominee Camila Cabello continued filming Kay Cannon's modern live-action remake of Cinderella in England on Sunday alongside her

onscreen stepmother Vivian played by Tony winner Idina Menzel.

The 46-year-old filmmaker wrote that she was 'reveling the time' she had left shooting the Sony Picture with the talented twosome, noting there are 'no villains' in her adaptation co-written by James Corden.

> The Cuban-born, Miami-raised 23-year-old makes her big-screen acting debut as Cinderella, and she gushed on August 18 that she 'loves this movie' and is 'so proud to be a

'I'm super involved. I'm writing songs for it, and it's a really collaborative effort to putting the movie together,' Camila told ET Canada last December.

'Kay Cannon is the director. She's absolutely incredible and so talented and I think the whole team is such a joy.'

Cabello's onscreen leading man Nicholas Galitzine - who plays Prince Robert - wrote on September 18 that he's 'brimming with excitement for you all to see what we've

Camila Cabello

Disney's live-action 'Peter Pan' casts Yara Shahidi as Tinker Bell

Fox | Los Angeles

 ${f D}^{ ext{isney reportedly cast}}_{ ext{Grown-ish"}}$ star Yara ${ ext{The}}$ Shahidi to play Tinker Bell in seemingly confirmed its upcoming live-action adap- the news on Instatation of "Peter Pan."

The film will be called "Pe- picture of Tinker ter Pan and Wendy" and is set Bell drawn as a Black to be directed by David Low- woman. ery ("Pete's Dragon," "The Old Man & the Gun").

Deadline reported the news love. It, truof Shahidi's casting, and also ly, means so reports that Jude Law will play much to me,"

The titular roles will be port the caption. trayed by Alexander Molony and Ever Anderson, respec- ed for this

Per the outlet, "Peter Pan and ture!" Wendy" will mark the first time a woman of color has played shared a the character of Tinker Bell in photo of a major production, similar to herself Halle Bailey's casting as Ariel dressed in in the upcoming "Little Mer- green and

The character was por- "lettsssstrayed as white in the origi- gooooo nal 1953 animated classic and #Tinkhas been played by the likes of erbell."

Julia Roberts, Keira Knightley and Paloma

The 20-year-old actress gram Friday, sharing a

"Thank you for all of the 🧸 she wrote in "I'm excitnext adven-

She also

Yara Shahidi

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel welcome second child

Digital Spy | London

Tustin Timber- newborn. lake and Jessica private.

lake's former NSYNC me!" bandmate Lance Bass during an interview Tonight.

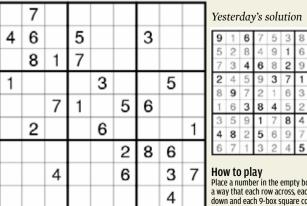
families in a group chat, Silas.

and that Timberlake had even shown them an image of his

The baby is cute, of Biel have welcomed course. It's Justin and Jessitheir second child in ca!" said Bass, but he wasn't willing to reveal the sex or The news was an- age, adding: "That's a good nounced by Timber- question. Justin would kill

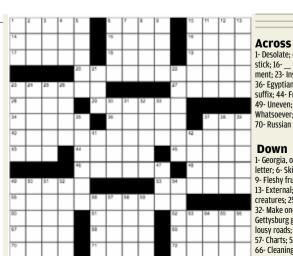
It was first reported that Timberlake and Biel welwith Entertainment comed their second child back in July. The singer Bass revealed that the and actress, who have been boy band keep each oth- married since 2012, are also er updated about their parents to five year-old-son

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RCB clinch Super Over thriller against Mumbai Indians



RCB's AB de Villiers celebrates after winning the match

ANI | Dubai

R oyal Challengers Banga- Kishan completed his half-century as he took the bai Indians in the Super Over team over the 100-run mark. in Indian Premier League (IPL) After the completion of 16 at the Dubai International Sta- overs, Mumbai Indians were dium here yesterday.

runs in the allotted 20 overs 24 balls. which took the match into the Super Over. Mumbai Indians 17th over and Pollard scored 27 scored seven runs in the Super runs in the over which includ-Over. Virat Kohli and AB de Vile ed three sixes and a boundary. liers chased the target till the Pollard continued his hitting

202 runs, Mumbai Indians 20 balls. witnessed a very poor start as Rohit Sharma was dismissed in 19th over and gave away 12 the second over of the innings. runs in the over. Last over was In the next over, Suryakumar bowled by Udana and Kishan Yadav was sent back to the pa- smashed two sixes before getvilion by Isuru Udana.

The fall of wickets did not Mumbai Indians to 39/3.

Ishan Kishan and Hardik Pandya then took the respon- first, RCB got off to a brilliant sibility of the chase. However, start. Aaron Finch and Devdutt the partnership did not last for Padikkal both struck regular a long time as Pandya got out boundaries to Mumbai Indiafter scoring 15 runs. Kieron ans bowlers and took the team Pollard was the next and pro- over the 50-run mark in the vided Mumbai Indians with sixth over.

some momentum, along with

playing at 122/4 and needed Both the teams scored 201 80 runs from the remaining

Adam Zampa bowled the last delivery to win the match. in the next over as he com-Earlier, chasing a target of pleted his half-century in just

> Navdeep Saini bowled the ting out on 99 runs.

Mumbai Indians needed stop as Quinton de Kock was five runs off the last ball and removed by Yuzvendra Chahal Pollard hit a boundary which in the seventh over, reducing dragged the match into the Super Over.

After being asked to bat

Nadal, Serena win openers as Thiem aces early test

Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams reached the Roland Garros second round with straight sets wins

Spain's Rafael Nadal plays a shot against Egor Gerasimov of Belarus

out a clay title to his credit and the three-time Roland Garros

 Serena Williams was made to work hard in her opening matcha against Kristie Ahn

AFP | Paris

afael Nadal began his pursuit of a record-tying 20th men's Grand Slam title with a straight-sets victory at the French Open while Serena Williams made a slow but successful start in her latest bid to equal Margaret Court's alltime mark.

Nadal, 34, needs one more Slam to match Roger Federer's record but has described the defence of his Roland Garros crown as the "most difficult ever" given the cold and damp layed four months by the coronavirus pandemic.

The second seed defeated Egor Gerasimov, the world mistakes. It's a different Ro- ows. number 83 from Belarus, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 to launch his assault weather conditions are very tie-break that she sealed with match in French Open history on a 13th French Open title, 15 challenging, but we are here to an ace after a 74-minute slog at six hours and five minutes. years after his debut triumph.

"I'm really happy to be back at faces Mackenzie McDonald in comfortable victory. Chatrier. Thanks to the spectators for being here," Nadal said in front of a smattering of the 24th Grand Slam title to draw Roland Garros.

normal next year and I'll play

1,000 fans permitted daily at level with Margaret Court's all- first set, it wasn't easy for me

main draw.

round two.

Williams is chasing an elusive "Hopefully it'll be back to successful surface. An error-prone beginning

land Garros this year and the

skipped the recent US hardcourt champion prevailed 7-6 (7/2), swing over Covid-19 concerns. 6-0. He smacked 32 winners to Williams, playing at the

just 20 unforced errors to down French Open for the 18th time, conditions of a tournament de- Gerasimov, one of 31 men en- dropped serve twice as Ahn tered into his first French Open moved 5-4 ahead in the opener in a rematch of their first-round "I don't want to make any encounter at Flushing Mead-

> But the sixth seed forced a try our best," added Nadal, who before charging to an ultimately

'Play like Serena'

"She played very well in the time haul, but clay is her least and she hit a lot of winners," said Williams.

in front of the beautiful crowd." from the American star left just confidence. I just need to Marin Cilic 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in their The Spaniard is appearing world number 102 Kristie Ahn play with more confidence, like second meeting at a major this for the first time in Paris with- serving for the first set before I'm Serena.



Rafael Nadal won the first of his 12 French Open titles in 2005

"So that was it. I just started playing like that. And I love the clay and I started playing like it, opening the court and moving and sliding."

Williams, seeded sixth here, has not gone beyond the last 16 in Paris since her defeat to Garbine Muguruza in the 2016 final. Her last major came at the 2017 Australian Open while pregnant.

Italian journeyman Lorenzo Giustino carved out his own place in the headlines when he outlasted France's Corentin Moutet 0-6, 7-6 (9/7), 7-6 (7/3), 2-6, 18-16 in the second longest

The match, held over from Sunday, fell 28 minutes short of Roland Garros' record marathon tie between Fabrice Santoro and Arnaud Clement in 2004.

US Open winner Dominic Thiem, the runner-up to Nadal in Paris the past two years, de-"The biggest difference was feated former Slam champion

Lampard says Chelsea need time to gel

AFP | London

Frank Lampard says he is struggling to find the time to work with his new-look Chelsea team on the training pitch as the fixtures come thick and fast.

Tammy Abraham's lastgasp strike rescued a 3-3 draw against West Bromwich Albion on Saturday after the London side had trailed 3-0.

The result means Chelsea have taken just four points from their first three Premier League matches after an opening win against Brighton and a 2-0 defeat to Liverpool.

heavily during the summer transfer window, blamed "very clear individual mistakes" for his team's problems at the Hawthorns.

But he said it was difficult to put in enough work on the training ground, with two matches a week and a looming international break.

"I keep saying it and I'm not pleading or making excuses -it's just a fact," Lampard said ahead of Tuesday's League Cup clash against Tottenham.

"Part of the reason we had a



 $Lampard, \ who \ has \ spent \ \ \textbf{Chelsea's English head coach Frank Lampard attends a training session at}$ Chelsea's Cobham training facility (file photo)



When vou have new players in you really want to work like that. We haven't had the chance. So not just at the back, the whole way we're playing, it needs work

FRANK LAMPARD

successful year last year was the work we put in on the training ground."

"When you have new players in you really want to work like that," he added. "We haven't had the chance. So not just at the back, the whole way we're playing, it needs work.

"Football doesn't work that you throw things together and everything is amazing because otherwise we wouldn't have had managers who have shown that work brings success."

Mourinho says fixture pile-up will force Spurs to sacrifice League Cup

AFP | London

Tose Mourinho has blamed football chiefs for effectively preventing Tottenham Hotspur from fighting for League Cup success and fears more injuries as his side face three games in six days.

Spurs host Mourinho's former club Chelsea in the League Cup fourth round on Tuesday before a final Europa League qualifying tie at home to Maccabi Haifa just 48 hours later.

The hectic week is topped off by a trip to Manchester United. another of the Portuguese manager's former clubs, for a Premier League clash on Sunday.

Mourinho said he would like to mount a challenge for the League Cup but the added financial value of reaching the Europa League group stage meant that competition had to take precedence.

"I think you can imagine that with a game on Thursday, that decides a very important thing for us -- I think the EFL (English Football League) made a decision for us," said the Spurs boss. problem -- they made a decision their fixture congestion.



training session (file photo)

games have to be played by Tottenham Hotspur in just six days in different competitions this week

"They didn't even create a

for us. So that's the decision."

Spurs lost Son Heung-min to a hamstring injury at half-time of the 1-1 draw with Newcastle on Sunday. The South Korea forward had

already hit the woodwork twice after scoring four goals in the previous Premier League outing at Southampton.

Mourinho believes Son's setback will be the first of a number of injury problems his side will have to overcome due to



THE BIGGEST FLYWEIGHT TOURNAMENT TITLE FIGHTS | THE BEST MARTIAL ARTISTS

Jarrah Al-Silawi open to trilogy with Mohammad Fakhreddine

BRAVE CF Welterweight champion Jarrah Al-Silawi says he is ready to face Middleweight king Mohammad Fakhreddine

Al-Silawi will face Melvin van Suijdam in his first Middleweight bout at BRAVE CF 43

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idely considered as the best Arab MMA fighter ever, Jarrah Al-Silawi is the current, undisputed BRAVE CF Welterweight world champion. However, "The Jordanian Lion" is ready to test the waters at Middleweight and admits a clash with Mohammad Fakhreddine would be interesting down the line. Al-Silawi has fought the current BRAVE CF Middleweight world champion twice, earning a submission victory and falling to a split decision loss in the past.

As he gets ready for a main event clash at BRAVE CF 43 in his first Middleweight bout against Melvin van Suijdam, from the Netherlands, Jarrah is hopeful



Jarrah Al-Silawi in action during a bout (file photo)

'I can fight at Welterweight or Middleweight. I'm naturally heavier so it won't be an issue to fight at Middleweight, there's no difference. I will defeat anyone at any weight. I'm ready for anyone, there's not a single fighter in the world that I can't beat and Fakhreddine is included in that

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that he can become a force in yet moved up in weight recently afanother division.

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yone, there's not a single fighter in the world that I can't beat and Fakhreddine is included in that. This is a sport and I'm a very competitive person so you never know. Anyone that comes across me, I'll be ready to face them".

Al-Silawi is coming off a career-defining win as he stopped Abdoul Abdouraguimov to reclaim his world title at BRAVE CF 27, last year. He is the first man to beat Abdoul, who had earned the belt by beating Jarrah in their first contest at BRAVE CF 23, in a razor-thin split decision.

Fakhreddine, on the other hand, made history two weeks ago when he defeated Daniel Gaucho to become the latest Middleweight world champion. Also a legendary figure in the Arab MMA world, "The Latest" ter spending the majority of his career at Welterweight.

If Al-Silawi beats van Suijdam,

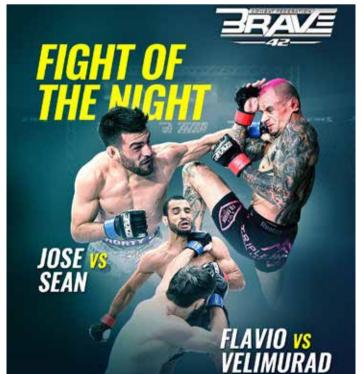
Two quarter-final tournament bouts earn fight of the night honours for BRAVE CF 42

Velimurad Alkhasov victory over Flavio Queiroz in the co main event as well as the draw between Jose Torres and Sean Santella in the main event earns Fight of the Night honours

- The Flyweight tournament quarterfinals at BRAVE CF 42 were so thrilling that officials decided to award the status to both of them
- The co-main event was full of excitement for the fans as both men went for the kill from the opening bell and threw everything into their strikes, elevating the level of entertainment

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head of the Kombat King- \mathbf{A} dom finale, at BRAVE CF 43,





Velimurad Alkhasov joins Zach Makovsky in the semifinals as both men are scheduled to face each other in a date to be announced. Alkhasov will have the chance to avenge his only professional loss which took place at the hands of Makovsky at **BRAVE CF 34**

the award.

In the first quarter-final, the co-main event of BRAVE CF 42, Zach Makovsky in the semifinals Velimurad Alkhasov recovered as both men are scheduled to from his first professional loss by face each other in a date to be edging Flavio Queiroz via unan- announced. Alkhasov will have imous decision. The affair was the chance to avenge his only full of excitement for the fans professional loss which took as both men went for the kill place at the hands of Makovsky from the opening bell and threw at BRAVE CF 34. everything into their strikes, elevating the level of entertain- ter-final bout will take place

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Meanwhile, Velimurad joins

The other tournament quarin the near future as well with And that level was maintained Dustin Ortiz waiting on a new the fastest-growing MMA organ- throughout the main event as opponent after Marcel Adur was ization in the world has released Jose Torres and Sean Santella forced to pull out of the tournathe winners of the Fight of the put on a highly-exciting battle ment due to a shoulder injury.



