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**Expansion of West Bank settlements is 'top priority'**  
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Benjamin Netanyahu's incoming hard-line government put West Bank settlement expansion at the top of its list of priorities yesterday, vowing to legalise dozens of illegally built outposts and annex the occupied territory as part of its coalition deal with its ultranationalist allies.

The coalition deals were released a day before the government is to be sworn in office.

**Woman frozen to death in her car**



Trapped in blizzard for 18 hours

New York

A 22-year-old woman has tragically frozen to death after spending 18 hours in her car while trying to wait out a historic snowstorm currently devastating Buffalo.

Andrel Taylor died over the weekend after her vehicle was stranded in snow on Friday afternoon on her way home from work. She is just one of 35 who have succumbed to frigid conditions currently being seen in New York's second-largest city.

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# More support for Bahraini women

Tamkeen launches updated Riyadat financing program to help them expand their businesses

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The Labour Fund, Tamkeen, has stepped up its efforts to provide Bahraini women with financial assistance so they can start, grow, and expand their businesses.

The updated Riyadat program was launched yesterday at a press conference organised by Tamkeen, in partnership with the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) and the Bahrain Development Bank (BDB).

Through the updated program, Tamkeen will incentivise a percentage of the profit payable by small, medium and large enterprises, depending on the support track.

The profit subsidy increases when the amount is paid regularly within five years, as per the terms and conditions of the program, in addition to providing advisory services to the supported enterprises.

The financing amount can be used for fixed assets, to cover operating expenses, enhance the products and services offered by enterprises, and obtain licenses and other necessary requirements needed by the enterprise to grow and expand its operations, in addition to supporting marketing activities.



SCW Assistant Secretary General Shaikha Deena bint Rashid Al Khalifa, centre, Tamkeen Acting Chief Executive Maha Mofeez, right, and BDB Chief Executive Officer Dalal Al Qais at the event

Applications to the updated Riyadat Program will open on 1 January through Bahrain Development Bank.

## Praise for support

SCW Assistant Secretary General Shaikha Deena bint Rashid Al Khalifa praised the ongoing support provided by Tamkeen and the BDB that caters to the establishment and growth of Bahraini women's business ventures.

She noted that the updated version of the Riyadat Financing scheme is in line with the Economic Recovery Plan and labour market changes.

## National priorities

Tamkeen Acting Chief Executive Maha Mofeez said that this scheme is a continuation of the comprehensive transformation plan announced earlier this year, which introduced 16 programs, in line with national priorities

and labour market changes.

"Tamkeen has always believed in the role of Bahraini women as active and influential players in the sustainability and development of Bahrain's economy, in line with Tamkeen's mandate. We are constantly exploring various forms of support, including financial, technical and advisory, which enable progress and business development," she said.

"We have introduced the Riyadat financing program which provides an opportunity for

Bahraini women to benefit from accessible financing solutions to develop their commercial activities, translating to further and continued success."

She pointed out that the updates introduced to the program came as a result of the collaboration with the SCW and BDB that conducted a comprehensive review on the performance of the enterprises which have previously benefited from the support program.

## Financing solutions

During the past years, financing solutions that exceeded BD7.5 million for 318 women-owned enterprises in various economic sectors were provided through the Riyadat financing scheme.

"Riyadat finance is one of the most important schemes that BDB offers in partnership with the Supreme Council for Women and Tamkeen to support entrepreneurship field in Bahrain and to empower women specially to achieve their goals and take an effective part in economy development," said Dalal Al Qais, BDB Chief Executive Officer, stressing the importance of the changes implied on Riyadat Financing Scheme.

## Military preparations underway

# Israel 'ready' to attack Iran nuclear sites: Gantz

**Jerusalem**

an offensive.

Israel has improved its readiness to attack Iran, outgoing Defense Minister Benny Gantz said yesterday as he cited preparations that the military is making to hit nuclear sites.

Speaking at an Air Force graduation ceremony, Gantz said that pilots may one day be called upon to take part in such



Outgoing Israel Defense Minister

Israel destroyed an unfinished nuclear reactor in Syria in 2007. Iraq under Saddam Hussein had a well-developed program until Israel, an unacknowledged nuclear state, stifled his ambitions by destroying the Osirak research reactor in an air raid in 1981.

could prompt Tehran to seek Russian assistance for its nuclear program in return.

Israel rejects Iran's assertions that the nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

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# HM King appoints Egypt Ambassador

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Royal Decree (86) of 2022, appointing the Head of the Kingdom of Bahrain's Diplomatic Mission to the Arab Republic of Egypt, based on the nomination of the Foreign Minister, and following the approval of the Cabinet.

The decree stipulates the appointment of Fawzia Abdulla Zainal as Head of Bahrain's Diplomatic Mission to Egypt, with the title of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

His Majesty issued Royal Decree (87) of 2022, appointing an Ambassador at the Foreign Ministry, based on the proposal of the Foreign Min-

**Fawzia Abdulla Zainal is Head of Bahrain's Diplomatic Mission to Egypt, with the title of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.**



HM the King

ister, and following the approval of the Cabinet.

The decree stipulates the appointment of Shaikh Khalifa bin Mohammed bin Atiyatullah Al Khalifa as Ambassador at the Foreign Ministry.

HM the King also issued Royal Decree (85) of 2022, appointing an Ambassador at the Foreign Ministry, based on the proposal of the Foreign Minister,

and following the approval of the Cabinet.

Under the decree, Fawzia Abdulla Zainal was appointed as an Ambassador at the Foreign Ministry.

The Foreign Minister shall implement the provisions of the decrees, which come into force immediately, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

## HM King sends letter to congratulate BDF Commander-in-Chief

● Al Qadisiya Brigade graduation ceremony held

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, sent a letter of thanks and appreciation to Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, on the graduation ceremony of the 15th batch of officer cadets – Al Qadisiya Brigade, at the Isa Royal Military College.

His Majesty the King wrote in the letter:

"Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa..."

"In the name of Allah the most Gracious and Merciful,

"We are pleased to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for attending the graduation ceremony of the 15th batch of officer ca-

dets – Al Qadisiya Brigade, at the Isa Royal Military College on our behalf, praising with admiration and pride the good organisation of this ceremony, and the high level of professionalism attained by the graduates.

"We convey our greetings and congratulations to our graduates, their families, and their Arab colleagues, on the successful graduation, and for the honorable level of performance in serving the homeland, and carrying the trust efficiently and competently, appreciating the efforts of the college's commander and training and academic staff, wishing them further development with the blessing of Allah the Almighty, reaffirming our appreciation for your great efforts to advance the noble march of the Bahrain Defense Force since its establishment.

"We pray to Allah the Almighty to protect you and direct your steps on the right path of goodness."

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa King of Bahrain

## Keen to promote tourism sector

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Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jafar Al Sairafi has stressed the ministry's keenness to promote the tourism sector and enhance its role in diversifying income resources, creating job opportunities, and increasing the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

She was speaking as she received Municipal Council Head



Al Sairafi

of the northern region Dr Sayed Shaber Al Wadaei and his Deputy Zaina Jassim. She listened to a briefing on the council's efforts and initiatives to develop the northern region and its tourism and archaeological sites.

The Minister lauded the municipal council's development role and the initiatives adopted to serve the recreational and tourism activity in the northern region.

## Speaker hails rapid implementation of housing projects

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Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam praised the rapid implementation of various development and housing projects across the kingdom, thanks to the care of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the efforts of the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He lauded the efforts of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning to cater to the housing needs of Bahraini families, stressing the parliamentary unflinching support to the development schemes of the housing sector.

He was speaking during a meeting yesterday with Minister of Housing and Urban Planning Amena bint Ahmed Al Romaibi.

The Minister affirmed the ministry's keenness on catering to the citizens' housing needs and implementing the royal directives and the order of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister without delay.

## Developing public services



Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam received yesterday the Minister of Works, Eng. Ibrahim bin Hassan Al Hawaj. Al Musallam praised the ministry's efforts to develop public services, commending its role in building the new National Assembly building. He affirmed the ministry's keenness to attain the desired goals and carry out the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Al Hawaj expressed thanks and appreciation to the Speaker and members of the Council of Representatives for the constructive cooperation between the executive and legislative branches to cater to the urban needs across Bahrain.

## Judicial cooperation



Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda received yesterday the Algerian Ambassador to Bahrain, Abdelhamid Ahmed Khoja. The Minister lauded the level reached by the fraternal relations between Bahrain and Algeria and their peoples, praising the steady growth of bilateral ties in various fields. They discussed ways to enhance cooperation between the two countries in the judicial and legal fields.

## BDF-Health Ministry coordination



Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Health Minister Dr Jaleela bint Jawad Hasan. The Commander-in-Chief reviewed cooperation and coordination between the BDF and the ministry.

## Interior Ministry parade

The Ministry of Interior held a parade as part of festivities on the Kingdom's National Days, in commemoration of the establishment of the modern Bahraini State as an Arab and Muslim state, founded by Ahmed Al Fateh in 1783, and the anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne. Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa attended the event. Several directorates participated in the parade, along with the musical band, the police cavalry and "Al Hajana".



## Bahrain-Pakistan ties

National Guard President General His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Pakistani Anti-Narcotics Force Director General Major General Muhammad Aneeq ur Rehman Malik. The meeting discussed topics of common interest. HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa stressed the advanced bilateral relations, reviewing ways to enhance cooperation and exchange experience. Major General Malik thanked the Commander for his keenness and interest in developing cooperation.



 Court story

## Arab man sentenced to 10 years in jail for trafficking teenager

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The High Criminal Court convicted an Arab man of trafficking a 19-year-old girl from his home country by luring her with a fake job offer in Bahrain and then forcing her into prostitution.

He was sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment and fined BD5,000, while a complicit Arab woman was sentenced to five years for participating in coercing the victim.

The court also fined her BD5,000 and ordered the pair to be deported from the country and to bear the expenses of returning the victim home.

Public Prosecution investigations revealed that the victim had come to work as a receptionist in a hotel.

The first defendant received her, took her passport and sheltered her in his residence for two days before moving her to a hotel to meet with the second defendant, who informed her that she would work in prostitution.

When the victim contacted the first defendant, he urged her to give it a try since she couldn't return to her country alone.

She met a number of clients while the second defendant took the profits and handed them to the first defendant.

Eventually, the victim suffered from fatigue.

A Gulf national she met decided to take her to the doctor but the second defendant refused and informed the first defendant, who took the victim to his residence. There, he beat her with a belt and verbally threatened her demanding that she continues working. He moved her to another hotel.

The victim was once more forced to meet with clients until the Gulf national took her contact number and learned her whereabouts. She confronted the first defendant to return her passport so that she may return home, but he refused. The Gulf national then reported where she was being held.

Investigations confirmed that the first defendant lured the victim to Bahrain with a false promise of employment. He received her at the Bahrain International Airport and then checked her into several hotels where he forced her to practise prostitution.

He transported her between two hotels in addition to housing her in his residence. He physically assaulted her when she refused work and withheld her passport to prevent her escape, using these means to exploit her youth and vulnerability.

## Growing Bahrain and Saudi economic relations reviewed

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Industry and Commerce Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro met with Saudi Minister of Commerce Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi, virtually.

Fakhro affirmed the depth of the bilateral relations between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, which is directly reflected in the progress of inter economic relations.

The minister praised the continuous support provided by Saudi Arabia to various

investment projects that promote development of Bahrain.

The meeting discussed the most important joint government plans and programs undertaken by Bahrain and Saudi Arabia related to trade and investment.

The two sides reviewed cooperation in various fields and ways to enhance them, especially in the areas of trade and investment and economic diversification between the two countries.

## Construction of three mosques in East Hidd project begins

Dr Al Hajri highlights royal support towards developing mosques

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The actual work to build a mosque in East Hidd housing project with an estimated total value of BD980,000 has begun.

This was confirmed by Sunni Endowments Council Chairman Dr Shaikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al Hajri.

This came in implementation of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's order to develop and build mosques all over the Kingdom, under the



Dr Al Hajri

supervision of the Sunni Endowment Directorate.

Dr Al Hajri praised the support and interest of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister towards expanding and developing mosques in housing areas all over Bahrain.

## Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme

Health Minister Dr Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan met the affiliates of the eighth intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme. Dr Jaleela affirmed the importance role played by the programme in enriching and developing the expertise and capabilities of promising government competencies. She indicated that it clearly embodies the ambitious visions of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to develop government cadres and provide them with opportunities to enhance their expertise, skills and participation in achieving the goals of the kingdom's comprehensive development process. The affiliates expressed thanks and appreciation to the Minister for briefing them on the work system at the ministry, which will motivate them to their best during their participation in the programme.



# New scams target 'booster vaccines'

Expatriate communities and citizens warned against falling prey to bogus calls and links

● Fraudsters hack victim's phone and obtain bank account information

● Expat deceived by caller posing as 'Health Ministry employee' and lost BD250

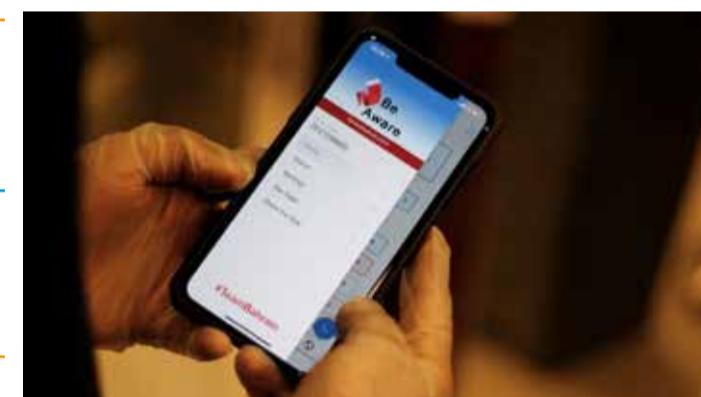
Zahra Ayaz  
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**B**eware of fraud calls as scammers are now targeting booster vaccines in Bahrain.

Expatriate communities are spreading messages on social media platforms, warning others not to accept such calls or links and to confirm their legitimacy.

In a recent scam, scammers pose as Health Ministry employees and ask victims for information about their vaccinations to provide them with a ministry-issued certificate. Once the victims provide the information, scammers are able to hack their phone and obtain bank account information.

The Daily Tribune has been carrying many reports in the last few months about fraudsters



BeAware Bahrain is a mobile application against the COVID-19

targeting the online banking and financial transaction network in the Kingdom.

and that my bank had informed me that I had lost BD250.

"I gathered my bank information, took screenshots of every communication, and went to the Crime Investigation Department (CID). They claimed they

would look into the situation, but there has been no response as of yet, and I have lost BD250.

It is a large sum of money, equivalent to a monthly income.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Ambika Mass, an expat and victim of a vaccination scam, said: "I got a call for vaccination to register and take the vaccine, but this time the guy sent me a link and instructed me to download and input details. After leaving for work and returning home to look for my phone, I noticed that the Beware App had sent me a lot of messages

"I'm still getting calls and mails about the booster vaccines right now. Not just myself, but many others are contacting me to claim they are in the same predicament. I plead with the authorities to intervene and provide instructions on how to stop these calls from coming to us."

It is learnt that many banks are flooded with calls from fran-



Scammers pose as Health Ministry employees and ask victims for information about their vaccinations to provide them with a ministry-issued certificate. Once the victims provide the information, scammers are able to hack their phone and obtain bank account information.

tic customers saying that their money has been stolen by scammers after hacking their bank account or fund transfer system.

The citizens had been warned against impersonation attacks which contain links pointing to legitimate websites that are often used by organisations, stressing the importance of individuals and companies taking all necessary measures to avoid cybercrimes.

## Outstanding private sector employees honoured

● HM King deputises Labour Minister to attend annual ceremony

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa deputised Labour and Social Development Minister Chairman Jameel bin Mohammad Ali Humaidan to attend the 37th annual ceremony to honour outstanding employees and distinguished



Humaidan attending the event

sector, which was held under the patronage of HM the King. Humaidan, also Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) Board of Directors, said that under the leadership of HM the King, and thanks to the fol-

low up of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain has succeeded in addressing the repercussions of the global spread of COVID-19

on various aspects of life with distinction, praising the existing cooperation between the three production parties.

Bahrain has adopted an integrated system to achieve sustainable development in various fields.

# Cyber security awareness key to combat scams in Kingdom

**Staff Reporter**  
TDT | Manama

There have been various types of scams sweeping Bahrain, prompting authorities to increase cyber security awareness throughout the Kingdom.

There are many types of scams; however, the most common occurring in the Kingdom is phishing. The Daily Tribune previously reported that 735,244 phishing attacks were recorded in Bahrain in Q2 of this year.

Phishing is a cybercrime in which a target or targets are contacted through email, telephone, or text message, by someone posing as a legitimate institution to lure individuals into providing sensitive data.

Also reported previously by The Daily Tribune, 83 percent of respondents in Bahrain stated that they or their loved ones had experienced scams via social networks in 2021. Sadly, as technology and social media have advanced at such a rapid rate, this has given scammers more opportunities to reach users directly through social media platforms.

Speaking to The Daily Trib-



We have also seen a lot of voice phishing, and many of these scams are happening via fraud websites.

“Cybercriminals are using an SMS, creating urgency that the user’s bank account will be blocked, to potentially harvest personal and sensitive account information. Usually, the text message includes a link to a fake website that impersonates the bank’s brand and asks the user to enter personal information such as a username, password, or their CPR number.”

Unfortunately, Alawadhi said that the older generation are more susceptible or vulnerable to such kinds of attacks; how-

ever, anyone can fall victim to these scams, regardless of their age.

Further explaining, Alawadhi said: “Corporations have also been affected by these types of attacks. Essentially, corporations have been targeted by spear phishing emails, where the cybercriminals use publicly available information to impersonate C-level management and board members to intercept internal communication and request fund transfers.”

According to The Director of National Intelligence, the goal of spear phishing is to acquire sensitive information such as personal information. Today,

phishing scams are more sophisticated as identities are masked, messages are tailored, and email content appears legitimate.

Additionally, there has also been a considerable number of Ransomware attacks that can lead to a loss of data, brand reputation, and funds.

As there has been an increase in scams across the Kingdom, cyber security awareness is essential to combat the issue.

Alawadhi said: “Cyber security awareness amongst users of all age groups, both as individuals and employees, across all levels of management and hierarchies is the best way to combat cyber threats in the Kingdom.”

“Essentially, if more people are becoming educated on the nature of these attacks and are also aware of different types of scams occurring in the Kingdom, they can act quicker to realise that this is an attempt to steal personal information or money.”

- YAQOOB ALAWADHI, FOUNDER AND CEO OF NGN INTERNATIONAL

“During the pandemic, the NGN International launched “NGN Majlis”, which is a platform to spread awareness and help in the national and regional efforts to fight against the issue of cybercrime.”

## Fikra application period ends

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The Prime Minister’s Office has announced the end of the application process for the fifth edition of the Government Innovation Competition (Fikra).

Fikra, in all its editions, has been established in line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to further Team Bahrain’s efforts in the Kingdom’s growth and development, and to support excellence across government services.

All applications for the fifth edition of Fikra will be reviewed by a professional evaluation committee.

## Bahrain welcomes three ‘elite’ cruise ships

### They arrived via Khalifa bin Salman Port from Dec 26 to 28

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Three cruises have arrived at Khalifa bin Salman Port (KBSP) from December 26 to 28, carrying over 11,000 tourists onboard.

This was announced by the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA).

Operated by APM Terminals Bahrain, KBSP is scheduled to welcome tens of cruise ships as part of the 2022-2023 cruise season between November 2022 and May 2023, celebrating 11 years of launching the cruise industry services in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The “MSC World Europa” arrived at KBSP, carrying 6,000 tourists from France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain, and the UK.

With 19 ships in its fleet, MSC Cruises has one of the most modern cruise fleets in the world. An Italian shipping company founded it in 1970.

It boasts onboard experience as well as a diverse range of facilities such as Balinese spas, adult-only pools, and 4D cinemas. Its fleet ships can carry between 1984 and 6300 passengers at a time.



The “MSC World Europa” is one of the most modern cruise fleets in the world

**“We are confident that the cruise industry will foster tourism revenues, furthering the Kingdom’s position as a popular tourism destination in the region for more European tourists and other nationalities looking to explore Bahrain’s culture and the Arab Gulf’s rich heritage of old history and civilisation through massive cruise trips, and we wish all cruise passengers a pleasant stay in the Kingdom of Bahrain.”**

- DR NASSER QAEDI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BAHRAIN TOURISM AND EXHIBITIONS AUTHORITY (BTEA)

One crew member is assigned to every three passengers. It provides passengers with live entertainment in the form of evening concerts, parties and contests, and live shows.

The latest addition to the fleet, “MSC World Europa,” was launched in November 2021. The MSC World Europa is the world’s first LNG-powered cruise ship.

Setting sail from Germany, “AIDAcosmo” arrived at KBSP with a capacity of over 5,000 passengers of various nationalities.

Operated by AIDA Cruises with 1,252 crew members, the “AIDAcosmo” is one of the largest cruise ships within the AIDA fleet. KBSP also received the American cruise ship “The World,” which carried 148 tourists and 285 crew members of various nationalities.

## ‘Ana Al Bahrain’ competition winners honoured

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Information Affairs Minister Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi honoured the winners of “Ana Al Bahrain” competition.

The ministry organised the competition on the National Days, where 45 participants won prizes ranging from BD1,000 to BD1,500.

Dr Al Noaimi honoured the two golden sponsors of the competition, the National Bank of Bahrain



One of the competition winners

(NBB) and the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO); the two silver sponsors to Aluminum Bahrain (Alba) and Moda Mall; the two bronze sponsors, Beyon Money, and Gulf Petrochemical Industries (GPIC); in addition to shareholders, Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), and National Hotels Company represented by the Radisson Blu Hotel, and the Jumeirah Bahrain Bay Hotel.



### Joint inspection campaigns

The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted inspection campaigns in the Capital and Northern Governorates. The campaigns were coordinated with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science at the Ministry of Interior and the Governorates’ respective Police Directories. The campaigns resulted in reporting several violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The reported cases were referred for legal action. LMRA renewed its call to all members of the society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labour practices, by reporting violations via the electronic form on the authority’s website [www.lmra.bh](http://www.lmra.bh) or by calling the authority’s call centre on 17506055.

# Ship insurers to cancel war cover for Russia, Ukraine

**Ships typically have P&I insurance, which covers third party liability claims**

Reuters | London

**S**hip insurers said they are cancelling war risk cover across Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, following an exit from the region by reinsurers in the face of steep losses.

Reinsurers, who insure the insurers, typically renew their 12-month contracts with insurance clients on Jan. 1, giving them the first opportunity to scale back exposure since the war in Ukraine started, after being hit this year by losses related to the conflict and from Hurricane Ian in Florida.

P&I (protection and indemnity) clubs American, North, UK and West are no longer able to offer war risk cover for liabilities in the region from Jan. 1, they said in recent notices on their websites. The clubs are among the biggest P&I insurers who cover around 90% of the



A cargo ship boat model is pictured in front of Ukraine's and Russian's flags

world's ocean going ships.

UK P&I Club said on Dec. 23 that the issue had arisen because of a lack of availability of reinsurance for reinsurers, also known as retrocession.

"The Club's reinsurers are no longer able to secure reinsurance for war risk exposure to Russian, Ukrainian or Belarus territorial risks," it said.

American P&I said on Dec. 23 that it had received a "notice of cancellation" for the region

from its war risk reinsurers and was cancelling its own insurance as a result.

Ships typically have P&I insurance, which covers third party liability claims including environmental damage and injury. Separate hull and machinery policies cover vessels against physical damage.

The moves by the insurers will make it harder for ship-owners or charterers to find insurance, increase prices and may mean

some ships sail uninsured, industry sources say.

Providers of reinsurance and retrocession include global players Hannover Re (HNRGN.DE), Munich Re (MUVGN.DE) and Swiss Re (SRENH.S), as well as syndicates in the Lloyd's of London (SOLYD.UL) market. Munich Re and Swiss Re declined to comment. The other firms did not immediately respond.

Reuters reported earlier this month that a proposed contract clause being circulated by reinsurers excluded war-related claims for both planes and ships in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus.

The Japanese government has urged insurers to take on additional risks to continue providing marine war insurance for liquefied natural gas (LNG) shippers in Russian waters, a senior official at the industry ministry said this week.

## China Covid pivot sparks jitters worldwide

AFP | Beijing

Beijing's sudden pivot away from containing Covid-19 has caused jitters around the world, with the United States saying it may restrict travel from China following its decision to end mandatory quarantine for overseas arrivals.

China late Monday scrapped quarantine for inbound travellers from January 8 onwards, dismantling the last remaining piece of its stringent zero-Covid policy and ending some of the world's harshest border restrictions.

The move was greeted with jubilation by Chinese citizens, who rushed to book international flights, triggering a surge in ticket prices.

But other countries have expressed concerns about the potential for new variants as China battles the world's biggest surge in infections.

US officials said late Tuesday they were considering Covid entry restrictions on travellers from China, after countries



China late Monday scrapped quarantine for inbound travellers from January 8 onwards

including Japan and India introduced PCR testing on arrival for Chinese passengers.

"There are mounting concerns in the international community on the ongoing Covid-19 surges in China and the lack of transparent data, including viral genomic sequence data, being reported from the PRC," the US officials said, referring to the People's Republic of China.

The United States is "considering taking similar steps" to countries such as Japan and Malaysia, they added.

Taiwan, a self-ruled island that China claims as its own, said Wednesday that it would also screen travellers from the mainland for the virus.

## Aeroflot boss calls for 'state protectionism' to defend Russian aviation



A police vehicle drives behind an Airbus A321-211 aircraft of Russian airline Aeroflot with registration VP-BOE on a long term parking at Cointrin airport in Geneva, Switzerland

Reuters

Russian airlines stopped flying to most overseas destinations after Western countries imposed unprecedented sanctions, including bans on Russian carriers, after Moscow sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine on Feb. 24. Routes to Turkey and Middle Eastern countries popular with Russian tourists have been preserved.

Alexandrovsky said that competitors, including Turkish Airlines (THYAO.IS) and Emirates (EMIRAL.UL) had benefitted most from the situation, and called for a degree of what he called "state protectionism" to safeguard domestic aviation.

## Deal signed for world scale petrochemical complex



The deal signing

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**O**mani OQ, Saudi SABIC and Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI) have signed a Project Development Agreement of a jointly owned petrochemical complex in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (SEZAD), the Sultanate of Oman.

The three companies aim to establish a petrochemical complex consisting of a steam cracker and derivative units and a natural gas liquid (NGL)

extraction facility, Oman News Agency (ONA) reported, noting that they will conduct the necessary studies and collaborate using their wealth of technical and commercial experience to develop the project with unique attributes that make it globally competitive and profitable for all three partners.

The project intends to deploy state-of-the-art technologies to minimise carbon footprint and incorporate circular economy aspects and commit to high environmental standards. This

mega project would support the region's development aspirations, maximizing socio-economic impacts as well as value addition to these companies. In addition, the project would also benefit from the excellent location of Duqm being close to markets and taking advantage of the infrastructure which has been developed in the area, as OQ continues in its strategy to help develop SEZAD as manufacturing and logistics hub in line with vision 2040, ONA added.

### Oil drops 2% in light trading on China demand concern

Reuters | New York

Oil prices dipped yesterday as traders weighed concerns over a surge in COVID-19 cases in China, the world's top oil importer, against the chances easing pandemic restrictions in the country will boost fuel demand.

Brent crude futures fell \$1.82, or 2.2%, to \$82.51 a barrel by 11:23 a.m. EST [1623 GMT], while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures fell \$1.60, or 2%, to \$77.93 per barrel.

China said it will stop requiring inbound travellers to go into quarantine from Jan. 8, a major step towards relaxing stringent curbs on its borders. However, Chinese hospitals have been under intense pressure due to a surge in COVID-19 infections.

Oil markets were also buffeted by rising expectations of another interest rate hike in the United States, as the U.S. Federal Reserve tries to limit price rises in a tight labour market.

## Agreement over IKEA's Russia sale could be reached in days, says Moscow

Reuters | Moscow

**A**n agreement over the sale of IKEA's factories in Russia could be reached by the end of this year, Russia's industry minister said yesterday, as the Swedish furniture giant seeks to negotiate its exit from the country.

IKEA decided to close its shops in Russia after Moscow sent tens of thousands of troops to Ukraine in February in what it said was a 'special military operation'. Many other west-



ern companies - from energy producers to food and clothing chains - have left Russia.

Industry and Trade Minister Denis Manturov said negotiations were ongoing, but declined to disclose who the potential buyers were.

"IKEA aims to reach an agreement in principle with the buyer or buyers by the end of this year," Manturov said in an interview with the TASS news agency, pub-

A view shows the logo of IKEA on a closed store in Kotelniki outside Moscow, Russia

lished on Wednesday.

IKEA, the world's biggest furniture brand, shut down its Russian stores in March and said it would sell factories, close offices and reduce its 15,000-strong workforce in Russia. It reopened for a brief online sale during the summer. "The sales activities of our factories in Russia are proceeding according to plan," IKEA said in a statement. "We have agreed with potential buyers not to share any details with respect to them and the integrity of the sales process."



IKEA earlier this year said it expected the process of finding new ownership to be finalised in 2023.

## News in brief

◆ **Former pope Benedict**, 95, who in 2013 became the first pontiff in 600 years to step down, is "very sick", his successor Pope Francis said yesterday, asking the church to pray for him. The Vatican later said in a statement Benedict had suffered a sudden "worsening" of his health in recent hours. It also said his condition was "under control" and that he was receiving constant medical attention. "I would like to ask all of you for a special prayer for Pope Emeritus Benedict, who, in silence, is sustaining the Church," Francis said in his surprise announcement in Italian at the end of his weekly general audience.



**Former pope Benedict is 'very sick', Pope Francis says**

"Let us remember him. He is very sick, asking the Lord to console and sustain him in this witness of love for the Church, until the end," Francis said, speaking in Italian. One of the latest known photographs of Benedict was taken on Dec. 1, when he met the winners of a prize for theologians named after him. He was seated and looked exceptionally weak.

**Taiwan to test arrivals from China for COVID from Jan 1**



Macau, the centre added.

◆ India's Hetero said on Tuesday that its generic version of Paxlovid, an antiviral treatment for COVID-19 developed by Pfizer Inc (PFE.N), was added to the World Health Organization's prequalification list, which serves as a benchmark for procurement of medicines by developing countries. Hetero said it had entered into a licensing agreement with the United Nations-backed Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) to manufacture and sell the generic version of the drug in low- and middle-income countries. The treatment bundles two nirmatrelvir pills and one ritonavir pill and will be manufactured at Hetero's plants in India, where the drug has emergency use authorization from the country's drugs controller general. The global health agency has strongly recommended the use of Pfizer's Paxlovid for treating high-risk patients with mild and moderate COVID, while expressing concerns regarding its access in low- and middle-income countries.

### CURIOSER & CURIOSER

## 'Gift of love' Waterford crystals placed on Times Square New Year's Eve ball

Reuters | New York

Nearly 200 new Waterford crystals were installed on the New Year's Eve ball in Times Square in New York on Tuesday in preparation for Saturday's celebration to welcome in 2023.

Since 1999, replacements for the 2,688 crystal panels that make up the ball have been designed and made by hand by Irish craftsmen at Waterford. Each year, a new theme is chosen.

This year's theme was the "Gift of Love," incorporating intertwining love hearts, said Waterford master artisan Tom Brennan at the Times Square site.

"We need this after the pandemic. We've all gone through an horrendous two years. We've come out the other side of it and we've come out better. We surround ourselves with love. We've got everything," he said.

This year, for the first time since before the pandemic, there will be no COVID-related restrictions on visitors willing to brave the cold and crowds of Times Square in midtown-Manhattan to count down the new year and see



A worker stands next to the Waterford Crystal triangles featuring this year's "Gift of Love" design on the Times Square New Year's Eve ball on the roof of One Times Square in Manhattan, New York City, US



the ball drop on the stroke of midnight.

## Iranian chess player appears at Kazan tournament without hijab for second day running

◆ Law enforcing mandatory hijab wearing have become a flashpoint during Iran protests, when 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini died

Reuters | Almaty

A Iranian chess player yesterday took part in an international tournament in Kazakhstan without a hijab for the second day running, according to a Reuters journalist



present.

A Reuters witness at the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan, saw Sara Khadem competing without a headscarf, a violation of Iran's laws governing female dress code.

Iran has been swept by demonstrations against the country's clerical leadership since mid-September, when 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini died in the custody of morality police who detained her for "inappropriate attire."

Laws enforcing mandatory hijab were lifted in Iran in front of a chess board

## Kim unveils new military goals at key party meeting



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attends the sixth enlarged meeting of the eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party in Pyongyang, North Korea

Reuters | Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un unveiled new goals for the country's military for 2023 at an ongoing meeting of the ruling Workers' Party, state media reported on Wednesday, hinting at another year of intensive weapons tests and tension.

On the second day of the Sixth Enlarged Plenary Meeting of the party's 8th Central Committee, Kim reviewed the "newly created challenging situation" on the Korean peninsula and the broader political landscapes, the report said.

The third-generation leader set the direction for the "anti-enemy struggle" and goals for reinforcing defence power, it added.

"He specified the principles of foreign affairs and the direction of the struggle against the enemy that our party and government must thoroughly abide by in order to protect sovereign rights and defend national interests," the official KCNA news agency said.

"New core goals for strengthening self-defensive capabilities to be strongly pursued in 2023 have been presented in preparation for diverse fluctuations in the political situation," KCNA did not provide details on those goals, but Kim's remarks could indicate the isolated country will continue to accelerate its military buildup.

Tension remained high throughout this year amid



North Korea has fired an unprecedented number of missiles this year, and many launches were designed to develop "top priority" strategic weapons under a five-year plan laid out at a Workers' Party congress in early 2021. The list includes tactical nuclear weapons, a new intercontinental ballistic missile, hypersonic gliding flight warheads, nuclear-powered submarines and a reconnaissance satellite.

the North's constant weapons tests, and it flared again this week after five North Korean drones crossed into South Korea, prompting Seoul to scramble fighter jets and attack helicopters, and try to shoot them down.

During the plenary meeting, Kim also pointed out "a series of serious shortcomings" observed in such areas as science, education and health this year, and suggested ways to overcome them and raised key tasks for next year, KCNA said. North Korean leaders previously made speeches on New Year Day, but in recent years, Kim has called days-long party gatherings at the end of the year to announce major policy decisions.

## Britain urges Iran to stop detaining' dual nationals

Reuters | London

Britain urged Iran yesterday to stop detaining dual nationals following the arrest of seven people with links to the United Kingdom, saying the practice should not be used to obtain "diplomatic leverage".

Iran's Revolutionary Guards arrested the seven people over anti-government protests as they tried to leave the country on Sunday, according to a statement published by state media. Some of the seven hold dual nationality.

"We are urgently seeking further information from the Iranian authorities on the reports of those British-Iranian dual nationals," British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesperson told reporters.

"We've always said that we will never accept our nationals... being used for diplomatic leverage and we urge the government of Iran to stop its practice of unfairly detaining British and other foreign

nationals."

The reported arrests follow unrest triggered by the Sept. 16 death in detention of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman who was arrested for wearing "inappropriate attire" under Iran's strict Islamic dress code for women.

The protests have posed one of the biggest challenges to the Shi'ite Muslim-ruled Islamic Republic since the 1979 revolution.

## Buffalo, NY, digs out from deadly blizzard



A "let's go Buffalo" sign is seen behind an abandoned car on the road following a winter storm. Weary road crews and residents of western New York state struggled on Tuesday to dig out from snow still falling and forecasts for rapid warming and rains that could cause flooding in the region in and around Buffalo, New York, downwind of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The region is in a deep freeze and massive winter storm that extended over most of the United States last week.

1845

Texas admitted as 28th state of the Union

1903

French Equatorial Africa separates into Gabon, Chad and Ubangi-Shari



1911

Sun Yat-sen elected 1st President of the Republic of China

1997

Hong Kong begins slaughtering all its chickens to prevent bird flu

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jab wearing have become a flash-point during the protests, with a string of sportswomen competing overseas appearing without their headscarves in public.

Khadem, born in 1997 and also known as Sarasat Khademal-sharieh, is ranked 804 in the world, according to the International Chess Federation website. The website for the Dec. 25-30 event listed her as a participant in both the Rapid and Blitz competitions.

Iranian news outlets Khabar-varzeshi and Etemad in reports on Monday said that Khadem had competed at the championship in Almaty without a hijab.

‘unfairly

Britain's main opposition Labour Party has asked for new sanctions on organisations and individuals who have been involved in Iran's crackdown on the protests.

“The killings and repression being carried out by the Iranian regime against courageous Iranian protesters seeking a better future is appalling,” Labour's foreign affairs spokesman David Lammy said in a statement.

“There must be an end to impunity.”

Asked about the potential for future sanctions on Iran, a British foreign ministry spokesperson said it had already imposed human rights sanctions on more than 40 Iranian officials and the entirety of the so-called “Morality Police”.

“We will continue to hold Iran to account for the shocking violence they have inflicted on their own people,” the spokesperson said.



er storm in Buffalo, New York, U.S. Storming out from a deadly weekend blizzard, with turn the frozen landscape to slush. emerged as ground zero for an Arctic deep and through the Christmas holiday as

## Philippines hunts for 26 still missing after weekend weather disaster

Reuters | Manila

Rescue teams across nine provinces in the Philippines raced yesterday to try to locate 26 people missing after weekend rains, floods and landslides that have killed at least 25 people, in one of its deadliest weather events this year.

The national disaster agency on Wednesday said casualties reported so far had increased to 25 from 17 the previous day, with most deaths caused by drowning from flash floods.

“Search and rescue operations continue, led by the coast guard as most of them were missing fishermen,” the disaster agency's Diego Agustin Mariano told DZMM radio.

The rain-induced floods and landslides are unlike previous disasters in the Philippines,



A rescue worker holds a child while helping people affected by floods, in Plaridel, Misamis Occidental Province, Philippines

which are typically triggered by more severe typhoons and tropical storms, of which the archipelago nation usually sees about 20 each year.

The agency also recorded more than 300 flooded areas and 20 rain-induced landslides, which collectively have forced more than 80,000 people to take shelter in evacuation centres. Most of the floods have since subsided. Local media showed images on Wednesday of people crammed in gymnasiums turned into evacuation centres and residents removing debris and cleaning up homes after days of heavy rains.

The state weather agency said occasional light to moderate rains will continue in central and southern areas until Thursday.

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Today marks a terrible milestone for Paul Whelan: Four years wrongfully detained in Russia, following a secret trial with secret evidence. His detention remains unacceptable, and we continue to press for his immediate release at every opportunity.

@SecBlinken

02



We have the tools to make sure COVID doesn't leave its mark on 2023 like it did in years past. Use them, protect yourself, protect those around you. http://COVID.gov.

@POTUS

03



Every day & in every corner of the world, my @UN colleagues bring to life the values and principles of our Organization. I'm profoundly grateful for their service & commitment.

@antoniofotteres

04



SpaceX Falcon team on 60 successful launches this year!!

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## More than a thousand people evacuated from Jordan world heritage site due to flash floods

Wion

In Jordan's Petra thousands of visitors had to be evacuated from a famed archaeological site as heavy rains triggered flooding at the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Amman Net reported that the evacuations were done to ensure the safety of the visitors. Reportedly due to the heavy rains water from surrounding mountains poured down into the city located in the south of the kingdom.

As per estimates circulating on social media websites close to 1,700 have been evacuated.

Official sources as per Jordan News said that an incident involving a bus that was



Screen grabs from a video circulating online shows rescuers in action on a bus caught in the flash flood

tipped over due to torrential rains has resulted in the death of three people in the Maan governorate south of the Kingdom. Maan's energy operations centre said that the bus was

on its way to the Al-Hussein Bin Talal University. Following the incident, Al-Hussein Bin Talal University has suspended classes citing unsafe weather conditions.

## Rare hail brings winter white to desert hotspot Kuwait

AFP | Kuwait City

Kuwait, one of the hottest countries on Earth, has been hit by a rare hail storm that delighted children and their parents, with images of the winter white shared widely on social media yesterday.

“We have not seen so much hail during the winter season in 15 years,” Muhammad Karam, a former director of Kuwait's meteorological department, said.

Pictures and videos of southern roads partially blanketed in hail and ice spread online to celebrate the rare weather event.

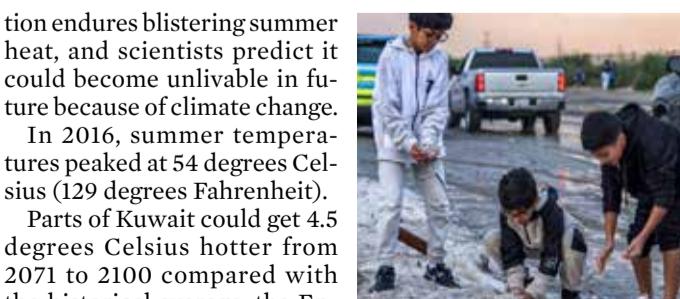
Children donned scarves and raincoats as they scooped up hail in the Umm al-Haiyan district, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) south of Kuwait City.

Kuwait's meteorological department said precipitation since Tuesday had reached up to 63 millimetres but that the weather was clearing up.

Karam said he expects the phenomenon to reoccur as climate change disrupts weather patterns. The oil-rich Gulf na-



Pictures and videos of southern roads partially blanketed in wintry white spread online to celebrate the rare weather event



Children toss handfuls of hail after a winter storm

tion endures blistering summer heat, and scientists predict it could become uninhabitable in future because of climate change.

In 2016, summer temperatures peaked at 54 degrees Celsius (129 degrees Fahrenheit).

Parts of Kuwait could get 4.5 degrees Celsius hotter from 2071 to 2100 compared with the historical average, the Environment Public Authority has warned.

## Saudi seizes 30 tonnes of the narcotic khat

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi Arabia yesterday said it had seized nearly 30 tonnes of the mildly narcotic shrub khat this month, as part of a larger drug crackdown by the oil-rich kingdom.

Khat, or qat, is a leaf which is packed into the cheek and slowly chewed, releasing chemicals similar to amphetamines and resulting in a mild high.

It is very popular in Yemen and Horn of Africa countries like Ethiopia and Somalia.

Saudi border authorities seized 29.2 tonnes of khat in the country's south, near the border with Yemen, as well as in the north, near Jordan, according to the official Saudi Press Agency.

The shipments were seized between December 3-24, according to SPA.

More than 360 smugglers were arrested, most of them Yemeni but also some Ethiopians and Saudis, it said.

Yemen, mired in civil war since 2014 and long the Arabian Peninsula's poorest nation, is a major producer and consumer of khat, which is banned in some countries but has been part of Yemen's social fabric for thousands of years.

The country was once best known for its coffee industry, but khat profits have eclipsed that trade and spread into other agricultural lands including Ethiopia and Kenya.

Saudi Arabia is also a major market for the addictive amphetamine called captagon.



A bundle of khat, or qat, a mildly narcotic shrub, at a market in the Yemeni capital Sanaa

# CHEBS celebs

## Nicolas Cage's snake tried to hypnotise him

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

**N**icolas Cage's pet snake tried to "hypnotise" him.

The 58-year-old actor has a range of animals at home, including a pig, a Maine Coon cat named Merlin, and terrapins, and the creatures have served as inspiration for his work over the years.

He said: "Sometimes the animals can help, especially the reptiles.

"At one time I had a cobra, and it would try to hypnotise me by showing me the pattern of an eye on its back and then turning around to attack.



Nicolas Cage

"I used that in 'Ghost Rider', that weird Axl Rose dancing and where my character would do then attack."

When it came to making 'Pig', a "horrible nightmare" Nicolas had had about his feline friend proved invaluable to informing his performance.

He said: "Merlin was a big inspiration for 'Pig'. When I first met [writer-director] Michael Sarnoski, we talked about what [my character] Rob is going through.

"Of course, it's the loss of the pig but also some deeper grief from the past.

"I had this horrible nightmare about Merlin, and that was a gift, in a weird way, because I felt the loss as if something terrible had really happened to him."

### CINEMA

#### SHOTGUN WEDDING

(PG-15) (COMEDY/ACTION/ROMANTIC) (NEW)  
JENNIFER LOPEZ, JOSH DUHAMEL, JENNIFER COOLIDGE  
OASIS JUFFAIR (ATMOS): 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM  
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM  
CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)  
SEEF (I): 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)  
WADI AL SAIL: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

#### SHALABY

(PG) (ARABIC/COMEDY/DRAMA) (NEW)  
KARIM MAHMOUD ABDEL AZIZ, RUBY, BAYOUMI FOUAD  
OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM  
CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM  
SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN  
WADI AL SAIL: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

#### THE SMURFS: NEXT ADVENTURES

(G) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY) (NEW)  
SANDRA ASRATIAN, VINCENT BROES, TESS BRYANT  
OASIS JUFFAIR: (KIDS CINEMA): 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM  
CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 PM  
SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM  
WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 PM

#### SUMMIT FEVER

(PG-15) (ADVENTURE/DRAMA) (NEW)  
FREDDIE THORP, RYAN PHILIPPE, HANNAH NEW  
OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM  
CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.30 PM  
SEEF (I): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN  
WADI AL SAIL: 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

#### OH MERI LAILA

(PG-13) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)  
ANTONY VARGHESE, SENTHIL KRISHNA, NANDU  
OASIS JUFFAIR: 2.45 + 8.15 PM  
SEEF (I): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM



AL HAMRA: ON THURS 29th: 12.00 NOON + 3.00 + 6.00 PM  
AL HAMRA: FROM FRI 30th: 12.00 NOON + 9.00 PM

#### RAANGI

(15+) (TAMIL) (NEW)  
TRISHA KRISHNAN, ANASWARA RAJAN, JOHN MAHENDRAN  
FROM FRI 30th  
SEEF (I): 2.00 + 7.15 PM

#### THE SMURFS: NEXT ADVENTURES

#### SEMIFI

(PG-15) (TAMIL) (NEW)  
ASHWIN KUMAR, KOVAI SARALA, JEEVAN

FROM FRI 30th

SEEF (I): 11.15 AM + 4.30 + 9.45 PM

#### DJINN

(O) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)

SHINE TOM CHACKO, SIDHARTH BHARATHAN, SOUBIN SHAHIR  
FROM FRI 30th

SEEF (I): 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM  
AL HAMAR: 3.00 + (12.00 MN FRI)

#### AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY)  
SAM WORHTHINGTON, ZOE SALDANA, SIGOURNEY WEAVER

OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.00 + 3.45 + 7.30 + 11.15 PM

OASIS JUFFAIR (3D): 11.00 AM + 2.45 + 6.30 + 10.15 PM

CITY CENTRE: 1.15 + 5.00 + 8.45 + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

CITY CENTRE: (ATMOS): 12.45 + 4.30 + 8.15 + 12.00 MN

SEEF (I): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

#### SUDOKU

Yesterday's solution

6	8	1	3	2	7	9	4	5
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1	7	5	4	9	8	6	3	2
8	4	2	6	3	5	7	1	9
4	1	3	9	8	6	5	2	7
2	6	7	1	5	3	4	9	8
9	5	8	7	4	2	3	6	1

#### How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

CITY CENTRE (IMAX3D): 12.15 + 4.00 + 7.45 + 11.30 PM  
CITY CENTRE (3D): 11.45 AM + 3.30 + 7.15 + 11.00 PM

#### RAANGI

SEEF (I): 1.00 + 4.45 + 8.30 + (12.15 MN THURS/FRI)  
SEEF (II): 12.30 + 4.15 + 8.00 + 11.45 PM  
SEEF (II) (3D): 11.30 AM + 3.15 + 7.00 + 10.45 PM  
WADI AL SAIL: 11.45 AM + 3.30 + 7.15 + 11.00 PM

#### THE SMURFS: NEXT ADVENTURES

SEEF (I): 2.00 + 7.15 PM  
KAAPA

(PG-15) (MALAYALAM)

PRITHIVRAJ SUKUMARAN, ASIF ALI, INDRANS

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.30 AM + 2.15 + 5.00 + 7.45 + 10.30 PM

SEEF (II): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

AL HAMRA: ON THURS 29th: 9.00 + 12.00 MN

AL HAMRA: FROM FRI 30th: 6.00 PM

#### PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH

(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)  
ANTONIO BANDERAS, SALMA HAYEK, OLIVIA COLMAN

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 PM

SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM

WADI AL SAIL: 10.45 AM + 3.45 + 8.45 PM

#### KAAPA

(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA)

RANVEER SINGH, JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ, POOJA HEGDE

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.30 AM + 2.15 + 5.00 + 7.45 + 10.30 PM

SEEF (II): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

#### CIRKUS

(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA)

SHOBHITA SHARMA, RAKESH CHHABRA, RAKESH CHHABRA

CITY CENTRE: 1.15 + 5.00 + 8.45 + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

CITY CENTRE: (ATMOS): 12.45 + 4.30 + 8.15 + 12.00 MN

SEEF (I): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

MINDCAGE

(PG-15) (THRILLER/CRIME)

JOHN MALKOVICH, MARTIN LAWRENCE, MELISSA ROXBURGH

CITY CENTRE: 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II): 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 10.00 PM

#### DETECTIVE KNIGHT 2: REDEMPTION

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

BRUCE WILLIS, COREY LARGE, LOCHLYN MUNRO

CITY CENTRE: 11.15 AM + 4.45 + 10.15 PM

SEEF (II): 12.45 + 5.00 + 9.15 PM

#### BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER

(PG-13) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/THRILLER/DRAMA/SCI-FICTION)

ANGELA BASSETT, LETITIA WRIGHT, WINSTON DUKE

CITY CENTRE: 1.30 + 7.00 PM

SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.45 + 8.00 + 11.15 PM

#### AS GOOD AS DEAD

(PG-15) (ACTION)

MICHAEL JAI WHITE, TOM BERENGER, LUCA ORIEL

CITY CENTRE: 9.00 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II): 10.45 AM + 3.00 + 7.15 + 11.30 PM

#### BLACK ADAM

(PG-13) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY)

DWAYNE JOHNSON, ALDIS HODGE, NOAH CENTINEO

CITY CENTRE: 1.00 + 6.00 + 11.00 PM

## Daniel Craig prepares well for Knives Out monologues

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Daniel Craig puts a lot of effort into his 'Knives Out' monologues.

The 54-year-old actor reprises his role as sleuth Benoit Blanc in the sequel 'Glass Onion' and revealed that he puts a lot of preparation into the lengthy speeches where he explains how he has solved the murder mystery.



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**'Enjoy your holidays', Tsitsipas tells Kyrgios after United Cup pullout**



Nick Kyrgios and Stefanos Tsitsipas discuss during a match (file photo)

AFP | Sydney

**G**reek tennis star Stefanos Tsitsipas yesterday told rival Nick Kyrgios to "enjoy his holidays", after the Australian stunned his team by withdrawing from the United Cup at the last minute.

Kyrgios pulled out of the mixed teams event on the eve of the inaugural tournament, to be held in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

"It is not a surprise, I hope he enjoys his holidays," Tsitsipas, the main talent on the eight-player Greek side in Perth, said.

The pair have had a fractious relationship which came to a head at Wimbledon this year when Tsitsipas said his Australian opponent had an "evil side", after a bad-tempered third-round match.

That contest descended into mayhem when a frustrated Tsitsipas hit the ball into the crowd after losing the second set and Kyrgios told the um-

pire his opponent should be kicked out of the tournament. The bad feeling bubbled up again in post-match press conferences, with Tsitsipas calling him "a bully".

"I don't know where all of his energy comes from. There is so much of it, I don't know how he does it. You cannot concentrate on your own game, there is so much noise coming from the other side of the net. It's distracting, you have to be at your best to overcome it all

STEFANOS TSITSIPAS

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"I don't know where all of his energy comes from," Tsitsipas said yesterday of Kyrgios. "There is so much of it, I don't know how he does it.

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**Kiwi centurions Williamson and Latham punish fumbling Pakistan**

AFP | Karachi

**K**ane Williamson and Tom Latham hit contrasting hundreds yesterday to propel New Zealand to 440-6 at the close on the third day of the first Test against Pakistan in Karachi.

Williamson survived two stumpings and a leg-before decision before knocking an unbeaten 105, while Ish Sodhi was on one, with the tourists leading by two runs.

Williamson's 25th Test century is his first in international cricket since he racked up 238, also against Pakistan, in Christchurch in January last year.

He built on a solid foundation laid down by openers Latham, who cracked 113 en route to his 13th Test century, and Devon Conway, who fell for 92.

With the National Stadium pitch likely to take spin on the last two days, New Zealand will look to press home their advantage in the first Test of the two-match series, their first in Pakistan since 2002.

Williamson pushed fast bowler Mohammad Wasim for a sharp single to complete his hundred, a fifth against Pakistan.

In all he has batted for 356

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TOM LATHAM

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scoring 47.

Williamson added a solid 90

for the fifth wicket with Tom

Blundell, who fell to Wasim after Pakistan took the

second new ball at 272-3.

**Pandya to captain India in T20I series against Sri Lanka**

Reuters | New Delhi

**H**ardik Pandya will captain India for their Twenty20 series against Sri Lanka next month in the absence of Rohit Sharma, who will return for the following one-day internationals, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said on Tuesday.

India will host Sri Lanka for three T20Is and three ODIs from Jan. 3, with Pandya reprising his role as T20 captain for a second straight series, after leading India to victory over New Zealand

**Virat Kohli will not feature in the T2**

## Dabo scores winner for Sitra against Bahrain Club

● Hidd defeat  
Al Shabab 2-1

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Sitra, Hidd and Al Ahli were all winners on the final day of week nine in the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Sitra edged past Bahrain Club 1-0, Hidd defeated Al Shabab 2-1, and Al Ahli cruised past Budaiya 4-1.

In Sitra's win, Seydina Laye Dabo scored the match's lone goal. Sitra improved to 13 points on the league standings with their third win in nine matches, while Bahrain Club suffered



Bahrain Club's Jair Vinicius Alves De Brito tries to defend possession against his Sitra marker yesterday

their fourth loss and stayed on nine points.

In Hidd's win, Issa Jihad had a brace to spearhead his side to their fourth triumph. Hidd rose to 13 points with the re-

### Standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Muharraq	9	6	3	0	12	21
Al Khaldiya	9	5	3	1	10	18
Riffa	9	5	1	3	3	16
Manama	9	4	3	2	7	15
Al Ahli	9	4	2	3	3	14
Sitra	9	3	4	2	2	13
Hidd	9	4	1	4	-4	13
Bahrain Club	9	2	3	4	-1	9
Al Hala	9	1	6	2	-2	9
East Riffa	9	1	5	3	-4	8
Al Shabab	9	2	1	6	-4	7
Budaiya	9	0	2	7	-22	2

Santos both had two goals in the contest. Sultan Al Sultana supplied the solo consolation for Budaiya.

Ahli improved to 14 points on the table with their third victory, while Budaiya remained on the bottom of the league standings with just two points after their seventh loss.

## World number one Swiatek starting 2023 with a clean slate

AFP | London

World number one Iga Swiatek said yesterday she will put a breakthrough 2022 season behind her to concentrate on staying at the pinnacle of the women's game.

The Polish star won eight singles titles, including the French and US Opens, in a stellar season that saw her take a commanding position at the top of the rankings, well clear of second-placed Ons Jabeur of Tunisia.

The 21-year-old inherited the number one spot with the shock retirement of Australia's Ashleigh Barty in March, but has since made it her own.



Iga Swiatek

"I'm going to try to kind of cut off everything that happened last year and just focus on the future, because I feel like I can take a lot of experience from

these tournaments last year," she said ahead of the inaugural mixed-teams United Cup in Brisbane.

"I don't want to really like hold on to that too much, because I want to go forward and kind of focus on my next goals."

Swiatek admitted she had mixed emotions when she became number one after Barty's retirement, not sure that she deserved it.

"At first I felt like I wasn't sure if this is kind of my place to be," she said. "Ash, she seemed like a huge role model for everybody in terms of her behaviour on

court but also off court so I felt like she really set the bar pretty high."



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## Seef Properties sponsors annual Seef Mall Half Marathon



Officials after the announcement

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Seef Properties has recently announced its sponsorship of the annual Seef Mall Half Marathon, which will be organised on January 13, 2023, by Bahrain Road Runners Committee under Bahrain Athletics Association.

The race will cover a distance of 21.1 km from Seef Mall - Seef District, passing through Seef District, on to Bahrain Financial Harbour and then returning to the finish line in Seef Mall - Seef District. The Seef Mall Half Marathon is an annual sporting event that has been organised for several years and attracts large numbers of participants from both genders, and different age groups and nationalities in the Kingdom.

The event comes as part of Seef Properties' keenness to continue promoting the values and principles of social

responsibility in the Kingdom, especially in the sports field, by spreading sports culture and promoting public health in the local community, through co-operation with various sports institutions, local events and initiatives of both the public and private sectors.

On this occasion, Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties, commented: "We renew our thanks and appreciation to Bahrain Road Runners Committee for their constructive partnership and tireless efforts to make this important sporting event a success one every year."

For his part, Shaikh Abdullah bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Chairman of Bahrain Road Runners Committee, expressed his appreciation for the endless support and constant cooperation dedicated by Seef Properties, which contributes to creating a special atmosphere for the participants in the race.

# Australia eye victory after Carey ton in second South Africa Test

Alex Carey's maiden ton and Cameron Green's defiant fifty bury South Africa

● Pat Cummins struck early with the ball before rain curtailed Australia's final-session push

AFP | Melbourne

Australia closed in on winning the second Test and the series against South Africa yesterday after Alex Carey struck a maiden century to leave them in a commanding position.

The hosts declared at tea on 575-8 on day three with an ominous lead of 386 after South Africa were bowled out in their first innings for 189.

In reply, the Proteas were 15-1 when play was abandoned early at the Melbourne Cricket Ground due to persistent drizzle.

Their bid to save the Test, and the three-match series after losing the opener in Brisbane, got off to a horror start with under-pressure skipper Dean Elgar caught by Carey off Pat Cummins without scoring in the second over.

Theunis de Bruyn, who was



Alex Carey and Cameron Green run between the wickets

dropped by David Warner on three, was not out six alongside Sarel Erwee on seven.

Wicketkeeper Carey, playing in his 14th Test, was superb in reaching three figures for the first time before he was caught and bowled by Marco Jansen for 111.

At the declaration, a battling Cameron Green was not out 51 despite a fractured finger, alongside Mitchell Starc on 10.

"It was nice to be able to consolidate from our start from yes-

terday," Carey, only the second

wicketkeeper to make a Test century at the MCG after Rod Marsh, told reporters.

"This one's really special, obviously it's a big moment. But it's also great to help the Australian cricket team be in a strong position. That's what we play for, to win games."

Carey and Green piled on the misery in a 117-run partnership after South Africa gave themselves a glimmer of hope with early wickets, including Warner first ball after he resumed on 200.



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Australia began on 386-3 with Travis Head on 48 and Carey on nine after a herculean unbeaten double century from Warner in his 100th Test in gruelling heat on day two.

The veteran opener retired exhausted with severe cramp after making his third Test double ton, but he returned to the crease when Head was out for 51.

He told host broadcaster Fox before play began that he had a "rough night's sleep".

"I probably woke up six or seven times," he added, and was bowled first ball by an Anrich Nortje yorker as Australia lost



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three wickets for five runs.

**Green ruled out of bowling**

Temperatures were much cooler than the 37 degrees Celsius (98.6 Fahrenheit) on Tuesday, with conditions overcast and humid -- generally favourable to the bowlers.

And the ever-dangerous Anrich Nortje took advantage, bowling Head in the third over before snaring a bewildered Warner next ball.

"In general it has been a tough

three days for us as a bowling unit," admitted Proteas bowling coach Charl Langeveldt.

"Kagiso Rabada wasn't on song and a few of the other guys in periods didn't bowl well as a unit. It's important for us to get the consistency going, but it hasn't been there for us in this game."

"We have to take it hour by hour tomorrow and just try and get runs and see where it goes from there," he added.

Pat Cummins fell to the third ball he faced when South Africa successfully reviewed a caught behind decision off Rabada's bowling that was initially denied by the umpire.

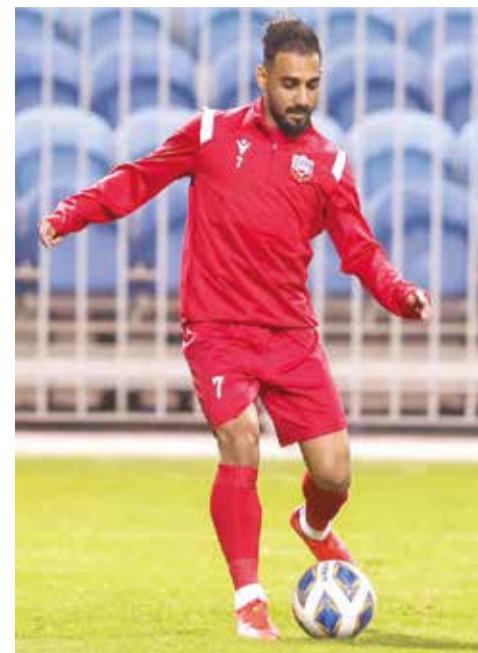
Carey was joined by Nathan Lyon and they steadied the ship with the spinner making an entertaining 25.

Ahead of play, Green, who took 5-27 in South Africa's first innings, was ruled out of bowling again in Melbourne -- and the third Sydney Test -- with a fractured finger, but he bravely came out to bat.

After a slow start, he began playing his shots in an admirable supporting role to Carey, who counter-attacked after the early wickets fell to consolidate Australia's advantage.



Bahrain's senior men's national football team kicked off last night their final local training gathering ahead of their much-awaited title-defence in the 25th Gulf Cup, which takes place next month in Iraq. Yesterday's session was held at the Hamad Town Football Stadium, supervised by national team head coach Helio Sousa. The Portuguese tactician has called up a squad of 25 players for their preparations. Bahrain are in Group B for the eight-nation competition, along with the UAE, Qatar and Kuwait. Group A features Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Oman and hosts Iraq. Above, left, players take part in drills during training; while above, right, star midfielder Ali Madan at the team's session last night.



# BRX primed for toughest test as Dakar stretches into empty quarter

Sebastien Loeb raring to go as he leads four-car challenge by Bahrain Raid Xtreme in Saudi Arabia

● Loeb aims to build on last year's Dakar performance in the Prodrive Hunter T1+ that gave BRX eight stage podium finishes overall

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Bahrain Raid Xtreme head into their third Dakar Rally on Saturday with a four-car team of sustainably-fuelled Prodrive Hunters tested, developed and ready for the biggest adventure in the world of motorsport.

The 45th edition of the rally tackles some of the toughest desert terrain seen in recent years, and after winning two of the four World Rally Raid Championship events in 2022, the BRX team is raring to go, with car updates, new staff and a hunger for what lies ahead in Saudi Arabia.

After taking runner up spot 12 months ago, Sebastien Loeb returns to action with Fabian Lurquin looking to build on last year's performance in the



Sebastien Loeb in action

Prodrive Hunter T1+ that gave BRX eight stage podium finishes overall.

Argentine Orly Terranova, who drove another Prodrive Hunter to fourth place in the 2022 Dakar, will be accompanied by Spaniard Alex Haro who guided him to a superb second place on the Rallye du Maroc in October.

BRX will also be running the GCK Motorsport Hunter for Guerlain Chicherit and Alex Winocq, who together scored a stunning victory first time out on the Rallye du Maroc. Completing the team line-up will be Lithuanians Vaidotas Zala and Paulo Fiuza.

Nine-time World Rally Champion Loeb said: "We have a very

good car for Dakar after excellent preparation in Morocco and Andalucia, proving that we're right up there with the performance of the Hunter

SEBASTIEN LOEB

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"Fabian and I are ready to go. We will try to be consistent and get some clean stages with no problems. We will have some long days in the dunes and that's where you have to stay focused, but that is our target this year. We're looking forward to it."

Terranova said: "I've been training hard for this, my 15th Dakar. The first week we all know will be hard, with many kilometres to be tackled over

new terrain in Saudi Arabia.

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Runner up in the Dakar last year, Sebastien Loeb returns to action with co-driver Fabian Lurquin. The pair won the Andalucia Rally in October

That will test us, so we must be concentrated and in the best possible shape."

Chicherit said: "I am very happy to attempt my 12th Dakar with a competitive and reliable car. It is difficult to announce a goal at this moment, but all I can say is we have a good car that will allow Alex and I to fight until the end."

As part of the BRX drive towards alternative motorsport solutions, each Hunter will again run on Prodrive EcoPower biofuel, created by Coryton from

sustainable sources, which produces 80% less CO2 than petrol. Engineers have also made subtle but important modifications to the cars following extensive tests in the searing heat of the Sahara desert.

Dakar 2023 is the biggest undertaking from Prodrive in recent years, with huge logistical coordination from all over Europe. This saw 27 vehicles shipped from Marseille to Jeddah in late November ready for the team to get to the first bivouac at Sea Camp, north of Jeddah, this week.

The route of Dakar 2023 will be the longest for over ten years and one the organisers promise will be harder than the previous three editions in the Kingdom, venturing into the Empty Quarter for the first time.

Starting on Saturday with an 11km prologue stage at Sea Camp on the shores of the Red Sea, the rally finishes on the opposite side of the Arabian Peninsula at Dammam on 15 January. The total distance is 8,550 kms, similar to driving from Jeddah to Shanghai, with 4,705 kms of special stages.

## BRAVE CF kicks off 2023 with a return trip to Serbia on February 18th

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BRAVE Combat Federation will kickstart the 2023 calendar with a bang as the fastest-growing MMA organization returns to Serbia for BRAVE CF 69 on February 18th.

Belgrade will again host BRAVE CF following the raging success of BRAVE CF 56, which took place late last year and was rounded off by an impressive main event between Slobodan Maksimovic and Rolando Dy, with the likes of Abdullah Al-Qahtani, Ahmed Labban, and Borislav Nikolic earning important wins.

2022 was a year to remember for BRAVE Combat Federation, with new territories reached.



Germany became the 28th nation to host BRAVE CF when Bonn entertained thousands of European MMA fans at BRAVE CF 61 - confirming BRAVE CF's status as the most-travelled MMA promotion on the planet.

Next year will see BRAVE CF further honour its promise of taking MMA to new and various corners of the world, and the return trip to Belgrade will reaffirm BRAVE Combat Federation's commitment to helping

grow the booming Balkan MMA scene. For more information, visit [www.bravecf.com](http://www.bravecf.com).

## Chelsea win tempered by fresh injury concern for James

AFP | London

Chelsea returned to winning ways in their first appearance after the World Cup break, but delight at their 2-0 home victory over Bournemouth on Tuesday was tempered by new injury concern for Reece James.

The England right back lasted only 53 minutes on his return from the knee injury that ruled him out of the World Cup in Qatar, leaving Chelsea fearing the worst as they await a more detailed examination and prognosis.

"He's not good but we'll have to wait and see. It's too early



Reece James looks dejected after sustaining an injury

for me to speculate but whenever he comes off like that, it is not positive," manager Graham Potter said.

Eight minutes into the second half, James signalled to the bench that he needed to come off before going down in some discomfort.