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HM King congratulates Botswana president
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to Botswana President Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi on his country's independence day.

HRH the Premier thanked by Thai King
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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from the King of Thailand Maha Vajiralongkorn in reply to HRH's congratulatory cable on his birthday.

Bahraini man, 88, dies from COVID-19
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The Health Ministry has announced the death of an 88-year-old Bahraini man from coronavirus (COVID-19) yesterday.

His passing brought the total number of fatalities in the Kingdom to 246.

According to the ministry's twitter feed, out of 11,303 tests conducted yesterday, 574 new infections were detected among 167 expatriates, 399 contacts and eight travellers.

It said an additional 718 people recovered from the respiratory ailment, boosting the total number of survivors to 64,267.

There are 137 receiving treatment, with 5,850 in stable and 59 in critical condition.

The recoveries and deaths leave the country with 5,909 active cases.

As of now, the total number of tests carried out in Bahrain stands at 1,418,129.

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Bahrain pays homage to late Kuwaiti Amir

● **Three-day mourning announced**

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Bahrain expressed deep sorrow over the death yesterday of the Amir of Kuwait, His Highness Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jabir Al Sabah.

Upon the order of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, an official mourning was announced and flags will be flown at half-mast in the Kingdom for three days.

The royal leadership, under HM King Hamad, His Royal Highness the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, offered sincere condolences to Kuwait, Al Sabah family, and the Kuwaiti people.

They paid homage to the deceased, hailing his legacy, achievements and endeavours exerted to best serve his country,

the Arab and Islamic nations, and the world.

The Royal Court, upon an order from His Majesty King Hamad, mourned the late Amir.

"He was a wise leader who devoted his life to serving his people and nation and to serving humanity. We express our sincere condolences to our brothers, the honorable Al Sabah family and the dear people of Kuwait," the statement said.

HRH the Premier, in a statement, said the Arab and Islamic nations lost, with his death, a wise leader who spearheaded his country's development and progress, contributed to strengthening the march of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and strongly advocated Arab rights and supported efforts to maintain regional security and stability. HRH the Crown Prince extended his deepest condolences to the people of Kuwait, noting his exemplary humanitarian leadership and noble endeavours.

Other leaders in the Kingdom also extended sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Kuwait.

The Shura Council, in a state-



HRH the Premier



HM the King



HRH the Crown Prince



Amir of Kuwait ... leaving a legacy of achievements



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ment, said the Amir of Kuwait left behind a prolific legacy of landmark achievements for the sake of his country, the Arab and Islamic nations.

"The Arab and Islamic nations have lost a sincere man who gave much to his country and was able, with his wisdom and statesmanship, to rank his country among developed nations and enhance its international standing, earning the the

New Amir to be sworn in today

His Highness Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah will be sworn in today as new Amir of Kuwait during a special session of the National Assembly. The body of the late Amir is due to arrive in Kuwait from the US today.



respect the entire international community," it said.

The Shura Council hailed his role in supporting deep-rooted historic relations binding Bahrain and Kuwait.

Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal praised the late Amir's wisdom and statesmanship and

his role in his country's development, progress and prosperity.

"The Arab and Islamic nations have lost a charismatic leader, and prominent advocate of peace, co-existence and tolerance," she said, hailing his decades-long endeavour to support Arabian Gulf unity and bolster pan-Arab solidarity.

HRH Premier calls for global collective action against COVID-19

Bahrain initiative to establish UN taskforce welcomed at 'Bahrain Visions' forum

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has called for a global collective action to bolster fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

HRH Premier stressed the importance of strengthening the foundations of international sustainable co-operation and setting aside differences and building trust.

Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani made the statements on behalf of HRH Premier during the opening of the "Bahrain Visions Forum: Shared Visions for a Successful Future".

In particular, HRH Premier launched an initiative to establish a taskforce comprising United Nations Member States supporting efforts of the UN secretary general and the director-general of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to cushion the impact of the pandemic on the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The UN group will be named "Friends of the UN Secretary-General" on improving ways to counter the negative impacts of COVID-19 on Sustainable Development Goals' achievement.

HRH Premier's initiative was widely welcomed and backed by international organisations and high-profile personalities who took part in the event held under his patronage.



The forum in progress



HRH the Prime Minister noted the importance of a unified global strategy to ensure that resources and energies are directed towards achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Mankind's security and safety can only be achieved with the solidarity and co-operation

of all, HRH the Prime Minister stressed.

The event coincides with the High-level Meetings of the General Assembly, held on the sidelines of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 75), as well as the celebration of the United Nations General Assembly's 75th anniversary.

In his speech, HRH the Prime Minister noted the importance of a unified global strategy to ensure that resources and energies are directed towards achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

HRH Premier indicated that Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, is keen to provide all support to the citizens and residents to guarantee the safety

of society and the health of all.

This has been done through the efforts of Team Bahrain, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, and the National Taskforce for Combating Coronavirus.

Bahrain has provided all health, social and economic facilities to the Kingdom's citizens and residents.

The Prime Minister also paid tribute to the Bahraini medical and nursing competencies for their remarkable patriotic role in addressing the pandemic, praising their commendable noble humanitarian efforts that continue to serve the community.

Strengthening GCC-Russia ties 'timely'

● **Al Zayani praises role of Russia to reinforce peace**

● **The pandemic is having a direct impact on the region.**

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani has emphasised the great importance of strengthening relations between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Russia in the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Al Zayani was speaking during the joint ministerial meeting

between the GCC and Russia held virtually yesterday on the sidelines of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The meeting was chaired by Dr Anwar Mohammed Gargash, the UAE minister of State for Foreign Affairs, as UAE presides over the current GCC session, and the minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russia, Sergey Lavrov.

Al Zayani stressed the joint keenness to hold this meeting despite the current circumstances, noting that the pandemic is having a direct impact on the security and stability of the region.

The Foreign Minister praised the constructive role of Russia at the regional and international



Foreign Affairs Minister Al Zayani during the meeting

levels and its continuous efforts to maintain security and stability and reinforce peace in the region.

During the meeting, they reviewed ways to strengthen and deepen the existing relations of co-operation and friendship

and to advance ties to broader horizons at all levels, in order to meet the aspirations of both sides and achieve common interests.

Views were also exchanged on the most important regional and international issues of common concern as well as on developments in the region.

He lauded the participants for showing their common desire for joint action and mutual belief in the importance of dialogue for the present and future of all sides.

Also participating in the event were Oman Foreign Affairs Minister Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, representatives of the GCC countries, and GCC secretary-general Dr Nayef bin Falah Al Hajraf.

Finance Minister hails Bahrain's financial and economic stimulus package



Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa participates in the high-level meeting

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa yesterday highlighted the pre-emptive and precautionary measures taken by the government of Bahrain to mitigate the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The minister was speaking in a virtual high-level meeting entitled "Initiative on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond".

Leaders of various countries and heads of governments participated in the event, held on the sidelines of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 75).

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa cited the launch of the financial and economic stimulus package consisting of more than 20 initiatives worth more than US\$11 billion, or the equivalent of a third of the Kingdom's GDP.

These initiatives include the payment of 100% of the salaries of Bahraini employees through the Unemployment Insurance Fund and the suspension of fees on the sectors adversely affected by pandemic

It aims to protect jobs, provide the necessary liquidity for the private sector, and ensure the stability of the labour market and all economic sectors, he said.

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa affirmed that Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 had played a major role in diversifying the economy and supporting innovation in a way that achieves

growth and prosperity for all citizens.

He underlined the importance of taking financial measures that would contribute to mitigating the economic effects of the pandemic through the optimal use of financial resources.

The minister noted that Bahrain has adopted the Fiscal Balance Programme for the sake of achieving the balance point by 2022, and is continuing to implement its initiatives in order to reach the desired goal.

The Finance Minister noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has drawn attention to the importance of the role of technology and digitisation in promoting economic sustainability, and made it necessary for everyone to accelerate digital transformation.

The Finance Minister also expressed the Kingdom's appreciation of the UN and its initiatives aimed at mitigating the effects of COVID-19.

Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa pointed out that the pandemic and the economic challenges resulting from it require continued work and joint cooperation among all countries in order to overcome it and achieve global economic recovery.

He stressed the importance of continuing such joint co-operation and coordination among all countries.

The meeting also discussed the latest financial and economic developments and implications related to the pandemic and its impact on the economic sectors and global economy.

HM King's advisor receives ambassador to Egypt



Al Mannai with Ambassador Al Jowder

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His Majesty the King for Youth and Sports Affairs advisor Saleh bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai received Bahrain Ambassador to Egypt Hisham bin Mohammed Al Jowder.

The advisor affirmed the strong relations between Bahrain and Egypt, and the ambassador's role in implementing

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's vision.

He praised Al Jowder's efforts in strengthening bilateral relations in all fields, especially in the field of youth and sport.

The ambassador confirmed his keenness to implement His Majesty the King's directives, highlighting the importance of Bahraini-Egyptian relations in various fields.

Islamic finance online workshop launched

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More than 70 participants from 20 countries took part in an online technical workshop organised yesterday by the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI), the global umbrella of Islamic financial institutions.

The Arabic-language workshop, entitled "Maqasid al Shariah in Islamic Finance", will

run until tomorrow.

The participants are representatives of Islamic banks and financial institutions, Regulatory and Supervisory Authorities (RSA), Academia as well as other international institutions.

Given the importance of Maqasid al Shariah in the context of Islamic finance, the workshop aims to look at Maqasid al Shariah, its objectives and classification before getting into the concept of Maslahah (Public

interest) as an important mechanism of Shariah.

It also covers Maqasid al Shariah's various implementations in the resolutions of Shariah Boards.

The online workshop involves a combination of lecture, interactive discussions, case studies, exercises and experience sharing sessions from various industry experts and Shariah scholars.

CIBAFI will continue to over-

come the current challenges by using innovative solutions and implementing alternatives for virtual initiatives and activities, thus will hold a number of technical webinar series in different languages.

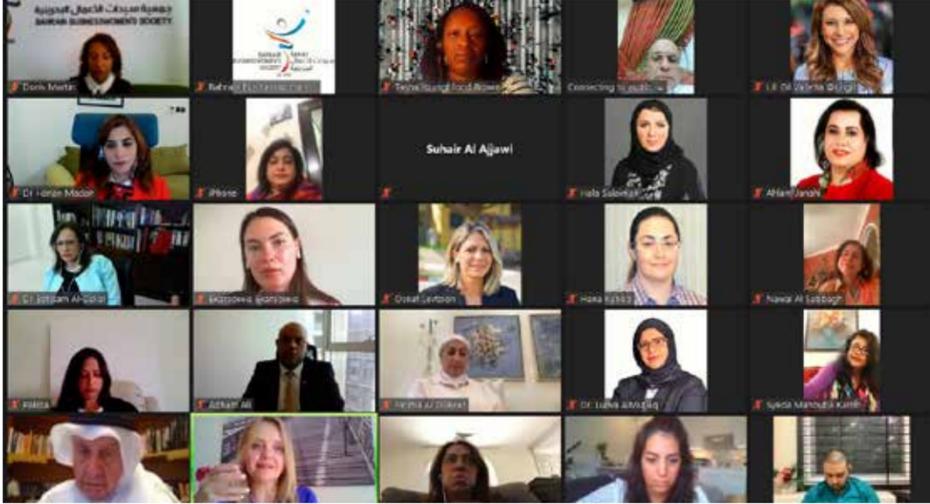
CIBAFI Technical Workshops are aligned with CIBAFI's third objective of Training and Professional Empowerment which endeavors to enhance capacity building within the Islamic financial service industry (IFSI).

Women's role in business, society hailed

● Bahrain start-ups, many run by women, have raised more than \$63 million funding from 2016 to 2019

● Bahrain has rolled out unprecedented initiatives to support women during pandemic

● Women to contribute \$43 billion of global consumer spending in 2020: international report



A screenshot of the forum taking place

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Start-ups in Bahrain, many of which are run by women, have raised more than \$63 million in funding from 2016 to 2019, Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) Start-Ups head Pakiza Abdulrahman said.

She was speaking during an online international forum entitled "The role of women and civil society during the COVID-19 pandemic...future achievements and opportunities", organised by the Bahraini Businesswomen's Society and held in collaboration with international and local partners

from over 20 countries. The region has also seen a surge in investments in recent years, and those achievements were represented in the completion of 564 deals and investments in 2019, totaling some \$643 million, up from 294 deals in 2015, and 242 tech investors in 2018, up from 65 in 2012, with a compound annual growth rate of 25 per cent.

Pakiza confirmed that start-up funding is available in Bahrain at every stage, including government funding and grants, such as affordable financing and subsidiaries from the Tamkeen labour fund and from angel in-

vestments. The opportunities Bahrain offers to women entrepreneurs and small companies before and during the pandemic are aplenty, she noted. "The Kingdom is one of the easiest places in the world to set up a company," she said. "It provides opportunities that make it a smooth and easy experience thanks to a supportive government."

In addition, all necessary processes and services from commercial registration to public and private notaries are available online.

She added that supporting start-ups and scale-ups is an

integral part of the national economic vision of Bahrain, as the public and private sectors unite in their vision towards empowering start-ups and creating a supportive environment that is keen on and deploying emerging technologies.

Women's roles during pandemic

Shura Council member and society member Dr Ibtisam Al Dalal confirmed that Bahrain has succeeded in developing and implementing an integrated strategy to fight the coronavirus.

In line with the direction of

Supreme Council for Women (SCW) president Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, the SCW has directed all its attention and expertise to support the work being done by Team Bahrain in service of Bahraini women and their families, to ensure the highest levels of personal and professional stability.

Two key SCW initiatives have so far served over 6,000 women-supported families in less than 50 days, Dr Al Dalal said.

For her part, society member Dr Hanan Madan commented: "Women in Bahrain are playing

a prominent role in breaking the chain of the spread of coronavirus.

"Women are very prominent in the healthcare sector in Bahrain; 65 per cent of the total doctors in Bahrain are women, and as for nurses, those heroes constitute a massive 90 per cent of our caregivers."

The forum was attended by SCW representatives, heads of societies and organisations, and representatives of a number of international organisations with whom the society signed memoranda of understanding from India, Russia, China, Egypt, and Jordan.

New Health Ministry advisory



The Health Ministry released yesterday a new advisory on the importance of wearing face mask at all times particularly when in public places to stop the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The wearing of face masks in public places and shops has been mandatory since April. The only exceptions are while exercising or travelling inside vehicles. Face mask violators face a fine of BD20.

Precautionary measures pushed to curb virus

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Around 26,234 violations of not wearing face masks in public places and shops have been registered since the enforcement of the order, the Public Security revealed yesterday. As part of precautionary measures to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the various concerned departments have also organised 3,041 awareness campaigns and carried 5,985 steps to promote social distancing.

In view of this, Public Security deputy chief Major-General Abdullah Al Zayed stressed the importance of adhering to the precautionary measures against coronavirus as part of social responsibility.

He highlighted continuation of the Police Directorates in enhancing awareness of citizens and residents of the importance to follow precautionary

measures against coronavirus, including wearing face masks and social distancing in public places and shops.

social distancing and 6,137 violations of not wearing masks in public places. It carried 631 awareness campaigns.

The Capital Governorate Police Directorate took 379 steps to protect social distancing in the district, along with reporting 4,489 mask-related violations. It also held 800 awareness campaigns.

Muharraq Governorate Police Directorate registered 1302 social distancing violations and 6,698 mask-related violations. The department also organised 1,209 awareness campaigns.

The Southern Governorate reported 2,380 social distancing violations and 3,619 mask-related violations. The department also held 401 awareness campaigns and disinfection operations.

Speaker discusses key issues with Lord Robertson



Speaker holds remote meeting with Lord Robertson

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Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal stressed that the civilisational approach adopted by the Kingdom of Bahrain in promoting peace, tolerance and co-existence, under the leadership of HM the King, stems from a deep-rooted national heritage.

She was speaking as she met remotely yesterday with member of the British House of Lords George Robertson.

The Speaker discussed with him issues of common concern,

lauding solid strategic relations between Bahrain and the UK. She also praised growing co-operation between the two friendly countries to serve common interests.

She underscored keenness on bolstering parliamentary co-operation with the House of Commons and the House of Lords and coordinating stances in international gatherings.

Lord George Robertson praised strong bilateral relations and growing cooperation in various fields. He also lauded comprehensive development in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Important role of media highlighted



Speaker Zainal with Al Arab

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Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal received in her office yesterday mediaman Mohammed Al Arab as she lauded his remarkable role in supporting national, Gulf and Arab issues.

She also emphasised the need to boost the role of the media in supporting national fundamentals and highlighting the civilisational image and pioneering achievements brought about by the Kingdom of Bahrain under the leader-

ship of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Speaker affirmed that the responsible national media is considered an essential partner in backing the national efforts in Bahrain and abroad thanks to credibility, professionalism and objectivity.

For his part, Al Arab expressed appreciation of the support accorded by the Speaker to journalism and media work in Bahrain. He also praised the efforts of the Representatives Council in upgrading legislation related to the press and media sector.

First aid courses to tackle COVID-19

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Essential information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) is now part of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) First Aid courses that are provided annually to hundreds of Bahraini and residents.

In particular, the courses will discuss ways on how to tackle the deadly respiratory illness and how to respond to infected cases, and most importantly, the necessary precautionary measures to be adopted by individuals.

Kadhem Al Qallaf, head of the



The society's first aid committee

society's first aid committee, said that first aid now is tinged with caution due to the spread of the coronavirus for people

infected with the virus and for paramedics who must exercise utmost caution during their interaction with the people who

are being treated.

Al Qallaf said, on the occasion of the International Day of First Aid, the first aid courses provided by the society include training on handling cases of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, asphyxia and drowning, heart attack, respiratory crisis, bleeding, wounds, and burns, fainting, fractures, shock and choking.

New topics were included to raise awareness of ways of COVID-19 infection spreading and how to tackle them based on the most recent scientific references and recommendations of WHO, he added.

NASA Space Apps challenge for students

● Hackathon looks for 'creative' solutions in just 48 hours

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The National Space Science Agency (NSSA) has announced its online registration for university and high school students to participate in the NASA Space App 2020 Virtual Hackathon on October 2-3.

A hackathon, which derives from two terms: "hacking" and "marathon", is a design sprint-like event; often, in which computer programmers and others involved in software development, including graphic designers, interface designers, project managers, domain experts, and others collaborate intensively on software projects.

The hackathon aims to attract participants from all over the world to create virtual teams that use available NASA data to propose solutions to NASA challenges in just 48 hours.

The idea of the hackathon is based on motivating participants to invent new ways and ideas through which space data can be usefully presented,



Online registration is available on the space app

whether through applications, games, or innovative technical solutions.

This event comes within awareness activities carried out by NSSA and as part of its participation in events and initiatives concerned with promoting a culture of innovation and creativity among members of society in general and the youth.

It also aims to encourage the

youth to adapt their practice in various sectors, especially the space sector, which is one of the future sciences.

This event is in collaboration with Clever Play Education and Training and NASA supervises the space applications program in co-operation with four international institutions: the Canadian Space Agency, the National Center for Space Studies, the

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, and the European Space Agency.

The National Space Science (NSSA) was established by Royal Decree 11/2014, with a vision "to promote Bahrain to a position of international prominence in the field of space science for the purpose of achieving comprehensive and sustainable development".



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NSSA's mission is "to device comprehensive programs to embrace and develop activities related to space science, researches and related studies."

Al Saleh congratulates Jordanian Senate head



Shura chairman Al Saleh

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Shura Council chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Faisal Al Fayeze on his re-appointment as Jordanian Senate president as per a decree issued by HM King Abdulla II of Jordan.

Al Saleh asserted that the renewed royal trust reflects Al Fayeze's competence, great national contributions and achievements, wishing him further success in serving Jordan and its brotherly peoples, under its leadership. He affirmed the Shura Council's keenness to support bilateral parliamentary cooperation for the best interests of the two countries and their peoples.

Progress of ministry's housing projects for citizens reviewed



Housing Minister Bassim bin Yaqoob Al Hamar received Representative Abdullah Al Dossari to discuss topics related to the Northern Governorate. The meeting reviewed the ministry's plan to meet the housing waiting list requests, the progress of new cities housing projects and ways to enhance co-operation between the parliament and the ministry for housing programs. Al Dossari expressed his appreciation of the minister's efforts to provide housing units for citizens.

One-year jail term for home quarantine violator

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A female was sentenced yesterday to one year in prison for violating home quarantine procedures and exposing other people to the coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

Chief Prosecutor Adnan Al Wadei said the Lower Criminal Court also imposed a BD100 bail to stop execution of the verdict and BD3,000 fine for both charges.

The Public Health Directorate notified the Public Prosecution that the female convict had transgressed home confinement imposed on her as a preemptive measure to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

It was found out that the

convict had left her home during the home quarantine period and attended a family gathering in the house of one of her relatives.

Then, she developed symptoms of the disease and after checkup, she was confirmed to be infected with the virus. After examination of those she came into contact with, six other people were found to have contracted the virus.

The Public Prosecution started procedures immediately after receiving the notification and ordered to refer the defendant to the court for trial. The Lower Criminal Court issued its aforementioned verdict.

Security meeting



Al Nuaimi

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Bahrain Defence Force's Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi received Public Security Chief Major-General Tariq Hassan Al Hassan. The meeting reviewed ways of cooperation and coordination.

Proposals presented to protect expatriate workers' rights

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has presented proposals to address the most important challenges facing expatriate workers during the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

In its virtual presentation entitled "The Bahraini role in protecting expatriate workers' rights during the coronavirus pandemic", the institution discussed its role in protecting the expatriates' rights and the best ways of co-operation between official authorities and relevant civil society entities



NIHR's virtual presentation

to ensure the workers' rights and adherence to precautionary measures.

NIHR chairperson Maria Khoury expressed appreciation of Bahrain's great efforts to combat the pandemic and preserve citizens and residents' human rights without any discrimination.

Aside from the pandemic impact on expatriate workers, NIHR also highlighted the Kingdom's efforts to protect human rights in general and health rights in particular for everyone.

Ways to improve electricity and water services discussed

● Al Mubarak receives Representative Abdulrahim

● Executive and legislative co-operation hailed

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak received Representative Masooma Hassan Abdulrahim.

The meeting discussed needs for electricity and water services, and the lawmaker was briefed on electricity and water facilities future plans.

The minister praised the co-operation between the ex-



Al Mubarak with the lawmaker

ecutive and legislative as one of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's visions for a comprehensive development process.

The lawmaker expressed her appreciation of the min-

istry's efforts to improve electricity and water services, stressing the importance of continuous co-operation to provide the best services to citizens and residents in the Kingdom.

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1 m deaths 'a very sad milestone', but virus suppressable: WHO

AFP News

The World Health Organization (WHO) said yesterday that one million deaths from COVID-19 was "a very sad milestone", after many victims suffered "a terribly difficult and lonely death" and their families were unable to say goodbye.

The global coronavirus death toll rose past a million on Tuesday, according to a Reuters tally, a grim statistic in a pandemic that has devastated the global economy, overloaded health systems and changed the way people live.

"So many people have lost so many people and haven't had the chance to say goodbye. Many people who died died alone... It's a terribly difficult and lonely death," WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris told a U.N. briefing in Geneva. "The one positive thing about this virus is it is suppressable, it is not the flu."

Pompeo says violence must stop in Nagorno-Karabakh conflict



Pompeo visits Greece

Reuters | Athens

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urged Armenia and Azerbaijan yesterday to cease hostilities as clashes continued over the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Pompeo said during a visit to Crete that he had discussed the clashes in talks earlier with Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias.

"The foreign minister and I addressed the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh where both sides need to stop the violence and work with the Minsk Group co-chairs and return to substantive negotiations as quickly as possible," he said.

Greece-Turkey

Pompeo also urged NATO allies Greece and Turkey on Tuesday to press ahead with talks to resolve their dispute over maritime boundaries as soon as possible.

"We hope that these talks can continue in a serious way," Pompeo said after meeting Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on the island of Crete. "(We) encourage them to resume discussion of these issues as soon as possible."

Pompeo was on a two-day trip to Greece following an increase in regional strains over energy resources.

9 recovered COVID-19 patients experience side-effects - study

● The research comes as the global death toll from COVID-19 passed 1 million

Reuters | Seoul

Nine in ten coronavirus patients reported experiencing side-effects such as fatigue, psychological after-effects and loss of smell and taste after they recovered from the disease, according to a preliminary study by South Korea.

The research comes as the global death toll from COVID-19 passed 1 million on Tuesday, a grim milestone in a pandemic that has devastated the global economy, overloaded health systems and changed the way people live.

In an online survey of 965 recovered COVID-19 patients, 879 people or 91.1 per cent responded they were suffering at least one side-effect from the disease, the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency



A medical staff member in protective gear prepares to take samples from a visitor in a car at a 'drive-thru' testing center for the novel coronavirus disease of COVID-19 in Yeungnam University Medical Center in Daegu

(KDCA) official Kwon Jun-wook told a briefing.

Fatigue was the most common side-effect with 26.2pc reading, followed by difficulty in concentration which had 24.6pc, Kwon said.

Other after-effects included psychological or mental side-effects and loss of taste or smell.

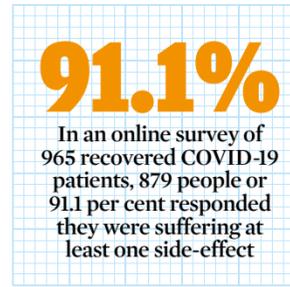
Kim Shin-woo, professor of internal medicine at Kyungpook National University School of Medicine in Daegu, sought comments from 5,762

recovered patients in South Korea and 16.7pc of them participated in the survey, said Kwon.

While the research was done online for now, lead researcher Kim will soon publish the study with detailed analysis, he said.

South Korea is also conducting a separate study with some 16 medical organisations on potential complications of the disease through a detailed analysis involving CT scans on recovered patients next year, Kwon told the briefing.

The country reported 38 new infections by midnight on Monday, for a fifth day of double-digit increases, taking the national tally to 23,699 cases, with 407 deaths.



Sri Lanka to ban cattle slaughter

AFP

The slaughter of cattle will soon be banned in Sri Lanka, the government said yesterday, in a move widely viewed as a concession to increasingly influential Buddhists in the ruling party.

The government said it would push through the ban after finalising a scheme to care for cattle too old to plough fields.

Sri Lanka has experienced a decline in beef consumption in recent years, with Buddhists and Hindus shunning it for religious reasons.

The industry has shrunk in

recent years, with just 29,870 tonnes of beef produced last year, compared with 38,700 tonnes a decade earlier.

Muslims make up 10 percent of Sri Lanka's 21 million population. Some 70 per cent of Sri Lankans identify as Buddhists, and 12.5 percent as Hindus.

"As soon as such a scheme is implemented, cattle slaughter will be banned in the country," Media and Information Minister and government spokesman Keheliya Rambukwella said.

Beef imports, which amounted to just 116 tonnes last year, would be allowed to continue, officials said.



UK's Duchess toasts new scout appointment with marshmallows

Reuters | London

Kate, Britain's Duchess of Cambridge, marked her appointment as joint president of Britain's Scout Association yesterday by joining scouts in north London for their traditional activity of toasting marshmallows over a camp fire.

The duchess, wife of Queen Elizabeth's grandson Prince William, joins the monarch's cousin, the Duke of Kent, as president of the organisation which works with about half a million people aged 6 to 25. The queen herself remains its patron.

"For many children and young people, The Scout Association plays a key role as they build relationships and develop the skills they need to succeed in later life," Kate said in a statement.



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge

To mark the occasion, the duchess visited youngsters from the 12th Northolt Scout Group to hear how they had coped during the coronavirus pandemic and to join in with some of their sessions.

She will also be presented with the Silver Wolf Award, the association's highest award.

News in brief

◆ **Republican President Donald Trump and Democratic rival Joe Biden will square off for the first time on Tuesday in a pivotal debate that will provide a stark clash of styles and the prospect of a fiery and brutally personal grudge match.** With more than a million Americans already casting early ballots and time running out to change minds or influence the small sliver of undecided voters, the stakes are enormous as the two White House candidates take the



Trump and Biden to meet in pivotal first presidential debate

◆ **Zimbabwe plans to send dead elephants' brain tissue to U.S. for toxin tests**

stage five weeks before the Nov. 3 election.

◆ **Zimbabwe plans to send brain tissue samples from dead elephants to the United States to test for toxic micro-organisms blamed for hundreds of elephant deaths in neighbouring Botswana,**



the parks authority said. Thirty-four elephants have died in western Zimbabwe since Aug. 24, Parks and Wildlife Management Authority director general Fulton Mangwanya told a parliamentary committee in a statement on Monday.

◆ **Israeli Health Minister Yuli Edelstein said Tuesday that there was "no way" the country's second nationwide coronavirus lockdown would be lifted after three weeks as originally planned.** "There's no way that in 10 days we'll be lifting all the restrictions and saying it's all over, everything is fine," he told public broadcaster Kan.



Israel minister says 'no way' virus lockdown will end soon

Israel imposed its second lockdown on September 18 after the coronavirus infection rate soared. It was originally scheduled to end on October 10. On Friday, the measures were tightened after the initial eight days failed to bring down the world's highest infection rate per capita.

◆ **Spain yesterday agreed a last-minute extension of a scheme supporting hundreds of thousands of workers furloughed due to COVID-19, as part of a broader social protection package.** Spain is the European country with the highest number of coronavirus cases and its economy, the euro



Spain extends COVID furlough scheme to January

zone's fourth-largest, is in its deepest recession on record. In a deal reached hours before the ERTE furlough scheme was due to expire, the government agreed with unions and businesses to extend it until Jan. 31.

◆ **Passengers aboard the first cruise ship to sail to Greece since the coronavirus lockdown underwent follow-up coronavirus tests on Tuesday, with early results negative, a day after a dozen infections were reported, a health ministry source said.** The Maltese-flagged Mein Schiff 6, operated by Anglo-German travel giant TUI, is carrying 922 passengers and 666 crew.



Global Covid-19 Cases: 33,682,430

Deaths: 1,008,518

Recovered: 24,988,963

New cases: +137,097

New deaths: +2,380

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths
1 USA	7,373,784	+12,173	210,102	+294
2 India	6,193,966	+50,947	96,854	+503
3 Brazil	4,748,327		142,161	
4 Russia	1,167,805	+8,232	20,545	+160
5 Colombia	818,203		25,641	
6 Peru	808,714		32,324	
7 Spain	748,266		31,411	
8 Mexico	733,717	+3,400	76,603	+173
9 Argentina	723,132		16,113	
10 South Africa	671,669		16,586	
11 France	542,639		31,808	
12 Chile	461,300	+1,629	12,725	+27
13 Iran	453,637	+3,677	25,986	+207
14 UK	446,156	+7,143	42,072	+71

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases	Serious, Critical	Tot cases/1m pop
Egypt	102,955		5,901		95,586	1,468	41	1,002
Saudi Arabia	334,187	+539	4,739	+27	318,542	10,906	1,005	9,563
UAE	93,090	+995	416	+3	82,538	10,136		9,385
Kuwait	104,568	+587	607	+2	96,049	7,912	127	24,399
Oman	98,585	+528	935	+11	88,528	9,122	190	19,190
Qatar	125,533	+222	214		122,448	2,871	53	44,709

Figures as of closing

Taiwan defence chief says no signs China is preparing for war

Reuters | Taipei

There are no signs that China is preparing for all-out war with Taiwan, such as massing troops along its eastern coast, Taiwan's defence chief said yesterday, after repeated Chinese drills near the island that China claims as its own.

Democratic Taiwan has denounced China's manoeuvres, including flying fighter jets over the sensitive mid-line of the Taiwan Strait, as an attempt at intimidation.

"The Chinese communists have continued their acts of provocation against Taiwan, but there are currently no signs showing it is ready to launch a full-scale war," Defence Minister Yen De-fa told parliament.

One sign of an imminent attack would be if troops from inland parts of China began massing along its east, but there are no indications that is happening, he added.

Taiwan's own forces are maintaining peacetime combat preparedness and have not stepped up their alert status, Yen said. Nevertheless he vowed a fight to the last man to defend the island's sovereignty and democracy.

Last week, in an apparent warning to China, the defence ministry said Taiwan's armed forces have the right to self-defence and counterattack amid "harassment and threats". Taiwan's military is well armed and well trained, but dwarfed by that of China's, which is busy adding advanced new equipment.

Russian scientist behind COVID-19 vaccine defends 'wartime' roll-out

Reuters | Moscow

Russia plans to share preliminary results of its COVID-19 vaccine trial based on the first six weeks of monitoring participants, raising the tempo in an already frenzied global race to end the pandemic.

Alexander Gintsburg, head of the Gamaleya Institute that produced the Sputnik V vaccine, told Reuters that the pace of its development was necessary under the "wartime" conditions of a pandemic but no corners were being cut.

Russia has pushed ahead with its potential COVID-19 vaccine at top speed with mass public vaccinations alongside the main human trial, raising concerns among some observers that it was prioritizing national prestige over solid science and safety. "People are dying just like during a war," said Gintsburg, holding a crystal model of a coronavirus in his hand.



Defender of Arab unity

Kuwait mourns Emir Sheikh Sabah



Sheikh Sabah speaks during a meeting at the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) summit at the Foreign Ministry in Bangkok, Thailand

● Condolences poured in from across the Arab world, and several countries

● Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah is the successor

● The emir had been in hospital in the United States since July following a surgery

Reuters | Kuwait

Kuwait plunged into mourning yesterday for a leader regarded by many Gulf Arabs as a savvy diplomatic operator and a humanitarian champion.

Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah who died at the age of 91 had ruled the kingdom since 2006 and steered its foreign policy for more than 50 years.

His designated successor is his brother, Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah. "With the utmost sadness and grief for the Kuwaiti people, the Islamic and Arab world and people of friendly nations, the Emiri Diwan mourns the death of Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, the emir of Kuwait," his office said.

The emir had been in hospital in the United States since July



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo Shakes hands with Sheikh Sabah in Kuwait City

following surgery for an unspecified condition in Kuwait that same month.

Sheikh Sabah sought to balance relations with Kuwait's bigger neighbours -- forging the closest ties with Saudi Arabia, rebuilding links with former occupier Iraq and keeping open dialogue with Iran.

He tried to mediate in a Gulf dispute that saw Riyadh and its allies impose a boycott on Qatar, and made fundraising for humanitarian aid in Syria one of Kuwait's priorities.

Condolences poured in from across the Arab world, and several countries in the Gulf and wider region announced mourning periods.

"Today we lost a big brother and a wise and loving leader .. who spared no effort for Arab unity," Jordan's King Abdullah

said in a Twitter post.

There was no immediate official announcement of the succession process but diplomats have said they expect Sheikh Nawaf, 83, to assume power as heir in a smooth transition.

A succession is not expected to affect oil policy or foreign investment strategy through the Kuwait Investment Authority, one of the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds. Oil policy is set by the Supreme Petroleum Council, appointed by the emir.

The new emir's choice of crown prince and prime minister -- who would be tasked with managing the government's often difficult relationship with parliament -- will be watched closely, especially at a time when Kuwait's finances have been strained by low oil prices and the coronavirus pandemic.

Keep shark tooth, Malta tells Britain's Prince George



Britain's Prince William and Cathrine, Duchess of Cambridge, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis with David Attenborough, in London

Reuters | Valletta

Malta, making a rapid U-turn, said yesterday Britain's Prince George was welcome to keep a fossilised shark tooth that was given to him by veteran naturalist Sir David Attenborough.

The 23-million-year-old fossil was discovered by Attenborough in Malta when he was holidaying on the Mediterranean island in the 1960s.

He gave it to George, 7, at the weekend, raising the hackles of some Maltese, who thought the tooth should be returned to them. Culture Minister Jose Herrera said on Monday he would "set the ball rolling" in retrieving the tooth, but the plan rapidly ran aground.

"It is not (our) intention to pursue this matter any further," a ministry spokesman said, without giving any explanation for the abrupt change of heart.

Herrera's move on Monday had raised some negative comments on social media, with critics pointing out that fossilised teeth of megalodon sharks can be bought for less than 50 euros.

Matthew Caruana Galizia, son of anti-corruption journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was murdered in Malta three years ago, wrote on Twitter that Herrera should be campaigning to tackle graft rather than try to take a present from a child.

Thai army chief pledges defence of monarchy

Reuters | Bangkok

Thailand's new army chief pledged on Tuesday to follow his predecessor, who has taken a hard line against anti-government groups and he emphasised the importance of protecting the monarchy.

The appointment of General Narongpan Jittkaewtae, in

an annual military reshuffle, comes as Thailand's army and palace dominated establishment faces the challenge of months of anti-government protests. Narongpan made no specific mention of the protesters, some of whom have called for reforms to curb the powers of King Maha Vajiralongkorn's monarchy.

Meghan loses latest court battle with UK newspaper

Reuters | London

Meghan, Britain's Duchess of Sussex, has lost the latest skirmish in her privacy lawsuit against a tabloid newspaper, after London's High Court ruled on Tuesday the paper could amend its case to include details from a recently published biography.

Meghan, wife of Queen Elizabeth's grandson Prince Harry, is suing publisher Associated Newspapers over articles the Mail on Sunday printed last year that included parts of a handwritten letter she sent to her estranged father, Thomas Markle, in August 2018.

Ahead of a trial due to start next year, the Mail had applied for permission to amend its case, arguing that the couple had cooperated with a biography about them, "Finding Freedom", which was published in August.

The paper's lawyers said that showed that Meghan had intended some private details to become public, including the contents of the letter.

The judge, Francesca Kaye, said that while she made no view on the strength of the



Britain's Meghan, Duchess of Sussex

Mail's case, the amendments could not be said to be "unarguable or utterly fanciful".

The trial is scheduled to start on Jan. 11 and to last between seven and 10 days.

Harry and Meghan now live in California, having stepped down from their senior royal roles in March.

Meghan's legal team has budgeted just under 1.8 million pounds (\$2.3 million) for the case, while the Mail's costs are estimated at more than 1.2 million pounds.

Reuters | Johannesburg

Africa's overburdened public health systems, dearth of testing facilities and overcrowded slums had experts predicting a disaster when COVID-19 hit the continent in February.

The new coronavirus was already wreaking havoc in wealthy Asian and European nations, and a United Nations agency said in April that, even with social-distancing measures, the virus could kill 300,000 Africans this year.

In May the World Health Organization (WHO) warned that 190,000 people on the conti-

ment could die if containment measures failed. Yet as the world marks 1 million COVID-19 deaths, Africa is doing much better than expected, with a lower percentage of deaths than other continents.

The continent's case fatality count stands at 2.4 per cent, with roughly 35,000 deaths among the more than 1.4 million people reported infected with COVID-19, according to Reuters data as at late Monday. In North America, it is 2.9pc and in Europe 4.5pc.

Hard-hit countries such as Italy and Britain have recorded fatality counts of 11.6pc and 9.0pc respectively, compared to

1.6pc for Ethiopia, 1.9pc for Nigeria and 2.4pc for South Africa, the continent's worst affected country.

Hospitals in many African countries say COVID-19 admission rates are falling.

"Based on what we have seen so far it is unlikely that we are going to see anything at the scale that we are seeing in Europe - both in terms of infections and mortality," said Rashida Ferrand, a London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine professor working at the Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals in the Zimbabwean capital Harare. Experts say that some COVID-19 deaths in Africa probably

are being missed. Testing rates in the continent of about 1.3 billion people are among the lowest in the world, and many deaths of all types go unrecorded.

South Africa saw some 17,000 extra deaths from natural causes between early May and mid-July, 59pc more than would normally be expected, according to a July report from the South African Medical Research Council. That suggests the death toll from COVID-19 could be significantly higher than the official figure, currently over 16,000, researchers say.

Even so, there is wide agree-

ment that COVID-19 fatality rates have not so far been as bad as predicted.

Why? Scientists and public health experts cite a number of possible factors, including the continent's youthful population and lessons learned from previous disease outbreaks. African governments also had precious time to prepare due to the relative isolation of many of their citizens from airports and other places where they could come into contact with global travellers.

Some scientists also are exploring the possibility that a tuberculosis vaccine routinely

given to children in many African countries might be helping reduce deaths from COVID-19.

Another theory being considered is whether prior exposure to other coronaviruses including those that cause the common cold has provided a degree of resistance in some of the very communities once thought to be most vulnerable.

"There is a lot of circumstantial evidence," Salim Abdool Karim, a South African infectious disease specialist who has advised the government on COVID-19, told Reuters, "but there is no smoking gun."

A lone bather takes in the winter sun at a beach in Cape Town, South Africa, during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak

Africa puzzles scientists

Lessons learned

The virus hit Africa later than other continents, giving medical personnel time to set up field hospitals, source oxygen and ventilators, and learn from improvements in treatment elsewhere.

"We got the gift of time," said Thumbi Mwangi, senior research fellow at the University of Nairobi's Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases. "We had an amount of preparation that others did not."

One reason could be that international travel is limited in many African countries, and travelling domestically can be more difficult than on other continents, Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Africa, told a news conference on Thursday.

The continent's governments have also battled deadly infectious diseases such as Ebola, which killed more than 11,000 people in West Africa in 2013-16. So officials took notice when the new coronavirus started spreading around the globe rapidly early this year.

Many African countries were quick to introduce screening at airports, suspend flights from heavily affected nations and enforce social distancing measures and mask wearing.

Within a week of Kenya reporting its first case, schools were shut, incoming travellers had to undergo a mandatory quarantine and large gatherings were banned. Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, imposed a ban on interstate travel and a curfew. Many of its land borders had already been closed since August 2019 to cut down on smuggling, which helped fight the pandemic too.

South Africa introduced one of the world's toughest lockdowns in late March, when the country had confirmed just 400 cases.

"Africa brought down the hammer earlier in terms of coronavirus lockdowns," said Tim Bromfield, regional director for East and Southern Africa at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, a UK-based think tank.

Experts also point to the continent's demographics.

Research has found that the risk of developing severe COVID-19 increases with age.

A 2019 United Nations report said 62pc of sub-Saharan Africa's population was under 25 and just 3pc 65 or over. In the U.N.'s Europe and North America region, 28pc were under 25 while 18pc were age 65 and up.

Chikwe Ihekweazu, director general of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, attributed his country's relatively low case mortality rate in part to the fact that the majority of patients were between the ages of 31 and 40.



Vaccine trials' volunteers wait for their names to be called before testing for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and taking part of the country's human clinical trial for potential vaccines at the Wits RHI Shandukani Research Cen

Cross-protection?

Scientists in several countries including South Africa are testing whether the century-old Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine, widely used on the continent against tuberculosis, provides a degree of cross-protection.

BCG vaccines have been shown to protect against other viral respiratory illnesses, and a study published in the scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in July found that countries with higher vaccination rates for tuberculosis had lower peak mortality rates from COVID-19.

Studies have also started in South Africa and Zimbabwe to assess the impact of past exposure to other coronaviruses. More than half of Africa's urban population is concentrated in slums, where access to water for hand washing is scarce, and physical distancing is near-impossible.

Diseases spread rapidly under such conditions, but some scientists wonder whether that may have been an unexpected boon in this case. There is some evidence that T cells developed by the body's immune system after exposure to other common cold coronaviruses could help fight off COVID-19.

"I would say that is at least a plausible explanation as to why there are different levels of resistance to the virus in different populations," said Thomas Scriba, an immunologist and deputy director of the South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative.

Others are more sceptical.

"All other regions have been exposed to coronaviruses, have poor people

and slums and have received BCG vaccination," said Humphrey Karamagi, team leader for data and analytics at the WHO's Africa office. "We are most probably looking at a mix of multiple factors working together - and not a single magic bullet."

For Sam Agatre Okuonzi, from the Arua Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda, the doomsday predictions were informed by entrenched prejudices, including that the continent is prone to disease.

"COVID-19 has shattered a lot of biases about disease in Africa," he told in Thursday's briefing. "The severity of the pandemic has not played out in line with the outrageous predictions."

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COVID-19 fatality rates in Africa are so far not been as bad as predicted. But why? Scientists and public health experts cite a number of possible factors, including the continent's youthful population and lessons learned from previous disease outbreaks.

Nationwide coronavirus disease (COVID-19) lockdown in South Africa



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Demi Lovato 'completely embarrassed' by ex Max Ehrich's behaviour after breakup

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Demi Lovato isn't a fan of how Max Ehrich is handling their breakup. The pair is rumoured to have begun dating in March and became engaged in July. Just last week, Fox News confirmed that their engagement had ended. Since then, Ehrich, 29, has claimed on Instagram that Lovato, 28, didn't inform him of the breakup, but that he learned the news from a tabloid. He followed that claim with several social media posts, per E! News, suggesting he was being "bullied" by the singer's fans.

"Please stop trying to thank you, next... Me," he said in reference to the popular Ariana Grande hit. "... For I'm just a human being who has to go to work tomorrow AM where there are families with kids relying on me. Thanks. God bless."

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The posts reportedly haven't gone over well with the "Anyone" singer, according to a source that spoke to the outlet.

"Demi wants no contact with Max at this point," said the insider. "She is completely

embarrassed at the way he's been acting and putting their relationship on blast via social media. She wants nothing to do with him."

Additionally, the source claims that Ehrich is "in denial" about the end of their engagement and has "tried to reach out" to the singer, but she finds his behaviour "worrying" because she "does not want the situation to escalate."

"Demi is completely done and doesn't want to see him again at this point," the source said. "She can't believe she fell into his trap and is really upset over it."

It also appears that the singer has deleted photos of herself and Ehrich from Instagram, as has Ehrich.

Lovato hasn't spoken publicly about the break up yet, but has been spending time with loved ones, according to the source.

"She's been spending a lot of time with her family and friends to help heal from this and they are all keeping her occupied and rallying around her," they said.

A source told People magazine that they broke up to focus on "their respective careers," but citing a source, E! reports that Lovato "didn't know who Max truly was and didn't think he had good intentions."



Demi Lovato

Mariah Carey says her mother's jealousy has lived 'with me for the rest of my life'

Fox | Los Angeles

Mariah Carey is reflecting on the impact her mother had on her as a child.

The 50-year-old singer has been busy in recent weeks promoting her new memoir "The Meaning of Mariah Carey," which drops tomorrow.

Among the topics she discusses in the book is her relationship with her mother, who was allegedly jealous of the up-and-coming musician.

Carey's mother, Patricia, was a Julliard-trained opera singer.

"My mother is a very talented singer ... I've always credited her with exposing me to music, with really [not] saying ... 'if I make it,' [but to] say 'when I make it,'" reflected the "We Belong Together" singer. "It's such a complicated relationship."

Carey further alleged that Patricia once told her that Carey "should only hope" to be "half the singer that" she was, as CBS' Gayle King put it.

"It definitely had an effect on me," confessed Carey. "I don't even know that she would even remember that. That one statement did live with me for the rest of my life. You have to be so careful what you say."

Fox News' attempts to reach Patricia were unsuccessful.

Comments like that one have even affected the way Carey treats her own chil-



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MARIAH CAREY

dren, the singer said.

"... With my kids, I really try to acknowledge their talent and acknowledge when they draw a picture for me or sing or dance or anything that they do, I want them to know that it's also all about them and their happiness," she explained. "For me, it's very important that the kids always feel safe and that they feel seen and heard and that they know that they are loved unconditionally and that no matter what, I'll be there for them."

Carey is mother to nine-year-old twins Moroccan and Monroe, who she shares with ex-husband Nick Cannon.

She elaborated: "That's very important to me because growing up and being alone in the house or alone in these dangerous situations was traumatizing."

Carey said that writing the book was about "emancipating [her] inner child, the little girl that never really felt seen or heard."

She added that she grew up poor and "struggled with race and identity," leaving her "scared."

Mariah Carey



Leonardo DiCaprio narrates documentary series about voting rights ahead of 2020 election

Fox | Los Angeles

Leonardo DiCaprio is lending his voice to a new documentary series on Netflix designed to encourage voter participation and suppression awareness ahead of the 2020 presidential election.

The actor, 45, narrates the first episode of "Whose Vote Counts, Explained," a short form limited series from Vox Media in partnership with his Apian Way Productions. The series tells the story of the history of voting rights in America and lays out the importance of voting in the upcoming election. It also explains the difficulties some people have had historically with getting their vote counted.

"In 1776, voting was a privilege, almost exclusively for White men with property," DiCaprio says in the opening to

episode one. The series then shows historians, former and current politicians and celebrities discussing the current fight for voting rights in the US.

"All of us may have been created equal. But we'll never actually be equal until we all vote. So don't wait," DiCaprio later adds.

In total, "Whose Vote Counts, Explained" will consist of three episodes, with the other two narrated by Selena Gomez and John Legend, according to People. Also appearing are Stacey Abrams, Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, former Ohio Gov. John Kasich and former California Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger.

The outlet reports that, throughout the series, voting resources will be made available to viewers, including Michelle Obama's nonpartisan organization When We All Vote, which is dedicated to increasing the number of people who are able to vote in US elections.



All of us may have been created equal. But we'll never actually be equal until we all vote. So don't wait

LEONARDO DICAPRIO



Leonardo DiCaprio

Dax Shepard says he's 'really, really grateful' for fans' support after revealing relapse

Fox | Los Angeles

Dax Shepard is opening up after revealing he recently slipped back into addiction and abused prescription pills.

The "Bless This Mess" star, 45, admitted last week that after a motorcycle accident, he was prescribed Vicodin for shoulder pain, which he began to abuse.

He's now been detoxing for several days and had been experiencing sweating, back pain and jerkiness after ceasing the opiates.

Now, during an episode of his

podcast "Armchair Expert, Shepard has issued a thank you to those who have supported him through the process.

"Just quickly, I want to say thanks to all the people that have been so unbelievably lovely to us in response to 'Day 7,'" he said in reference to

the episode in which he revealed the relapse.

Monica Padman, Shepard's co-host, said she hoped that the actor "felt loved and supported" after sharing his news and that his "fears were abated."

"My fears were the opposite of

what the result was," said Shepard. "But, yes, [I'm] struggling with receiving some fraudulent feelings of love based on a f-k up. But, at any rate, I am really, really grateful and there's so many beautiful, nice people."



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Alfa Romeo give Mick Schumacher F1 practice run



Mick Schumacher visits the Ferrari pit before the Tuscany GP

AFP | London

The son of seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher moved a step closer to a spot on the 2021 Formula One circuit when Alfa Romeo announced yesterday it would again test the 21-year-old.

Mick Schumacher improved his hopes of landing a drive by winning the Sochi Formula Two feature race last Saturday which extended his lead in the title race over Callum Iloft.

He will now take the wheel of the top of the range Alfa Romeo ahead of the Eifel Grand Prix at the Nurburgring circuit in two weeks time.

Alfa Romeo will announce their line up for the 2021 season after the October 9 Grand Prix and are thought to be keen on promoting the 21-year-old from F2 to F1.

"I am overjoyed to get this chance in free practice," Schumacher said.

"I'm going to prepare myself well, so that I can do the best possible job for the team and gain some valuable data for the weekend."

If he impresses he could be in the running for Antonio Giovinazzi's seat along with several other Ferrari academy proteges as well as the experienced Mexican Sergio Perez and German Nico Hulkenberg.

Whoever is picked will team up with 40-year-old 2007 champion Kimi Raikkonen.

Mick was just 14 when his father suffered a severe brain injury in a skiing accident, while with him in the French Alps. He remained in a medically induced coma, in Grenoble, until June 2014.

Since then, he has been remained under private treatment at his home in Switzerland.

Schumacher won seven titles with Benetton and Ferrari before retiring from the sport, for the second time, in 2012.

Hamilton offers veiled apology after F1 accusations

The six-time world champion issued apology for claiming FIA have agenda against Mercedes

● Lewis Hamilton had accused stewards of seeking to stop him winning at last weekend's Russian Grand Prix

AFP | Sochi

Lewis Hamilton has offered a veiled apology for his claim that Formula One bosses are singling him out after he was hit with a 10-second penalty at the Russian Grand Prix.

Hamilton's bid to match Michael Schumacher's record of 91 victories in Sochi on Sunday was wrecked when he was punished with two five-second penalties for pre-race misdemeanours.

He had also been given two penalty points on his super license by the race stewards but they subsequently cancelled them and instead fined his team Mercedes.

The six-time world champion claimed afterwards F1's governing body, the FIA, were finding new ways to stop him from winning.

But in a social media post yesterday, Hamilton wrote: "I may not always get it right in the face of adversity."

"I may not always react the



Lewis Hamilton stands with a team member before the Russian GP

way you want me to when tensions are high, but I am only human after all and I am passionate about what I do.

"I'm learning and growing every day, and I'll take my lessons and keep fighting on to the next one. Thank you to those who continue to support and are right there fighting with me."

Hamilton will now have to wait until at least Germany's Eifel Grand Prix on October 11 to match Schumacher's all-time tally.

F1's motorsport managing director Ross Brawn called on the British driver to learn from the

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LEWIS HAMILTON

incident.

Brawn said: "Personally, I would go away, lick my wounds and think about how I could

prevent such incidences again in the future.

"That's what I know Mercedes will be doing. I know many of the people from my time at the team and they will recognise they have made some mistakes."

"Bad luck and mistakes happen, but it's how you respond that matters. It's easy to think the world is against you but there is nearly always something you could have done differently and you can learn from."

The F1 circus next heads to the Nurburgring for the first time since 2013 for the 11th of 17 rounds this year.

Suarez brings Atletico leadership, Costa character says Simeone

AFP | Madrid

Atletico Madrid's Diego Costa and new signing Luis Suarez can form a deadly partnership this season says coach Diego Simeone.

Costa scored Atletico's first goal in the 6-1 thrashing of Granada on Sunday before making way for Suarez, who marked his debut since switching from Barcelona with an incredible return of two goals and an assist in the space of 20 minutes.

"Of course they can play together. The important thing is that they play to the best of their abilities, Diego with his character, Suarez with his leadership," Simeone told a news conference ahead of Atletico's game at Huesca on Wednesday.

"They are different players. Diego likes to play down the wings and run into space, while Suarez is better at short sprints, making diagonal runs into the area, playing with his back to goal and being a dangerous presence in the area."

Simeone, however, would not give any hints as to how his team would look against Huesca.

"Costa and Suarez might start together or they may play together at some point during the game or play separately," he said.

While Suarez has been one of the most prolific forwards



Atletico Madrid's Luis Suarez controls the ball



While Suarez has been one of the most prolific forwards in Spain in the last six years, notching 198 goals in six years for Barca, Costa has struggled to return to the form which saw him help fire Atletico to the Spanish title in 2014

in Spain in the last six years, notching 198 goals in six years for Barca, Costa has struggled to return to the form which saw him help fire Atletico to the Spanish title in 2014. Since returning to Atletico from Chelsea in 2018, he has only managed 11 La Liga goals and his place looked to be under threat from the arrival of Suarez.

But club president Enrique Cerezo has declared the Brazilian forward will stay this season, adding that the club have given up their pursuit of Uruguay forward Edinson Cavani.

Simeone welcomed the news. "I was always taught to support the president whenever he spoke so I'm getting behind everything he said," he added.

Real Madrid don't need any more players, says Zidane

TDT | Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation has confirmed that three of the first round matchups of its much-anticipated Flyweight World Title Tournament will take place in the Kingdom of Bahrain, as part of the "Kombat Kingdom" series.

Madrid still looked like a work in progress in Saturday's scrappy 3-2 win over Real Betis after drawing their first game of the season 0-0 at Real Sociedad, but the Frenchman does not believe adding to his squad is the answer.

"We already have a lot of players, why would we want to add any more?" Zidane told a news conference ahead of Wednesday's home game against Real Valladolid.

"It is already very difficult to pick a team, because all the players are very good, so why add more. The market is open until Oct. 5 but I'm very happy with what I have. This squad is mine and for me they are the best."

Zidane will be without Germany midfielder Toni Kroos against Valladolid and Sunday's trip to Levante, but he said Eden Hazard was getting closer to returning to action.

There have been questions about Hazard's weight, but Zidane dismissed any sugges-



Real Madrid's French coach Zinedine Zidane (R) talks to Real Madrid's Belgian forward Eden Hazard during a match

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ZINEDINE ZIDANE

tions the Belgian forward had an unprofessional attitude, putting his lack of impact at Real following his 100 million-euro move last year down to two ankle injuries.

"I don't think he's unprofessional, he's just had a very big problem which has been bothering him for a long time. What we want is for him to not feel any discomfort again, so we need to wait," he added.

"It's a long season and he wants to be back on the pitch with his team mates so he can play well and help us out."

"He's getting very close, he's training regularly with us and getting into shape and getting ready to come back."

Rashid, Bhuvneshwar guide SRH to their first win



Sunrisers Hyderabad player Rashid Khan celebrates a wicket

ANI | Dubai



I think I don't put pressure of performing in mind. I try to focus on things I can do. I decided it might take three balls to realise what is the right pace on this track

RASHID KHAN

Rashid Khan's brilliant performance and Bhuvneshwar Kumar's gutsy show with the ball guided Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) to a 15 run win over Delhi Capitals (DC) at Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Rashid took three key wickets of Shikhar Dhawan, Shreyas Iyer, and Rishabh Pant to hand SRH their first win of the tournament.

Chasing 163 runs, DC got off to a worst possible start with opener Prithvi Shaw back in the dugout in the very first over.

The early wicket slowed the innings as Dhawan and Iyer played less risky shots in the powerplay. Iyer scored 17 runs off 21 balls before Rashid dismissed him in the eighth over.

Rishabh Pant then joined Dhawan in the middle and the duo formed a paltry 20 run stand before Rashid spun the web again. The left-handed Dhawan scored 34 runs off 31 balls as Delhi reeled at 62/3.

Shimron Hetmyer stitched a 42 run stand with Pant. Hetmyer got out in the 16th over in order to control the mounting run rate. In the very next over, Pant too departed after scoring 28 runs.

Marcus Stoinis too failed to leave a mark and scored just 11 runs. Delhi kept losing wickets

in the death overs and eventually fell 15 runs short of the target.

Earlier after being asked to bat first, SRH got off to a brilliant start as both openers, David Warner and Jonny Bairstow, struck regular boundaries.

The duo took the team over the 50-run mark in the seventh over. They formed a massive 77-run partnership before Amit Mishra dismissed Warner (45) in the 10th over.

Manish Pandey then came out to bat but failed to leave a mark after Mishra scalped his wicket.

Pandey's dismissal brought Kane Williamson on the field and he, along with Bairstow, took the team over the 100-run mark in the 14th over.

Bairstow went on to complete his half-century in the 18th over but in the same over, Kagiso Rabada got hold of him, ending the batsman's 53-run innings.

Djokovic in cruise control as row sparks video replay call

Novak Djokovic began his bid for French Open glory with an emphatic first-round victory over Mikael Ymer

● Kristina Mladenovic called for a football-style VAR system to be introduced in tennis after her opponent profited from a double bounce

AFP | Paris

Novak Djokovic's bid to become the first man in half a century to win all four Grand Slam titles twice got off to a straightforward start yesterday at Roland Garros as a 'double bounce' row prompted calls for video replays to be introduced in tennis.

World number one Djokovic, returning to Grand Slam action for the first time since his US Open disqualification, eased past Sweden's Mikael Ymer, ranked 80, in straight sets 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

It was his 32nd win in 33 matches in 2020 and kept him on course for a second French Open title following his 2016 triumph, and 18th career major.

"It's always a pleasure to return to Paris on Philippe Chatrier, this important court. The atmosphere is a little different this year with few fans but I remain motivated to win the title," said Djokovic, only one of two men to have defeated 12-time champion Rafael Nadal in 15 years in Paris.

Djokovic, who suffered no immediate hangover from his US Open controversy by quickly wrapping up a record 36th Masters title in Rome on the eve of Roland Garros, next faces Lithuania's Ricardas Berankis. The 33-year-old is in the sec-



Novak Djokovic hits a return

ond round for a record-equaling 16th time, matching Guillermo Vilas and Nadal.

Kristina Mladenovic called for a football-style VAR system to be introduced in tennis after her opponent profited from a double bounce to help knock the Frenchwoman out of her home Grand Slam.

Mladenovic was 5-1 up and with a set point against Laura Siegemund when the German scooped a winner despite the ball appearing to bounce twice. The incident was missed by chair umpire Eva Asderaki.

World number 44 Mladenovic pleaded in vain before Siegemund took full advantage, racing into the next round with a 7-5, 6-3 win.

'Replace human with camera'

"It would be great to have that," said Mladenovic when asked if video replays should be introduced.

"It'd be a pity to replace a human with a camera but to err is human. I don't see how the umpire could not see it. Unfortunately, she continues at Roland

Garros but I do not."

Siegemund defended her actions.

"If in that call, I'm coming running full speed, if in that call I say, 'Oh, it was a double bounce,' and later I see on the video it was not, I would be angry at myself. So I think in that situation, that was a close call," she said.

"That's what the umpire is there for. I think she has better chances than me to see what has happened exactly."

Second seed Karolina Pliskova ended Mayar Sherif's fairy-tale Grand Slam breakthrough to set up a second round clash against former champion Jelena Ostapenko.

Pliskova, a semi-finalist in 2017, squandered eight set points in the opener as world number 172 Sherif, the first Egyptian woman to play in the main draw at a Slam, took a shock lead.

However, the Czech's greater experience eventually told as she recovered to progress 6-7 (9/11), 6-2, 6-4.

"I think she was playing very

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matches have been won by Novak Djokovic out of 33 this year and is on course for a second French Open title following his 2016 triumph

smart today. Of course she had a lot of confidence just winning three matches from quallies," said Pliskova of her 24-year-old opponent. "She had nothing to lose."

Latvia's Ostapenko, the world 43, won her first match at the French Open since sweeping to her shock 2017 title when she fired 46 winners past Madison Brengle of the United States to win 6-2, 6-1.

'Pressure all gone'

"After I won here it was a tough time. I had to get used to the pressure but now it's all gone," said the 23-year-old Ostapenko.

Denmark's Clara Tauson, just 17 and a qualifier, unleashed 48 winners to knock out American 21st seed and US Open semi-finalist Jennifer Brady 6-4, 3-6, 9-7. Tauson also saved two match points on her way to a maiden career main draw win.

Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin recovered from a break down in the final set to defeat 125th-ranked Russian Liudmila Samsonova 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Fourth seed Kenin, who dumped out Serena Williams in Paris a year ago, fought back from 2-0 down in the decider to advance to a second-round tie against Romania's Ana Bogdan.

Hidd go back top, a point ahead of Riffa, Muharraq

● Hidd clinch victory over Al Hala

● Hidd claimed their 11th win in 16 matches and improved to 35 points to move one ahead of defending champions Riffa and Muharraq

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Action from the match

Hidd returned to the top of the table last night in the 2019/2020 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League following a hard-earned 2-1 victory over Al Hala.

Brazilian left-winger Carlos Geovane and Bahraini international midfielder Abdulwahab Al Malood were on target for Hidd, while Ahmed Rashid scored Hala's lone consolation.

Al Malood supplied the winning strike, finding the net in the 48th minute after Geovane and Rashid both scored in the opening half.

With the crucial result, Hidd claimed their 11th win in 16 matches and improved to 35 points to move one ahead of defending champions Riffa and

Muharraq, who were former joint-leaders and who have 34 points apiece.

All three teams have just two matches apiece remaining, setting the stage for a thrilling three-horse race to end the current season.

Hidd still have to play Manama and Busaiteen, Riffa will

face Al Najma and East Riffa, while Muharraq are to take on Hala and Manama in their last two games.

Matches are scheduled to resume on Friday, but none of the top three are in action. They are scheduled to take to the pitch on Saturday in the first of their final two fixtures.



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Liverpool's Thiago tests positive for Covid-19

AFP | London

Liverpool midfielder Thiago Alcantara has tested positive for coronavirus, the Premier League champions confirmed yesterday.

The 29-year-old, who joined from Bayern Munich this month, missed Monday's 3-1 win over Arsenal and will now self-isolate.

"Thiago Alcantara has tested positive for Covid-19 and is currently self-isolating according to the necessary guidelines," Liverpool said in a statement.

"The club has, and will continue to follow, all protocols relating to Covid-19 and Thiago will remain in self-isolation for the required period of time."

The Spanish international will miss another clash with Arsenal in the League Cup on Thursday as well as Sunday's



Thiago Alcantara

Premier League trip to Aston Villa, but could be available for the Merseyside derby at Everton on October 17.

On Monday, the Premier League announced 10 players or staff had tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous week, the highest number of infections since mass testing began in May.

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Jarrah Al-Silawi looking to regain a very special record at BRAVE CF 43

Welterweight world champion Jarrah Al-Silawi will look to regain one of his own records: biggest number of wins

● Al-Silawi is currently set at seven wins under the BRAVE CF banner which ties him to most wins with Hamza Kooheji and Ikram Aliskerov

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The Kombat Kingdom series has been breaking records in and out of the cage. Several BRAVE CF veterans have risen to a new level and broken previous marks in two thrilling nights of fights so far. As BRAVE CF 43 approaches, Welterweight world champion Jarrah Al-Silawi will look to regain one of his own records: biggest number of wins.

"The Jordanian Lion" is currently set at seven wins under the BRAVE CF banner which ties him to most wins with Hamza Kooheji and Ikram Aliskerov. Both men reached Jarrah's number during Kombat Kingdom, with Aliskerov submitting Denis Tiuliulin at BRAVE CF 41, and Hamza edging Aidan James at BRAVE CF 42.

Now, Jarrah will have the chance to once again be the lone owner of the record. For that to happen, though, he will have to beat Melvin van Suijdam, who makes his promotional debut looking to shock the world and beat the Welterweight champ in a special Mid-



Jarrah Al-Silawi celebrates after a victory

dleweight bout.

Al-Silawi is looking to test the waters in a heavier weight-class with views to

possibly challenge old rival Mohammad Fakhreddine for the Middleweight world title in the next months. They

shared the cage twice before, with Jarrah submitting Fakhreddine in their first bout and then losing a split deci-



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For Al-Silawi, a finish against van Suijdam will also put him closer to Fakhreddine's record of five knockouts, which is the most any BRAVE CF fighter has been able to accomplish thus far in the company's short but storied road.

BRAVE CF 43 takes place this Thursday, October 1st, at the National Stadium, in Bahrain, and will pit several rising stars of the game in a show headlined by the return of Jarrah Al-Silawi. Muhammad Mokaev, Kasum Kasumov and Anzor Abdulkhozaev are some of the young stars in action as they take on Jamie Kelly, Dimitar Kostov, and Soheil Davoodi, respectively.

Kasum Kasumov gets shining spot at BRAVE CF 43

The 2018 amateur European champion will have the biggest chance of his young career at BRAVE CF 43

● Kasum Kasumov will face Bulgaria's Dimitar Kostov in the co-main event of the evening

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BRAVE Combat Federation has been working on developing several areas of the world when it comes to mixed martial arts. Throughout the globe, the Bahraini organization has been able to find several rough diamonds that have been cut and become world-class fighters. The latest example of that policy is Kasum Kasumov.

The 2018 amateur European champion holds a professional record of 12 wins and only one loss, and will have the biggest chance of his young career at BRAVE CF 43, when he takes on Bulgaria's Dimitar Kostov in the



Kasum Kasumov reacts during a bout



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co-main event of the evening.

It is a deserved spot for the young man, who made his BRAVE CF debut last year on short-notice and completely dominated a very good fighter in Rany Saadeh, eventually finishing him off with a Von Flue choke, a rare submission, which requires technical knowledge of years.

The Russian beast is ready for action once again as he takes on the dangerous Kostov, a man who has a lot of experience in mixed martial arts and is coming off two straight wins, both by stoppage.

Kasumov has spent time training at KHK Dagestan in preparation for this bout, and is grateful for His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for opening up this space in his native Russia for fighters to develop themselves even further. Kasum said the structure will make all the difference.