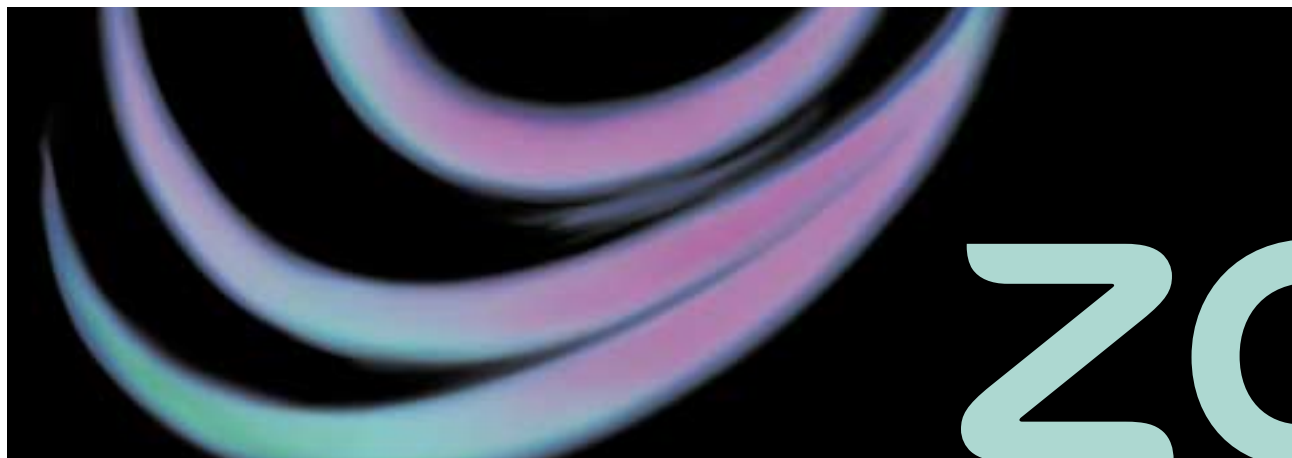


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## Missing at sea

MANAMA: Coastguard and police helicopters were last night searching for a Bahraini scuba diver missing at sea, reports SARA SAMI. The 35-year-old went missing in the Fasht Al Jarim area during a diving trip with two friends. They called the Coastguard at around 2pm after their friend failed to surface after a dive. Earlier, Fishermen's Union chairman Hussain Al Mughani said the area was notorious for people going missing.

## Indian 'guinea-pigs'

LONDON: British military scientists sent hundreds of Indian soldiers into gas chambers to test mustard gas during more than a decade of experiments that began before the Second World War. The experiments to determine whether mustard gas damaged Indians' skin more than that of British soldiers began in the early 1930s and lasted more than 10 years at a

By GEOFFREY BEW

MANAMA: Construction companies may seek millions of dinars in compensation from the government, over projects delayed by new summer working restrictions.

They may also demand to be allowed to bring in extra foreign workers to make up for lost time, to beat potential penalty clauses.

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Firms will have lost millions under the new law, which banned outdoor work from noon to 4pm each day during July and last month, said Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (BCCI) contractors' committee vice-chairman Nedham Kameshki.

For contractors, it meant delays, over which clients may sue them and for workers it meant in effect a longer day, since they had to split their shift, he said.

The ban ended on Friday and "everyone is pleased it's over", Mr Kameshki said.

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Iraqi children rest on mattresses amid the mess in a room after US and Iraqi soldiers searched the house during a raid in Sadr City yesterday. The joint forces raided the bastion of Shi'ite cleric Moqtada Al Sadr hours before the US military issued a statement welcoming his order to freeze his militia. AFP

## Civilian deaths on the rise

BAGHDAD: Civilian deaths rose slightly in August as a huge suicide attack in the north two weeks ago offset security gains elsewhere, making it the second deadliest month for Iraqis since the US troop surge began.

US deaths remained well below figures from last winter when the US began dispatching 30,000 additional troops to Iraq.

At least 1,809 civilians were killed in the month, compared with 1,760 in July.

The August total included 520 people killed in quadruple suicide bombings on Yazidi communities near the Syrian border, which made August 14 the single deadliest day since the war began in March 2003.

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## Army chief raps US

LONDON: The head of the British Army during the Iraq invasion has launched a scathing attack on US post-war policy, underlining growing transatlantic strains over Iraq.

General Sir Mike Jackson, a retired former Chief of the General Staff, said the approach taken by former US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was "intellectually bankrupt" and described his comment that US forces "don't do nation-building" as "nonsensical".

The comments, in his autobiography, highlight the deep-seated tension between the British command and the Pentagon during the 2003 Iraq war, *The Daily Telegraph* said. Jackson said the entire US approach to tackling global terrorism was "inadequate" as it relied too heavily on military power at the expense of nation-building and diplomacy.

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military site in Rawalpindi, now in Pakistan, *The Guardian* reported, citing newly discovered National Archive documents. The tests caused large numbers of burns, some of which were so damaging that the subjects had to be admitted to hospital, according to a 1942 report.

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## Iran Guards chief steps down

TEHRAN: The head of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards, Yahya Rahim Safavi, has stepped down to become a special military adviser to the country's supreme leader. According to state television, supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has issued a decree appointing top Guards commander General Mohammed Ali Jaafari as the new overall head of the force.

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