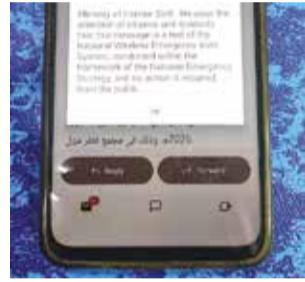


Annual sports prize distribution ceremony of Kindergarten @ Al Noor International School

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**Emergency alert system advisory**



A trial operation of the Emergency Alert System

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The Ministry of Interior has urged citizens and residents using smart devices on the iOS system to update their phones to at least version 26.2 to ensure the prompt and complete receipt of emergency alerts.

It announced that a trial operation of the Emergency Alert System was carried out across all mobile phones and smart devices at 9:30 pm yesterday.

No action is required for users of Android or Huawei devices, the Ministry confirmed.

**Smart cameras to begin tracking traffic violations today: Directorate**

TDT | Manama

The General Directorate of Traffic (GDT) will start implementing the first phase of the smart camera system on the roads today, designed to monitor traffic violations in real-time and enhance road safety across the Kingdom.

The high-tech system detects violations, including speeding, running red lights, illegal use of the emergency lane, handheld mobile phone usage while driving, seatbelt violations, children sitting in the front seat, lane deviations, and heavy vehicle lane misuse. (Detailed report on Page 5)

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# Champion reward

HM King Hamad grants housing units to handball team for historic Asian Championship victory



HM the King receives the victorious national handball team

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has directed that housing units be granted to members of the Kingdom of Bahrain national handball team.

This gesture comes in recognition of their historic victory at the Asian Handball Championship in Kuwait and their contribution to raising Bahrain's profile at the continental level.

This marks the first Asian title in Bahraini handball history, a milestone celebrated by the nation and the royal family.

The players, along with the technical and administrative staff, were received by His Majesty at Al Safriya Palace, in a

**"The title reflects the advanced level reached by Bahraini handball and underscores the continued progress of national sports."**

— HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

ceremony attended by His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of the King; His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports; and His High-

ness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

#### Reception

During the reception, HM King Hamad congratulated the team on their achievement, commending their performance, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

He noted that the title reflects the advanced level reached by Bahraini handball and underscores the continued progress of national sports.

His Majesty also praised the efforts of HH Shaikh Nasser and

**The national handball team members and their staff hailed HM the King for the recognition and support.**

#### Achievements

He urged the players to maintain their high performance and continue striving for further achievements in future competitions.

The members of the national handball team and their staff expressed their heartfelt appreciation to HM the King for the recognition and support, noting that such gestures serve as a strong motivation to excel and represent Bahrain with distinction.

They also thanked HH Shaikh Nasser and HH Shaikh Khalid for their continuous support throughout the championship and in international participations.

#### Hope renewed

## 'Progress' made towards US-Iran talks amid tensions

AFP | Paris

Iran's top security official said yesterday that progress had been made towards negotiations with the US.

Washington has deployed a naval battle group led by the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier off Iran's shores, after Trump threatened to intervene in the wake of a deadly crackdown on anti-government protests.

The arrival of the flotilla has raised fears of a direct confrontation with Iran, which has warned it would respond with missile strikes on US bases, ships and allies - notably Israel - in the event of an attack.

But Trump has said he believes Iran will prefer to seal a deal over its nuclear and missile programmes rather than face American military action - and Tehran has said it is ready for

nuclear talks if its missiles and defence capabilities are not on the agenda.

#### Hype

"Contrary to the hype of the contrived media war, structural arrangements for negotiations are progressing," said Ali Larijani, head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, a day after the Kremlin said he held talks in Moscow with Russian

President Vladimir Putin.

Iranian army chief Amir Hatami earlier warned the US and Israel against any attack, saying his forces were "at full defensive and military readiness" to respond.

On Friday, US Central Command (CENTCOM) said the IRGC would conduct "a two-day live-fire naval exercise" in the Strait of Hormuz, a key transit hub for global energy supplies.

In a statement, CENTCOM warned the IRGC against "any unsafe and unprofessional behaviour near US forces".

It drew criticism from Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi.

"Operating off our shores, the US military is now attempting to dictate how our Powerful Armed Forces should conduct target practice in their own turf," he wrote on X.

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# Al Salam Bank Launches “New Financing Settlement Campaign” in Celebration of its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Enhanced “Financing Settlement Campaign” Runs Throughout 2026

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Extra Chances to Win Under the “Everyone is a Winner” Feature

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, Al Salam Bank has announced the launch of the “New Financing Settlement Campaign,” offering eligible clients monthly opportunities to win valuable prizes throughout 2026. The campaign builds on the significant success of the Bank’s previous initiative launched in Q2025 4, which received strong engagement from clients.

Through the “New Financing Settlement Campaign,” eligible clients will automatically enter a monthly draw for a chance to win a full settlement of their existing financing with the Bank, in line with the prize cap specified in the terms and conditions. Additional prizes include the settlement of three-monthly installments for a number of winners, with a dedicated category for clients under Social Housing financing programs, also subject to the defined terms and conditions. As part of the Bank’s commitment to offering equal opportunities to all, the campaign will feature an “Everyone is a Winner” concept. This feature

offers clients who have not won additional chances in the draw to receive other prizes and benefits, which will be announced throughout the campaign period.

The launch of this campaign reaffirms Al Salam Bank’s dedication to introducing meaningful initiatives that enhance the overall client experience and strengthen long-term relationships. Designed as a year-round program, the campaign aligns with the diverse financial needs of clients, providing real opportunities to benefit from rewarding financing solutions that aim to ease their financial commitments.

To be eligible for the monthly draws, clients must have an active financing product with the Bank, whether personal, auto, or property finance, including those under Social Housing schemes. Clients must also hold an active Al Salam Bank credit card and maintain a minimum balance of BHD 50 in a Danat or Danat Plus account during the qualifying period for the Danat campaign.



— Mohammed Buhijji

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Commenting on the launch, Mr. Mohammed Buhijji, Chief Retail Banking Officer at Al Salam Bank, said: “We are proud to introduce the «New Financing Settlement Campaign» in a milestone year as we celebrate 20 years of progress and service. This campaign is more than a promotional offer; it is a meaningful opportunity to recognize and reward our clients while encouraging them to make the most of the financing solutions we provide. Running throughout 2026, the campaign is designed to motivate those considering financing with

Al Salam Bank by offering tangible benefits. We believe that financing is more than a banking product, it is a tool to help clients achieve their real-life goals, whether purchasing a home, a car, or managing essential needs. Through this campaign, we are providing a unique opportunity to ease monthly commitments and even offer full settlement of financing, reflecting our continued commitment to delivering rewarding banking experiences based on a deep understanding of our clients’ needs”.

For more information about the “New Financing Settlement Campaign”, clients can visit the Bank’s website at [www.alsalambank.com](http://www.alsalambank.com), contact the Bank via WhatsApp on 17005500, or book an appointment through the virtual branch on the Skiplino app.

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# Support sufficient

BD63m in business aid already covers bankruptcy concerns for Bahraini companies and factories

## ● Assistance available through Labour Fund, Tamkeen, schemes

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

**B**D63 million of pandemic-era business support forms part of the safety net already in place for Bahraini companies and factories facing bankruptcy, the government has told MPS.

In a written reply to Parliament, it said it had reviewed an urgent request calling for state backing for commercial firms and local factories under threat of insolvency, but argued that support is already available through Labour Fund, Tamkeen, schemes, work with local banks and steps to update the law on reorganisation and bankruptcy.

The government said it backs the private sector as a partner in sustainable development and, through its agencies, works to clear hurdles facing Bahraini businesses and factories that support the economy and em-

ploy Bahrainis, provided they meet Tamkeen's terms and requirements.

### Industry

It said the support on offer spans economic sectors, including industry, and includes grants to help businesses buy machinery and equipment, access to finance, and funding support arranged with a number of local banks.

It added that Tamkeen's programmes also provide training opportunities in the industrial sector, which it described as a priority area for support because of its role in growth and job creation for Bahrainis.

Tamkeen also engages with some distressed Bahraini companies that play a role in the Kingdom's commercial and economic activity, particularly those employing Bahrainis, the reply said.

### Aim

The aim is to review support options that fit each case, help firms settle their positions, restore business activity and protect Bahraini jobs.

As an example of interven-



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**Tamkeen's programmes provides training opportunities in the industrial sector, which is a priority area for support because of its role in growth and job creation for Bahrainis.**

tion during a period of economic disruption, the government pointed to the financial package launched during the coronavirus pandemic to provide liquidity to the private sector and maintain business continuity.

It said Tamkeen introduced

the 'Business Continuity Support' programme in April 2020, injecting more than BD63 million to support more than 22,000 establishments, with grants aimed at covering operational needs for businesses affected by the pandemic.

The government said it later launched an Economic Recovery Plan for the post-pandemic phase from 2021, and reintroduced support programmes linked to business establishment and economic growth, alongside measures aimed at supporting employment and career progression for citizens.

It added that the Central Bank of Bahrain has expressed readiness to work with creditor banks to encourage them to study financial pressures and put forward solutions to protect Bahraini companies threatened with bankruptcy.

### Updates

The government also said it is examining updates to the Reorganisation and Bankruptcy Law, Law No. 22 of 2018, in co-operation with the central bank and banks, including bank proposals linked to the request raised in Parliament.

In closing, the government said the aim of the request had been met, while stressing it would continue working with Parliament within the relationship between the executive and legislative branches.

**Civil court upholds compensation after car theft**

**Hasan Barakat**  
TDT | Manama

**A** civil court has issued a decisive ruling in favour of a claimant seeking compensation following the theft of her vehicle, affirming that a final criminal conviction is sufficient to establish civil liability, particularly in cases involving abuse of trust between former spouses. The dispute arose between a woman and her former husband, who was later convicted under a final and enforceable criminal judgment.

Court documents show that the claimant had handed her vehicle to her ex-husband after he informed her that the car required repairs due to technical issues.

Relying on this assurance, she entrusted him with the vehicle, which was never returned. Instead, the defendant unlawfully retained the vehicle and proceeded to steal it.

Criminal proceedings further established that he had forged the claimant's signature in connection with the vehicle, an offence that was conclusively proven before the criminal court and became binding once the judgment acquired finality.



Dearest Mother,

No words can express the pain I am feeling right now. I have lost you forever my sweet mother, you were my life, my whole universe and now you are no more, gone forever and I miss you so much my dearest. You didn't leave me by choice but from a calling by the all mighty. I wish I could have done more to ease the pain you were experiencing. My only consolation my darling is knowing that you are now in a better place where there is no pain and no suffering.

My darling mother, you were the best mother anyone could ever ask for and all I can say is that I was blessed for having you in my life. I'll miss you, your gentle touch, your sweet soft voice and your beautiful smile and as hard as it is to say goodbye I have to end this by saying, rest my sweet mother, you are now with your mother, daughter, husband and those you loved the most who are no longer with us.

I love you and miss you mom

Your daughter

Mona Mubarak Kanoo

## Delaying deportation 'opens door to abuse'

**Rehab Mohammad**  
TDT | Manama

**T**he Supreme Council for the Judiciary has urged the Council of Representatives to reconsider a draft law that seeks to suspend the deportation of foreign nationals sentenced to prison, in order to allow them to repay their debts to citizens.

The Council stated that enforcing deportation orders serves the public interest, while postponing them for debt repayment reflects a private interest that may not always be fulfilled.

It warned that the proposed amendment could open the door to abuse, including the creation of fake enforcement documents, allowing convicted foreigners to claim repayment intentions merely to secure continued residence in the country.

### Liabilities

The Council explained that suspending a deportation order would require the foreign convict to settle all civil liabilities arising from the judgment.

However, enforcement ultimately depends on the individual's willingness to pay, leave the country, or remain despite the risks posed by their presence.

It added that if a foreign convict does not have sufficient assets to cover their debts, keeping them in the country would be futile.

## Sporting diplomacy



His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, awards a trophy after a cricket match between the Embassy of India and ICICI Bank team. The event was part of Fit India initiative and 55 years of India-Bahrain diplomatic relations.

## Private hospitals under fee oversight

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

**P**rivate hospitals are already under government supervision, the government told MPS, as the cabinet argued that an urgent proposal to control healthcare service fees is covered by existing rules.

In a written reply to MPS, the government said private healthcare institutions are monitored through licensing requirements and ongoing checks on the standard of care.

It said providers must keep to the terms of their licenc-

es, maintain required health standards, and meet technical and safety requirements.

The government said it also requires medical devices and equipment used by private providers to meet approved international standards and specifications, in line with Bahrain's legal framework, citing Decree-Law No. 21 of 2015 on private healthcare institutions, as amended by Law No. 1 of 2019.

The framework supports patients' freedom to choose the private healthcare institution that suits their needs.

# All systems go!

Directorate to roll out first phase of smart traffic cameras across Kingdom today

**Ashen Tharaka**  
TDT | Manama

**S**tarting today, Bahrain's roads are getting a high-tech upgrade.

The General Directorate of Traffic (GDT) has launched the first phase of the smart camera system, designed to monitor traffic violations in real-time and enhance road safety across the kingdom.

The Ministry of Interior confirmed that the system is fully operational and efficient under all conditions.

Awareness campaigns will intensify in the coming days, ensuring drivers understand which violations the smart cameras can detect.

## Accidents

The move comes amid a concerning start to the year, with four lives lost in January alone due to traffic accidents.

A collision in Al Qarah, Sakhir, claimed the lives of two Bahraini men, aged 31 and 29, and an eight-year-old child.



In Isa Town, a 36-year-old Asian man died after losing control of his motorcycle.

Authorities continue investigations at both sites.

## Participation

Fayez Amin, Head of Media and Publishing at the GDT told The Daily Tribune, the importance of citizen and residents participation.

"We urge all residents to update their contact details via the eTraffic or MyGov apps. Timely alerts will help drivers stay informed and allow authorities to respond immediately," he said.

The smart camera system de-

tects a wide range of violations, including speeding, running red lights, illegal use of the emergency lane, handheld mobile phone usage while driving, seat-belt violations, children sitting in the front seat, lane deviations, heavy vehicle lane misuse, window tint violations, repeated lane changes, and slow driving in the left lane.

Traffic statistics from 2025 highlight the urgency of these measures.

## Vehicles

Over 783,500 vehicles were registered on Bahrain's roads by August, with speeding account-

ing for 24–28% of violations, red-light infractions 16%, and illegal parking 12%.

Minor offenses included seat-belt violations (4%), mobile phone usage (1%), and expired vehicle registrations (9%).

To strengthen enforcement, the government has also introduced tougher penalties, including fines up to BD10,000 and prison terms of up to 10 years for severe cases.

With technology and awareness joining forces, Bahrain aims to make its roads safer for everyone, drivers, passengers, and pedestrians alike.

**The smart camera system uses advanced technology to detect key traffic violations in real time.**

Exceeding speed limits

Running red lights

Using the emergency vehicles lane (yellow lane)

Using a handheld mobile phone while driving

Failure to wear seatbelts by the driver and front-seat passenger

Children sitting in the front seat

Lane violations at intersections and disregard for road markings

Heavy vehicles not keeping to the right lane

Excessive window tinting

Repeated lane changes or driving slowly in the left lane

Heavy vehicle movement during peak hours



Smart camera system will go live today to track violations

# Reform agenda



**Shura Council**  
Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

**T**he Shura Council will discuss three decree-laws in today's session, including one approving a unified GCC rulebook for international road transport and another updating parts of the law on the care, rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities.

The agenda also includes a draft law tied to an agreement to base the headquarters of an international dates observatory in the Kingdom.

Members are due to consider the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee's report on Decree-Law No. 35 of 2025, which approves the Unified System (Law) on International Land Transport between GCC states.

## Obligations

The committee recommended backing the decree-law, saying it meets Bahrain's regional obligations and implements what the GCC Supreme Council adopted at its 43rd session, when it approved the unified system as a single set of rules meant to strengthen coordination among member states.

The committee said the decree-law also deals with delays in bringing the unified system into effect after the deadline for its application passed.

It warned that further delay could create a legal gap affecting smooth cross-border road transport within the GCC, especially as some member states, led by Saudi Arabia, have begun applying the system.

That, it said, drove urgent legislation to protect Bahraini transport firms and ensure a level playing field.

## Differences

In its report, the committee said the unified system would reduce differences between national rules and cut duplicate regulation by placing international road transport under one enforceable framework across member states.

It added that the system supports road safety by standardising technical standards and stepping up checks on vehicles and transport operations.

It also said the change would help trade and logistics by improving supply chains, the movement of goods and the competitiveness of the logistics sector.

# Where memories find second life in Hoora

**Antique Souq**  
opens each Saturday  
from 4pm to 9pm

**Hasan Barakat**  
TDT | Manama

**T**he Antique Souq in Hoora is not simply a marketplace.

It is a quiet space where everyday objects from the past find renewed meaning, offering visitors a chance to reconnect with moments that once shaped daily life across generations.

Held each Saturday, the souq brings together traders and collectors who carefully display items that were once essential rather than decorative.

## Reliability

Old watches sit neatly arranged, many still ticking, reflecting a time when reliability mattered more than constant upgrades.

Nearby, car figures recall an era when design was expressive



Collectible pieces from the past



Video tapes, magazines, and old books fill several tables, preserving stories that existed long before digital screens became dominant.

A traditional landline home phone sits quietly among classic soft drink bottles, while old televisions, radios, and video cameras complete the scene, recalling evenings centred around shared experiences rather than individual screens.

ily gatherings and neighbourhood cafes that defined social routines.

The evolution of communication is also present.

## Technology

Old kitchenware appears with visible weight and durability, reminding visitors of a period when items were made to serve for decades rather than seasons.

Rows of vintage Coca Cola and Pepsi glasses add another layer of familiarity, echoing fam-

civil society groups is governed by Decree-Law No. 21 of 1989, known as the Associations Law, which provides for a special fund to support charities and private institutions working in youth, sport, and social and cultural fields.

They said the Ministry of Social Development established the National Social Work Fund under Decision No. 46 of 2005 to support charities and NGOs in meeting their aims and serving the wider community, alongside

measures aimed at improving co-ordination between organisations and easing the practical running of activities and events.

The government said registered charities, civil associations and humanitarian-purpose groups are exempt from municipal fees on their buildings and land under paragraph (d) of Article 67 of the executive regulations to Decree-Law No. 35 of 2001, the Municipalities Law, issued by Decision No. 16 of 2002.

The government, however, drew a distinction between municipal fees and electricity and water charges.

The reply said the Electricity and Water Authority contracts with private producers to supply electricity and water, and with private firms to provide materials and carry out installation and connection works for all subscribers, including charities. Those costs are met through what the authority collects from subscribers.

# Charities already exempt from municipal fees

**Mohammed Darwish**  
TDT | Manama

**C**harteries in Bahrain are already exempt from municipal fees and can draw on state-backed support through a dedicated fund, the government has told MPs, in response to a proposal seeking to waive government service charges for charitable and civil associations.

In a written reply to the Parliament on the proposal, the government said support for

## News in brief

◆ **Malaysia has detained**

two tankers suspected of illegally transferring crude oil estimated to be worth \$129 million, authorities said yesterday. The Southeast Asian nation, which has come under scrutiny over oil transfers linked to sanctions evasion in its waters, pledged last year to crack down on illegal activities in its maritime zones. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency said two tankers anchored north of the port of Penang were intercepted on Thursday following a tip-off. "An inspection found both vessels moored together, raising suspicion of an unauthorised transfer," Penang's maritime director, Muhammad Suffi Mohd Ramli, said in a statement. He said the vessels were carrying crude oil "valued at more than 512 million ringgit (\$129 million)". The vessels were seized and their captains handed over to investigators, he added.



**Malaysia seizes  
tankers with \$129  
mn worth of crude**

◆ **Israeli air strikes** killed 32 people including children in Gaza on Saturday, according to the Palestinian territory's civil defence agency, as the

**Gaza civil  
defence says  
Israeli strikes  
kill 32**

military said it had attacked in response to a Hamas ceasefire violation. Despite a US-brokered truce entering its second phase earlier this month, violence in the Palestinian territory has continued, with both Israel and Hamas accusing each other of violating the agreement. The latest bloodshed comes after Israel

announced it would reopen the crucial Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt on Sunday for the "limited movement of people". "The death toll since dawn today has risen to 32, most of them children and women," said the civil defence agency, a rescue force operating under the Hamas authority, updating an earlier toll of 28.

◆ **A powerful snow storm** bore down Saturday on southern states as

icy weather that has left more than 100 dead across a swath of the United States intensified in regions not used to subzero conditions. Heavy snows were falling Saturday morning in North Carolina and neighboring states, as authorities urged residents to stay off the roads and warned oceanfront structures were threatened by the storm. The freezing weather forced NASA to postpone a key fueling test over the weekend of the 322-foot (98-meter) rocket that is on the Cape Canaveral launch pad in Florida. That in turn is likely to push back by at least a couple of days a planned, manned Moon flyby slated for next month. The National Weather Service said Saturday that an explosively deepening coastal cyclone will bring moderate to heavy snow, high winds, and possibly blizzard conditions for the Carolinas.



## SPOTLIGHT

### I'm no angel, Italy's PM says amid church fresco row



A picture shows a detail of a newly restored fresco in the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Lucina where an angel is reported resembling Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni (R), in Rome

**AFP | Rome, Italy**

Italy's prime minister, Giorgia Meloni, joked yesterday she does not look like an angel, after a row blew up in the media over a restored fresco in a Rome church.

Some of Italy's press have been asking whether the premier served as inspiration for a cherub painted in a chapel in the San Lorenzo in Lucina basilica, located a few metres (yards) from the main building of the Italian government.

The newspaper *La Repubblica* noted that, following recent renovations, one of the painted angels bears a resemblance to the blonde, diminutive leader.

The winged figure is seen holding a parchment and standing next to a bust of Italy's last king, Umberto II, who reigned for just a month before being deposed in 1946.

The Italian restorer who worked on the cherubim, Bruno Ventinetti, denied to the press that he sought to immortalise Meloni, insisting that he only brought back the image of the original fresco.

Meloni herself appeared amused by the controversy, posting an image of the restored fresco on Instagram with the comment: "No, decidedly I do not resemble an angel."

But, after several opposition politicians complained, Italy's culture minister, Alessandro Giuli, said he had ordered an inspection of the fresco on Saturday.

The expert look-over will "determine the nature of the works carried out on the updated painting inside one of the chapels of San Lorenzo in Lucina and decide what further steps might be taken", he said in a statement.



Modi with Foreign Ministers and delegations of the Arab League yesterday.

## India-Arab League ties set for expansion in tech, energy and trade

**TDT | agencies**

**I**ndian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said India is confident that deeper co-operation with the Arab League will open new opportunities and

elevate bilateral relations, following his meeting with Arab League foreign ministers and their delegations.

Mr Modi described the Arab world as part of India's extended neighbourhood, highlighting

long-standing civilisational links, strong people-to-people ties and enduring bonds of friendship. He said both sides share a commitment to peace, progress and regional stability.

The Prime Minister noted that

expanding collaboration in areas such as technology, energy, trade and innovation could take the partnership to "new heights", signalling momentum for closer engagement across economic and strategic sectors.

## Explosion in Iran port city caused by gas leak

● **State television said the explosion ripped through an eight-storey residential building**

**AFP | Tehran, Iran**

**A**n explosion reported yesterday at a residential building in the southern Iranian city of Bandar Abbas on the Gulf coast was the result of a gas leak, according to the local fire chief.

State television said the explosion ripped through an eight-storey residential building, "destroying two floors, several vehicles, and shops" in the area of Moallem Boulevard in the city.

"The initial cause of the building accident in Bandar Abbas was a gas leak and buildup, leading to an explosion. This is the ini-

**Iran army chief warns US, Israel against attack, says forces on high alert**

**Paris, France**

**I**ranian army chief Amir Hatami on Saturday warned the United States and Israel against an attack, saying his country's forces were on high alert following Washington's heavy military deployments in the Gulf.

He also insisted the Islamic republic's nuclear expertise could not be eliminated, after

trial theory," Mohammad Amin Lyaghaf said, in comments broadcast on state television.

Separate incidents were reported elsewhere in the country on Saturday but media outlets quickly dismissed any connection

to an attack or potential sabotage, with tensions high as US President Donald Trump intensifies threats of military strikes against Iran.

"Unfortunately, a four-year-old girl lost her life," and 14 people

were hospitalised, Mehrdad Hasanzadeh, director general of crisis management for Hormozgan province where Bandar Abbas is the capital, told Mehr news agency.

Images circulating on social media show part of the building's facade blown out.

The incident came as the US has built up its naval presence in the region, including the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

After rumours circulated online, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) denied that any of the buildings belonging to its naval forces in the province had been targeted, according to a statement carried by the Fars news agency.

The Tasnim agency on Saturday also denied "assassination rumours" surrounding the commander of the Guards' navy Alireza Tangsiri.

## Saudi-Pakistan mutual defence pact will not include Turkey

**Turkish official said had entered talks aimed at entering the alliance**

**AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

**T**urkey will not join a mutual defence pact between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, a source close to the Saudi military said yesterday, after a Turkish official said earlier this month that they had entered talks aimed at entering the alliance.

Speculation has been rife that the three countries were intent on forming a powerful alliance

amid soaring tensions in the region, following Israeli air strikes in Doha over the summer targeting Hamas officials that preceded Iran's bombing of a US air base in Qatar.

"Turkey won't join the defence pact with Pakistan," the source told AFP, dismissing reports of negotiations.

"It's a bilateral pact with Pakistan and will remain a bilateral pact". A Gulf official also confirmed the information.

"This is a bilateral defensive relationship with Pakistan. We have common agreements with Turkey but the one with Pakistan will stay bilateral," the official said.

The defence agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, announced last year raised many questions, particularly about its possible nuclear component, given that Islamabad possesses nuclear weapons.

The Pakistan-Saudi pact was

signed just months after Pakistan and India fought an intense four-day conflict in May that killed more than 70 people on both sides in missile, drone and artillery fire, the worst clashes between the nuclear-armed neighbours since 1999.

India's rapidly developing economy relies heavily on petroleum imports, with Saudi Arabia ranked as its third-largest supplier according to the Indian foreign ministry.

1587

Queen Elizabeth I of England signs the death warrant for her cousin, Mary, Queen of Scots

1843

Oldest continuous writer of insurance in America opens, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York (MONY)



1884

First volume of the Oxford English Dictionary, A-Ant, is published

1908

King Carlos I of Portugal and his heir, Prince Luis Filipe, are assassinated by Republican sympathizers in Terreiro do Paço, Lisbon

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TWEETS

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Five years since the military seized power in Myanmar, impunity & widespread violations of international law persist. I remain deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation & stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar.

@antonio\_guterres

02



Ten children have died from hypothermia in #Gaza since the onset of winter. As cold temperatures and heavy rains intensify, children and families sheltering in poorly insulated, makeshift structures face extreme exposure, with little protection from the elements.

@DrTedros

03



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04



Last night I saw, "MELANIA," for the second time. The audience loved it, and so do I. Check it out — A MUST SEE!

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## Elephants and football diplomacy on Starmer's 'historic' China trip



Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer and British actor-producer Rosamund Pike meet with Chinese performing arts students at the Design Innovation Institute Shanghai, in Shanghai

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Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (R) and Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer shake hands

the leg and thinks it's a pillow. Another feels the belly and thinks it's a wall," Starmer said. "Too often this reflects how China is seen. But I profoundly believe that broader and deeper engagement, which we've been talking about all this week, is our way of seeing the whole elephant and therefore building a more sophisticated relationship fit for these times."

Xi echoed calls for engagement, telling Starmer the countries should "strengthen dialogue and cooperation".

### Football diplomacy

Starmer rarely misses an opportunity to discuss the English Premier League, the world's most-watched football competition, with his foreign counterparts.

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Xi, often characterised by Chinese state media as an avid reader of world literature in his youth, also discussed Shakespeare, Starmer said.

### Outcomes for Britain

Starmer faces a challenging situation at home, where he is striving to deliver on campaign promises to reduce undocumented immigration, boost growth and combat the high cost of living.

While in China, Starmer touted the benefits his visit will have for British people, including visa-free travel for UK citizens on stays of less than 30

days, Downing Street said. A spokesman for Beijing's foreign ministry specified Friday that the measure will come into effect "at an appropriate time upon completing the necessary procedures".

Starmer also highlighted a reduction in customs duties on whisky exports. Downing Street said this would bring in an estimated 250 million pounds (\$343 million) over the next five years.

The prime minister urged business leaders in his delegation to seize opportunities in China, but to do so in a way that benefits Britain, where the cost of living is the "number one concern".

### Discretion on hotspot issues

Starmer was tight-lipped on how discussions went over more contentious aspects of the relationship, such as Beijing's treatment of the Uyghur Muslim minority in Xinjiang.

He confirmed that he raised the case of Hong Kong pro-democracy media mogul Jimmy Lai, 78, who is facing years in prison after being found guilty of collusion charges in December.

Starmer noted a "respectful discussion" with Xi about Lai and the treatment of Uyghurs.

A British official familiar with the talks confirmed that the subjects had received attention.

"If you engage, you can raise the difficult issues," Starmer said. The prime minister also said that the strategy played an instrumental role in securing the lifting of sanctions imposed by Beijing in 2021 on some British parliamentarians.

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

### A special approach to vulnerability



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

Bahrain is expanding special needs education with 54 new classrooms by 2025–2026, guided by its Constitution and Education Law. While hundreds of students with conditions like autism and Down's syndrome are integrated with support, the current inclusion programme excludes those with learning difficulties or chronic illnesses, suggesting a selective rather than universal approach.

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To facilitate employment opportunities, the government enforces a mandatory quota system. Following recent legislative amendments, private and public sector organisations employing 50 or more individuals are now required to allocate 4% of their workforce to qualified persons with disabilities, a significant increase from the previous 2%. Beyond securing employment, the law safeguards the quality of the work environment, ensuring employees are entitled to two hours of paid daily rest and receive equal pay and benefits. The Social Insurance Organization (SIO) also provides specialised retirement provisions, acknowledging that certain conditions may impact long-term career viability.

This legal framework is further supported by the Ministry of Social Development, which oversees vocational training programmes designed to align the skills of individuals with disabilities with the demands of the labour market. By embedding these rights and initiatives within the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities, Bahrain reinforces workplace inclusion as a fundamental aspect of its national vision, fostering an environment where professional merit is valued above physical or intellectual challenges.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

## Minister of Municipalities Reviews Southern Governorate Development Projects



Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture, H.E. Engineer Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, met with the Chairman of the Southern Region Municipal Council, Abdullah Ibrahim Abdul Latif, to discuss enhancing service projects and urban development. The meeting focused on aligning municipal efforts with the Kingdom's sustainability goals to improve services for citizens and residents. Reviewing the 2026 development plan, the Minister highlighted key upcoming projects, including the Al-Maraqib Park, the Riffa Walkway, and the beautification of the Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Street and Zallaq Street intersection. Progress on the broader cities and villages development project was also assessed.



Fakhro Motors has officially introduced the BYD ATTO 8 to the Bahraini market, a super hybrid SUV blending sports-car performance with seven-seater practicality. Powered by BYD's advanced Dual-Mode technology, it achieves 0 to 100 km/h in just 4.9 seconds while offering a combined driving range of up to 728 km. Designed for efficiency, the ATTO 8 allows for fuel-free daily commuting on electric power alone. The vehicle features high-tech charging solutions, including an 11 kW AC charger that completes a full charge in 90 minutes. Inside, the cabin boasts a 15.6-inch rotating touchscreen, Voice Assist, and a Head-Up Display. Notable features include Vehicle-to-Load (V2L) technology, turning the SUV into a mobile power bank, and All-Wheel Drive with specialized terrain modes. Fakhro Motors officials attended the launch event.

## Chef Pillai hosts exclusive media lunch at Wyndham Garden Manama



Wyndham Garden Manama hosted an exclusive media lunch at Jashan by Chef Pillai. The event welcomed media members, vloggers, and influencers for a preview of the culinary experiences planned during the celebrity chef's visit to the Kingdom. Cluster General Manager Mukul Mehta noted that the gathering successfully showcased the story of Jashan and highlighted the upcoming program running from February 1 to 14. The schedule includes an Interactive Cooking Class, a Travancore Food Festival, and a Chef's Degustation Menu.



### Thrissur Kudumbam Bahrain Celebrates 'Samanwayam 2026'

Thrissur Kudumbam Bahrain celebrated its annual day and committee induction with a grand event titled 'Samanwayam 2026'. The ceremony marked the official takeover of the new leadership team, headed by President Aneesh Padmanabhan and General Secretary Anoop Chungath. Distinguished guests, including New Indian School Principal Gopinath Menon, attended the milestone event. The celebration featured a rich tapestry of cultural performances, highlighted by the Ladies Wing's vibrant Arabic, Garba, and cinematic dance routines. The evening's entertainment was further elevated by a soulful musical session from Poornashree Sangeethavidyalaya talents under Santhosh Master, an energetic set by the 'Beats of Al Jazeera' band, and traditional folk songs performed by the 'Aravam' troupe.

## Pathanamthitta Pravasi Association Marks Anniversary



The Pathanamthitta District Pravasi Association Bahrain celebrated its fifth anniversary with a grand event titled 'Hridayapoovam Pathanamthitta.' Inaugurated by renowned journalist Sujaya Parvathy, the ceremony served as a significant milestone for the expatriate community. A highlight of the evening was the official induction of the association's new leadership committee, with Vishnu Devanjanam assuming the role of President and Sunu Kuruvilla taking charge as Secretary. Following the official proceedings, the audience was treated to a vibrant cultural showcase featuring an array of performances including a magic show, mentalism, dance routines, and a musical concert.

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# CAMPUS

## Annual sports prize distribution ceremony of Kindergarten @ Al Noor International School



### Manama



On Thursday, Al Noor International School hosted the Kindergarten Annual Sports Prize Distribution Ceremony, celebrating the enthusiasm, effort and achievements of its Nursery and Reception students. Young athletes were honoured with gold, silver and bronze medals for their participation and performance in various sporting events.

The ceremony was graced by esteemed guests, including Mr. Ali Hasan, Founder and Chairman of the School; Dr. Muhammad Mashhood, Director; and Mr. AbdulRahman AlKoheji, Principal, along with other members of the school leadership and staff.

The event commenced with

a heartfelt recitation from the Holy Quran by Yousuf Mohamed Said of Reception 12, setting a respectful and uplifting tone. This was followed by a warm welcome address delivered by Jood Husain Yusuf of Reception 21. Enhancing the celebra-

tory atmosphere, Kindergarten students presented a lively band performance, proudly cheering on their peers in front of an audience of over 400 attendees.

The School Founder and Chairman presented the medals

and expressed his pride in the students' dedication, enthusiasm and exemplary teamwork.

In his address, he remarked, "Today is a testament to the enthusiasm and potential of our young learners. Al Noor remains committed to nurturing excel-

lence in every sphere of a child's growth."

The ceremony concluded on a joyful note, leaving students, parents and staff inspired by the young learners' achievements and spirited participation.

## Walking the Red Carpet of Memories | Farewell 2025–26

"Every ending opens the door to a new beginning."



### Farewell for the Grade 12 batch

### Manama



Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School (BIS), Grade 11 students organized a memorable farewell for the Grade 12 batch, celebrating years of friendship, growth, and shared memories. With the glamorous "Red Carpet" theme, the evening sparkled with style and excitement.

The programme began at 4:00 p.m. with a warm welcome, followed by an inspiring address by the Principal, wishing the outgoing students' great success ahead.

Highlights included a confident fashion show, fun games,

stand-up comedy, a lively band performance, and a beautifully coordinated group dance. The award ceremony honored remarkable talents, while T-shirt

signing captured heartfelt moments. The titles Mr. BIS – Kriss Nambiar and Ms. BIS – Amravashinee Murugan

added pride to the night. The

celebration concluded with photos, dinner, and lasting memories. Directors Mr. Himanshu Verma & Ms. Ritu Verma ap-

preciated the hard work and dedication of the outgoing students and wished them endless success and bright horizons ahead.

# Kingdom awaits

## Scotsman's next shot

Hill Clings to Lead as Bahrain Championship Heads for Final-Day Decider

**Hussain Maskati**  
TDT | Manama

**S**cotland's Calum Hill held his nerve during yesterday's third round at the BAPCO Energies Bahrain Championship, maintaining a slim advantage at the top of the leaderboard as the tournament moves to its decisive stage today.

Hill signed for a level-par 72 at Royal Golf Club to remain 16 under par, a contrast to the brilliance of his earlier rounds but a score that underlined his growing maturity in contention. While momentum briefly swung away from him early in the round, the Scot steadied himself on a demanding setup that tested patience as much as precision.

"I actually felt like I played quite nicely," Hill said. "I just had a few errors in there and misjudged a couple of putts early on that put me behind a little bit. I managed to come back on the back nine and put myself in a good position."

With pins tucked and subtle winds complicating approaches, Hill acknowledged it was not a day for chasing numbers. "Honestly, it was really tricky on and around the greens. It didn't feel like a day where, personally, I could shoot really low," he added, noting that simply regaining level par by the end of the round felt like a small victory in itself.

Germany's Freddy Schott



Calum Hill watches his shot settle

ensured the pressure remains firmly on the leader after closing the gap to two shots. Schott carded a steady two-under-par 70 to move to 14 under overall, briefly drawing level with Hill early in the round as the Scot found his rhythm.

"I didn't think about it too much being four shots behind," Schott said. "I just thought it might be a two-day thing. All of a sudden, we were there together." Despite a late three-putt on the final green, the German remained upbeat, adding: "It was a good day. We'll just keep doing what we're doing."

Behind the leading pair, the chasing pack tightened considerably. Patrick Reed surged into contention with one of the standout performances of the day, firing a six-under-par 66 to reach 12 under. The American,

fresh from victory at last week's Hero Dubai Desert Classic, suddenly looks a serious factor once again.

Sharing third place with Reed is Spain's Sergio Garcia, who continued his upward trajectory with a four-under round that reflected improving confidence in his game. "Today I played better than yesterday," Garcia said. "I felt like I hit the ball better, got off to a nice start, and in the middle of the round I started getting hot." Although several putts refused to drop late on, the former Masters champion is guaranteed to produce a new winner. Hill, however, remains calm about the task ahead.

"If at the start of the week you said I'd have a couple of shots going into Sunday, I'd be delighted," he said. "I'm in control of what happens. If I play half-decent, I give myself a good chance."

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drifting down the standings and 2024 winner Dylan Fritelli already eliminated earlier in the week, the championship is guaranteed to produce a new winner. Hill, however, remains calm about the task ahead.

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## Arsenal thrash Leeds to stretch Premier League advantage

**Leeds, United Kingdom**

**A**rsenal settled any fears of a wobble in their pursuit of a first Premier League title in 22 years by winning 4-0 at Leeds on Saturday.

The Gunners' advantage over Manchester City and Aston Villa, who are both in action on Sunday, stretches to seven points as Mikel Arteta's men took another step towards the title at Elland Road.

A first home defeat of the season last weekend to Manchester United capped a run of just two points from a possible nine in Arsenal's previous three league games.

After finishing runners-up for the past three seasons, questions were raised over the mentality of Arteta's men to get over the line in a title race.

The visitors were dealt another blow before kick-off as Bukayo Saka was injured in the warm-up.

But his replacement Noni Madueke played a major part in inflicting just a second defeat in 12 games on Leeds.

Madueke's cross was head-

ed in by Martin Zubimendi to open the scoring.

Leeds goalkeeper Karl Darlow could then only parry another dangerous delivery from the England winger into his own goal before half-time.

Despite a fine run of form, Leeds remain only six points above the relegation zone.

Their first defeat at home since November was confirmed when the much-criticised Viktor Gyokeres latched onto Gabriel Martinelli's cross to blast in his 11th goal since joining Arsenal from Sporting Lisbon.

Gabriel Jesus came off the bench to round off the scoring with a blistering strike four minutes from time.

Arsenal will be hoping local rivals Tottenham can do them a favour when City visit north London, while Villa host Brentford on Sunday.

Chelsea can climb into the top four later should they maintain their bright start under Liam Rosenior against West Ham at Stamford Bridge.

Liverpool are aiming to ease the pressure on Arne Slot at Anfield in Saturday's late kick-

off when they host Newcastle.

Everton snatched a 1-1 draw at Brighton thanks to Beto's 97th-minute equaliser in a result that does little for either side's aspirations of European football next season.

Pascal Gross' first goal since returning to the Seagulls from Borussia Dortmund put Brighton in front.

Bournemouth ended any remaining worries of being dragged into a relegation fight as goals from Eli Kroupi and Alex Scott earned a 2-0 win at bottom-of-the-table Wolves.

The Cherries climb up to 12th and 13 points clear of the relegation zone.

**Leeds United's US midfiel**  
der #11 Brenden Aaron (C) vies with Arsenal's French defender #02 William Saliba (R)



**Ice-cool Rybakina beats Sabalenka in tense Australian Open final**



Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina (L) celebrates with the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup after her victory against Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka (R) during the women's singles final match on day fourteen of the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne

AFP | Melbourne, Australia

**E**lena Rybakina took revenge over world number one Aryna Sabalenka to win a nail-biting Australian Open final on Saturday and clinch her second Grand Slam title.

The big-serving Kazakh fifth seed held her nerve to pull through 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne in 2hrs 18mins.

It was payback after the Belarusian Sabalenka won the 2023 final between two of the hardest hitters in women's tennis. The ice-cool Rybakina, 26, who was born in Moscow, adds her Melbourne triumph to her Wimbledon win in 2022.

"Hard to find the words now," said Rybakina, and then addressed her beaten opponent to add: "I know it is tough, but I hope we play many more finals together."

Turning to some Kazakh fans in the crowd, she said:



Elena Rybakina is a Russian-born professional tennis player who represents Kazakhstan and became the first player from Kazakhstan to win a Grand Slam title when she captured the women's singles title at Wimbledon in 2022.

"Thank you so much to Kazakhstan. I felt the support from that corner a lot."

It was more disappointment in a major final for Sabalenka, who won the US Open last year for the second time but lost the French Open and Melbourne title deciders. She was into her fourth Australian Open final in a row and had been imperious until now, with tears in her eyes at the end.

## Pakistan spin out Australia in second T20I to take series



Pakistan's players celebrate after the dismissal of Australia's Cooper Connolly during the second Twenty20 international cricket match between Pakistan and Australia at the Gaddafi Cricket Stadium in Lahore

AFP | Lahore, Pakistan

against Australia.

**S**kipper Salman Agha hit his highest score in the shortest format before Pakistan's spinners routed Australia by 90 runs in the second Twenty20 international in Lahore on Saturday.

Agha hit a 40-ball 76 and Usman Khan smashed a 36-ball 53 as Pakistan made 198-5, their highest-ever T20I total

against Australia.

This was enough for Pakistan's spin quintet who shared all ten wickets between them with Abrar Ahmed returning the best figures of 3-14 and Shadab Khan finishing with 3-26.

Australia were routed for

108 in 15.4 overs, giving Pakistan their biggest T20I victory

over Australia eclipsing the 66-

run win in Abu Dhabi in 2018.