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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.

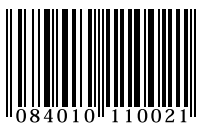
Smart cameras to begin tracking traffic violations today: Directorate

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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

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— 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.

HH Shaikh Khalid in supporting sports and youth development, as well as the Bahrain Handball Federation, led by Ali Isa Ishaqi, and the technical and administrative staff for their meticulous preparation and organisation.

The support of Bahraini fans was also lauded, with His Majesty highlighting the positive impact of their encouragement on the team's success.

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 Larjani, 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 IIRG 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 IIRG 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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