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Bahrain thanked by Saudi Arabia

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of thanks from King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, in response to their cables of condolences, following the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Alwaleed bin Khalid bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

HRH Prince Salman also received a similar cable from His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

GOSI warning over rising fake messages

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The General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI) has issued a warning to all subscribers to exercise caution against fraudulent messages requesting personal information or updates via electronic links.

In a statement posted on its official Instagram account, the Authority stressed that it does not request personal data through messages or external links.

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SUPPORT Strengthened

Bahrain, Palestine reaffirm rights, cooperation

- Bahrain reaffirms support to Palestinian cause
- Security collaboration discussed
- Gaza aid efforts praised

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met with His Excellency Ziad Mahmoud Hab Al-Reeh, the Minister of Interior of the State of Palestine and an accompanying delegation, at Riffa Palace yesterday.

His Royal Highness affirmed that the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people are deeply rooted in the hearts of all Arabs, emphasising the importance of unified international efforts to realise and uphold those rights.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad highlighted the longstanding ties between Bahrain and Pales-



HRH Prince Salman receives H.E. Ziad Mahmoud Hab Al-Reeh and an accompanying delegation

tine as well as the multisectoral collaboration, supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Excellency Mahmoud Abbas, the President of Palestine.

Greetings

HE Ziad Mahmoud Hab Al-Reeh conveyed to HM the King and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad the greetings of HE Mahmoud Abbas, and expressed his wishes for continued progress and success for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Royal Highness extended the greetings of His Majesty

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, as well as his own, to His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas, along with wishes for prosperity and stability for Palestine.

His Royal Highness reiterated the Kingdom's firm stance in supporting the Palestinian cause aimed at achieving a just and lasting solution guaranteeing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

De-escalation

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad also emphasised the importance of de-escalation, protecting civilians and the release of

hostages.

His Royal Highness reiterated the need for continued humanitarian aid delivery to Gaza and commended the efforts of allied countries in this regard.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also welcomed the shared commitment between the two countries to advancing cooperation across various sectors, including security collaboration.

Issues

During the meeting, other issues of mutual interest and avenues to further strengthen

Bahrain was one of the first Gulf countries to officially establish a Palestinian diplomatic mission, underscoring its longstanding political and humanitarian support for the Palestinian cause.

cooperation were discussed.

For his part, His Excellency Ziad Mahmoud Hab Al-Reeh expressed his gratitude for His Royal Highness's commitment to advancing bilateral relations and for the warm welcome he had received during his visit to the Kingdom.

His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, and several senior officials, also attended the meeting.

Space ties defy conflict

Russia, US agree to extend ISS cooperation until 2028

AFP | Moscow

The head of Russia's space agency Roscosmos said yesterday that he had agreed with his NASA counterpart during talks in the US to extend the International Space Station's (ISS) operation until 2028.

Space is one of the final areas of US-Russia cooperation amid an almost complete breakdown in relations between Moscow and Washington over the Ukraine conflict.

Roscosmos said earlier this week that its chief, Dmitry Bakanov, arrived in the US for talks with NASA's acting admin-

istrator Sean Duffy, the first such meeting since 2018.

Dialogue

"The dialogue went well. We agreed that we will operate the ISS until 2028... And we will work on the issue of de-orbiting it until 2030," Bakanov was quoted as saying by the TASS news agency.

Bakanov was also due to meet the NASA's Crew-11 mission team, including Russian cosmonaut Oleg Platonov, ahead of the launch aboard the SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft.

The ISS was set up by Russia, the US, Europe and Japan and

assembly was started in 1998.

Work

It was meant to keep working until 2024, but the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has said it could keep going until 2030.

As part of the slew of sanctions imposed on Russia since its assault on Ukraine, many Western countries ceased partnerships with Roscosmos.

Russia's space programme, which for decades has been a source of pride for the country, has been suffering for years from a chronic lack of funding and corruption scandals.

Bon voyage!



NASA astronaut and mission commander Zena Cardman waves to family members before heading to the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. NASA's SpaceX Crew-11 members are Mission Specialist Kimiya Yui from JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), Commander NASA astronaut Zena Cardman, Mission Specialist Oleg Platonov of Roscosmos and Pilot NASA astronaut Mike Fincke. (AFP)

Bahraini families key to safeguarding national values

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The Interior Minister, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, has reaffirmed the vital role of Bahraini families and traditional community values in preserving national identity.

General Shaikh Rashid made the remark during a visit to West Riffa, where he met with citizens as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen societal partnership and civic engagement.

The visit, attended by His Highness the Southern Governor and senior officials from the Ministry of Interior, comes under the framework of the Bahrainouna national plan, which aims to promote belonging to the nation and reinforce values



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa with Southern Governorate and senior officials from the Ministry of Interior

of nationalism.

General Shaikh Rashid conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He praised the people of Riffa for their loyalty, unity, and steadfast support for national initiatives that uphold Bahrain's heritage and social harmony.

Highlighting the enduring role of traditional majlis gatherings, the Minister emphasised their

importance in instilling values of respect, dialogue, and cohesion among future generations.

He described the majlis as a cornerstone of Bahraini cultural life that continues to promote strong community bonds and national solidarity. "The preservation of

our national identity is a shared responsibility," the Minister said, "and Bahraini families are central to this effort through their continued commitment to our values, customs, and social traditions."

General Shaikh Rashid commended Riffa residents for their

contributions to public security and their appreciation of national values. He listened to citizens express pride in their heritage, loyalty to the leadership, and appreciation for the government's efforts to preserve Bahrain's unique social fabric.

Sky traffic soars

Bahrain Airport handles 4.46 million travellers in six months

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Passenger numbers at Bahrain International Airport reached 4,462,365 in the first six months of 2025, according to newly released figures from the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

The total includes arrivals, departures, and transit passengers.

Of the total, 2,223,641 travellers arrived in Bahrain, while 2,254,924 departed.



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The airport also handled 192,073 tonnes of cargo and mail in the first half of the year.

January and 4,264 in March.

April saw a marked fall to 853, with May and June posting 681 and 1,474 respectively.

Flight movements during the same period stood at 48,747 arrivals and departures combined.

Overflying aircraft totalled 262,839. Monthly overflight figures ranged from 40,436 in June to 48,101 in February.

Cargo

The airport also handled 192,073 tonnes of cargo and mail in the first half of the year.

This included inbound, outbound, and transiting loads.

In March alone, 14,668 shipments arrived and 9,605 left the country, with 11,371 passing through.

Outgoing shipments

The lowest number of outgoing shipments was recorded in June at 7,518.

Civil Aviation Affairs oversees Bahrain's airspace and flight operations.

Its duties include enforcing safety rules, issuing licences, managing weather services, and carrying out air accident investigations.

Bahrain-US ties



National Security Advisor and Commander of the Royal Guard, His Highness Lieutenant-General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received US Ambassador to Bahrain, His Excellency Steven Craig Bundy, on the occasion of the conclusion of his diplomatic mission. The meeting was also attended by Deputy National Security Advisor, H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa. HH Shaikh Nasser affirmed the depth of the historic ties and the longstanding strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the US, built on decades of close cooperation to advance shared goals and mutual interests. He commended Ambassador Bundy's efforts in strengthening bilateral relations throughout his tenure. The meeting also included discussions on a number of topics of mutual interest.

Youth empowerment remains 'national development priority'

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Empowering Bahraini youth and strengthening their role across various fields of national work remains the Kingdom of Bahrain's core development priority.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Information, as he took part in a dialogue session with participants of the third edition of the "Betting on the Future" program, organised by the Bahrain Institute for Political Development.

Royal vision

This vision, he said, aligns with the aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, both of whom strongly support youth participation in shaping the nation's present and future and ensuring the sustainability of its developmental achievements.

During the session, Dr. Al-Nuaimi emphasised the vital role of young national talents in advancing Bahrain's media landscape.

He noted that youth are instrumental in aligning the media sector with the Kingdom's ambitions while keeping pace with rapid technological and professional developments.

Dr. Al-Nuaimi reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to



"The innovation and excellence demonstrated by Bahraini youth across multiple fields are a source of national pride."

- H.E. DR. RAMZAN BIN ABDULLAH AL-NUAIMI, MINISTER OF INFORMATION

engaging youth as active partners in nation-building.

Initiatives

He outlined several initiatives launched by the Ministry aimed at attracting emerging media talent, enhancing their professional and creative capabilities, and equipping them to navigate evolving digital landscapes.

These efforts, he said, are essential in producing high-quality, modern content that reflects Bahrain's national identity and authentic values.

Eco-friendly infrastructure

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An international tender has been launched for the development and implementation of the Hidd Independent Water Production Plant, with a planned capacity of 60 million imperial gallons per day (MIGD) of potable water.

The project will be executed through a strategic partnership with the private sector under a Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model.

This was announced by His Excellency Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, President of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA).

He said that EWA has completed the pre-qualification process for developers.

Model for coexistence and harmony



His Excellency Nibras Taleb, CEO of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, received Yousef Mohammad Bozboun, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Society for Tolerance and Coexistence of Religions (Ta'ayush), along with members of the Association's board. The delegation presented the CEO with a copy of the book "In the Presence of the King of Peace," which documents the efforts of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in promoting the values of tolerance, dialogue, and peaceful coexistence among religions. Taleb emphasised that, under the leadership of His Majesty the King and the guidance of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain has established itself as a pioneering model for coexistence and harmony.

Woman jailed and deported for ‘indecent’ social media posts

● **Defendant to stay behind bars for one year and fined BD200**

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A woman has been jailed for a year and fined BD200 after broadcasting indecent videos to the public on social media, according to a statement from the Public Prosecution.

The court also ordered her mobile phones to be confiscated and ruled that she be deported permanently once she serves her sentence.

The Minor Criminal Court delivered its ruling in person after examining footage in which the defendant appeared in suggestive poses that prosecutors said went against public morals and the country’s customs.

Report

The matter came to light following a report filed by the Cybercrime Directorate at the



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The defendant’s publicly viewable account shows a woman in compromising positions and material deemed inappropriate for general audiences.

Ministry of Interior.

Investigators had come across a publicly viewable account showing the woman in compromising positions and uploading material deemed inappropriate for general audiences.

Prosecutors issued a warrant for her arrest.

She was questioned shortly after being taken into custody and shown the footage. She admitted it was hers.

The prosecution ordered her detention during the inquiry and seized the phone she used.

She was then sent to court in custody, where the verdict was handed down.

Al-Haiki makes Bahrain proud



Abdullah Al-Haiki with his brilliant handicrafts

Al-Haiki blends authentic techniques with artistic innovation, making his work stand out in the global arena.

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Renowned Bahraini artist Abdullah Al-Haiki represented the Kingdom of Bahrain at the World Wood Day 2025 celebrations held in Osaka, Japan, where he showcased a unique collection of artworks reflecting the rich heritage of Bahraini wood carving and cane craftsmanship.

His participation is part of ongoing national efforts to promote Bahraini handicrafts on the international stage.

Al-Haiki, widely regarded as one of Bahrain’s leading traditional craftsmen, is known for blending authentic techniques with artistic innovation, making

ing his work stand out in the global arena.

The event drew significant international attention, with artists and enthusiasts from around the world in attendance.

Bahrain’s presence garnered particular praise, especially with the participation of Mahdi Al-Haiki, the youngest attendee at the event and son of the veteran artist.

Mahdi captivated audiences with his talent and active involvement in the event’s workshops, further emphasizing the enduring legacy of Bahraini craftsmanship across generations.



Bahrain Post has announced the closure of the Diplomatic Area Post Office, effective today. As part of the move, all PO Box services previously provided at the Diplomatic Area branch will be transferred to the Manama Post Office. In a statement issued via its official Instagram account, Bahrain Post confirmed that customers may continue to access postal services at any of its branches across the Kingdom.

Drugged boat driver jailed for three years after fatal crash

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A man who crashed his boat into another vessel while under the influence of drugs has had his prison sentence increased to three years after the High Criminal Court accepted the prosecution’s appeal.

He had initially been handed a six-month jail term following a fatal sea collision.

The incident took place during a fishing trip with two foreign nationals who have since been convicted and deported.

The defendant, who owned the boat, failed to equip it with essential safety gear and deliberately switched off its navigation lights and tracking system to avoid detection by the Coast Guard while fishing illegally.

On the return journey, he



was said to be piloting the boat while intoxicated, travelling at excessive speed and ignoring international maritime rules designed to prevent collisions.

His boat struck another boat carrying two men who later died from their injuries.

Prosecutors argued that the original sentence was too light given the recklessness involved, the presence of drugs, and the loss of life.

The court agreed and issued the harsher punishment during its hearing yesterday.

Bahrain, S. Korea investment deal comes into effect

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The Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the Promotion and Protection of Investments took effect yesterday.

This agreement reflects the strong ties between Bahrain and Korea that are built on solid cooperation and joint work across various domains, particularly finance, economics, and investment.

Aim

This aims to advance comprehensive cooperation, enhance opportunities for economic integration and support mutual interests.

Multiple arrests made in major narcotics seizure operation

● **14 kilograms of illegal drugs worth BD24,000 confiscated from suspects**

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Several individuals of various nationalities, aged between 20 and 49, were arrested in separate cases for attempting to smuggle and possess approximately 14 kilograms of narcotics, with an estimated street value of over BD24,000.

Carried out by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, in cooperation with Customs Affairs, the arrest was part of the directorate’s ongoing security efforts to protect society from the scourge of drugs and enforce the law.

The directorate explained that upon receiving information about the incidents, investigations and search operations were conducted, leading to the identification and arrest of the suspects, who were found in possession of the narcotics.

Legal measures

The seized substances were secured, and the necessary legal measures were taken before referring the cases to the Public Prosecution.

The Criminal Media Division reaffirmed the continued activation of community partnership through lectures and exhibitions aimed at drug prevention awareness.



Suspects with the seized evidence

It also urged the public to cooperate with security authorities by reporting any information related to drug smuggling or trafficking via the 24-hour hotline 996 or by email at 996@interior.gov.bh, assuring that all information will be treated with full confidentiality.

First major supermarket to be built in Madinat Salman

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The project, backed by Eskan Bank, is valued at around BD1.004 million and will occupy a plot measuring approximately 1,540 square metres. The development comes amid a noticeable lack of commercial shops across the city.

Demand

The supermarket is intended to meet rising demand for basic retail services among both residents and citizens.

Construction follows a sharp rise in activity across Madinat Salman since the start of the year.

Twenty-eight new shops are to be built in Complexes 583 and 580, according to plans already in motion.

Space has also been set aside for five tourism ventures on the city's waterfront, along with areas marked for car repair garages.

Separate to these commercial schemes, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has rolled out a large-scale housing project in the city.

Two Bahraini property transactions have been annulled by the courts.

One involved a developer who failed for three years to transfer a flat.

The other concerned a villa found to be built on seized land.

In the first ruling, the High Civil Court cancelled the sale of a flat in Juffair.

The buyer had paid BD58,900 in full in May 2022, yet no title was transferred and the property remained unregistered in his name.

Arrangement

The developer argued that the arrangement was an investment rather than a sale.

The court rejected that claim and upheld the agreement as a binding contract of sale.

The claimant, represented by lawyer Zainab Madan, submitted the signed contract, proof of payment, and a formal notice requesting reimbursement.

The court found that the developer had not disputed the documents or fulfilled the legal requirement to complete the



transfer.

Interest

The company was ordered to repay the BD58,900, with interest at a rate of 3 per cent per annum from 4 May 2025 until the full amount is settled.

It must also pay BD800 in legal fees, BD1.100 for notification costs, BD1276.500 in court charges, and BD10 in enforcement costs.

The court stated that a limited liability company may not handle or invest money on behalf of others without approval from the Central Bank.

Any suggestion that the deal was an investment did not alter its legal character.

Agreement

In a separate case, the civil court nullified a BD140,000 agreement for a villa in Buri.

The buyer signed a preliminary contract in September 2021 and paid BD10,000 as part of the purchase.

The developer did not complete construction, failed to issue the title deed, and did not remove a registered seizure on the land.

The buyer had secured ini-

tial approval under the Mazaya housing scheme, but delays from the developer caused the certificate to lapse and the financing to be rejected.

Social media

During this period, the villa was advertised on social media.

The court dismissed the developer's claim that the buyer had forfeited the payment by not securing the loan within 45 days.

It ruled that the delay lay with the seller.

The BD10,000 was deemed to be part of the purchase price, not a separate deposit.

Zainab Madan, lawyer

The developer was ordered to repay BD11,000, including BD1,000 in compensation, with 1 per cent interest from the date of the lawsuit.

Legal costs

The buyer was also awarded BD300 in legal costs and reimbursement of BD2,590 in court charges.

A separate claim for BD129 in property valuation fees was dismissed.


The court in both cases concluded that the developers had failed to carry out their core contractual obligations.

INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, for the six months ended 30 June 2025

(All figures in Bahraini Dinars)

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY

(B.S.C)



INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

	30 June 2025 (reviewed)	31 December 2024 (audited)
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	36,153,064	34,217,705
Investment property	27,068,159	29,466,999
Investment in an associate	6,589,635	6,378,813
Investment securities	4,161,909	4,316,618
	73,972,767	74,380,135
Current assets		
Inventories	82,714	68,669
Investment securities	1,342,739	1,934,773
Trade receivables and other assets	747,442	957,378
Bank balances and cash	7,862,597	7,224,797
	10,035,492	10,185,617
TOTAL ASSETS	84,008,259	84,565,752
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Non-current liability		
Employees' end of service benefits	254,811	257,819
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,686,707	1,993,737
Total liabilities	1,941,518	2,251,556
Equity		
Share capital	12,127,500	12,127,500
Statutory reserve	6,063,750	6,063,750
General reserve	1,087,579	1,087,579
Property revaluation reserve	14,418,702	14,418,702
Investments fair value reserve	1,253,832	1,392,960
Share of reserves of an associate	118,742	93,946
Retained earnings	46,996,636	47,129,759
Total equity	82,066,741	82,314,196
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	84,008,259	84,565,752

INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the six months period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

	Three-month period ended		Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Revenue from contracts with customers	2,220,426	2,176,815	4,329,069	4,228,650
Operating costs	(1,295,346)	(1,275,442)	(2,498,988)	(2,473,581)
GROSS PROFIT	925,080	901,373	1,830,081	1,755,069
Share of profit of an associate	538,710	568,823	886,026	905,646
Dividend income	-	24,000	149,957	156,116
Interest income	111,288	111,205	233,485	234,406
Change in fair value of investment at fair value through profit or loss	44,115	(39,133)	107,966	(20,442)
Other income	2,206	2,471	20,088	6,266
Depreciation	(602,504)	(523,368)	(1,201,067)	(1,047,247)
General and administration expenses	(198,345)	(212,686)	(340,774)	(341,658)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	820,550	832,685	1,685,762	1,648,156
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS)	7	7	14	14
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)				
<i>Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>				
- Net changes in fair value of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(149,532)	(78,231)	(139,128)	(107,137)
- Share of other comprehensive income of an associate	12,075	(18,197)	24,796	(6,087)
Other comprehensive loss for the period	(137,457)	(96,428)	(114,332)	(113,224)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	683,093	736,257	1,571,430	1,534,932

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the six months period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

	Six-month period ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit for the period	1,685,762	1,648,156
Adjustments to reconcile profit to net cash flows:		
Depreciation	1,201,067	1,047,247
Share of profit of an associate	(886,026)	(905,646)
Dividend income	(149,957)	(156,116)
Interest income	(233,485)	(234,406)
Change in fair value of investment at fair value through profit or loss	(107,966)	20,442
Allowance for expected credit losses	13,583	10,616
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	34,076	22,503
Operating profit before working capital changes	1,557,054	1,452,796
Working capital changes:		
Inventories	(14,045)	(5,770)
Trade receivables and other assets	198,559	(235,100)
Trade and other payables	(7,969)	292,810
Cash generated from operations	1,733,599	1,504,736
Directors' remuneration paid	(262,125)	(210,000)
Charitable contribution paid	(31,790)	(14,600)
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(37,084)	(17,645)
Net cash flows from operating activities	1,402,600	1,262,491
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(724,474)	(848,134)
Purchase of investment properties	(18,258)	(290,713)
Purchase of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	(398,823)
Maturity of debt investment at amortised cost	700,000	-
Interest received	246,860	217,162
Bank deposits with maturity of more than three months	(600,000)	150,000
Dividend received from an associate	700,000	1,400,000
Dividends received on investments	149,957	132,116
Net cash flows from investing activities	454,085	361,608
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Dividend paid	(1,818,885)	(1,455,108)
Cash flows used in financing activity	(1,818,885)	(1,455,108)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	37,800	168,991
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	1,824,797	3,862,115
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	1,862,597	4,031,106

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the six months period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

	Reserves											
2025 (reviewed)	Share capital	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Property Revaluation reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Share of Reserves of an associate	Total reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity			
Balance at 1 January 2025	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,392,960	93,946	23,056,937	47,129,759	82,314,196			
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,685,762	1,685,762			
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	(139,128)	24,796	(114,332)	-	(114,332)			
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	(139,128)	24,796	(114,332)	1,685,762	1,571,430			
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,818,885)	(1,818,885)			
Balance at 30 June 2025	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,253,832	118,742	22,942,605	46,996,636	82,066,741			

	Reserves											
2024 (reviewed)	Share capital	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Property Revaluation reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Share of Reserves of an associate	Total reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity			
Balance at 1 January 2024	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,583,771	166,152	23,319,954	45,585,440	81,032,894			
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,648,156	1,648,156			
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(107,137)	(6,087)	(113,224)	-	(113,224)			
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	(107,137)	(6,087)	(113,224)	1,648,156	1,534,932			
Adjustment to associate's reserve	-	-	-	-	-	(8,261)	(8,261)	-	(8,261)			
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,455,108)	(1,455,108)			
Balance at 30 June 2024	12,127,500	6,063,750	1,087,579	14,418,702	1,476,634	151,804	23,198,469	45,778,488	81,104,457			

Faisal Ahmed Al Zayani (Chairman)

Adel Nahabah Hamadeh (Vice Chairman & Managing Director)

Seef Properties B.S.C

Seef Properties reports BD2.7 million net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent for the six-month ended 30 June 2025

● Net profit and comprehensive income attributable to the parent was BD 2.7 million for the six-month

● Revenues for the period ended 30th June 2025 decreased by 9.7%, reaching 7.5 million

● Total equity (after excluding the equity attributable to minority) for the second quarter of 2025 decreased by 0.9%

Manama

Seef Properties B.S.C. (Bahrain Bourse Trading Code: SEEF) announced its financial results for the second quarter ended 30 June 2025 and six months period ended 30th June 2025. The Company reported a net profit and comprehensive income attributable to the parent of BD 1.5 million during the second quarter of 2025, compared to BD 1.7 million for the same period of the previous year, a decrease of 13.3%. The change is attributable to increased market competition and economic fluctuations. Diluted earnings per share



Our strategy continues to focus on diversifying our portfolio and enhancing the performance of our existing assets.

SEEF PROPERTIES CHAIRMAN, MR. ESSA MOHAMED NAJIBI



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SEEF PROPERTIES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MR. AHMED YUSUF

attributable to the parent for the first quarter of 2025 amounted to 3 Fils, compared to 4 Fils for the same period the previous year. The Company's operating profits stood at BD 2.9 million for the second quarter of 2025, compared to BD 3.2 million for the same period in the previous

year, a decrease of 9.3%. The Company reported a net profit and comprehensive income attributable to the parent of BD 2.7 million for the six-month period ended 30th June 2025, compared to BD 3.1 million for the same period last year, a decrease of 12.9%.

Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the parent for the six months period ended 30th June 2025 amounted to 6 fils, compared to 7 fils for the same period of the previous year. The Company reported a decrease in operating profit for the period ended 30th June 2025 by 10.4%, reaching BD 5.8 million, compared to 6.5 million for the same period of the previous year. Revenues for the period ended 30th June 2025 decreased by 9.7%, reaching 7.5 million, in comparison with the BD 8.3 million reported in the same period last year.

The Company's total equity (after excluding the equity attributable to minority) for the second quarter of 2025 decreased by 0.9%, reaching BD 160.4 million, compared to BD 161.8 million for the same period in the previous year. Total assets for the second quarter decreased by 1.4 %, reaching BD 174.7 million compared to BD 177.1 million for the same period in the previous year.

Commenting on these results, Seef Properties Chairman, Mr. Essa Mohamed Najibi stated: “Our strategy continues to focus on diversifying our portfolio and enhancing the performance of our existing assets. Our balanced business model has helped us achieve several important milestones, including the signing of a second agree-

ment to develop a large-scale mixed-use project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This is in line with our regional expansion plans and our ambition to share Seef Properties' expertise in real estate development, hospitality, and entertainment, while also building strategic partnerships that position us as a key contributor to Bahrain's economic growth and achieving the objectives of Economic Vision 2030.”

Mr. Najibi expressed appreciation for the Kingdom's continued national achievements under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He added: “Seef Properties remains committed to its role as a leading national company that contributes to economic development while consistently delivering value to shareholders and customers. Looking ahead, we will focus on launching high-quality, distinctive projects that respond to market needs, support urban growth in the region, and boost our competitive edge. We will continue investing in initiatives that reinforce Bahrain's leadership position and support its sustainable development goals.”

Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ahmed Yusuf

said: “At Seef Properties, we are executing a well-planned strategy to boost occupancy across our developments through targeted and attractive initiatives. In line with this, we have begun implementing our redevelopment plans, which mark an important new phase for the company. We are preparing for a full-scale transformation of Seef Mall – Seef District, reintroducing it in a modern form that reflects evolving visitor expectations through facility upgrades, service improvements, and new concepts that blend comfort with variety. We are also working to attract more top-tier local and international tenants and to diversify the mix of services offered to visitors. As a result, we have seen an increase in occupancy levels and signed new agreements that support our portfolio growth and enhance revenue sustainability.”

Mr. Yusuf added: “We are equally focused on enhancing visitor experience through environmentally conscious initiatives, most notably our solar energy project, which will supply clean electricity to all our commercial destinations. This is in line with our vision to improve quality of life in the Kingdom of Bahrain and support its commitment to meeting the highest global sustainability standards.”

SEEF PROPERTIES B.S.C. INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As at 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

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INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 30 June 2025

	Notes	30 June 2025 Reviewed BD	31 December 2024 Audited BD
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	4	138,437,537	138,770,511
Equipment, furniture and motor vehicles		3,044,805	3,352,161
Capital work-in-progress		1,912,398	1,574,437
Investment in a joint venture	5	8,510,395	8,475,206
		151,905,135	152,172,315
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables		4,333,445	4,106,305
Bank balances, term deposits and cash	6	18,489,116	20,859,041
		22,822,561	24,965,346
TOTAL ASSETS		174,727,696	177,137,661
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital		46,000,000	46,000,000
Treasury shares	9	(752,083)	(699,092)
Statutory reserve		23,000,000	23,000,000
Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve		432,685	414,266
Retained earnings		91,741,226	93,131,806
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		160,421,828	161,846,980
Non-controlling interest		3,201,519	3,307,994
Total equity		163,623,347	165,154,974
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Term loans - non-current portion	7	3,371,320	3,983,949
Lease liability - non-current portion	8	2,426,689	2,435,243
Employees' end of service benefits		260,715	268,545
		6,058,724	6,687,737
Current liabilities			
Term loans - current portion	7	2,000,142	1,557,309
Lease liability - current portion	8	16,707	15,923
Dividends payable and unclaimed dividends	11	656,375	665,313
Trade and other payables		2,372,401	3,056,405
		5,045,625	5,294,950
Total liabilities		11,104,349	11,982,687
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		174,727,696	177,137,661

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

	Note	Three-month period ended 30 June 2025 BD	Three-month period ended 30 June 2024 BD	Six-month period ended 30 June 2025 BD	Six-month period ended 30 June 2024 BD
REVENUE					
Property rental income and service charges		2,181,843	2,234,139	4,406,549	4,596,976
Income from serviced apartments		304,549	403,335	613,956	855,167
Leisure and recreational revenue		805,391	892,250	1,401,601	1,530,961
		3,291,783	3,529,724	6,422,106	6,983,104
Less: cost of revenue		914,557	932,955	1,678,557	1,808,281
GROSS PROFIT		2,377,226	2,596,769	4,743,549	5,174,823
Other operating income		304,655	300,453	614,913	707,209
Profit on term deposits		211,420	291,817	475,052	628,061
		2,893,301	3,189,039	5,833,514	6,510,093
EXPENSES					
General and administrative expenses		959,776	886,316	2,170,473	2,190,027
Depreciation		165,847	139,053	352,005	284,076
Charge for/ (reversal of) expected credit losses		29,763	893	97,914	(4,237)
Finance costs		152,560	206,640	306,128	417,549
		1,307,946	1,232,902	2,926,520	2,887,415
PROFIT BEFORE FAIR VALUE CHANGES OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND SHARE OF PROFIT / (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT IN A JOINT VENTURE					
		1,585,355	1,956,137	2,906,994	3,622,678
Unrealised fair value loss on investment properties		(166,487)	(166,487)	(332,974)	(332,974)
Share of profit / (loss) from investment in a joint venture		20,998	(101,091)	35,189	(224,426)
NET PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		1,439,866	1,688,559	2,609,209	3,065,278
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the parent		1,492,495	1,721,947	2,715,684	3,119,415
Non-controlling interest		(52,629)	(33,388)	(106,475)	(54,137)
		1,439,866	1,688,559	2,609,209	3,065,278
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the parent	12	3 Fils	4 Fils	6 Fils	7 Fils

The Board of Directors approved the financial information on Thursday 31st July 2025.

Essa Mohamed Najibi
Chairman

Sattam Algosaiibi
Vice Chairman

Ahmed Yusuf
Chief Executive Officer

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

	Note	Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent						
		Share capital BD	Treasury shares BD	Statutory reserve BD	Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve BD	Retained earnings* BD	Total BD	Non-controlling interest BD
At 1 January 2025		46,000,000	(699,092)	23,000,000	414,266	93,131,806	161,846,980	3,307,994
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-	2,715,684	2,715,684	(106,475)
Dividends declared	10	-	-	-	-	(4,087,845)	(4,087,845)	-
Purchase of treasury shares	9	-	(52,991)	-	-	-	(52,991)	-
Transfer to furniture and fixtures replacement reserve		-	-	-	18,419	(18,419)	-	-
At 30 June 2025		46,000,000	(752,083)	23,000,000	432,685	91,741,226	160,421,828	3,201,519
At 1 January 2024		46,000,000	-	23,000,000	368,003	91,711,208	161,079,211	3,461,871
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-	3,119,415	3,119,415	(54,137)
Dividends declared	10	-	-	-	-	(4,140,000)	(4,140,000)	-
Transfer to furniture and fixtures replacement reserve		-	-	-	25,655	(25,655)	-	-
Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve utilised		-	-	-	(1,184)	1,184	-	-
At 30 June 2024		46,000,000	-	23,000,000	392,474	90,666,152	160,058,626	3,407,734

*Retained earnings includes BD 644,092 (30 June 2024: BD 644,092) relating to statutory reserves of the subsidiaries.

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (Reviewed)

	Note	Six-month period ended 30 June 2025 BD	2024 BD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net profit for the period		2,609,209	3,065,278
Adjustments for:			
Profit on term deposits		(475,052)	(628,061)
Depreciation		542,926	481,705
Charge for/ (reversal of) expected credit losses		97,914	(4,237)
Finance costs		306,128	417,549
Employees' end of service benefits		27,056	31,003
Unrealised fair value loss on investment properties		332,974	332,974
Share of profit / (loss) from investment in a joint venture		(35,189)	224,426
Operating profit before working capital changes		3,405,966	3,920,637
Working capital changes:			
Trade and other receivables		(527,781)	(628,316)
Trade and other payables		(743,580)	(75,113)
		2,134,605	3,217,208
Profit on term deposits received		677,779	376,490
Employees' end of service benefits paid		(34,886)	(21,180)
Net cash flows from operating activities		2,777,498	3,572,518
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Additions to investment properties		-	(38,792)
Purchase of equipment, furniture and motor vehicles		(111,931)	(87,241)
Expenditure incurred on capital work-in-progress		(461,600)	(299,485)
Net movement in term deposits with an original maturity of more than 90 days		2,564,000	5,064,000
Net cash flows used in investing activities		1,990,469	4,638,482
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends paid		(4,096,783)	(4,151,090)
Purchase of treasury shares		(52,991)	10,969
Term loans repaid		(169,796)	(309,333)
Finance costs paid on term loans		(129,322)	(301,347)
Lease liability paid (including finance costs)		(125,000)	(125,000)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(4,573,892)	(4,875,801)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		194,075	3,335,199
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		3,795,041	7,222,050
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE		3,989,116	10,557,249

News in brief

◆ **Russian President** Vladimir Putin yesterday put his signature to a law that fines internet users who search for web pages, books, artwork or music albums that authorities deem “extremist”. The law, slammed by critics as another dangerous attack on freedom of thought and expression in Russia, introduces fines of up to 5,000 rubles (\$64) on anyone found to have deliberately searched for, or gained access to, material listed as “extremist materials”. More than 5,000 entries are on the official list, including songs praising Ukraine, blog posts by feminist rock band Pussy Riot and websites critical of Putin.



Putin signs law that fines online searches for ‘extremist’ content

◆ **The opposition leader** in Pakistan’s parliament was among more than 100 people convicted yesterday over nationwide protests in support of Imran Khan in 2023, his party said. A statement from Khan’s Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party (PTI) said six members of parliament, a senator, and a provincial MP, were given 10-year sentences, a week after several others were also convicted. Among them was Omar Ayub Khan, the opposition leader in the National Assembly, who did not attend the protests. He was convicted at an anti-terrorism court in the eastern city of Faisalabad of abetting violence and conspiring to incite riots and arson. “We are going to challenge this in the upper court,” PTI chairman Gohar Ali Khan told reporters. “Such verdicts are bad for democracy and the country altogether.”

Pakistan opposition leader given 10 years for Imran Khan protests

◆ **Lebanese President** Joseph Aoun said yesterday that his country was determined to disarm Hezbollah, a step it has come under heavy US pressure to take, with the Iran-backed group insisting that doing so would serve Israeli goals. Hezbollah and Israel recently fought an all-out war that left the militant group badly weakened, though it retains part of its arsenal. Israel has kept up its air strikes in Lebanon despite a November ceasefire, and has threatened to continue until the group has been disarmed. In a speech on Thursday, Aoun said Beirut was demanding “the extension of the Lebanese state’s authority over all its territory, the removal of weapons from all armed groups including Hezbollah and their handover to the Lebanese army”. He added it was every politician’s duty “to seize this historic opportunity and push without hesitation towards affirming the army and security forces’ monopoly on weapons over all Lebanese territory... in order to regain the world’s confidence”. Under the November ceasefire, Hezbollah was to withdraw its fighters north of the Litani river, about 30 kilometres (20 miles) from the Israeli border.

President says Lebanon determined to disarm Hezbollah



SPOTLIGHT

Lightning megaflash of 829 kilometres sets new world record



Picture for representation only

Geneva, Switzerland

A new world record for the longest distance lightning flash was declared on Thursday -- a megaflash that stretched for 829 kilometres (515 miles) across the United States. The huge flash occurred on October 22, 2017, from eastern Texas to near Kansas City, the World Meteorological Organization said. The United Nations’ WMO weather agency said the megaflash underlined the epic power of lightning -- and how flashes can pose dangers far from the original storm. The previous record, also

observed in the United States, happened on April 29, 2020 between Mississippi and Texas, with a lightning flash of 768 kilometres. It was certified as a record in 2022. Both the previous and new records have a margin of error of plus or minus eight kilometres. The 2017 storm produced several huge flash- es. Three were analysed and were enough to formulate a ground-breaking definition of megaflash lightning. Going back and re-examin- ing the data from the landmark storm led to the discovery of a hitherto overlooked megaflash that was bigger than the one in 2020.

Trump’s envoy arrives in Israel as Gaza criticism mounts

Israeli forces opened fire on a crowd attempting to block an aid convoy



An injured boy reacts as he sits on the ground by other men who were all wounded while previously queueing for aid, at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

- Witkoff to discuss humanitarian aid and the “next steps”
- Israel is under mounting international pressure to agree a ceasefire

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

US President Donald Trump’s Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff arrived in Israel yesterday to discuss ways to end the crisis in Gaza, where nearly 22 months of grinding war and dire shortages of food have drawn mounting international criticism. Gaza’s civil defence agency reported dozens of Palestini- ans killed late Wednesday when

Israeli forces opened fire on a crowd attempting to block an aid convoy -- the latest in a spate of near-daily incidents of desperate aid seekers being shot. The Israeli military confirmed having fired “warning shots” as Gazans gathered around aid trucks, but said it had no knowl- edge of casualties in the incident. An AFP correspondent saw the bullet-riddled corpses of Pales- tinians in Gaza’s Al-Shifa hospital. Jameel Ashour, who lost a rela- tive in the shooting, told AFP at the overflowing morgue that Israeli troops opened fire after a crowd surged towards the convoy. “When people saw thieves stealing and dropping food, the hungry crowd rushed in hopes of getting some,” he said. With talks for a ceasefire and hostage release deal at an im- passe, Witkoff met Prime Min- ister Benjamin Netanyahu to dis-

cuss humanitarian aid and the “next steps” on Gaza. He may also visit a US-backed humanitarian group distributing food in Gaza, according to Israeli reports. Footage released by Net- anyahu’s office showed the Israeli leader smiling warmly and greet- ing a cheery Witkoff in his office. Witkoff has been the top US representative in the indirect Is- rael-Hamas talks, but discussions broke down last week when Israel and the United States recalled their delegations from Doha. Israel is under mounting in- ternational pressure to agree a ceasefire and allow the world to flood a hungry Gaza with food, with Canada the latest Western country to announce plans to rec- ognise a Palestinian state. Trump criticised Canada’s de- cision and, in a post on his Truth Social network, placed the blame for the ongoing conflict squarely



Last week more than 70 Israeli lawmakers, including some in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s right-wing coalition, passed a motion urging the government to impose sovereignty over the occupied West Bank.

on Hamas. “The fastest way to end the Humanitarian Crises in Gaza is for Hamas to SURRENDER AND RELEASE THE HOSTAGES!!!” he declared.

Germany says Israel ‘increasingly in the minority’ on Palestinian issue

AFP | Berlin, Germany

Germany’s foreign minister said yesterday that Israel was increasingly isolated diplo- matically over the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the push by some countries to recognise a Palestinian state. Johann Wadephul said in a statement before heading to Is- rael that the recent UN confer-

ence on a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict -- boycotted by the US and Israel -- showed that “Israel is finding itself increasingly in the minor- ity”. Wadephul repeated Berlin’s position that “the recognition of a Palestinian state should come at the end of the process” of ne- gotiations. He did however sharpen his

tone slightly by insisting that “this process must begin now” and that “Germany will also be forced to react to unilateral moves”. He said that airlifts -- which Germany will take part in in coming days -- were one way of delivering aid but that they “can- not replace” deliveries by land. “Only overland can aid reach the population in the necessary

quantities,” he said, adding that Germany was working to re-es- tablish the land route “urgently”. Wadephul is expected to meet his Israeli counterpart Gideon Saar and President Isaac Herzog on the trip to Israel, as well as Netanyahu. He will also travel to the West Bank to meet Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas.

Justinian I becomes the sole ruler of the Byzantine Empire after the death of his uncle Justin I

Results of the Domesday inquiry presented to William the Conqueror in Salisbury (the date of compilation and the Great Domesday are historically contestable)



English chemist Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen by isolating it in its gaseous state

Slavery Abolition Act 1833 comes into effect, abolishes slavery throughout the British Empire

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Great pleasure meeting our first-ever @UN Global Advocate for Peace Maryam Bukar Hassan this week. Everywhere we look, peace is under attack. We need strong voices like @Alhan_islam's to champion the cause of peace for everyone, everywhere.

@antonioгутerres

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#Cambodia has become the 10th country globally—and the 2nd in the Western Pacific Region—to join the @WHO Special Initiative for Mental Health (SIMH).

@DrTedros

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In a boost to our efforts to provide next-generation infrastructure, 4 major rail projects worth over Rs. 11,100 crore have been approved by the Cabinet. These projects will benefit people of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand.

@narendramodi

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Met yesterday with Egyptian Foreign Minister Abdelatty to discuss Egypt's important efforts to promote regional peace and security. I thanked Egypt for its mediation role in Gaza and its support for ending the conflict in Sudan.

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US, allies accuse Iran of covert overseas 'kill, kidnap' policy

Washington, United States

The United States and more than a dozen of its allies on Thursday accused Iran of attempting to kill or kidnap people in Western countries, including dissidents, journalists and officials.

"We are united in our opposition to the attempts of Iranian intelligence services to kill, kidnap, and harass people in

Europe and North America in clear violation of our sovereignty," the countries said in a joint statement.

"These services are increasingly collaborating with international criminal organizations to target journalists, dissidents, Jewish citizens, and current and former officials in Europe and North America. This is unacceptable," the statement said.

A UK parliamentary commit-

tee earlier this month blamed Iran for at least 15 attempts to kill or kidnap British-based individuals since 2022.

Dutch intelligence meanwhile accused Tehran of staging a 2024 assassination attempt on an Iranian living in that country. The plot was thwarted when police intervened and arrested two suspects. One of the two people detained was also suspected of involvement in attempting to

kill Spanish right-wing politician Alejo Vidal-Quadras, a supporter of the Iranian opposition who was shot in Madrid the same year.

And the US Justice Department announced the indictment in 2023 of three members of a European criminal gang who allegedly undertook a Tehran-backed plot to assassinate a dissident Iranian-American journalist.

Top US military, presidential hospital locked down in gun scare

Washington, United States

The Walter Reed hospital outside Washington, which treats military personnel and US presidents, was briefly locked down Thursday after reports of an active shooter.

The emergency ended after authorities made an arrest of an individual who turned out to be carrying an imitation firearm, the police in Montgomery County, Maryland, where the facility is located, said on social media. Earlier, the Navy unit running the complex announced that "security is responding to reports of a potential active shooter" and said "the installation remains on lockdown."

The sprawling Walter Reed Medical Facility treats wounded military personnel and houses a hospital dedicated to treating US presidents and conducting their annual check-ups.

Seals sing 'otherworldly' nursery rhymes like songs

AFP | Paris, France

When male leopard seals dive down into icy Antarctic waters, they sing songs structured like nursery rhymes in performances that can last up to 13 hours, scientists said Thursday.

The Australian-led team of researchers compared the complexity of the songs composed by the big blubbery mammals to those of other animals -- as well as human musicians like the Beatles and Mozart.

Lucinda Chambers, a bioacoustics PhD student at Australia's University of New South Wales, told AFP that people are often surprised when they hear the "otherworldly" hoots and trills sung by leopard seals.

"It kind of sounds like sound effects from an '80s sci-fi" movie, said the lead author of a new



study in the journal Scientific Reports.

During the spring breeding season, male leopard seals dive underwater and perform their songs for two minutes before returning to the surface for air. They then repeat this performance for up to 13 hours a day, according to the study.

The researchers determined that all leopard seals share the same set of five "notes" which are impossible to distinguish

between individuals.

However each seal arranges these notes in a unique way to compose their own personal song.

"We theorise that they're that structure as a way to broadcast their individual identity, kind of like shouting their name out into the void," Chambers said.

The researchers believe the males use these songs to woo potential female mates -- and ward off rivals.

US to refuse visas to Palestinian Authority officials

AFP | Washington, United States

Washington said yesterday it would deny visas to Palestinian Authority officials and sharply criticized the body which governs parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank, just as multiple US allies move to recognize Palestinian statehood.

The State Department did not specify who was being targeted, only saying it would deny visas to "members" of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and "officials" from the Palestinian Authority (PA).

The organizations are "taking actions to internationalize its conflict with Israel such as through the International Criminal Court (ICC) and Interna-



President Mahmoud Abbas (L) meeting with the Mufti of Jerusalem Mohamed Ahmed Hussein, in Ramallah

tional Court of Justice (ICJ)," the State Department said in a

statement.

It also accused the groups of

"continuing to support terrorism including incitement and glorification of violence," and of "providing payments and benefits in support of terrorism to Palestinian terrorists and their families."

Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Saar welcomed the US sanctions, saying the gesture displayed "moral clarity."

The measures against the PA, whose leader Mahmud Abbas has been widely recognized for years as a key partner in efforts to resolve the conflict, come as growing numbers of countries consider recognizing a Palestinian state.

Canada and France are among the latest nations to announce they will grant recognition.

Indian court acquits ex-MP, six others accused of deadly bombing

AFP | Mumbai, India

An Indian court yesterday acquitted a Hindunun and former lawmaker, and six others accused of participating in a deadly bombing near a mosque in 2008.

The attack killed six people and wounded more than 100 others when a bomb strapped to a motorcycle exploded close to the mosque in Malegaon in the western state of Maharashtra.

Seven people were tried on



Sadhvi Pragya Thakur,

terrorism and criminal conspiracy charges, including former MP from the ruling Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) Sadhvi Pragya Thakur, in a case that dragged on for years.

The prosecution claimed Thakur's motorbike was used to carry the explosives used in the attack, and that she took part in a key planning meeting before it was staged.

However, Judge AK Lahoti ruled Thursday that the prosecution failed to provide sufficient evidence against Thakur and the six others.

"Judgements cannot be based

on morals and public perception," Lahoti said, according to Indian legal website Live Law.

Defence lawyer Ranjit Nair said the judge noted that the prosecution could not "present any proof against the accused".

During the trial, India's counter-terrorism unit said the 2008 bombing was orchestrated to incite communal tensions, local media reported.

Thakur, 55, spent nine years in jail before she was given bail in 2017.

Trump blasts India, Russia as 'dead economies'

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump labeled Russia and US ally India "dead economies," indicating that his threat to ramp up tariffs on New Delhi will now go ahead.

In a social media post sent at midnight Wednesday, Trump said "I don't care what India does with Russia. They can take their dead economies down together, for all I care."

"We have done very little business with India, their Tariffs are too high, among the highest in the World. Likewise, Russia and the USA do almost no business together. Let's keep it that way," he added.

The statement on Truth Social followed Trump's announcement Wednesday that India will face 25 percent tariffs, while also announcing an unspecified "penalty" over New Delhi's purchases of Russian weapons and energy.

Trump, 79, said the tariffs would kick in on Friday.

He gave no indication in either announcement about what penalties would be imposed for India's continued trade with Russia, which is under massive US and Western sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine.

23 injured in Saudi amusement park accident: reports



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

At least 23 people were injured when a fair-ground attraction in Saudi Arabia snapped mid-ride, sending its full carousel plunging to the ground, media reported yesterday.

Footage circulating online showed the "360 Degrees" ride breaking in half, with the circular carousel crashing down from a height of several metres.

The Saudi-owned Al Arabiya TV channel reported 23 injured, four of them seriously, in the accident on Wednesday.

The amusement park in Taif, southwest Saudi Arabia, has been closed and an investigation is underway, Al Arabiya added.

Aluminium Bahrain

Alba Hits 38 Million Safe Working Hours Without LTI

● This milestone underscores Alba's position as a regional and global leader in operational safety

Manama

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba), the world's largest aluminium smelter on one site, proudly celebrates achieving 38 million safe working hours without a Lost Time Injury (LTI) on 31 July 2025.

This milestone underscores Alba's position as a regional and global leader in operational safety, reflecting its proactive approach to risk management and its relentless pursuit of excellence in creating a secure environment for its employees and contractor workforce.



Ali Al Baqali, Chief Executive Officer of Alba, commented: "This tremendous achievement of 38 million safe working hours without LTI is a testament to the exceptional commitment of every Albawee at Alba. It demonstrates the strength of our 'Safety First' culture and our pursuit of zero harm.

The safety of our people is non-negotiable, and this mile-

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The safety of our people is non-negotiable, and this milestone reinforces our dedication to protecting our workforce, the true champions of our safety journey.

ALI AL BAQALI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ALBA

stone reinforces our dedication to protecting our workforce, the true champions of our safety journey."

Alba continues to strengthen its commitment to occupational health and safety this summer, aiming for an exceptional 9th consecutive season without a single heat-related injury or illness across its operations.

Design Your Future

Design Your Future" Campaign Hosts the 2025 MC Competition to Select the Next Lead Presenter for the 9th Annual Business Quiz Show

Manama

As part of its preparations for the upcoming 9th edition of the Annual Business Quiz Show, the Design Your Future (DYF) Campaign successfully organized the MC Competition, a signature event aimed at selecting the next lead presenter who will host the highly anticipated program this August.

The competition attracted a talented group of young men and women from various universities and schools across the Kingdom of Bahrain. Participants showcased their skills in public speaking and audience engagement in a competitive, professional environment designed to highlight their media abilities and further develop their presentation techniques.

The MC Competition was preceded by an intensive training workshop delivered by Yasmeen Mufeed, a seasoned media and public relations specialist. The workshop focused on the fundamentals of professional presenting, stage presence, and effective communication, ensuring that participants were fully prepared for the challenge ahead.

The participants presented their performances before a distinguished judging panel comprising some of Bahrain's most prominent media and public relations professionals. The panel included renowned film director and producer Bassem Al-Dhawadi, media professional and Chief of Corporate Communications at the National Bank of Bahrain Hisham Abu Al-Fath, Head of Corporate Communications at GFH Financial Group Sahar Qannati, Managing Director of FinMark



Communications Zahraa Taher, media personality, master of ceremonies, newsreader, and voice-over artist Sarah Abu Al-Fath, as well as Teaching Assistant of Radio and Television at the University of Bahrain and main news anchor on Bahrain TV Mariam Anwar.

The panel evaluated the participants based on strict cri-

teria, including vocal clarity, stage presence, audience engagement, and the organization of content flow, reflecting the advanced level demonstrated by the participants in the competition.

Those who demonstrated exceptional performance and strong presentation skills were awarded the title of "MC 2025",

qualifying them to be the face and voice of the upcoming Annual Business Quiz Show. The male lead presenters selected included Turki Fawaz, Munir Abdurraqib, Hamza Ali, and Hussain Majeed, while the female lead presenters were Dalal Eid, Sundus Ibrahim, Fatima Abdulmajid, and Marwa Sultan.

Additionally, Alma Al-Shaafi,

Zahraa Hassan, Maria Adam, and Sayed Qasim earned the title of Audience Presenters, recognized for their dynamic interaction with attendees and their ability to energize the live competition atmosphere.

Winners of the MC Competition will receive specialized training led by Mariam Anwar, who will focus on refining their on-stage presence and live presenting skills ahead of the 9th Annual Business Quiz Show, scheduled to take place from 24 to 28 August 2025 at Seef Mall – Seef District. This exceptional opportunity will enable them to represent the campaign on a national stage before a large audience of participants and leading corporate representatives.

Commenting on the competition, Bassem Al-Dhawadi expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative: "I was delighted to be part of the judging panel for such a remarkable competition that provides Bahraini youth with a meaningful platform to develop their public speaking and media skills. The participants demonstrated an impressive level of creativity, confidence, and professionalism. Initiatives like this are vital to strengthening the Kingdom's cultural and media landscape and empowering talented youth to become future leaders in these fields."

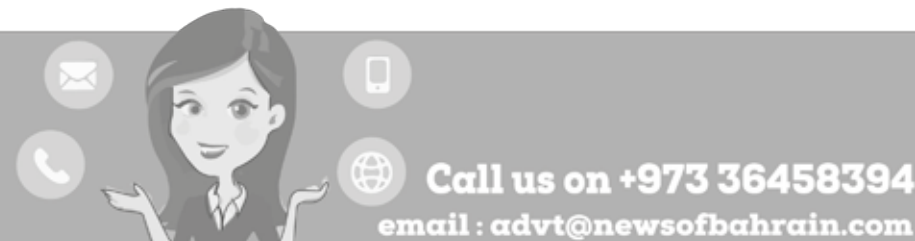
Mariam Anwar added: "I am truly excited to work closely with the winners of the MC Competition as they prepare for the upcoming Annual Business Quiz Show. The training program will be designed to build their confidence, enhance their live presenting skills, and ensure that they deliver at a professional standard that matches

the prestige of the event. We are committed to helping them shine on stage and represent Bahrain's youth in the best possible way."

The Annual Business Quiz Show, one of the DYF Campaign's flagship initiatives, is among the most prominent competitive programs in the Kingdom. It highlights entrepreneurial and media talent while fostering a culture of innovation and excellence. This year's program is proudly supported by Bahrain and Kuwait Bank (BBK), CrediMax, and Foulath Holding as Principal Partners, reaffirming their commitment to youth empowerment, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the Kingdom.

The DYF Campaign is guided by its long-term mission to discover and develop young Bahraini talent. Running year-round, it offers a wide range of carefully designed programs and activities that enhance academic and professional skills, life skills, financial planning, and career readiness. It also provides young people with volunteer and community engagement opportunities to foster a strong sense of social responsibility. The DYF Campaign is supported by Knowledge Partner Mastercard and Hyundai as the strategic partner, along with the backing of Advisory Committee members from the Higher Education Council, INJAZ Bahrain, Tamkeen, Lamea, and certified trainers in career coaching and skills development. This collaborative support enhances the overall impact of the campaign, guiding participants toward future career paths that match their ambitions and meet labor market demands.

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Sleepless in Singapore

Marchand wins gold, day after world record

AFP | Singapore, Singapore

French swimming superstar Leon Marchand won 200m medley world gold yesterday despite having struggled to sleep after smashing the world record the previous day.

The 23-year-old Paris Olympics hero wiped more than a second off Ryan Lochte's 2011 mark in Wednesday's semi-finals, setting a new best of 1min 52.69sec.

He did not reach the same level in the final but his title-winning time of 1:53.68sec was still the second-fastest of all time.

Marchand said he struggled to come down from the adrenaline rush of breaking the record in Singapore.

"I felt so excited yesterday that I couldn't sleep, so I was enjoying the moment too yesterday a lot," he said.

"So I think I lost a lot of energy yesterday night, but it was my goal to break the record, so I was really happy with it.

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France's swimmer Leon Marchand competes in the final of the men's 200m individual medley swimming event during the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore

Sarr screamer gives Tottenham victory over Arsenal in Hong Kong

Hong Kong, China

Pape Matar Sarr scored from the halfway line as Tottenham punished a shaky performance by Arsenal goalkeeper David Raya to win the first north London derby staged outside the UK 1-0 on Thursday.

Raya, who had already been caught in no-man's land twice as inswinging corners hit the post, was at fault again in the 45th minute when Sarr robbed Myles Lewis-Skelly just inside the Arsenal half.

The Spurs midfielder looked up, saw Raya stranded way outside his penalty area and let fly to score in outrageous fashion from 50 yards out.

"It was fantastic, fantastic. Well taken," said new Tottenham manager Thomas Frank of the goal.

"And all the credit to Papa. He's impressed me, I must admit he's been really good in the last four weeks."

Nominally a pre-season "friendly", there was no love lost on the pitch between the bitter rivals.

Tackles flew in and tempers frayed in a fiercely contested clash in front of a 49,975 sell-out crowd under the roof in the air-conditioned Kai Tak Stadium.

Sarr's screamer gave Frank the north London bragging rights, at least until the pair clash again in the Premier League on November 22 at the Emirates stadium.

"This was not a friendly," said Frank. "It felt like a competitive match. I think if you saw it, it was competitive and if you played it was very competitive."

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Arsenal's Declan Rice (R) and Tottenham Hotspur's Rodrigo Bentancur fight for the ball during their friendly exhibition football match at the Kai Tak Stadium in Hong Kong

West Ham's Paqueta cleared of betting charges

London, United Kingdom

West Ham midfielder Lucas Paqueta has been cleared of spot-fixing charges by an independent regulatory commission, the club announced on Thursday.

The Brazil international was charged with four alleged breaches of Football Association (FA) rules in relation to matches involving the Premier League side.

It was alleged



the 27-year-old directly sought to influence games by intentionally seeking to receive a card from the referee for the "improper purpose of affecting the betting market".

The four charges against Paqueta related to a game against Leicester in November 2022 and matches against Aston Villa, Leeds and Bournemouth in 2023. He was facing the prospect of a lifetime ban if found guilty.

Vasseur signs new contract as Ferrari team principal

Budapest, Hungary

Charles Leclerc on Thursday welcomed the "important" Ferrari announcement that Fred Vasseur had signed a new multi-year deal to continue as boss of the Italian team.

Speaking ahead of this weekend's Hungarian Grand Prix, the Monegasque driver stressed that it was important for Ferrari to quell the rumours surrounding the Frenchman future.

"It's not that it's coming as a surprise, but I'm really happy," said Le-



clerc.

"Especially, during the past month, there were quite a few rumours as is always the case around the team.

"So, finally to have the official news out is important and for that I'm really happy."

Both Leclerc and team-mate seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton had given strong support to Vasseur after reports circulated in Italian media outlets suggesting that he might be replaced.

These followed the team's disappointing start to the season after a strong finish last year and the arrival of Hamilton, a marquee signing yet to register a podium finish.

"I think the fact that there was so much hype around the team when we started the season led everybody to think about Ferrari winning the championship," he said.

McIntosh powers to third gold of worlds

12-year-old Yu fourth

AFP | Singapore, Singapore

Canadian swimming sensation Summer McIntosh powered to her third gold of the Singapore world championships with victory in the 200m butterfly on Thursday, falling agonisingly short of a new world record.

McIntosh touched the wall in 2min 01.99sec, just failing to beat the world mark of 2:01.81 set by China's Liu Zige in 2009.

It was the second-fastest time in history.

American Regan Smith was second in 2:04.99, with Australia's Elizabeth Dekkers third in 2:06.12.

Chinese 12-year-old Yu Zidi was narrowly fourth in 2:06.43.

The dominant win kept McIntosh on course to join retired great Michael Phelps as the only swimmers to win five individual titles at a single world championships.

The 18-year-old McIntosh, the 200m butterfly Olympic champion, has already won the 400m freestyle and 200m individual medley in Singapore.

"My coach and I, our big goal was to break that world record and that was what we were training for," said McIntosh.

"To see that I missed it by that little -- overall really happy with the time and PB (personal best)



(L-R) Silver medallist US' swimmer Regan Smith, gold medallist Canada's swimmer Summer McIntosh, and bronze medallist Australia's swimmer Elizabeth Dekkers celebrate on the podium of the women's 200m butterfly swimming event during the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore

but I did not reach my goal tonight."

McIntosh will continue her assault on the world championships in the 800m freestyle, where she will square off against American legend Katie Ledecky.

Ledecky is a four-time Olympic gold medallist and the world record holder in the 800m freestyle but McIntosh clocked

the third-fastest time ever last month.

The Canadian said her 200m butterfly performance "gives me a lot of confidence".

"Happy with the gold, happy with the win and just going to keep pushing for it," she said.

China's Yu has turned heads in Singapore with her prodigious talent.

She also qualified for the final of the 200m individual medley and again came fourth, missing out on a medal by just 0.06sec in what was not considered her strongest event.

If she had claimed bronze, she would have become the youngest medallist in the history of the world championships, which began in 1973.

MMA star McGregor loses appeal in rape civil case



Nikita Hand

AFP | Dublin, Ireland



Conor McGregor

Mixed martial arts fighter Conor McGregor lost an appeal in Ireland yesterday over a civil court ruling last year awarding damages to a woman who accused him of rape.

Three judges at the Court of Appeal in Dublin dismissed all the grounds for appeal raised by McGregor, 36.

Jurors at Dublin's High Court in November awarded damages of almost 250,000 euros (\$258,000) to Nikita Hand, 35, who alleged that McGregor raped her in a hotel in the Irish capital in 2018.

The court heard allegations that McGregor "brutally raped and battered" Hand. The Irish sports star has insisted they had consensual sex.

However Hand lost an assault lawsuit against a second man.

Following the November ruling, McGregor was ordered to pay the entire costs of the case, estimated at around 1.5 million euros (\$1.58 million).

He appealed the jury's decision, seeking a re-trial of the civil case against him.

McGregor, a vocal figure in the Irish anti-immigration movement who in March met US President Donald Trump

in the White House during a Saint Patrick's Day visit, was not in court during a month of appeal hearings.

His legal team argued that judicial errors occurred in the original trial, including how he was cross-examined.

After the ruling, Hand told reporters that the appeal had "retraumatized" her but that she can now "finally move on and try to heal".

"To every survivor out there, I know how hard it is, but please don't be silenced, you deserve to be heard, you also deserve justice," she said.



Nicknamed "The Notorious," McGregor is one of the biggest stars in the history of the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) mixed martial arts circuit, formerly holding the featherweight and lightweight titles.

India captain Gill run out in sight of Gavaskar record

London, United Kingdom

India captain Shubman Gill ran himself out on Thursday's opening day of the fifth and deciding Test against England as he closed in on Sunil Gavaskar's national record for runs in a series.

The tourists were 85-3 when rain stopped play for a second time at the Oval after being sent in to bat in a match India must win to square the series at 2-2.

Gill, who has



India's captain Shubman Gill leaves the field

already scored four hundreds in a prolific debut campaign as captain, came in with India struggling on 38-2.

At that stage, he needed just 53 more runs to overhaul Gavaskar's mark for the most runs scored by an India batsman in a Test series of 774 -- set by the "Little Master" against the West Indies in 1971.

The 25-year-old

Gill struck several elegant trademark drives and rarely looked in trouble, despite the overcast, bowler-friendly conditions that favoured England's quicks.

But on 21 he pushed the ball into the offside and set off for a single that was never on, with fast bowler Gus Atkinson, following through, throwing down the stumps at the striker's end.

Gill, halfway down the pitch, slipped as he tried to turn back to safety. The skipper could yet break Gavaskar's record should India have a second innings.

Sai Sudharsan was 28 not out when the rain came again, with Josh Tongue and Jamie Overton -- two of England's three recalled quicks along with At-

kinson -- too often wayward.

Earlier, England took two wickets after Ollie Pope, leading the hosts in place of injured captain Ben Stokes, won the toss on his Surrey home ground.

It was not long before Atkinson, a Surrey team-mate of Pope and one of four changes to the England team following last week's drawn third Test at Old Trafford, had opener Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw for two on review.

Veteran seamer Chris Woakes then had opener KL Rahul, who has scored more than 500 runs the series, playing on for 14 trying to cut a ball that was too close to him. India left out pacer Jasprit Bumrah, who hurt his back earlier this year.

Michell says New Zealand lead crucial on tricky pitch

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

New Zealand batsman Daryl Mitchell said he believed getting a substantial lead was crucial after he steered the Black Caps into a commanding position on the second day of the first Test

against Zimbabwe at Queens Sports Club on Thursday.

Mitchell hit 80 as New Zealand took a first innings lead of 158 runs before claiming two late wickets.

Zimbabwe were 31 for two at the close, still 127 runs short of making New Zealand bat again.

"It's nice to get a lead on a challenging surface which is going up and down a bit. A couple of wickets tonight tops it off," said Mitchell.



Verstappen quells speculation by committing to Red Bull for 2026

AFP | Budapest, Hungary

Max Verstappen ended weeks of speculation about his future on Thursday when the reigning Formula One world champion said he would be staying with Red Bull in 2026. Verstappen said it was time to "stop all the rumours".

"I've never really said anything about it because I was just focused on talking to the team

about how we can improve our performance," the Dutchman explained at the Hungarian circuit ahead of this weekend's Hungarian Grand Prix.

"And that's why I had nothing really to add, but I think it's time to basically stop all the rumours.

"For me, it's always been quite clear that I was staying anyway."

Four-time world champion Verstappen's future became a subject of speculation after rival

driver George Russell revealed his Mercedes team were talking to the Dutchman's management about his future plans.

It emerged that there was a performance clause in Verstappen's contract that offered him a chance to leave Red Bull if he was not in the top three at the end of July.

But that clause has now elapsed and he will stay with Red Bull next year, the first

season following a sweeping change of technical regulations.

Verstappen is contracted to Red Bull until the end of 2028 and a similar scrutiny of his contract is expected next year once it becomes clear which teams have adapted and progressed best under the new regulations. Verstappen has fallen 81 points behind series leader Oscar Piastri of McLaren into third place in the drivers' cham-

pion-ship this year.

Red Bull are in a state of flux, after sacking their team principal Chris-

tian Horner this month and replacing the Briton with Laurent Mekies, the boss of their 'B' team Racing Bulls.