

Coast Guard rescues three after boat breaks down at sea

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Three Bahraini nationals were rescued after their boat broke down at sea, the Ministry of Interior said.

The Coast Guard launched a rescue operation in coordination with the Police Aviation Unit and the Main Operations Room after receiving a distress call from the vessel.

Rescue teams quickly reached the boat, checked on the occupants, provided assistance and safely towed the disabled vessel back to shore. No injuries were reported.



Vehicle catches fire after Diyar Muharraq crash

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A vehicle caught fire after a collision involving two cars in Diyar Muharraq, authorities said.

Emergency teams responded to the incident and brought the blaze under control. No injuries were reported. The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

Google launches new satellite image AI tool

Washington, United States

Google announced a new feature allowing Google Earth users to generate AI visualizations on top of the service's satellite imagery, sparking concerns from researchers and open-source intelligence experts about the potential for disinformation.

The "create image" tool, rolled out Thursday, integrates Google's Nano Banana 2 image-generation technology to let users zoom into locations and build images in seconds based on Google Earth satellite, aerial and 3D-mapping data.

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Blueprint for peace in Gaza

Trump-backed roadmap charts Gaza's future



U.S. President Trump Ratifies Board of Peace in Historic Ceremony, Opening Path to Hope and Dignity for Gazans in January 22, 2026

KEY POINTS

- 1 Israel, Hamas and other factions to halt military operations.
- 2 Implementation plan to be finalised within 14 days.
- 3 NCAG to assume administration of Gaza.
- 4 Each phase depends on verified completion of the previous one.
- 5 International Verification Committee (IVC) to monitor compliance.
- 6 Gaza to follow the principle: "One Authority, One Law, One Weapon".
- 7 New police officers to be vetted and integrated into the force.
- 8 Those failing vetting to be offered civilian roles.

- 9 NCAG to oversee all police weapons.
- 10 Hamas's heavy weapons, tunnels and military sites to be decommissioned.
- 11 Israeli withdrawal linked to phased disarmament.
- 12 No weapons to be handed to Israel or non-Palestinian parties.
- 13 Only NCAG to control weapons at the end of the process.
- 14 Social Peace Agreement to end internal violence and reprisals.
- 15 International Stabilisation Force (ISF) to deploy in Gaza.
- 16 ISF to monitor ceasefire, train police and support aid delivery.
- 17 ISF will not carry out policing duties.

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A new roadmap backed by the Board of Peace lays out a phased plan to implement US President Donald Trump's comprehensive peace proposal for Gaza, linking an Israeli military withdrawal, the transfer of governance and large-scale reconstruction to a monitored verification process.

The proposal, released yesterday, says the plan will be implemented alongside UN Security

Council Resolution 2803 (2025) and aims to end the conflict, restore normal life in Gaza, enable Palestinian governance and pave the way for reconstruction, economic recovery and a political process towards Palestinian statehood.

Israel would complete its remaining commitments under the Sharm Sheikh Protocol, including ending military operations, while Hamas and other Palestinian factions would halt military activity and hand over

all civilian governance and security responsibilities to a newly established National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG).

An International Verification Committee (IVC), established by the Board of Peace and including representatives of guarantor states and an International Stabilisation Force, would oversee compliance by both sides before each phase moves forward.

The proposal says the NCAG would assume responsibility

for public services, government institutions and financial administration in Gaza, while conducting audits of public assets and reviewing legitimate financial obligations of up to \$400 million. These measures would be introduced gradually over a three-year transition with international support.

It describes the phased approach as a framework for ending hostilities, rebuilding Gaza and creating conditions for long-term peace.

Trump hails 'historic' Gaza breakthrough

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US President Donald Trump yesterday described the Board of Peace agreement as a "historic" breakthrough, saying it paves the way for the complete disarmament of Hamas and all other armed groups in Gaza.

Calling it "a monumental step towards lasting peace and security," Trump said the phased agreement would see Israeli forces withdraw as disarmament progresses, while a new Palestinian government takes charge of Gaza with support from an International Stabilisation Force.

"This agreement is a critical step towards Gaza finally being governed by a new Palestinian government that will work closely with the Board of Peace to help the Palestinian people," Trump said. He thanked mediators Egypt, Qatar and Türkiye for helping secure what he called

a "historic breakthrough", adding: "The threat that emerged from Gaza on October 7 will not be allowed to rebuild."

Trump concluded by saying the agreement would place Gaza "in the hands of a new Palestinian government that serves its people."

UN chief hails Hamas disarmament deal as rare good news

United Nations, United States

A deal meant to see the disarmament of Hamas is a rare piece of good news for the Middle East, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said yesterday.

Referring to nearly six months of US war against Iran -- and growing regional spillover -- Guterres said the Hamas deal announced late Thursday was an outlier.

"The only good news in recent days is the announcement by the US president of an agreement for Hamas to relinquish their weapons and for Israel to withdraw its forces from Gaza," he said.

"Let me be clear: the fighting must stop on all fronts in the region," he said. "We are now six months into the military escalation in the Gulf. What began as a regional conflict is increasingly becoming a driver of global instability."

Bahrain adopts global rules to curb ship emissions

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Bahrain has joined MARPOL Annex VI, adopting international rules to reduce air pollution from ships and strengthen environmental protection in the maritime sector.

The move aligns the Kingdom with International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards on limiting emissions, including sulfur in ship fuel, nitrogen oxides from marine engines and other harmful pollutants. The annex also requires ships to carry an International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) Certificate and meet energy efficiency measures to reduce carbon emissions.

Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs Bader Hood Al-Mahmoud said the accession reflects Bahrain's commitment to protecting the marine environment and supporting global efforts to cut shipping emissions. He said Bahrain would strengthen inspections and monitoring to ensure vessels visiting its ports and those flying the national flag comply with the new requirements, reinforcing the Kingdom's position as a sustainable regional maritime hub.