

Russian President Vladimir Putin says Moscow wants to expand cooperation with China in artificial intelligence and digital innovation.

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BDF Commander Meets Royal Air Force Chief



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Major General Pilot Shaikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Bahraini Air Force.

The Commander-in-Chief welcomed Shaikh Hamad and praised the Royal Bahraini Air Force personnel's continued efforts to advance the force's administrative and combat capabilities.

2027 budget and financial oversight rules reviewed



MP Ahmed Abdulwahid Qarata, Second Deputy Speaker of Bahrain's Council of Representatives, chaired a virtual meeting of the Arab Parliamentary Union's Interim Financial Committee.

The meeting discussed proposed financial regulations, including internal and external audit procedures, oversight systems and criteria for appointing auditors.

Members also reviewed the Arab Parliamentary Union's proposed 2027 annual budget, including measures to address its deficit and recommendations on the detailed allocation of budget items.

Türkiye Exchange Greetings on Victory Day



Bahrain's Ambassador to Türkiye Bassam Ahmed Marzooq attended a reception hosted by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan at the Presidential Complex in Ankara to mark the 104th Victory Day anniversary.

Bahrain Condemns Renewed Iranian Attacks on Jordan, UAE

Kingdom reaffirms solidarity and urges UN action to curb regional escalation

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Bahrain has strongly condemned renewed Iranian attacks that violated the airspace and sovereignty of Jordan and the United Arab Emirates, describing them as a dangerous escalation threatening regional security and stability.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the attacks against Jordan involved ballistic missiles, while the UAE was targeted by a drone. Bahrain said the incidents violate international law, the UN Charter, UN Security Council Resolution 2817, and principles of good neighbourliness.

Bahrain reaffirmed its full



A U.S. Air Force F-35A stealth fighter jet flies over regional waters while patrolling the skies in the Middle East.

solidarity with Jordan and the UAE and its support for measures taken by both countries to protect their sovereignty, territorial integrity and security.

The ministry praised the vigilance and capabilities of

the Jordanian Armed Forces in intercepting the missiles and the UAE Armed Forces and air defence systems in confronting the drone over UAE territorial waters.

Bahrain also renewed its call



on the UN Security Council to fulfil its responsibilities and take urgent and firm measures to ensure Iran complies with international law and ceases actions that threaten regional peace and stability.

The Kingdom further called for respect for freedom of maritime navigation in the Strait of Hormuz and other vital waterways to help reduce regional tensions and support security and peace.

Stronger Financial and Economic Ties

Finance Minister meets UK Chargé d'Affaires

Minister of Finance and National Economy Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa received UK Chargé d'Affaires Simon Martin.

The minister highlighted the historic ties and strategic partnership between Bahrain and the UK, particularly in the financial and economic sectors.

The meeting reviewed bilateral cooperation in finance, investment and economic development, and both sides discussed ways to expand joint opportunities.

They also exchanged views on several issues of mutual interest and explored new areas for cooperation.



Death Toll Hits 955, Thousands Missing



Nepal police personnel carry bodies of flood victims from a helicopter during rescue operations at Dhunche Bazaar in Nepal's Rasuwa district on August 31, 2026.

At least 4,471 people were listed as missing on August 31, with a further 955 confirmed dead, after the flash floods and landslides that hit the Nepal border.

A New Chapter in Bahrain-Romania Relations

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Bahrain and Romania signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish regular political consultations between their foreign ministries.

The agreement was signed virtually by Bahrain's Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani and Romanian Foreign Minister Oana Toiu.

Under the MoU, the two sides will hold regular consultations to review bilateral relations, exchange views on international issues and coordinate positions on matters of mutual interest at international forums.

The consultations will cover political, economic, trade, scientific, technical and cultural areas.

Both sides expressed their



commitment to strengthening the close friendship between Bahrain and Romania and expanding cooperation across areas of common interest.

The signing was attended by Shaikha Al Anood bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Acting Chief of European Affairs at Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

HM King Hamed Welcomes Students Back to Classrooms



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has addressed teachers, parents and students across Bahrain as the Kingdom begins the new 2026/2027 academic year, welcoming the return of in-person learning across educational institutions.

In a message marking the start of the academic year, His Majesty extended his best wishes to students, educators and families for a year filled with excellence, achievement and success.

His Majesty noted that Bahrain had experienced an exceptional period in recent months, during which what he described as Iranian attacks targeted a number of civilian facilities and vital infrastructure. The circumstances prompted the activation of remote learning to safeguard students and ensure the continuity of education.

The King praised the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for taking measures that helped maintain the educational process and prevent disruption to students' learning.

His Majesty also commended the administrative, educational and technical teams across Bahrain's educational institutions for ensuring the continuity of learning through the Education Portal.

Made in GCC 2026 Set to Open



Bahrain will host the inaugural Made in GCC 2026 Forum and Exhibition from October 6 to 8 at Exhibition World under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The event will bring together officials, CEOs, manufacturers and investors from across the GCC to promote industrial integration and economic cooperation.

Manufacturing contributed 13.13% of combined GCC GDP in 2025, while accounting for 15.1% of Bahrain's GDP, making it the Kingdom's second-largest economic sector.

Bahraini companies from aluminium, metals, steel, energy, marine, engineering, cables, food, textiles, jewellery and consumer products will participate in the exhibition, which will also showcase industrial innovation, research, product design, quality, supply chains and logistics.

BisB Wins the “Best Islamic Bank in Bahrain” Award at the Euromoney Islamic Finance 2026

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has been named the “Best Islamic Bank in Bahrain” at the Euromoney Islamic Finance Awards 2026. The accolade marks another step in BisB’s longstanding contribution to the progress of Bahrain’s Islamic banking sector and reinforces its commitment to shaping a more accessible and intelligent model of Sharia’a compliant financial services.

On the occasion, Ms. Fatema ALAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, stated: “This recognition marks an important milestone in a journey that began in 1979, when BisB was founded as Bahrain’s first Islamic bank. It also reflects a responsibility we continue to carry today: developing an Islamic banking experience that is simpler, smarter and more responsive to the needs of our customers. Being first is not simply a matter of when we were established; it is something we must continue to earn through the solutions and initiatives that advance Islamic banking and enhance the customer experience. The Best Islamic Bank in Bahrain title reaffirms the continuity of that legacy and motivates us to keep innovating and delivering better. I am proud of our colleagues behind this achievement and grateful for the trust of our customers, which has always been, and will remain, essential to our success.”

Throughout 2025, the Bank remained focused on advancing the delivery of Islamic banking services while preserving the principles that underpin them. The requirements of the Sharia’a Supervisory Board were embedded across product design and distribution, further strengthening alignment with Islamic principles at every stage of development. This foundation informed the launch of Al Murshid, the Kingdom’s first AI-powered Sharia’a advisory platform, providing customers with immediate guidance on rulings related to financial products and contracts.

The Bank also accelerated digital adoption across its services to meet evolving customer needs, improving accessibility and enriching the overall customer experience. GCC Digital Onboarding also expanded access by enabling eligible Gulf residents to open accounts remotely without visiting a branch.

Customer service continued to combine convenient self-service capabilities with personalised assistance, ensuring a high level of responsiveness to customer queries and complaints. A dedicated team was formed to provide the necessary support to complete the registration process, while also re-engaging inactive e-banking users.

In the same vein, BisB strengthened its digital savings, financing and investment portfolio through solutions including Save Plus automated pledge-based financing against Tejoori balances, additional Tejoori Premium tiers and the Special Investment Deposit Account, giving customers greater flexibility and convenience through digital channels.

Extending this progress across its corporate and SME propositions, BisB became the first financial institution in Bahrain to pilot the Bulk KYC service through the national eKey for Business platform. The service enables secure verification of corporate information against trusted government sources, thereby improving process efficiency and reinforcing regulatory compliance. The Bank also continued to develop solutions that help entrepreneurs manage liquidity and expenditure with greater flexibility and transparency.

BisB supported this progress through biometric authentication, trusted-device controls and AI-based identity verification, with no identified customer data leaks or losses recorded in 2025. These measures were complemented by Sharia’a governance training, cybersecurity simulations and fraud-awareness programmes, ensuring that innovation remains grounded in specialist knowledge, operational resilience and responsible long-term growth.

Coinciding with the Euromoney award is BisB’s “The First” campaign, which will showcase the Bank’s pioneering achievements. Launched in parallel with the award announcement, it aims to chronicle BisB’s transformation from being the first to being the best and underscores its continued ambition to drive the next era Islamic banking growth in the Kingdom.

GCC Moves to Tackle the Next Wave of Digital Crime



Public Prosecution participated in a three-day workshop aimed at developing a GCC Strategy to Combat Cybercrime and AI-Related Crimes, organised by the GCC General Secretariat in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Qatar.

Bahrain was represented by Zahra Murad, Head of the Cybercrime Prosecution, who took part in discussions with experts and specialists in emerging technologies from GCC member states.

The workshop focused on strengthening regional efforts



Zahra Murad, Head of the Cybercrime Prosecution

to address emerging forms of crime, particularly those linked to artificial intelligence and modern technologies.

It also examined ways to improve the use of advanced technologies in combating crime and enhance coordination between GCC security and judicial authorities.

The discussions aimed to establish a unified GCC framework to strengthen the effectiveness of efforts against cybercrime and other technology-related criminal activities.

Bahrain’s participation reflects Attorney General Dr. Ali bin Fadhl Al Buainain’s emphasis on adopting a proactive approach to emerging crimes and keeping pace with rapid technological developments.

MPs Seek Jail Terms for Insulting Islamic Figures

Five-year jail term and BD20,000 fine proposed for public insults

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Five Bahraini MPs have proposed tougher penalties for publicly insulting prophets, the Prophet Mohammed’s family, his Companions or his wives, including up to five years in prison and a BD20,000 fine.

The proposal, submitted by MPs Mohammed Mousa, Bader Al Tamimi, Mohammed Salman Al Ahmed, Jameel Mulla Hassan and Ali Saqr Al Dosari, calls for a new Article 310 bis 1 to be added to the Penal Code.

Repeat offenders could face up to 10 years in prison and a BD40,000 fine, or either penalty.

The proposed offence would cover insults made publicly through writing, images, signs, performances, gestures, online posts



“Religious abuse can fuel sectarian tensions and threaten social unity.”

— Mohammed Moosa, MP

and other electronic means.

The MPs said clearer legal provisions are needed as social media enables abusive content to spread rapidly, potentially fuelling sectarian tensions, religious hatred and social division.

They noted that existing Bahraini law already criminalises attacks on recognised religions and religious symbols but argued that specific protection for revered Islamic figures would provide greater clarity.

The proposal draws on legislation in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, with Kuwait cited as the closer model for explicitly naming protected religious figures.

The MPs stressed that freedom of expression should not be used to justify religious insults or incitement against sections of society.

From The Court

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Asian woman challenges one-year sentence

The First High Criminal Court of Appeal has set September 6 for pleadings in the appeal of a 21-year-old Asian woman convicted over a fatal apartment fire that claimed her roommate’s life.

The Court of First Instance sentenced the woman to one year in prison and ordered her permanent deportation from Bahrain after serving her sentence. She was convicted of causing the death of her roommate by mistake and causing a fire by mistake on March 20, 2026.



According to the case details, the defendant told investigators that she had lit a candle on a small wooden table while performing religious prayers. The candle remained burning before a fire later broke out in the room.

The fire spread while the victim was in the bathroom. Other workers attempted to help but could not reach her because of the flames and heavy smoke. Civil Defence personnel later extinguished the fire, while the victim was taken to the hospital and subsequently died.

5 Years for Failed Exchange House Robbery

The Fifth High Criminal Court of Appeal upheld a five-year prison sentence against an Asian man for attempting to rob a money exchange house at knife-point.

The court also ordered his deportation after completing his sentence and the confiscation of the seized items.

The defendant, who worked as an advertising and publicity representative, attempted to steal cash from the exchange company on April 28, 2026, by threatening two employees with a knife.

According to court proceedings, the defendant entered the exchange house wearing a black face mask and initially asked about the exchange rate for the Pakistani currency. When a female employee asked him to show his identification and remove his mask, he pulled out a



knife and demanded money.

The employee alerted her male colleague, who entered and locked the door. The defendant then demanded that the money be placed in a bag.

The robbery was foiled after the employees activated the alarm, prompting the defendant to flee.

Security camera footage confirmed the incident, while investigations led to the defendant’s arrest at his residence, where he was reportedly found wearing the same clothes seen in the footage.

Drug Trafficking Verdict Set for September 15

The First High Criminal Court has set September 15 to issue its verdict in the case of three defendants, including a Bahraini woman and an Arab woman, accused of drug trafficking and related offences.

The first defendant, aged 25, faces charges including importing narcotics for trafficking, possessing drugs for trafficking and personal use, as well as possessing an electric stun device and handcuffs. The second defendant, aged 24, is accused of importing and possessing narcotics for trafficking and personal use.

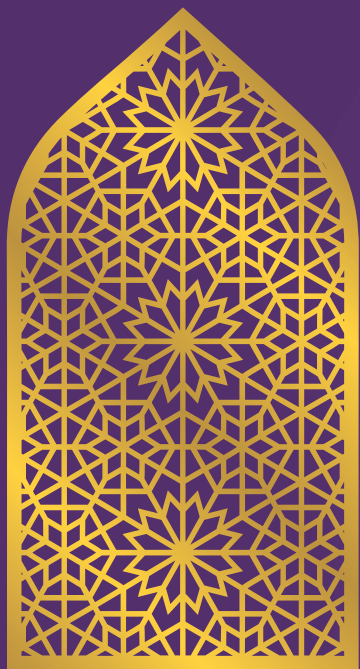
The third defendant, a 26-year-old Arab woman, is accused of assisting the first defendant in possessing narcotics for trafficking, including receiving money from him and transferring it to an alleged drug dealer in an Asian country.

According to the investigation, authorities received information that the first and second defendants were involved in selling and promoting drugs. Investigators alleged that the first defendant managed the network, while the second defendant assisted in bringing drugs into Bahrain through the King Fahd Causeway.



From First to Best

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Takaful International and Al Salam Specialist Hospital Partner to Launch Month-Long Women’s Health Campaign Marking SCW’s 25th Anniversary

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Takaful International Company and Al Salam Specialist Hospital have joined forces to launch a landmark Women’s Health Campaign in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW).

Designed to empower women across the Kingdom, the initiative is open to all women, regardless of whether they hold existing insurance coverage.

Running throughout September 2026, the campaign offers exclusive savings on a broad spectrum of medical, diagnostic, and preventative healthcare services at Al Salam Specialist Hospital. Accessible to all women across Bahrain, the initiative includes reduced rates on select physician consultations, dermatology and aesthetic assessments, screening mammography, and surgical procedures, as well as specially priced wellness packages.

Commenting on the campaign, Reema Nowrooz, Director of Family Takaful & Healthcare at Takaful International, stated: “At Takaful International, we believe that healthcare is a fundamental pillar of comprehensive pro-



Reema Nowrooz, Director of Family Takaful & Healthcare at Takaful International

tection and overall wellbeing, and supporting women’s health is an essential part of our responsibility toward the families and communities we serve. Through our Family Takaful and healthcare solutions, we continuously strive to innovate and develop services that address the evolving needs of our clients while facilitating access to high-quality healthcare. In line with this vision, we ensured that this campaign is accessible to all women—whether insured or uninsured—reaffirming our commitment to the community and providing a proud opportunity to celebrate women and honor their contributions on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the



Ahmed Al Sayed, Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Specialist Hospital

Supreme Council for Women.”

For his part, Mr. Ahmed Al Sayed, Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Specialist Hospital, said: “Women’s health is an integral part of the health and wellbeing of our community. At Al Salam Specialist Hospital, we are committed to supporting initiatives that promote prevention and early detection while making access to high-quality healthcare more accessible. Our partnership with Takaful International provides women across the Kingdom of Bahrain with an opportunity to benefit from a comprehensive range of healthcare services at accessible rates, encouraging regular screening and preventive care

as an essential part of their health journey. We are particularly proud that this initiative coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women, recognizing its pioneering journey and its contributions to supporting women and advancing their role in society. At Al Salam Specialist Hospital, we will continue to uphold our commitment to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care and contributing to a healthier and more health-conscious community.”

This collaborative initiative combines the strengths of leading insurance and medical providers to encourage women to take a proactive approach to preventative care, early detection, and overall health man-



agement.

The Women’s Health Campaign remains valid from September 1 through September 30, 2026. All interested individuals are invited to contact Al Salam Specialist Hospital directly at 13101010 to inquire

about package details, availability, and scheduling.

Terms and conditions apply. Select physician and surgical discounts apply to full-time hospital staff only and cannot be combined with existing promotions or insurance coverage.

Municipal Councils Return Next Week

Rubbish-bag charges, property classifications and 240 abandoned homes among issues awaiting action

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Municipal councils will begin returning next week with a backlog of local problems to tackle, from stalled projects and rubbish-bag charges to property owners seeking a clear right to challenge changes to long-held planning classifications.

The Northern Municipal Council will resume meetings on September 14, with Vice-Chair Zaina Jassim saying delayed works, municipal fees, building permits and land classifications will be among the first issues before members.

Ms Jassim told The Daily Tribune that the council would begin its fifth and final convening period by reviewing money allocated to municipal projects, including schemes held up during the recent hiatus caused by regional conditions.

‘We need to look again at the budgets allocated to municipal projects and reorder the priorities,’ she said.

The council will also study cutting rubbish-bag charges and allowing households to buy the bags themselves.

‘People should have the freedom to buy the rubbish bags directly,’ Ms Jassim said. ‘They should not be charged for them through municipal fees when there is no guarantee that the service will be provided in full and without interruption.’

Another proposal would make the road level a compulsory entry on building permits to help prevent later problems when a property and the adjoining road sit at different heights. Ms Jassim is also calling for a clear appeals route when long-standing property classifications are changed by the Urban Planning and Development Authority.

She said complaints had come from residents in areas where the same classification had stood for 20 years or longer.

‘The existing classification is an acquired right for the property owner and should not simply be touched,’ she said. ‘If it is going to be changed, the citizen must have a say.’

Muharraq Municipal Council Chairman Abdulaziz Al



Abdulaziz Al Naar, Muharraq Municipal Council chairman



Zaina Jassim, Vice-Chair of Northern Municipal Council



Saleh Tarrada, Chairman of the Capital Trustees Board

Naar said members would meet on September 7, with abandoned homes high on the agenda. About 240 abandoned houses lie across the second and fourth constituencies alone, he said.

Mr Al Naar said some cases had been held up because properties belonged to heirs unwilling to pay for repairs or upkeep.

‘Owners must be made to repair and maintain abandoned houses,’ he said, warning that neglected properties could put nearby residents at risk.

The Capital Trustees Board will convene on September 9, Chairman Saleh Tarrada said, while its committees return on September 6.

Mr Tarrada told The Daily Tribune that urgent requests would be dealt with first. The board also plans to discuss changes to municipal executive regulations and review replies received from government bodies during the 60-day recess.

Southern Municipal Council Chairman Abdullah Abdul Latif said his council would also return on September 9.

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Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information - For the six months ended 30 June 2026



Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position			Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income				Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows			
As at 30 June 2026			Six months period ended 30 June 2026				Six months period ended 30 June 2026			
USD '000			USD '000				USD '000			
	30 June 2026	31 December 2025	Six months ended		Three months ended		2026		2025	
	(Reviewed)	(Audited)	30 June 2026	30 June 2025	30 June 2026	30 June 2025	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
ASSETS										
Balances with banks	598	718								
Placements with banks	2,126	2,794								
Investments	1,396	1,870								
Right-of-use asset	2,948	3,023								
Property and equipment	3,689	3,797								
Other assets	4,684	3,155								
TOTAL ASSETS	15,441	15,357								
LIABILITIES										
Employee accruals	366	374								
Ijarah liability	3,370	3,421								
Other liabilities	13,807	11,515								
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,543	15,110								
EQUITY										
Share capital	1,005	1,005								
Statutory reserve	249	249								
Accumulated losses	(29,877)	(27,528)								
Equity attributable to owners	(28,623)	(26,274)								
Subordinated Mudharaba (AT1)	26,521	26,521								
Non-controlling interest	-	-								
TOTAL EQUITY	(2,102)	247								
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	15,441	15,357								
REVENUE										
Asset management fees	140	4,705	52	2,632						
Net change in fair value of investments carried at fair value through consolidated statement of income	(452)	(613)	(506)	(517)						
Net realised loss on exit of investments	-	(4,225)	-	-						
Other investment income	-	152	-	131						
Rental and other income	3,395	1,497	2,956	549						
TOTAL REVENUE	3,083	1,516	2,502	2,795						
EXPENSES										
Staff cost	1,533	1,754	777	715						
Legal and professional fees	189	269	129	126						
Finance expense	82	84	41	42						
Depreciation	188	186	93	93						
Other expenses	3,969	2,160	3,504	1,562						
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,961	4,453	4,544	2,538						
(LOSS) / PROFIT BEFORE IMPAIRMENT ALLOWANCES	(2,878)	(2,937)	(2,042)	257						
Reversal of expected credit losses	529	338	64	18						
Reversal of impairment on property and equipment	-	30	-	30						
(LOSS) / PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	(2,349)	(2,569)	(1,978)	305						
(Loss) / Profit for the period attributable to Owners	(2,349)	(2,569)	(1,978)	305						
Non-controlling interest	(2,349)	(2,569)	(1,978)	305						
OPERATING ACTIVITIES										
Net loss for the period	(2,349)	(2,569)								
Reversal for credit losses	(529)	(338)								
Fair value loss on investments carried at fair value	452	613								
Realised fair value loss on exit of investment	-	4,225								
Restricted cash for AJM investors	604	-								
Depreciation	188	186								
Finance expenses	82	85								
Operating (loss) / profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	(1,552)	2,180								
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:										
Investments	22	9,144								
Funding to project companies	-	1,099								
Property and equipment	(4)	(24)								
Other assets	(1,002)	536								
Employee accruals	(8)	(68)								
Other liabilities	2,492	(10,305)								
Placements with financial institutions (original maturity more than 3 months)	531	(218)								
Net cash from operating activities	479	1,744								
FINANCING ACTIVITIES										
Profit distribution to AT1 Sukuk holders	-	(528)								
Rent paid towards right-of-use asset	(133)	(133)								
Net cash used in financing activities	(133)	(661)								
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	346	1,083								
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	1,050	1,392								
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	1,396	2,475								
Represented by:										
Balances with banks	598	829								
Placements with financial institutions (original maturity less than three months)	2,120	1,644								
Less: Restricted cash from exit of investments	(1,322)	-								
	798	1,646								
	1,396	2,475								

Extracted from the financial statements reviewed by KPMG and approved for issue by the Board on 31st August 2026.

Bashar Mohamed Ebrahim Almutawa

Chairman of the Board

Shaikh Ahmed Bin Isa Al Khalifa

Member of the Board

Note: These financial statements have been reviewed by KPMG who have issued a disclaimer of opinion due to the significance of certain matters for which they could not obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owner's Equity							USD '000	
Six months period ended 30 June 2026								
2026 (Reviewed)	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Accumulated losses	Equity attributable to owners	Subordinated mudharaba AT1	Total Equity		
Balance at 1 January 2026	1,005	249	(27,528)	(26,274)	26,521	247		
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(2,349)	(2,349)	-	(2,349)		
Balance at 30 June 2026	1,005	249	(29,877)	(28,623)	26,521	(2,102)		
2025 (Reviewed)	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Accumulated losses	Equity attributable to owners	Subordinated mudharaba AT1	Total Equity		
Balance at 1 January 2025	1,005	249	(22,742)	(21,488)	26,256	4,768		
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(2,569)	(2,569)	-	(2,569)		
Profit to Subordinated Mudharaba (AT1)	-	-	(793)	(793)	265	(528)		
Balance at 30 June 2025	1,005	249	(26,104)	(24,850)	26,521	1,671		

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Gulf Air Unveils New Falcon Gold Business Class Amenity Kit

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, has unveiled a new Falcon Gold Business Class amenity kit, developed in collaboration with PAYOT, the French skincare house, as part of the airline's continued improvement of the premium onboard experience.

Founded in Paris in 1920, PAYOT is one of France's original skincare houses, with a heritage rooted in scientific, dermatologically-tested formulations — making it a natural partner for an amenity kit designed around comfort and wellbeing at altitude.



The Gulf Air-branded amenity bag pairs a contemporary aesthetic with sustainable materials, complementing the Falcon Gold cabin and reflecting the airline's broader sustainability objectives.

Inside, Falcon Gold passengers will find a curated edit of travel essentials alongside PAYOT skincare, selected to support the skin through the demands of air travel. The launch reflects Gulf Air's continued investment in product innovation and its commitment to delivering a differentiated premium travel experience, in line with the evolving expectations of its passengers.

EKK Advances Enterprise AI Adoption with Launch of EKK AI Studio

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Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo (EKK) has announced the launch of EKK AI Studio, a proprietary enterprise Generative AI platform developed by its Digital Solutions team to provide employees across the organisation with secure and streamlined access to advanced AI capabilities.

The launch represents another step in EKK's ongoing digital transformation journey, with the company continuing to explore how emerging technologies can enhance productivity, improve business processes, and support innovation across its diverse operations.

EKK AI Studio brings multiple leading Generative AI models together within a single secure platform, allowing employees to select the technology best suited to their specific requirements. The platform can support a wide range of everyday business ac-



tivities, including drafting, summarising, research, analysis, and application development.

The initiative builds on the work of EKK's Digital Solutions team, which has been integrating AI capabilities into the company's technology development and internal operations. AI is already being incorporated into a number of the division's development projects, while further initiatives are underway to explore how the technology can enhance customer experiences across EKK's diverse business portfolio.

As part of its broader AI adoption strategy, Digital Solutions

has also introduced Microsoft Copilot to managers and management teams, extending AI enabled productivity tools across EKK's existing Microsoft environment. These initiatives are designed to support more efficient workflows, collaboration, and decision making while helping employees make practical use of AI in their daily work.

Erkan Ayturk, Chief Technology Officer of EKK Technology, said: "EKK AI Studio reflects our commitment to keeping pace with the rapid development of technology and ensuring our people have access to the right tools to work more effectively. AI is becoming an increasingly important part of how businesses operate, and we want to ensure that EKK is well positioned to make the most of these capabilities while maintaining the appropriate standards around security and governance."

Emin Sadiyev, Head of Digital Solutions, added: "Our team has been developing and working with AI for some time, and EKK AI Studio brings these capabilities together in a practical and accessible way for employees across the organisation. The platform gives our teams the flexibility to explore different AI models and identify how they can be applied to their day to day work and ongoing technology initiatives."

The launch of EKK AI Studio reflects EKK's continued investment in technology and innovation, as the company looks to equip its workforce with the tools and capabilities needed to adapt to an increasingly AI driven business environment.

LuLu Exchange Adopts Revamped 'eKey 2.0 in Partnership with Beyon Connect



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Beyon Connect, part of the Beyon Group, has announced the successful integration of LuLu Exchange Bahrain to the revamped eKey 2.0 ecosystem, enabling the financial services provider to launch its eKYC solution through Bahrain's Digital Authentication of National Identity platform, developed by Beyon Connect in partnership with the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA).

Through the integration, LuLu Exchange digital customers can now complete identity verification digitally with greater speed, accuracy, and security in just a few simple steps, leading to a smoother, more convenient user experience.

The latest deployment further expands the growing adoption of the revamped eKey 2.0 across Bahrain, supporting organizations in delivering secure and seamless digital services while advancing the Kingdom's broader digital transformation agenda.

Richard Budel, Chief Executive Officer of Beyon Connect, said: "We are pleased to welcome LuLu Exchange to the growing eKey 2.0 ecosystem. Through our partnership with the iGA, Beyon Connect is enabling organizations across the Kingdom to integrate trusted digital identity authentication into their customer journeys, delivering faster, more secure onboarding experiences. LuLu Exchange's adoption of eKey 2.0 further demonstrates the growing momentum behind secure, government-backed digital identity authentication across Bahrain's financial sector."

Edison Fernandez, General Manager, LuLu Exchange Bahrain, said: "The revamped eKey 2.0 is one of the region's most advanced digital authentication of identity ecosystems and the integration of our services with the platform is a natural step in our journey. For our customers, it means that opening an account or sending money home becomes quicker and more convenient than ever, backed by the trust of a national framework. For us, it deepens a commitment we've held since day one to bring financial services that feel effortless, personal and secure."

Beyon Connect and LuLu Exchange are committed to supporting the Kingdom's digital transformation ambitions and the continued development of secure and accessible digital services. The eKYC solution is now live on the LuLu Money App, LuLu Exchange's digital platform, with the company set to extend the experience across more of its services in the months ahead.

Oil prices rise as renewed US-Iran tensions threaten Strait of Hormuz



Oil prices rose sharply on Monday as renewed military action between the United States and Iran increased concerns over crude supplies and shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

Brent crude futures climbed more than 2%, rising above \$90 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) also gained. Brent was reported at around \$90.45 a barrel, while WTI stood at about \$85.71.

The gains followed US strikes on Iranian launchers on Larak Island, near the Strait of Hormuz. Iran later reported retaliatory attacks against US military bases in Jordan, raising concerns that the conflict could further disrupt energy shipments.

The Strait of Hormuz remains a key focus for oil markets as it normally carries

around one-fifth of global oil supplies. Shipping activity through the waterway has already fallen sharply.

Oil prices had dropped more than 4% last week amid hopes of a diplomatic breakthrough and the possible reopening of the strategic waterway. The renewed escalation has since restored a geopolitical risk premium to crude prices.

Analysts say prices will depend heavily on the duration of shipping disruptions. JPMorgan estimates that each additional month could add around \$7-\$8 a barrel to Brent, while prolonged disruption could push prices as high as \$120.

Higher crude prices could increase fuel, transport and production costs for consumers and energy-importing economies.

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company Announces the Promotion of a Key Executive

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company B.S.C. (BKIC) is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Rajesh Babu to the position of Chief Underwriting Officer - Bahrain Operations, effective 1st September 2026. This key advancement reflects the Company's ongoing commitment to nurturing internal leadership, leveraging exceptional in-house talent, and driving technical excellence across its regional operations.

Mr. Rajesh Babu has been an integral part of Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company (BKIC) for the past three years, serving as Senior Manager of General Insurance. With over 21 years of extensive technical and leadership experience in the regional insurance and reinsurance sectors, Mr. Rajesh is a highly accomplished professional with a strong track record in underwriting, portfolio management and reinsurance. He holds several distinguished professional credentials, including the Advanced Diploma in Insurance (ACII) and the title of Chartered Insurer from the Chartered Insurance Institute, UK, alongside a Fellowship (FIII) from the Insurance Institute of India.

Simultaneously, the Compa-

ny announces that Mr. Manoj Badoni, the outgoing Chief Underwriting Officer - Bahrain Operations, will continue his association with Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company in the capacity of an Advisor to the CEO. This strategic arrangement ensures that the company will continue to benefit from Mr. Badoni's extensive industry experience, technical expertise, and deep industry relationships to maintain a seamless operational transition and support ongoing strategic projects.

On this occasion, Mr. Mohamed Al Maraj, General Manager, stated: We are pleased to promote Rajesh to the role of Chief Underwriting Officer - Bahrain Operations. His initial joining of BKIC and this subsequent promotion are key elements of the company's structured succession plan. Over his past three years with us, Rajesh has not only demonstrated outstanding technical expertise and underwriting discipline but has also successfully met and established strong, trusted relationships with our clients. This promotion represents a planned and smooth handover of responsibilities, and we are highly confident in his ability to steer our portfolio in Bahrain to new heights.

"I would also like to express



Mr. Rajesh Babu, Chief Underwriting Officer - Bahrain Operations



Mr. Mohamed Al Maraj, General Manager

my sincere gratitude to Manoj Badoni for his years of outstanding leadership as Chief Underwriting Officer - Bahrain Operations. We are delighted that Manoj will remain with the company as an Advisor to the CEO. His continued guidance and transition support are invaluable to maintaining our market leadership and ensuring that our underwriting practices remain robust, stable, and highly competitive."

Commenting on his promotion, Mr. Rajesh Babu said: "I am deeply honored and grateful to the Board of Directors and our Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Abdulla Sultan, for placing their trust and confidence in me. Having worked closely with the remarkable team at BKIC for the last three years, I look forward to taking on this new responsibility and collaborating with our partners and reinsurers to deliver sustainable growth, sound risk management, and exceptional value to our stakeholders."

For over five decades, Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company has maintained its dedication to nurturing its people and fostering a culture of continuous development. This commitment remains at the core of the Company's success and its ability to deliver exceptional service to clients and partners.

The Company extends its warmest congratulations to Mr. Rajesh Babu on his well-deserved promotion, and its deep appreciation to Mr. Manoj Badoni for his ongoing commitment and guidance.

Israel signs three-billion-euro arms export deal with Greece

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel's defence ministry announced yesterday it had signed a deal with Athens worth approximately three billion euros (almost \$3.5 billion) to set up the "Achilles Shield" aerial defence system for Greece.

"Under the deal, Israel will build Greece a comprehensive, multi-layered air defence array, drawing entirely on Israeli-made systems and on the extensive operational experience Israel's defence establishment has gained during the war," the ministry said in a statement.

"This is the largest defence

export deal in the history of Israel-Greece relations, and one of the largest in the history of the State of Israel," it added.

The deal was signed by the Israeli defence ministry's director general, Major General (Res.) Amir Baram, and his Greek counterpart, Ioannis Bouras, in Tel Aviv.

A Greek defence ministry source had told AFP in late July about an upcoming purchase of Israeli-made anti-missile, anti-aircraft and anti-drone systems, part of a broader defence investment for the Achilles Shield of 4.2 billion euro (\$4.8 billion).

India growth beats forecasts, defying Mideast turmoil



AFP | New Delhi, India

India's economy grew at a faster pace than expected in the April to June quarter, official data showed yesterday, quelling fears that the Iran war would derail growth in Asia's third-largest economy.

Gross domestic product rose 7.8% in the three months through June from the same period a year earlier, helped by a robust services sector, according to data from the statistics ministry.

While this was down from a revised 8.6% recorded in the previous quarter, it was still above market expectations of 7.3% growth.

"Growth was led by services,

but a key upside surprise came from manufacturing, which grew 9.2%," Teresa John of Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities told AFP.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the figures a "herculean feat", noting that it came despite "oil price shocks and supply chain issues".

"Doomsayers were doomed and India bloomed... yet again!" the premier said in a post on X.

Monday's reading cements India as the world's fastest growing major economy, and is a shot in the arm for Modi's government, which has been grappling with political setbacks and a series of delicate policy challenges.

Swiss man arrested over deadly rave shooting: police

AFP | Zurich, Switzerland

A 43-year-old Swiss man was arrested yesterday on "strong suspicion" of being behind a rare deadly gun attack at a rave in Switzerland, police said.

Gunfire erupted in the early hours of Sunday morning as an annual rave was winding down at the racecourse in Aarau, capital of Switzerland's northern canton of Aargau.

The attack triggered an international manhunt for the shooter, who left an Italian woman dead and wounded five others, some seriously.

"A 43-year-old Swiss man was apprehended shortly before 1:00 am Monday (2300 GMT Sunday)," Aargau police

said in a statement.

"The man was subsequently arrested on strong suspicion of having committed the crime.

"Investigations into the exact sequence of events, the background, and the possible motive are currently under way.

"At this stage, it is believed a lone perpetrator was involved."

In a statement earlier Monday, the cantonal police said that partygoers were preparing to go home when several shots were fired "at a group of people".

A 22-year-old Italian woman was killed. "She died instantly, despite attempts to resuscitate her," said the police, adding that five others were injured.

Nobel laureate Jelinek condemns 'land grabbing' in Gaza, W. Bank

● She argued that history should not prevent criticism, calling for European Union sanctions over Israeli settler violence against Palestinians and land confiscations.

AFP | Vienna, Austria

Austrian Nobel laureate Elfriede Jelinek has condemned "land grabbing" in the West Bank,



Gaza and Jerusalem, arguing that Western discourse on a two-state solution in the Middle East amounts to a "lie".

The 79-year-old writer, a major German-language intellectual figure, has previously spoken out against Israel's war in

Gaza.

In the text, entitled "In a promised land", Jelinek criticised talk about a Palestinian state "as though one did not know that it can never exist along the current path".

"Yet with this unspoken lie, thought itself also collapses; it shatters against the circumstances, against the land grabbing" of the West Bank, Gaza, and Jerusalem, she wrote in the text published on her website last Friday and seen by AFP on Monday.

She added she feared "ethnic cleansing" because "where the land is lacking, people themselves become meaningless".

She also referred to "plans" for the land, "perhaps a famous resort straight from the brains of (US President Donald) Trump

and (his son-in-law Jared) Kushner".

Trump has described Gaza -- which Israel invaded in retaliation to Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas's attack in October 2023 -- as "beautiful piece of property".

In her text, Jelinek, whose Jewish father survived the Holocaust, evoked her "love for the Jewish state, which also took in several of my ancestors".

But she argued that history should not prevent criticism, calling for European Union sanctions over Israeli settler violence against Palestinians and land confiscations.

Jelinek received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2004.

EU member Austria is a staunch supporter of Israel.

Trump vows to hit back 'hard'

First exchange of fire with Iran in weeks

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Donald Trump threatened to hit Iran "hard" after the two foes traded fire for the first time in over a month, while Iran's president warned that more fighting with the US was not in his country's interest.

Late Sunday, the United States said it had carried out strikes on an Iranian island in the Strait of Hormuz, with Tehran quickly retaliating by attacking US military targets in the Middle East.

"We're going to hit them hard," Trump said, according to a Fox News reporter who spoke to him briefly. "There will be a response."

The United States said it attacked Iranian rocket launchers on the island of Larak to prevent Tehran planting mines in the key shipping lane.



US denies Iran claim that oil tanker hit mines near Strait of Hormuz

AFP | Washington, United States

The US military yesterday denied Iran's claim that an oil tanker trying pass through the southern stretch of the Strait of Hormuz hit mines, caught fire and came to a halt.

Iran responded by with missile and drone attacks aimed at Jordan and the United Arab Emirates, saying they targeted US forces there, but President Mahmoud

"No ships have hit mines in the Strait of Hormuz," US Central Command said on X. "This is yet another IRGC attempt to intimidate regional commercial shipping through disinformation," it added, referring to Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

Pezeshkian later on Monday called for dialogue.

"We continue to strive for a path of agreement and understanding, and we believe that continuing the war is neither in our interest, nor in the interest of the region," he said at a summit in Kyrgyzstan, adding "the solution to the existing problems is dialogue and cooperation".

State media reported that two people were killed in the US attack on Larak, with several others wounded.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said the ballistic missile attack on two US air bases in Jordan caused "heavy damage".

Jordan's army said it had intercepted eight missiles, without stating their origin. Trump also told Fox that all the missiles fired at US forces had been shot down, except for one that was determined not to pose a threat.

Iran also said it targeted US personnel at an air base in the UAE and shot down an American drone over Hormuz.

Abu Dhabi said it intercepted a drone over the country's waters, but dismissed claims that Al Minhad Air Base had been targeted as "baseless".



Before the conflict, more than 100 ships a day passed through the Strait of Hormuz. During the war, that collapsed to an average of just seven vessels a day over the first six months.

US vows to keep economic pressure on Iran as G20 finance talks begin

AFP | Asheville, United States

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent vowed yesterday to persist with economic pressure on Iran, saying a turning point could be near as G20 finance leaders opened talks clouded by war and trade

tensions.

"We are going to continue exerting pressure, and we've had very good discussions here already," Bessent told reporters before starting meetings with Group of 20 finance ministers and central bank

governors.

He said a turning point in this US pressure campaign could come "within weeks or months," adding that Iran's economy need not collapse in the Middle East war to achieve this.

President Donald Trump's administration is working to rally G20 partners to ramp up economic pressure on Iran during the talks in Asheville, North Carolina, through Tuesday -- amid a renewed exchange of fire with Tehran.

1715

King Louis XIV of France dies after a reign of 72 years, the longest of any major European monarch

1878

First female telephone operator starts work, Emma Nutt, for the Edwin Holmes Telephone Dispatch Company in Boston



1939

World War II begins when Germany invades Poland by attacking the Free City of Danzig

1941

Jews living in Germany are required to wear a yellow Star of David

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Had extensive discussions with President Putin. Discussed the full range of the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. It is gladdening to see significant progress across various sectors in recent years. Focus areas for the India-Russia friendship remain energy, innovation, space, fertilisers and people-to-people linkages..

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On this International Day, we honour the enormous contributions of people of African descent. We also recall the work still to be done towards ensuring their full enjoyment of human rights, equality & opportunity. Let's dismantle systemic racism to achieve equality, justice & transformative change for people of African descent.,

@antonioGuterres

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We are preparing for new communication with envoys of the U.S. President. More details will follow tomorrow. We are doing everything to ensure that war doesn't remain the only option for what comes next.

@ZelenskyyUa

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An important day for the Afrienship between Sweden and France. Strong choices in terms of defense cooperation, a new step in our strategic partnership, a shared ambition: a strong, sovereign Europe, master of its own destiny. Thank you dear @SwedishPM for this welcome.

@EmmanuelMacron

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

Swollen rivers, washed-out roads hamper Nepal rescue effort

AFP | Bidur, Nepal

Nepali rescue teams battled difficult terrain, an unpredictable river and treacherous marshland yesterday, the sixth day in their search for survivors and victims of devastating floods.

The catastrophic flooding has killed more than 900 people, while the number of people unaccounted for has also risen, reaching more than 4,793 on Monday.

"There are too many challenges," said E. Hawadi, a police officer coordinating rescue efforts in the badly affected Nuwakot district.

"There are no roads, they have all been washed away, and many areas are just not accessible," he told AFP.

Floodwaters remained high



in some areas. Elsewhere, the ground had turned into slushy mud, slowing movement and complicating operations.

"It is very difficult for my men. The area is still flooded, and elsewhere it is all marshland," Hawadi said.

Entire communities have been swept away, leaving families homeless in heavy rain or sheltering in temporary facilities.

Unidentified bodies are being buried in mass graves after DNA sampling.

Russia wants AI, digital cooperation with China

AFP | Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Moscow aims to cooperate with Beijing in the field of artificial intelligence and digital innovation, Russian President Vladimir Putin told China's Xi Jinping yesterday as the leaders met in Kyrgyzstan.

They arrived in the central Asian country for a two-day summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), a regional bloc that seeks to serve as a counter-balance to the West.

Russia, with its troops bogged down in Ukraine, has deepened ties with its main oil customer China, which has never condemned Moscow for its four-and-a-half-year invasion.

"Cooperation is successfully developing on all fronts," Putin told Xi ahead of their talks.

They last met in May in Beijing.

"Digital innovations, including in artificial intelligence technologies, are also opening up new opportunities for the



Russia's President Vladimir Putin and China's President Xi Jinping shake hands during a meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Bishkek

economic development of our countries," Putin said.

The Kremlin has in the past months sought to tighten its control over the online sphere, imposing intermittent mass internet shutdowns and restrictions on popular messaging apps.

Moscow is pushing Russians to embrace the state-backed

Max messenger platform -- an unencrypted super-app similar to China's WeChat that critics say raises privacy and snooping concerns.

It has repeatedly threatened foreign-owned sites with bans, part of what rights advocates say is a broader attempt by authorities to control and monitor internet use.

Turkey says regional defence pact not against any country

AFP | Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey's top diplomat stressed yesterday the regional defence pact with Pakistan and Saudi Arabia was not aimed at any particular country and open to others, including Egypt.

Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan's remarks came after the first ministerial meeting of the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement which commits Turkey, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to mutual defence in the event of any of them being attacked.

"This alliance is founded on international principles such as respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states and non-interference in their internal affairs," he told reporters in Istanbul after they met in an Ottoman-era palace.

"The alliance is not against any state and is open to all states in our region that adhere to these fundamental principles," he said of a pact inked against a backdrop of war between the US and Iran. It unites NATO's second-largest army, Turkey, with the Islamic world's only

nuclear-armed state, Pakistan, and the leading Gulf power in Saudi Arabia.

The meeting came as Israel on Monday said it signed a three-billion euro deal with Athens (almost \$3.5 billion) to set up the "Achilles Shield" aerial defence system for Greece. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan were also at the talks, alongside defence ministers from all three countries and their military chiefs of staff.

John Ternus to lead Apple into the age of AI

AFP | San Francisco, United States

John Ternus takes over as Apple's chief executive today, inheriting a company that towers over the smartphone market but trails its rivals in artificial intelligence.

One of his biggest challenges will be balancing the company's dependence on China while parrying acute political pressure from the White House.

The handover ends Tim Cook's 15-year run, replacing the operations specialist who built Apple's supply chain with the engineer who built its hardware.

Ternus, 51, joined Apple's design team in 2001 and worked his way up to senior vice president of hardware engineering, reporting to Cook.

He leads the engineering teams behind Apple's entire



product lineup, including the iPhones that generate most of the company's revenue.

He gets barely a week to settle in, with Apple holding its annual iPhone event on September 9, where it is expected to unveil its first foldable handset.

"Tim Cook left the house in phenomenal order," said Dan Ives, partner and senior managing director at investment firm Yorkville Ives & Co.

"But now it's about Ternus defining the AI chapter."

Ives expects the new chief executive to lean into what he knows.

"There's no reason to fix what's already working," he said, predicting Ternus will concentrate on

hardware innovation while leaving Cook's supply chain intact.

Mother suffers burns while giving birth in Prague hospital

● The baby was not injured in the incident

● The 24-year-old mother suffered burns to her genitals, thighs, sides and lower belly.

AFP | Prague, Czech Republic

A mother giving birth in a Prague hospital suffered burns during a caesarean section, the hospital said Monday, with media reporting a disinfectant caught fire during the procedure.

The baby was not injured in the incident, a spokeswoman for the Bulovka hospital on the northern outskirts of the Czech Republic's capital said.

But the Denik N daily said Sunday that the 24-year-old mother suffered burns to her genitals, thighs, sides and lower belly.

"The caesarean section was performed because of

acute obstetrical complications," the spokeswoman, Eva Stolejda Libigerova, told AFP on Monday, adding that the hospital was investigating the August 25 incident.

"The mother is in a stable condition which does not require intensive care and... remains at a standard ward with her child," she said, refusing to go into detail about the rare incident.

Denik N said the mother caught fire when the hospital staff administered a disinfectant, then used a surgical instrument to stop bleeding.

It added the woman was taken to another Prague hospital with a renowned burn ward for subsequent treatment before returning to Bulovka.

The Bulovka hospital also had to apologise in 2024 when it performed an abortion on the wrong pregnant woman after mixing two Asian women up.

The hospital paid compensation to the woman and police shelved the case, Czech media said.

Tribunal says India cannot withdraw from water treaty with Pakistan

AFP | The Hague, Netherlands

An international tribunal yesterday ordered India to "observe its obligations" under a treaty with Pakistan on the sharing of the Indus and other rivers, which the New Delhi government sought to suspend.

It also made an order "prohibiting" India from carrying out works at two hydro-electric projects that could breach the 1960 Indus Water Treaty.

The treaty governs the use of water from six rivers, whose

headwaters originate in India but flow into Pakistan as part of the Indus basin -- a resource relied on by hundreds of millions. India said in May 2025 that it was suspending its membership of the treaty after accusing Islamabad of backing a deadly attack on tourists on the Indian side of Kashmir. Pakistan denied the charges.

India immediately rejected the Permanent Court of Arbitration's ruling that it had no grounds to withdraw from the treaty.

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Saudi minister calls for stronger defence integration and collective readiness

Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan move to strengthen cooperation under Makkah Joint Defence Agreement

Saudi Arabia's Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman has called for greater political coordination, defence integration and collective military readiness to confront regional challenges and threats.

Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Strategic Political and Defence Committee of the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement in Istanbul, Prince Khalid highlighted the strategic relations between Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan, the three countries that signed the agreement on August 7.

Following the meeting, the three nations announced plans to establish a secretariat in Saudi Arabia to support cooperation under the agreement. A Pakistani secretary-general will lead the secretariat for its initial three-year term.

The countries said they would work through joint activities to strengthen defence capabilities, improve coordination between their armed forces and expand cooperation in defence indus-



tries, joint production and technology development.

They also agreed to further institutionalise cooperation under the agreement to strengthen collective deterrence and defence capabilities and contribute to regional peace and stability.

The three countries reaffirmed their support for de-escalation and restraint and stressed the importance of resolving regional crises through peaceful means.

The meeting brought together defence and foreign affairs officials from the three countries. Discussions focused on strengthening the strategic partnership, addressing issues of common interest and adopting recommendations for future cooperation.

On the sidelines, Prince Khalid met Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir to discuss defence cooperation and regional developments.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan also held talks with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan on bilateral relations and regional security.

Fidan later said a roadmap was being prepared for the possible accession of other countries to the agreement.

Lebanon seeks Greece's support to implement US-backed deal with Israel

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun has asked Greece to support efforts to implement a US-sponsored framework agreement with Israel aimed at ending hostilities and restoring stability along the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Speaking during a visit to Athens, Aoun said Lebanon and its people were tired of repeated wars and stressed that the agreement could not be implemented by one side alone. He called for Greece to provide support through diplomatic channels, including at the United Nations.

The framework agreement, signed in late June, calls for the disarmament of Hezbollah, a gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon and the deployment of the Lebanese army in the area, initially through designated pilot zones.

Aoun said Lebanon was seeking a full withdrawal of Israeli forces and reaffirmed his government's position that the Lebanese state should maintain



control throughout the country.

According to Lebanese authorities, Israeli military operations since the latest conflict began have killed more than 4,300 people and wounded over 12,000, while dozens of villages have suffered extensive destruction.

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said Greece supports Lebanon's sovereignty, independence and unity, and backed efforts aimed at de-escalation and dialogue.

Aoun also urged continued international support for the Lebanese army and called for Greece's assistance at the United Nations as Beirut seeks an extension of the mandate of the UNIFIL peace-keeping force, whose current mandate expires at the end of the year.

The United States and Israel have opposed extending the mission.

Meanwhile, Greek Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said a roadmap was being developed to allow other countries to potentially join the defence and security pact.

Türkiye says defence pact open to regional states



Türkiye's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said the defence pact with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan is not aimed at any particular country and remains open to regional states, including Egypt. He said the alliance is based on sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference, while a roadmap for potential new members is being developed.

Qatar sends urgent aid to flood-hit Nepal



A Qatari Armed Forces aircraft has arrived in Nepal carrying urgent humanitarian aid for communities affected by recent floods. The Qatar Fund for Development supplied water-pumping equipment, lighting, food supplies and multi-purpose tents, benefiting around 52,000 people. Qatar's International Search and Rescue Group is also assisting with aid delivery and relief operations.

Israel establishes new West Bank outpost



Israeli authorities have established a new settler outpost, Noa, in the northern occupied West Bank near Jenin. The site is reportedly the eighth settlement established by the Samaria Regional Council in less than a year. The Palestinian Authority warned the expansion could threaten agricultural land and disrupt links between Palestinian communities.

Mahran hat-trick powers Bahrain victory

Hosts overcome Tajikistan after power failure interrupts dramatic Asian U20 qualifier

Hussain Almaskati

A power failure interrupted Bahrain's 3-2 victory over Tajikistan in their AFC U20 Asian Cup 2027 qualifying opener last night, with play halted in the 85th minute at Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town.

The hosts were protecting a slender 2-1 advantage when the disruption brought proceedings to a temporary standstill, with spectators remaining in the stadium to support the kingdom's junior men's national team.

Play eventually resumed and Ali Mahran completed a superb hat-trick in the 90th minute to give Ali Aamer's side some breathing room, before Tajikistan struck in stoppage time to ensure a nervy finish.

The Bahrainis nevertheless held firm to secure three valuable points in Group D and begin their bid for a first appearance at the continental finals since 2016 on a winning note.

Mahran had needed just five minutes to open the scoring following a rapid transition from defence to attack.

Jassim Qassim launched a long ball towards the right flank, where Mohamed Rashed picked it up before delivering a cross into the area for Mahran to meet with a diving header.



Ali Mahran celebrates his third goal of the night

Tajikistan responded strongly and were level eight minutes later through Azizbek Murotov.

A cross towards the back post caused a scramble inside the penalty area before the ball fell to Murotov, who showed good footwork to evade a challenge and calmly finish to make it 1-1.

The visitors enjoyed the better of the proceedings following their equaliser and applied sustained pressure as the half wore on.

But it was the nationals who struck against the run of play just before the interval.

Substitute Abdulrahman Bas-sam swung in a corner that was

knocked backwards by a Tajikistan player and fell kindly into the path of Mahran, who applied the finishing touch from close range for his second of the night.

Aamer's men had opportunities to extend their advantage after the restart.

Bassam came agonisingly close in the 65th minute after creating space for himself inside the area, only for Tajikistan goalkeeper Abubakr Rahmon-qulov to stick out a leg and deny him from point-blank range.

Mahran then came within inches of completing his hat-trick when his header from an-

other corner crashed against the crossbar.

Tajikistan continued to push for an equaliser and had an appeal for handball waved away following a corner before the floodlights went out with five minutes to go, bringing the contest to a temporary halt.

Once play resumed, Mahran finally secured his treble in the 90th minute, finding the net to put the hosts 3-1 ahead.

Tajikistan refused to go quietly and pulled one back in stoppage time to set up a tense finale, but Aamer's charges saw out the remaining moments to seal a 3-2 triumph.

Earlier in the day, Jordan also opened their Group D campaign with three points after edging Afghanistan 1-0.

That sets up a meeting between the two opening-day winners on Thursday, when Bahrain take on Jordan at 8.30pm, while Afghanistan face Tajikistan earlier at 5pm.

The final round of matches will be played on Sunday, with Jordan facing Tajikistan at 5pm before the nationals complete their campaign against Afghanistan at 8.30pm.

The eight group winners and seven best runners-up will qualify for next year's AFC U20 Asian Cup in China, which will be held from March 24 to April 10.

Man City sign Palmeiras winger Allan on five-year deal



Palmeiras' Allan in action (file photo)

AFP | London

Brazilian winger Allan has joined Manchester City on a five-year deal from Palmeiras for a reported fee of £34 million (\$46 million).

Allan, 22, came up through the ranks at Palmeiras, starting off in the Brazilian club's academy before making 96 first-team appearances.

This season, he has scored four goals and contributed three assists in 21 matches in Brazil's top flight, which Palmeiras are currently leading.

"This is a surreal moment for me. Manchester City, with everything they have won over the past 15 years,

are one of the most attractive clubs in the world for players," Allan told the Premier League club's website yesterday.

"To be able to sit here today and say I have joined them is the proudest moment of my life.

"I love Palmeiras and always will -- but the decision to come to City was an easy one. I want to be the best footballer I can be and the conversations I've had with the people at City so far has convinced me there isn't a better place for me to fulfil my ambitions.

"My intention is to help City continue winning trophies. If I can do that, it would be a dream come true."



Messi calls time on Argentina career

It 'hurts' says World Cup winner as he retires from international football

- Decision comes after World Cup final loss
- Played 207 matches for national team
- Scored 125 goals for Argentina

AFP | Miami

Lionel Messi said yesterday he was retiring from international football after leading Argentina to a second successive World Cup final in July.

The 39-year-old forward who won the World Cup in 2022 and dragged his nation to the final in the United States only to lose to Spain, said the decision had been painful.

"It was a decision that hurt and still hurts deep in my soul but I understand that it is the right time," Messi wrote on Instagram.

"I swear I always gave everything, not just in the last few years when we

Lionel Messi

It was a decision that hurt and still hurts deep in my soul but I understand that it is the right time. I swear I always gave everything, not just in the last few years when we won everything but before that too, and I always fought and gave my all for this shirt

LIONEL MESSI

won everything but before that too, and I always fought and gave my all for this shirt," he added.

Messi led Argentina to World Cup glory four years ago by winning the final against France in a penalty shootout in Doha, but his side were defeated 1-0 by a superior Spain side in the 2026 final in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Following the death of his father Jorge in August, Messi had said he had "serious doubts" about continuing to play football of any sort for "much longer".

"I don't know what I'll do without

you, I don't know how to go on. I just played football, and now I have serious doubts about continuing to do so for much longer," he said then.

Messi's contract with Major League Soccer club Inter Miami runs until the end of the 2028 season.

He has played 207 times for Argentina and is also Argentina's leading scorer, with 125 goals.

Messi also won two Copa Americas during his 21-year international career.

In this year's finals, Messi had inspired Argentina to another final by scoring eight goals and also providing two assists in the dramatic late comeback against England in the semi-finals.

But the dream of lifting the trophy again proved one match too far as the South Americans were defeated by Spain in the MetLife Stadium in a match that ended in ugly scenes.

Midfielder Leandro Paredes and several of his Argentina team-mates have received bans and fines for their part in clashes with Spain players after the final, Paredes for grabbing Eric Garcia by the throat and wrestling Gavi to the ground.

Messi, meanwhile, was pictured in tears after receiving his loser's



Messi's decision came after his father's death in August, which made him doubt continuing football, and he was pictured in tears after receiving his loser's medal

medal. He said afterwards that the pain of defeat was "immense" and that it would "take a long time for this wound to heal".

In his statement yesterday, the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner said it was time for a new generation of Argentina players to take up the torch.

"I love, I loved, and I will always love being on the national team," he wrote. "I gave everything I had, I have nothing more to give, and besides, there are some very talented young players coming up behind me who deserve to be there."

Bahrain settle for Asian silver

Qatar deny Kingdom's youngsters a third title in Amman final

Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain's hopes of securing a third Asian youth crown ended last night after they suffered a 28-24 defeat to Qatar in the final of the 11th Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship in Amman, Jordan.

The kingdom's under-19 side entered the gold medal showdown at Princess Sumaya Hall with a perfect record, but a difficult opening half left them with too much ground to recover despite a spirited response after the break.

Qatar held a 16-10 advantage at half-time before Bahrain outscored their Gulf rivals 14-12 in the second period, eventually having to settle for silver as Khaled Aly's side lifted the trophy for a third time.

The result was Bahrain's first defeat of the campaign and also their first in an Asian youth final, having won the title on both of their previous appearances in the championship-decider in 2016 and 2018.

Despite the disappointment, Mohamed Soliman's youngsters concluded an impressive campaign, having also secured qualification for next year's IHF Men's Youth Handball World Championship.

Bahrain briefly held the upper hand during the opening exchanges of last night's contest.

After Qatar struck twice inside the opening three minutes, Sayed Majeed Almuhafta responded with two goals before Mahmood Ahmed found the net to put the nationals 3-2 ahead.

Their advantage was short-lived as Qatar replied with four unanswered goals to move 6-3 in front, before gradually beginning to take control.

Bahrain were also frustrated from the seven-metre line, with Qatar goalkeeper Omar Elsayed denying Sayed Omran Almahafdh and Ahmed Abdulla from penalties during the first half.

The Qataris capitalised at the other end and stretched their



Qatar pose with their gold medals and championship trophy



Youssef Hussein rises to shoot over Mahmood Ahmed

lead to 11-4 by the 21st minute.

Bahrain managed to steady themselves late in the period, with Mahdi Ali scoring twice while Mohamed Marzooq and Hasan Saif also found the net, but they still went into the interval six goals behind.

The young Warriors emerged with renewed purpose after the restart.

Hussain Abadi, Wadee Hasan and Marzooq scored without reply as Bahrain quickly reduced the deficit to 16-13, giving themselves a route back into the contest.

Qatar halted that momentum and restored their six-goal cushion

at 19-13, but Bahrain continued to battle.

Ali Hasan and Sayed Ali Ebrahim struck in quick succession to make it 21-17, before Almahafdh and Abdulla cut the gap further to 22-19 with just over 10 minutes remaining.

Another missed seven-metre opportunity stalled the comeback, however, and Qatar responded with two straight goals to regain breathing room at 24-19.

The eventual champions then pulled seven clear at 27-20 with five minutes left, leaving Bahrain with too much to do.

Soliman's men nevertheless

finished strongly, scoring four of the next five goals. Abdulla struck twice before Almahafdh and Ali found the net in quick succession to reduce the final margin to four.

Hasan, Almahafdh, Ali and Abdulla shared Bahrain's scoring honours with three goals apiece, while Almuhafta, Marzooq and Saif contributed two each.

Bahrain were left to rue their struggles from the seven-metre line after failing to convert any of their five penalties. Elsayed saved three of those attempts and finished the contest with 10 stops overall.

Youssef Elgaabary led Qatar with eight goals from nine attempts, while Moaaz Saber and Abdallah Hassan added five each.

There was further recognition for Bahrain after the final, with Mohamed Fathi Al Marzooq named the tournament's Best Left Wing, while Ahmed Ayyad received the Best Playmaker award for his performances during the championship.

The silver medal adds to Bahrain's strong record at Asian youth level, which already includes the 2016 and 2018 titles and bronze in 2010.

Their run in Amman also earned the kingdom a seventh appearance at the IHF Men's Youth Handball World Championship, including a fifth in succession, with the next edition scheduled for 2027.

Perfect Bahrain complete Dubai sweep



Guard Ahmed Alderazi looks to get past his Kuwaiti marker

Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain completed a perfect first round of pre-qualifying for the FIBA Asia Cup 2029 last night after cruising to a 95-67 victory over Kuwait in Dubai, the UAE.

The kingdom's senior men's basketball team won all four quarters at Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum Sports Hall to register their fourth successive victory and close out their Group A campaign with an unblemished record.

Having already secured their place in the second round following Sunday's 105-71 rout of Nepal, Slobodan Subotic's men finished their opening assignment in style, adding another convincing result to earlier wins over Oman and hosts UAE.

Ahmed Haji led the scoring with 21 points, while Mustafa Rashed and JaKarr Sampson contributed 20 apiece. Mohamed Buallay added 12, all from beyond the arc in the fourth quarter, while Mohamed Juma finished with 11.

Kuwait made the brighter start and moved 7-5 ahead midway through the opening period, but that proved to be their last lead of the contest.

Rashed sparked the turnaround with a three-pointer to make it 8-7 before connecting again from long range just 34 seconds later.

He then set up Haji for another triple as the nationals reeled off nine unanswered points to move 14-7 clear.

Rashed struck his third three-pointer shortly afterwards and finished the opening quarter with 10 points as Bahrain took a 19-11 advantage.

Kuwait produced their strongest response early in the second period, scoring six straight points to reduce the gap to 22-17.

Haji answered with five consecutive points before Rashed followed with another three-pointer and a driving basket, completing a 10-0 burst that stretched the lead to 32-17.

That run put Subotic's side firmly in control and Kuwait never managed to reduce the deficit to single figures again.

Juma began to make his presence felt inside, while

“I’ve been with the team for only a month and, after 24 training sessions, I believe the players showed exactly what I’ve asked of them from day one”
COACH SUBOTIC

Sampson struck with successive drives to the basket as the advantage continued to grow, with the Bahrainis eventually carrying a 45-30 lead into the interval.

Kuwait attempted to respond once more after the restart, scoring five unanswered points to cut the gap to 12 at 47-35.

Haji connected from three-point range before Sampson followed with a triple of his own and two free throws, quickly pushing the margin back out to 18 at 55-37.

The nationals eventually entered the final period 69-48 ahead before Buallay took centre stage in the fourth.

The big man knocked down four three-pointers during the period, including the final basket of the contest with 45 seconds remaining, as the lead continued to grow.

Bahrain took the fourth quarter 26-19 to complete a clean sweep of all four periods and seal an emphatic 28-point triumph.

The result completed an impressive opening phase for the Bahrainis, who beat Oman 106-62, UAE 83-80, Nepal 105-71 and Kuwait to finish with four victories from four.

They will now compete in Group E of the second round alongside the UAE, Kuwait, Palestine, Kazakhstan and Sri Lanka, with the next stage scheduled for November and December.

Group F features Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Mongolia and Fiji.

The top four teams from each six-nation group will advance to the FIBA Asia Cup 2029 qualifiers, where they will join the 16 sides that competed at the 2025 continental finals in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain Victorious sign Belgian Slock

Hussain Almaskati

Bahrain Victorious have strengthened their roster for next season with the signing of Belgian rider Liam Slock on a two-year contract.

The 25-year-old will join the UCI WorldTeam from Lotto at the start of the 2027 campaign, adding further power to their line-up for the Spring Classics and stage races.

Slock turned professional in 2023 and has developed into a versatile rider capable of contributing in one-day events, breakaways and time trials.

He claimed the first professional victory of his career earlier this year at the GP Gippingen in Switzerland, attacking as part of a three-man move before winning the sprint ahead of established WorldTour riders Richard Carapaz and Aleksandr Vlasov.

The Belgian also made his Tour de France debut this season and caught the eye with an ambitious solo breakaway on



Liam Slock

stage eight.

Slock spent a lengthy spell out in front before being reeled in by the chasing sprinters with just 1.3 kilometres remaining, narrowly missing the opportunity to contest a maiden Grand Tour stage victory.

Alongside his attacking qualities, he has developed into a strong time trial rider, particularly across flat and rolling terrain.

Bahrain Victorious perfor-

mance manager Rod Ellingworth believes the new arrival will strengthen the team's options across different types of races.

“We are very happy to add a powerful rider like Liam to our roster,” Ellingworth said. “He is a valuable addition who brings strength to all areas of our race programme, from one-day races to stage races.”

“His arrival is part of Bahrain Victorious' continued effort

to strengthen our core engine for stage races and the Spring Classics.

“We believe Liam has the qualities and mentality to play an important role in our team and we are looking forward to seeing him develop further with us.”

Slock, meanwhile, is relishing the opportunity to take the next step in his career after six years within the Lotto set-up.

“This is a new step in my career, and I am immensely looking forward to developing further in this new environment at Bahrain Victorious,” he said. “I am motivated to bring my experience and qualities and to strengthen the Classics group of the team.”

Slock also thanked Lotto for the opportunities he received during his time with the Belgian outfit, saying he had grown both as a rider and as a person.

He will officially link up with Bahrain Victorious ahead of the 2027 season, with his contract running for two years.



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