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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

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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 co-ordinate 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.

