

July fuel prices

Jayyid (91)	: 0.222 BD
Mumtaz (95)	: 0.247 BD
Super (98)	: 0.362 BD
Diesel	: 0.229 BD

New U-Turn Opens



The Ministry of Works has opened a new two-lane U-turn at the Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway and Zallaq Highway junction to improve traffic movement and reduce congestion.

The 1.3-kilometre route provides easier access to nearby communities, including Al Raffa, while reducing travel distances and improving road efficiency. The project also included expanding the right-turn connection from Zallaq Highway and upgrading related infrastructure works.

Faster Water Connection Service



The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) has introduced a fully electronic inspection service for new water connection requests, reducing processing time from five working days to two.

The digital service allows citizens, residents, businesses and institutions to apply for new water connections and meter installations without traditional inspections in eligible cases. The upgrade has reduced service procedures, lowered documentation requirements by 50 percent and improved processing efficiency.

220 fils (includes VAT)



Fight Against Drugs

Interior Minister highlights community role in combating drug threats and protecting future generations

Minister of Interior and Chairman of the National Anti-Drug Committee, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, stressed that combating drugs is a shared national responsibility requiring collective efforts across society.

Speaking during a ceremony marking the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the minister reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to international cooperation and regional coordination in tackling drug-related crimes.

He said the Kingdom continues to enhance efforts against illegal drug trafficking and psychotropic substances by improving security capabilities, strengthening coordination between authorities, and expanding community partnerships.

General Shaikh Rashid high-



lighted the importance of cooperation between security, education, health, media and religious institutions to address evolving smuggling methods and protect society.

The minister revealed that 2,006 drug cases were recorded in 2025, while 475 cases were registered during the first quarter of 2026, stressing the importance of awareness campaigns in safeguarding future gen-

erations.

The ceremony featured a documentary showcasing national anti-drug efforts, recognition of outstanding personnel and supporting organisations, and the presentation of the Stevie Award received by the "Ta'afi" (Recovery) programme for supporting drug recovery initiatives.

The minister also visited an exhibition displaying artworks by students who participated in an anti-drug awareness competition organised by the Ministry of Interior in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.



Infrastructure Progress



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa chaired the 309th meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Development Projects and Infrastructure, where members reviewed key national projects and infrastructure initiatives.

The committee praised cooperation between government service entities and municipal councils, while highlighting progress in the Bahrain Smart Cities Conference 2026 and the development of roads leading to Bahrain International Airport. It also reviewed the operation of 42 new smart parking meters in the Diplomatic Area and directed an assessment to expand the initiative to other areas across the Kingdom.

12 Nations, One Shield

CENTCOM Leads Landmark Regional Security Dialogue in Bahrain

The U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), in coordination with the Bahrain Defense Force, led a regional security dialogue in Bahrain, bringing together senior defense leaders from 12 nations to discuss evolving security challenges in the Middle East.

The meeting, chaired by CENTCOM Commander Admiral Brad Cooper, included military officials from Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Discussions focused on the current regional security environment and ways to strengthen defense cooperation across participating countries. Lead-



ers also reaffirmed their shared commitment to ensuring the free flow of commerce through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global shipping route.

"We continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with our regional partners," Admiral Cooper said, noting that the discussions highlighted a collective commitment

to regional stability and security.

Officials also reviewed ongoing security frameworks, including a multinational air and missile defense coordination system operating across the Middle East. CENTCOM and partner nations previously established a regional coordination cell to enhance information sharing,

threat warnings, and response readiness.

The dialogue was particularly significant as it marked the first participation of military representatives from Syria and Lebanon in a U.S.-led regional defense conference, underscoring expanded engagement in regional security cooperation.

A Nation of Achievers

Education Minister Honors Exceptional Students

The Minister of Education, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, met additional batches of top-performing students who scored 99% and above, bringing the total number of honorees to 300 students across Bahrain.

The latest sessions were held at

the Ministry of Education Bahrain headquarters in Isa Town, with 120 students participating over the second and third days of scheduled meetings.

The recognition program grouped students based on academic performance ranges,



from 100% down to 99% categories. A separate session for private school students is also planned in the coming days. The

initiative highlights the country's emphasis on celebrating academic excellence across all education streams.

Youth City 2030 to Launch Largest Edition



The Ministry of Youth Affairs announced that the 15th edition of Youth City 2030 will begin on July 12, featuring 256 training programmes and 10,650 opportunities – the largest edition since its launch.

The programme is expected to attract more than 6,000 young participants and will focus on future skills through five key areas: entrepreneurship, arts and culture, science and technology, media and digital innovation, and sports. The initiative is organised in partnership with Tamkeen and more than 105 public, private and civil sector partners.

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