

Travel Warning

Embassies across the Middle East warn of possible escalation as Washington advises citizens to prepare for sudden travel disruptions. | P6-7

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2,000 Apply for Bahrain Government Leadership Programme



The Prime Minister's Office has announced the closure of registration for the 12th intake of the Prime Minister's Programme for Governmental Development, following strong participation from employees across various government entities.

The programme continues to support investment in national talent by enhancing the skills, expertise and leadership capabilities of government employees, in line with the vision and directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Nearly 2,000 candidates applied to join the latest intake, with applicants now set to undergo a series of assessment stages, including application reviews, personal interviews and aptitude tests.

Successful candidates will be selected to join the programme following completion of the evaluation process.

Since its launch in 2015, the Prime Minister's Programme for Governmental Development has played a key role in strengthening administrative skills and developing the capabilities of national government employees.

August Fuel Prices Set



The Fuel Pricing and Monitoring Committee approved Bahrain's fuel prices for August. The new rates, effective today, align with the country's fuel pricing mechanism and global market changes.

The approved prices are BD0.222 per litre for Jayyid (91), BD0.247 for Mumtaz (95), BD0.362 for Super (98), and BD0.229 for diesel.

The committee also confirmed that diesel subsidies for Bahraini fishermen will continue. It stated it will continue monitoring global market developments and take the necessary measures to maintain balanced fuel prices in line with economic conditions.

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A Stamp of Legacy

Commemorative stamp celebrates leadership, reforms and institutional development

63 Years of Legacy Remembered

Bahrain's Heritage Goes Postal

A Collector's Tribute to History

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A single postage stamp can carry far more than a letter—it can preserve the story of a nation. That was the message as Bahrain yesterday unveiled a commemorative postage stamp honouring the late His Highness Isa Al Kabeer, whose 63-year reign transformed Bahrain through institutional reforms and laid the foundations of the modern Bahraini state. Issued by Bahrain Post under the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, the stamp forms part of the national celebrations for the Year of Shaikh Isa the Great (2026), designated by the Royal Order of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The occasion was graced by the presence of the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications H.E. Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Tourism, H.E. Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, along with senior officials and guests, at the launch ceremony held at the Bahrain Postal Museum. The event also commemorated the anniversary of the opening of Bahrain's first post office in Manama on August 1, 1884—a milestone that marked the beginning of the Kingdom's

postal journey.

Unveiling the stamp, H.E. Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, described it as a tribute to a visionary ruler whose legacy continues to shape Bahrain.

"This stamp is being issued in memory of the late Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Ruler of Bahrain, and in recognition of his key role in laying the foundations of the modern state, maintaining stability and advancing the country's institutions during his reign from 1869 to 1932," he said.

The minister noted that commemorative stamps are more than postal instruments; they serve as enduring historical records that document defining events, celebrate national achievements and honour influential personalities. He said the issue preserves an important chapter of Bahrain's collective memory while introducing future generations to the legacy of one of the Kingdom's most influential rulers.

The minister said the anniversary also commemorates the opening of Bahrain's first post office in Manama on August 1,



1884, "on this day 142 years ago," describing it as the beginning of "a long period of growth in postal services and, later, telecommunications." He noted that the service evolved from a modest office staffed by a single employee into the modern nationwide network serving the Kingdom today.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune (TDT), stamp designer Najeed Rashid said the design was inspired by Bahrain's traditional postage stamps, particularly the classic black-and-white issues. "The design went through several stages and multiple versions during development. We are grateful to the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications for its support.

This concept was refined over nearly three months, with continuous reviews, feedback and revisions," he said.

Issued on August 1, 2026, the commemorative stamp has a denomination of BD1.500 and has been printed in a limited edition of 20,000 using advanced security features, including ultraviolet invisible ink. A limited First Day Cover, with only 500 copies produced, is also available.

The commemorative issue is now available at all Bahrain Post branches and the Bahrain Postal Museum, offering collectors and the public alike a lasting tribute to one of the Kingdom's defining leaders and a pivotal chapter in Bahrain's history.

Embassy Resolves Syria Airport Delay

The Embassy of Bahrain in Damascus has successfully resolved the case of several Bahraini citizens who were delayed at Damascus International Airport and unable to enter Syria due to incomplete travel approvals.

The embassy said it coordinated with Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Syrian authorities, providing consular assistance to the citizens and conducting diplomatic communications to address the issue.

Following these efforts, the Bahraini citizens were granted entry into Syria and completed the required procedures.

The embassy explained that the delays occurred because some travel agencies arranged tourist and religious trips without obtaining the necessary security approvals required by Syrian authorities.

Travel Agency Closed Over Violations



The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has closed a travel and tourism office after it was found to be organising trips without obtaining the required licence and approvals.

The action follows reports that several Bahraini citizens were unable to enter the Syrian Arab Republic after some travel agencies failed to complete the necessary security clearances and regulatory procedures before departure.

The authority said it has launched administrative measures within its legal jurisdiction in accordance with approved regulations and procedures.

The BTEA confirmed that one travel office was shut down after investigations found it had been arranging tourist trips without the required approval from the authority, in violation of regulations governing tourism activities in Bahrain.

Bahrain Supports Gaza Disarmament Accord

New Gaza Deal Marks Step Toward Lasting Peace

Foreign Ministry says agreement marks a positive step towards ending suffering and achieving lasting regional peace

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The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomed the announcement by US President Donald Trump of a historic disarmament agreement in the Gaza Strip, describing it as a positive and constructive step toward implementing a comprehensive peace plan.

In a statement, Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the agreement could contribute to ending the suffering of the Palestinian people while strengthening security, stability and lasting peace in the region.

The Ministry expressed Bahrain's appreciation for the diplomatic efforts led by the United States under President Trump,



A displaced Palestinian woman reacts holding up containers following an Israeli airstrike that targeted the medical supplies and pharmaceuticals warehouse of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip on August 1, 2026.

with support from Egypt, Qatar, Türkiye, the Board of Peace, and other regional and international partners. It said the achievement highlights the importance of collective action and multilateral diplomacy in advancing regional and global peace and security.

Bahrain reaffirmed its full support for implementing the comprehensive peace plan in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2803.

The Kingdom stressed the importance of ensuring the continued delivery of humanitarian

assistance, supporting Gaza's recovery and reconstruction efforts, and facilitating the return of the Palestinian Authority to the Gaza Strip. The Ministry also reiterated Bahrain's support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state along the borders of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions and the two-state solution.



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New Crop Research Promotes Sustainable Farming

National partnership aims to develop skilled agricultural professionals and sustainable farming projects

- New crop cultivation trials underway
- Testing crops suited to Bahrain's climate
- Efficient use of water and farmland
- Diversifying local agricultural production

Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening Bahrain's agricultural sector, describing the Agricultural Incubation Centre in Hoorat A'ali as a flagship development project that promotes innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainable farming.

The minister made the remarks during a field visit to the centre alongside Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, Secretary-General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Sector Development, and Agriculture and Animal Wealth Affairs Undersecretary Eng. Asim Abdul Latif.

The visit formed part of ongoing efforts to develop Bahrain's agricultural sector and enhance



Minister visits Hoorat A'ali facility to review training, research and entrepreneurship programmes

its contribution to food security and agricultural sustainability.

Al Mubarak said the centre reflects the ministry's continued investment in human capital by transferring modern agricultural technologies, encouraging innovation and supporting agricultural entrepreneurship. He noted that the centre's training programmes, practical applications and research activities help build national expertise while promoting the long-term sustainability of the agricultural sector.

He added that the ministry's partnership with the National Initiative for Agricultural Sector Development is a key pillar in implementing specialised programmes that prepare qualified national talent and empower agricultural entrepreneurs. These efforts, he said, contribute to improving agricultural efficiency, increasing local production and strengthening

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Bahrain is experimenting with nutrient-rich, high-value crops that could one day be grown commercially, helping reduce reliance on imported produce and strengthening the Kingdom's food security.

Bahrain's food security.

Shaikha Maram said the partnership between the initiative and the ministry represents a successful model of institutional cooperation aimed at developing the agricultural sector and expanding its capabilities.

She stressed that the National Initiative places strong

emphasis on programmes that build national capacity while encouraging young people and entrepreneurs to enter the agricultural sector through scientifically and economically sustainable approaches.

She highlighted the Agricultural Entrepreneurs Programme as one of the initiative's flagship projects, saying it prepares qualified Bahrainis to establish productive and sustainable agricultural businesses that support the Kingdom's food security goals and the long-term growth of the sector.

During the visit, officials reviewed the centre's future plans to expand its training and qualification programmes, strengthen strategic partnerships with national institutions and activate memoranda of understanding signed between the ministry and various stakeholders. Discussions also covered coordination on specialised initiatives, including the Agricultural Entrepreneurs Programme implemented by the centre.

The delegation also reviewed ongoing agricultural trials designed to test the cultivation of new crop varieties in Bahrain. The research evaluates the suitability of crops for local environmental conditions, studies the most effective cultivation and propagation methods, and promotes efficient use of natural resources, particularly water and agricultural land.

MP Demands Travel Agency Checks After Syria Stranding

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Mohammed Darwish

An MP demanded tougher checks on travel agents after citizens were left stranded in Syria as security fears grew.

Jalal Kadhim Al Mahfoodh said he was in direct contact with Bahrain's ambassador in Damascus to check on those affected and track efforts to bring them home.

'I hope they all return safely to Bahrain,' he said. Mr Al Mahfoodh said travel firms must do far more than sell tickets.

'Their job does not end with booking a flight,' he said. 'They must tell travellers about the rules, security steps and risks in the country they are visiting.'

He said travellers also had a duty to check the rules and follow them.

He said trips to countries



Jalal Kadhim Al Mahfoodh, MP

facing unrest should only proceed once all papers are in order, safe hotels are booked, and clear advice has been given. 'Passenger safety and comfort must come before profit,' Mr Al Mahfoodh said.

He called for closer checks on travel and tourism firms to protect Bahrainis abroad and stop such cases happening again.



Mobile Users Urged to Review SIM Records

Authorities warn against misuse of mobile numbers and sharing of verification codes



The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security has urged citizens and residents to ensure that they alone use all mobile SIM cards registered under their names with telecommunications companies.

The directorate stressed the importance of not allowing others to use SIM cards registered under an individual's identity, noting that such practices could expose users to risks involving personal data, digital identity protection, and potential legal accountability.

Authorities also advised the public to keep personal identification documents secure and regularly check the number of mobile SIM cards registered under their names.

The directorate encouraged individuals to cancel any unused SIM cards and immediately notify their telecommunications provider to deactivate a lost SIM card.

The public was further reminded not to share one-time passwords (OTP), SIM card details, or verification information with anyone, as part of efforts to enhance cybersecurity and prevent misuse of personal information.

“We urge all citizens and residents to use only the SIM cards registered in their names, cancel any unused lines, and never share OTPs or verification details. These simple steps help protect personal data, prevent cybercrime, and safeguard digital identity.”

Handmade Goods to Go Digital

Social Development Ministry explores an online platform to help families sell handmade products nationwide

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Productive families could soon have a dedicated online marketplace to showcase and sell their handmade products, as the Ministry of Social Development explores new ways to expand opportunities for home-based businesses.

The proposed digital platform would allow families to market a range of products, including traditional crafts, food items and handmade goods, moving beyond traditional sales channels such as stalls and shopping centres.

Social Development Ministry Undersecretary Ziyad Darwish said the project is currently in its early planning stages and forms part of efforts to provide productive families with wider access to customers and new sales opportunities.

He highlighted that many Bahraini families are now producing goods that compete with commercial brands in terms of quality, packaging and presentation.

Training and Support Programmes

The ministry currently supports productive families through registration assistance, training programmes and sales opportunities at the Capital Mall for Bahraini Handmade Products.

Training courses include traditional crafts such as weaving and palm-frond work, along with modern skills related to packaging, quality standards and digital marketing.

Darwish said the ministry aims to increase training op-



“We aim to expand training opportunities and strengthen partnerships with businesses and community organisations to enhance online sales channels for productive families”

- ZIYAD DARWISH – MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNDERSECRETARY

portunities and strengthen co-operation with businesses and community organisations to improve online sales channels.



He added that experienced trainers are available, but success depends on continued co-operation between government entities and community partners.

Preserving Bahrain's Traditional Crafts

Training programmes are conducted at several locations, including the Jassim Kanoo Centre and the Social Centre in Sanabis.

The Sanabis centre includes dedicated workspaces equipped with kitchens, a coffee-roasting area, and facilities for food drying and cooling.

It also provides training facilities for sewing, agriculture, pottery, beauty services and other specialised skills.

Darwish praised skilled craftsmen and women who are helping transfer traditional skills to younger generations, ensuring Bahrain's heritage crafts continue to thrive.

A Wedding Then and Now

Technology and trends have transformed celebrations, but family, music and heritage remain unchanged

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Hasan Barakat

There was a time in Bahrain when a few palm fronds above a doorway were all a neighbourhood needed to know a wedding had begun.

No invitation cards. No wedding halls. Just an entire village gathering for days of food, song, and celebration.

In old Bahraini villages, weddings lasted a week and belonged to everyone. Women decorated the bride's home with colourful fabrics, cooked for the feast, and sang traditional songs. Young men climbed rooftops to hang palm fronds — later replaced by strings of lights once electricity arrived.

At the centre of it all was the daya, a woman who prepared the bride for her wedding. She bathed the bride at the village spring, washed her hair with clay, henna, and sidr, and carefully applied henna over two days using dried lime and sugar — symbolising hopes for a sweet life together.

The groom had his own rituals too. His procession, the zaffa, walked him to the mosque before bringing him to the bride's family home. The following morning, relatives arrived carrying trays of rice,



An art representing old Bahraini jalwa



Modern wedding halls singing as they walked.

As the old saying went: two people got married, but two thousand celebrated.

From Spring to Wedding Hall

Fast forward to 2026, and Bahrain's wedding landscape has transformed entirely.

The village spring is now an elegant hall. The daya has become a professional wedding



The Dazza table

planner. And the neighbourhood announcement has become a digital invitation.

Modern ceremonies centre heavily on the dazza — a designer display table reflecting the bride's personal style, featuring the mahr, gifts, perfumes, incense burners, and gold jewellery. Wedding hall packages range from BD200 to BD1,500, with buffets serv-

ing 200 to 300 guests or more.

Perhaps the most striking symbol of change is the dazza itself.

Once a wooden chest carried by singing women to the bride's home — filled with fabrics and clothing sewn by seamstresses — it is today an elegantly styled table built for photographs.

The name survived. The tradition transformed.

What Has Not Changed

Despite the changes, the heart of Bahraini weddings remains familiar.

Henna night continues as one of the celebration's most important moments, now led by professional artists. Gold and the mahr still hold their central place. Traditional women's groups still perform the same ahazeerj — songs passed down through generations — even as DJs fill the halls.

Bahraini weddings have gained flower arches, personalised logos, and digital invitations. But one thing has not changed: a wedding is still the moment when families gather, stories are shared, and generations come together.

Empowering Future Legislators

An interactive session introduced youth participants to Bahrain's democratic process and the role of the Shura Council



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Shura Council member Hala Ramzi Fayed stressed the importance of enhancing legislative and political awareness among young people, describing it as a key pillar in preparing an informed generation that understands its national role and contributes positively to Bahrain's development journey.

She made the remarks during her participation in an interactive dialogue session titled "Meeting with a Shura Council Member" as part of the first edition of the "Junior Parliament" programme held at City of Youth 2030.

The programme is organised by the Youth Pioneers Society in strategic partnership with the General Secretariat of the Shura

Council, in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

During the session, she provided participants with an overview of the Shura Council's responsibilities, including drafting legislation, approving laws and exercising oversight. She also explained the work of the council's permanent committees and the process of reviewing proposed laws, legislative initiatives and government decrees.

She praised the quality of training programmes and specialised youth centres offered through City of Youth 2030, noting that the innovative projects and achievements presented by participants demonstrate the growing creativity and capabilities of Bahraini youth.

MPs Call for Stronger Gulf Defences

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MPs voiced support for King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's call for stronger Gulf defences, saying the Bahrain Shield exercise showed that peace must rest on military strength as well as talks.

Hassan Ebrahim said Gulf security was now a strategic need, not a political choice. He said Bahrain's push for closer GCC defence ties aimed to build a force able to act as one against any threat.

He added that the King's words on Iran made clear that regional peace required respect for sovereignty, international law and an end to acts that fuel conflict.

Maryam Al Sayegh said the drill showed Bahrainis that the kingdom was protected by a firm Gulf shield. Forces from all six GCC states took part alongside the Peninsula Shield Force.

Hanan Fardan said the exercise sent a clear message that an attack on one Gulf state would be seen as an attack on all.

The MPs said Parliament supported steps to defend Bahrain, strengthen the home front and



Hassan Ebrahim, MP



Maryam Al Sayegh, MP



Hanan Fardan, MP

support the armed forces and Interior Ministry.

Muharrraq Supports National Security



Muharrraq Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai thanked His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for prioritising the safety and security of citizens and residents across Bahrain. During the Muharrraq Governorate Council meeting, he praised the unity of Bahrainis and the dedication of the Bahrain Defence Force, National Guard and security agencies. He also highlighted the Made in Gulf 2026 Forum and Exhibition as a milestone promoting Gulf industrial cooperation, innovation and global competitiveness and regional collaboration further.



From
The Court

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Rehab Mohammad



Court Orders Security Firm to Refund Homeowner

Company failed to complete surveillance system installation

The Lower Civil Court has ordered a security systems company to refund BD941.9 to a homeowner after failing to complete the installation of a home surveillance and intercom system.

The court also awarded the plaintiff BD7 in translation expenses, BD200 in expert fees, legal costs and BD10 in lawyers' fees.

According to court records, the homeowner signed a contract in November 2024 for the supply and installation of surveillance cameras, an intercom system and other security equipment worth BD1,130.9. Despite full payment, the company did not complete the work.



Lawyer Ahmed Yousif Mayoof

A court-appointed expert found that only part of the installation had been carried out, with several key components missing or non-functional. The completed work was valued at just BD189.

Based on the findings, the court rescinded the contract and ordered the company to refund the remaining amount.

Court Awards Former Manager Nearly BD49,000

Employer ordered to pay compensation for unfair dismissal

First High Labour Court awarded a former Sales and Marketing Manager nearly BD49,000 after ruling that his dismissal was unlawful.

The court ordered the employer to pay outstanding salaries, compensation for unfair dismissal, end-of-service benefits, unpaid sales commissions, legal interest, court costs, expert fees and lawyers' fees.

The employee had worked for the company since 2005 before being dismissed in August 2025 without notice. He claimed he was also denied outstanding salaries and employment benefits.

The employer argued the dismissal was justified due to serious misconduct. However, the court found no evidence of fi-

nancial losses or legal grounds to support immediate termination.

The court also ordered the employer to pay legal interest on delayed wages until full settlement.



BD6,177 in unpaid salaries	BD 6,177
BD13,560 for unfair dismissal	BD 13,560
BD1,130 in notice pay	BD 1,130
BD1,900 for unused annual leave	BD 1,900
BD19,000 in end-of-service benefits	BD 19,000
BD7,600 in unpaid sales commissions	BD 7,600

Electrical Supplier Wins BD278,963 Court Claim

Court rejects claims against shareholders, ruling the LLC has a separate legal identity

High Commercial Court ordered a trading company to pay BD278,963 to an electrical materials supplier after ruling that the amount remained outstanding for supplied equipment and lighting products.

The court also ordered the company to pay 3% annual legal interest from the date the lawsuit was filed until full settlement, along with court expenses and lawyers' fees.

The claim against the company's shareholders was dismissed.

According to court records, the supplier had provided electrical goods worth around BD362,000, but the company failed to complete payment. The supplier sought compensation from both the company and its shareholders.

During the case, both parties accepted the findings of an accounting expert, who determined that after deducting previous payments and settlements, the remaining unpaid



amount was BD278,963.

The court considered the accepted expert report as confirmation of the outstanding debt, noting that neither party presented valid objections challenging the findings.

The court ruled that the shareholders could not be held personally responsible, as the company operates as a limited liability company (LLC) with a separate legal and financial identity. It found no evidence of misconduct, legal violations, or personal involvement by the shareholders in the disputed payments.

The court therefore ordered the company to settle the full amount, including legal interest and related costs.

BRCS Concludes 2026 Summer Camp



The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) concluded its 2026 Summer Camp after two weeks of practical learning and humanitarian activities held at its headquarters in Manama. The closing ceremony was attended by participants' families, BRCS members and trainers. Young participants presented humanitarian projects and awareness initiatives developed during the programme. The camp included workshops on humanitarian leadership, life skills, disaster management, evacuation procedures, first aid, CPR and fire safety.

Inside NBB’s Private Banking Experience

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In private banking, a successful financial strategy is defined by the strength of the relationship behind it. It also requires judgment, discretion and a clear understanding of what each client expects from their wealth. Bassam Al Tattan, Head of Private Banking at NBB, explains how the Bank continues to cultivate those relationships through three key principles: absolute trust, individualised investment strategies and unwavering confidentiality.

Trust as the Foundation

Trust is a prerequisite in financial services. At NBB, “trust begins with the quality of our banking services and grows through a clear understanding of each client’s needs, values and investment objectives,” Mr. Bassam explains. That places the relationship at the centre of NBB’s private banking model. This foundation requires relationship managers to operate

with a deep understanding of family dynamics. By maintaining close personal connections and being transparent regarding economic conditions, financial solutions and investment opportunities, the Bank ensures its advice remains firmly aligned with the client’s goals.

NBB’s history also carries significance. An institution that has operated through successive phases of Bahrain’s economic development brings accumulated experience to each decision. For private clients, that institutional memory offers reassurance that the advice they receive is supported by financial stability, market knowledge and a long-standing presence in the Kingdom.

Tailoring Investment Strategies

Trust may open the relationship, but high-net-worth clients still expect performance. Achieving that objective has become more complex as markets, asset classes and international opportunities continue



to evolve.

Mr. Bassam approaches performance by considering the individual circumstances of each family. “Every plan is different because every family has its own circumstances, priorities and expectations,” he says.

The process begins by examining how a client’s wealth is currently invested, where they identify future opportunities and what those investments are ultimately expected to accomplish. These discussions may reveal a need for income, capital

preservation, geographic diversification, future liquidity or a measured combination of several objectives.

Once those priorities are clear, the Bank can develop a strategy suited to the client’s financial position and appetite for risk. This level of personalisation also allows the plan to adapt as a family’s circumstances change, preserving its relevance across different stages of their financial lives.

NBB has continued to broaden the capabilities supporting this

approach. Its wealth management offering now encompasses fixed income, equities, structured products and alternative investments tailored to different risk profiles and financial goals.

The Imperative of Confidentiality

Mr. Bassam describes privacy and confidentiality as fundamental to private banking at NBB. Clients discuss family arrangements, commercial interests, ownership structures, investment positions and future plans that require complete discretion. Protecting that information is a responsibility the Bank takes very seriously.

To fortify this standard in today’s increasingly digital environment, NBB has directed approximately BD 100 million into a comprehensive technological transformation over the past seven years. A cornerstone of this investment is NBB’s position as the first bank in Bahrain to design, build and operate a facility of this calibre, significantly elevating its infrastructure reliability and the digital security of highly sensitive client data.

Navigating Volatility

Global market volatility tests the resilience of any wealth strategy. However, consistent government backing in Bahrain continues to support robust domestic liquidity, creating an environment where wealth managers can focus on sustainable growth rather than reactive adjustments.

In this climate, NBB anchors its clients to their foundational objectives. “Short-term market movements carry less weight when a client or family has a clear investment plan built around defined objectives,” Mr. Bassam observes.

The Bank’s primary role is establishing that clarity from day one. By filtering out immediate market noise, NBB equips its private clients with long-term strategies designed specifically to preserve wealth, manage risk and drive sustainable growth across generations.

In Partnership with INJAZ Bahrain and Mastercard

BisB Concludes Summer Camp, Celebrating Student Achievement and Building Financial and Digital Skills

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions that simplify money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced the successful conclusion of a summer camp organised in collaboration with INJAZ Bahrain and Mastercard. The initiative reflects BisB’s commitment to creating a lasting impact in the community by equipping Bahraini youth with practical financial and digital skills. Through a learning experience centred on innovation, financial literacy and digital safety, the camp helped prepare students for the demands of the future.

Held over two weeks, the camp offered middle school students an integrated learning experience combining interactive workshops with practical activities based on participation and experimentation. Students explored the fundamen-



tal of digital transformation in banking, the responsible and secure use of payment cards, and digital safety. Creative and educational challenges also strengthened their capabilities in innovation, problem-solving and teamwork.

The programme also featured field visits to several national institutions, including the Ministry of Health, the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), and the University Medical Centre at King Abdullah Medical City. The visits introduced students to the work of these vital sectors and provided insight into professional environments and workplace practices.

The camp concluded with a ceremony at which certificates of participation were presented and outstanding students were honoured. The winners of the intensive entrepreneurship programme were also announced in recognition of their achievements and the

excellence they demonstrated throughout the programme.

Commenting on the occasion, Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, said: “Our investment in youth is grounded in the belief that meaningful impact begins with knowledge and grows when that knowledge becomes skill, confidence, and the ability to make more informed financial and digital decisions. This camp reflects our approach to creating last-

ing impact through practical initiatives that respond to the needs of the next generation. We are proud to collaborate with INJAZ Bahrain and Mastercard in providing an early learning experience that brings together education, application and innovation, while helping prepare national talent to meet future demands and contribute meaningfully to the Kingdom’s development.”

Ms. Hana Sarwani, Chief Executive Officer of INJAZ Bah-

rain, added, “We are proud to have worked with BisB and Mastercard to deliver a programme shaped around the knowledge and capabilities young people will need in the years ahead. By combining classroom learning with practical application, the camp inspired students to discover their strengths, develop self-confidence, and approach challenges creatively as they explore their full potential.”

BisB continues to advance community initiatives under its lasting-impact approach, supporting education, financial inclusion and the development of national talent. Through purposeful partnerships that bring together the banking sector, educational institutions and financial technology companies, the Bank seeks to translate knowledge into tangible, sustainable impact and help equip a new generation to build a more prosperous future for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Institutions Hold 71pc of Bahrain Fund Investments

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Institutional money kept Bahrain’s investment funds afloat in early 2026 as individual holdings fell by almost \$500 million over the year.

Institutions held \$7.76 billion in the funds at the end of March, taking 71 per cent of the total, Central Bank of Bahrain figures show.

Overall holdings fell to \$10.93bn, down 1.2 per cent from the final quarter of 2025 and 3 per cent from a year earlier.

The quarterly drop came chiefly from individuals. Their holdings fell by \$73.3m, from \$3.25bn to \$3.17bn, a 2.3 per cent fall. Institutional money dipped by \$57.6m, or 0.7 per cent, from \$7.81bn.

The market lost \$131m during the quarter. Against the first three months of 2025, when holdings stood at \$11.27bn, the fall was \$340.2m.

The yearly split was stark. Institutional holdings rose by 2.1 per cent, or \$159m, from about \$7.60bn. Individual holdings sank by 13.6 per cent, losing close to \$499m from \$3.67bn.

Specialised financial firms managed \$8.44bn, or 77.2 per cent of all holdings. Wholesale banks managed \$1.57bn and retail banks \$920.8m.

Money managed by wholesale banks fell by 4 per cent from \$1.63bn, driven by an 8.5



per cent drop in individual holdings to \$662.5m.

Holdings managed by specialised financial firms fell by 0.8 per cent. Retail bank holdings were little changed, down

0.2 per cent.

Yet institutional money held by retail banks rose by 3.4 per cent to \$338m, while individual holdings fell by 2.2 per cent to \$582.7m.

Saudi POS Spending Stays Above \$3bn



Saudi Arabia’s point-of-sale (POS) spending remained above SR12.26 billion (\$3.27 billion) in the week ending July 25, despite a 5.8% weekly decline, according to the Saudi Central Bank (SAMA). Total transactions also fell 4.5% to 226.16 million. Education was the only sector to record growth, with spending ris-

ing 6.2%, while jewelry saw the steepest decline at 16.2%. Food and beverages remained the largest spending category despite lower sales. Riyadh recorded the highest POS activity, followed by Jeddah and Dammam. SAMA said the data highlights consumer spending trends and supports Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030 digital payment goals.

US drops Reflecting Pool case, admits damage due to botched renovation

AFP | Washington, United States

The US Justice Department on Friday dropped its case against a former Olympian accused of damaging the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, saying the hurried renovations ordered by President Donald Trump had been botched.

David Hearn, 67, had been charged with felony vandalism in federal court, which carried a potential sentence of 10 years in jail.

Federal prosecutor Jeanine Pirro had announced the charges in a high-profile press briefing earlier this month, saying witnesses had viewed Hearn “forcefully and violently” pulling up the pool’s new liner on June 19.

But in a court filing on Friday, Pirro said new revelations “undermine the evidentiary basis for the indictment,” and moved for dismissal.

She said that new documents indicate that the damage to the landmark “was the result of a botched installation and not vandalism as initially represented” by the Interior Department.



The Lincoln Memorial and the currently drained Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool are seen from the observation deck of the Washington Monument in Washington, DC

Trump had personally overseen the renovation of the Reflecting Pool, including the addition of an “American flag blue” liner.

It was one of several “beautification” projects around the US capital that Trump had ordered ahead of the July 4 celebration of America’s 250th anniversary.

The painting and sealing project was estimated to cost at least \$14 million.

India’s Modi says he forgives protesters who abused him

AFP | New Delhi, India

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he wanted to “forgive” protesters who abused him during recent youth-led demonstrations that dealt a rare political setback to his government.

The remarks came after the online Cockerroach Janta Party (CJP) mobilised large protests

in New Delhi and other cities over examination paper leaks.

“Words were used that do not belong to civilised society -- directed not just at me, but even at my late mother... I want to forgive them.”

Modi also said “mistakes made in youth” should be corrected through guidance rather than legal action, referring to the police cases.

Quake near Italy’s Naples injures 26, damages properties

AFP | Rome, Italy

A 4.7-magnitude earthquake west of Italy’s city of Naples caused 26 injuries and damaged properties, authorities said yesterday, a day after the strongest tremor to hit the area in several decades.

The quake had occurred late Friday in the Campi Flegrei area, at a depth of three kilometres (two miles), according to Italy’s Institute

of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV). The region, site of Europe’s largest volcanic crater, is home to frequent seismic activity.

Friday’s quake was followed by a night of lower-intensity aftershocks.

The quake “is the strongest earthquake to have occurred in the Phlegraean Fields in the past 40 years,” Lorenzo Benedetto, president of the Order of Geologists of Campania, said in a statement.

Ebola outbreak in DR Congo ‘intensifying’

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is intensifying at an “exceptional” pace, the World Health Organization warned on Saturday, calling for a significant scaling-up of the health response.

“This outbreak is now the largest recorded Ebola virus disease outbreak in the country,” the WHO said in a statement. The deadliest Ebola out-

break in the DRC killed nearly 2,300 out of almost 3,500 recorded cases between 2018 and 2020.

The current outbreak was declared on May 15 and is caused by the Bundibugyo strain of the virus, for which there is no approved vaccine or treatment.

As of July 30, a total of 3,605 confirmed cases, including 1,587 deaths, had been reported in the DRC, according to the WHO.

US embassies urge citizens to ‘consider departing’ Middle East

The messages urged citizens to check flight details

● Americans in Jordan were told not to visit US military bases there

● Beirut said that the mission remained on “ordered departure status”

● On Wednesday a drone struck a US-owned gas vessel moored in an Egyptian port

AFP | Amman, Jordan

US embassies in several Middle Eastern capitals warned American citizens to beware an “unforeseen escalation” in the regional conflict and urged them to be ready to leave.

“Americans in the region should consider departing, or be prepared to depart should there be escalation,” said a security alert, versions of which were posted on social media by the US missions in Amman, Jerusalem, Muscat, Baghdad and Beirut.

The messages urged citizens to check flight details and to follow safety advice from local authorities.

“Americans currently in the Middle East should exercise caution and heightened vigilance and should be prepared for flight



A displaced Palestinian man walks across the debris of buildings destroyed in Israeli military attacks in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip

cancellations, periodic airspace closures, and potential travel disruptions,” it said.

Americans in Jordan were told not to visit US military bases there, which have recently come under Iranian missile attack, and in Israel they were urged to seek the location of the nearest bomb shelter.

“The Iranian regime is unpredictable, as seen by its recent decisions to attack areas in the region without warning or prov-

ocations as well as to expand attacks to areas not previously targeted (such as Egypt),” said a post on the US Embassy Jerusalem site.

The US embassy in Beirut said that the mission remained on “ordered departure status”, meaning that non-emergency US government personnel were still relocated outside of Lebanon.

On Wednesday a drone struck a US-owned gas vessel moored in an Egyptian port, causing a

fire. Egypt is investigating but has not yet accused any group of launching the attack.

This week, Iran and the US resumed overnight exchanges of fire after a days-long lull in fighting although there were no reported strikes overnight Friday to Saturday. The Middle East war broke out on February 28 when the United States and Israel launched strikes on Iran, which has retaliated with missile and drone strikes across the region.

Turkey, Iraq extend pipeline agreement by a year

AFP | Istanbul, Turkey

Ankara and Baghdad yesterday agreed to extend an oil pipeline agreement by one year, just days after a top-level visit by Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi, officials on both sides said.

In a post on X, Energy Minister Alparslan Bayraktar said the agreement was signed following a “productive meeting” in Ankara with Iraqi Oil Minister Bassem Mohammed Khudair.

Zaidi also hailed the deal in a post on X, describing it as “an important strategic milestone” which would involve “a minimum export capacity of 750,000 barrels per day”. The decades-old agreement on the pipeline -- which carries Iraqi crude to Turkey’s Mediterranean export terminal of Ceyhan, a key outlet for regional oil shipments -- had expired on Monday. “While our efforts continue toward a new long-term agreement for this pipeline.. we have implemented this transit arrangement covering a daily capacity of 750,000 barrels,” Bayraktar wrote.



Majority of EU countries call for talks over migrant influx into Ceuta enclave

AFP | Copenhagen, Denmark

A majority of EU countries called yesterday for emergency talks on the sudden inflow of tens of thousands of migrants into Spain’s enclave of Ceuta in North Africa.

An open letter from the leaders of 22 of the EU’s 27 members demanded the bloc’s interior ministers have a video meeting “as a matter of urgency” to agree a speedy coordinated response, and to “prevent further uncontrolled crossings”.

“We have a duty to effectively deter and relentlessly combat illegal migration,” it said.

Israeli soldier injured in ‘close-quarters encounter’ with Hezbollah in Lebanon: army

Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military said one of its soldiers was moderately injured during a “close-quarters encounter” with Hezbollah militants in southern Lebanon overnight on Saturday, despite a ceasefire.

“Overnight (Saturday), an IDF officer was moderately injured during operational activity in southern Lebanon,” the military said in a statement, specifying to AFP that the soldier was “injured during a close-quarters encounter with terrorists” in the area.

When contacted by AFP journalists in Beirut, Hezbollah did not comment. The militant group has not claimed any attacks since June 20.



Mountaineer Nirmal Purja confirmed dead in Pakistan avalanche: expedition company



Mountaineer Nirmal Purja
AFP | Skardu, Pakistan

Renowned mountaineer Nirmal Purja has been confirmed dead in an avalanche accident in Pakistan, his climbing company Elite Expeditions said in a social media post yesterday.

“It is with profound sadness and immense heartbreak that we confirm that Nirmal Purja tragically lost his life following the avalanche on Broad Peak. We have also received confirmation that other members of the expedition sadly did not survive,” Purja’s company Elite Expeditions said.

1776

Formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence by 56 people (date most accepted by modern historians)

1790

First US census conducted; population is 3,929,214, including 697,624 slaves



1832 1858

Battle of Bad Axe, Wisconsin: 1,300 Illinois militia defeat Sauk and Fox Native Americans, ending the Black Hawk War

The Government of India is transferred from the East India Company to the British Crown



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Extreme heat is claiming lives on a growing scale, widening inequalities, deepening hunger, weakening economies & pushing development further out of reach. Unless we #Act-Now – to protect people & tackle the root cause of the crisis – it will become deadlier still.

@antonioguterres

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Todd Blanche has been an invaluable partner in advancing President Trump's agenda and as a result of his leadership at the Department of Justice, Americans are safer today. The Senate should not leave for recess without confirming him as Attorney General.

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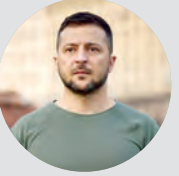
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In the face of the migration situation in Ceuta, I have been in contact with the President of the Spanish government to express our solidarity and offer any necessary assistance, including through Frontex.

@EmmanuelMacron

04



Grateful to Ukrainian warriors who are bringing the war back to Russia and responding to its attacks against life. Our targets are consistently defined facilities that sustain the war effort.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Deadly strikes rock Kyiv, as Ukraine sinks Russian cargo ship



Firemen looking at a damaged residential building following massive Russian ballistic missile strikes in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Russian attacks on Kyiv and its suburbs killed 10 people early yesterday, officials said, as Ukrainian drones sank a huge Russian container ship in the Black Sea.

The exchange of strikes comes amid a prolonged lull in US-led talks aimed at ending the conflict, Europe's deadliest since World War II.

Both Moscow and Kyiv have escalated long-range attacks on each other in recent weeks, with Russia more than doubling its use of missiles last month, according to an AFP analysis.

Civilian casualties in Ukraine have meanwhile soared to their highest since Russia invaded in 2022, according to UN human rights monitors, with Kyiv pressing its allies to provide more air defences.

In a statement on social media, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky appealed for supplies of Patriot air defence systems, Kyiv's only effective counter against Russian ballistic missile attacks.

"It is this shortage of ballistic missile interceptors that only encourages Russia to launch such attacks that take human lives," Zelensky said in a post on X.

More than 30 people were wounded in Saturday's attacks on Kyiv, which struck five districts of the city, Ukrainian authorities said.

Among the buildings damaged was the embassy of Lithuania, with the Baltic country's foreign minister publishing images appearing to show a cracked door and damaged light fixture.

Strike on cargo ship

Ukrainian drones sank a Russian-owned container ship in the Black Sea early Saturday, forcing its 17-member crew to abandon the vessel, the ship's owner said.

The Russian-flagged "Yanina", owned by the shipping arm of Russia's state-owned nuclear power operator Rosatom, was sailing near the Russian port of Novorossiysk when it was hit. The ship was carrying civilian goods including frozen food and construction materials, Rosatom said.

2022

Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

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Trump walks back Patriot offer

The Ukrainian leader said following the meeting that Trump had agreed to license the production of the missiles to Kyiv.

But the US president appeared to express reservations on Friday, saying that Washington would have to be "very careful" about the decision.

Russia fired a record number of missiles at Ukraine in July, an AFP analysis of Ukrainian air force data showed Saturday.

11 injured in Colombia bombing ahead of presidential inauguration

AFP | Cœcuta, Colombia

At least 11 people were injured when a truck packed with explosives detonated on Saturday next to a police station in the Colombian city of Cucuta, near the border with Venezuela, six days before the inauguration of President-elect Abelardo de la Espriella.

Reporters saw the vehicle in flames, damaged building facades and police, soldiers and residents gathering around the scene of the attack before local security officials confirmed the number of injured.

"At this time, we have eight police officers and three civilians who have been injured... This was an atrocious, violent act... and what happened is regrettable," George Quintero, security secretary for the department of Norte de Santander, where the attack occurred,



Police officers inspect the wreckage of a truck after a car bomb detonated near a police station in Cucuta, Colombia,

told reporters.

The right-wing De la Espriella will take office on August 7 in the city of Cali, succeeding Gustavo Petro, the first leftist president in the country's history.

Presidential inaugurations

are traditionally held at the Congress building in Bogota, but the president-elect requested that the ceremony be moved to Cali, in the country's southwest, a region plagued by clashes between drug trafficking gangs and guerrillas.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The King's Message: A Delicate Balance Between Deterrence and the Wisdom of Peace



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

In times of regional uncertainty and rising tensions, political speeches become more than statements of position; they reveal how nations perceive crises, how they manage challenges, and how they balance strength with wisdom.

From this perspective, the speech delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of Bahrain, during the "Bahrain Shield" exercise, presented a clear example of a national approach built on a precise equation: strength to protect security, and wisdom to preserve the opportunity for peace.

The choice of timing and setting carried profound significance. His Majesty delivered his message while wearing his military uniform and standing among representatives of the Gulf armed forces, at an event that reflected the readiness of the region's defence system. The message was clear: security cannot be protected by hopes alone; it requires preparedness, capability, and unity. Yet, strength does not mean closing the doors to dialogue or abandoning the values of coexistence.

The Royal speech reflected a firm position regarding the continuation of Iranian policies that have contributed to regional instability and the expansion of conflict. At the same time, it reaffirmed that Bahrain faces these challenges within a framework of strong regional and international partnerships based on security cooperation and defence coordination, recognising that the security of the Gulf states is a shared responsibility.

Therefore, the "Bahrain Shield" exercise was not merely a military activity. It represented a practical message that Gulf deterrence is a reality built upon readiness, coordination, and collective commitment. Stability requires nations capable of protecting their interests and maintaining effective defence capabilities, because genuine peace is not achieved through the absence of strength, but through the presence of the ability to prevent aggression.

Recent regional developments have further demonstrated that the security environment has entered a new phase, where repeated threats and attacks cannot continue without consequences, and where Gulf nations remain determined and capable of safeguarding their security and interests.

However, the greatest significance of His Majesty's message was not limited to its security and political dimensions. Its deeper value appeared in its humanitarian and civilisational perspective, particularly when His Majesty highlighted the Islamic bond that connects Arabs and Persians, and referred to the profound spiritual, intellectual, and human contributions that the message of Islam brought to Persian civilisation.

This reflects the precision of the Royal vision. The issue is not a conflict with a people or a civilisation, but rather a disagreement with policies and practices that threaten regional security and contradict the principles of good neighbourliness and respect for national sovereignty.

This distinction represents an important element of mature political thinking. Conflicts between states should not be transformed into civilisational or religious disputes, just as historical and religious ties should never become a justification for interference in the affairs of others or violations of international principles.

The equation presented in His Majesty's speech is based on a deep understanding of international relations: firmness does not contradict peace, and dialogue does not mean surrendering national principles. A nation that possesses strength can extend its hand for peace from a position of confidence, not weakness.

For this reason, the King's message goes beyond the occasion of a military exercise. It presents a broader vision for crisis management — one that combines deterrence with responsibility, protects security while preserving hope for correcting paths and rebuilding relations on the basis of mutual respect.

The deeper lesson from His Majesty's words is that nations are not measured only by the power they possess, but by their ability to use that power wisely. Strength guided by wisdom becomes a means of protecting peace, while wisdom supported by capability becomes a language understood by all.

This is the balance embodied in the message of His Majesty the King: security that does not compromise, and peace that never closes its doors.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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Qatar Rescue Teams Join Spain's Forest Fire Fight



The Qatar International Search and Rescue Group continues its support mission in the Kingdom of Spain, assisting efforts to combat ongoing forest fires.

The deployment reflects Qatar's longstanding humanitarian commitment and its policy of standing alongside friendly and brotherly nations during emergencies and crises.

The mission was carried out under the directives of Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, who emphasized the importance of providing support and assistance to countries affected by disasters.

Saudi Arabia Deports 12,600+ Expats in Week-Long Crackdown



Saudi Arabia deported more than 12,600 expatriates within a week as authorities stepped up nationwide enforcement against violations of residency, labour and border security regulations, resulting in the arrest of more than 14,000 people.

The Ministry of Interior said 12,613 expatriates were deported following joint inspection campaigns conducted between July 23 and July 29.

During the week-long operation, authorities arrested 14,154 violators, including 7,103 for residency offences, 3,397 for labour law violations and 3,654 for breaches of border security regulations.

Officials also detained 1,418 people attempting to enter the Kingdom illegally and 23 individuals trying to leave the country unlawfully. Another 17 people were arrested for allegedly transporting, harbouring or employing violators.

According to the ministry, 30,679 individuals remain subject to legal proceedings. Of these, 17,903 have been referred to their diplomatic missions to obtain travel documents, while 5,424 are completing travel arrangements ahead of deportation.

The ministry warned that anyone involved in facilitating the illegal entry, transport, employment or concealment of violators could face up to 15 years in prison, fines of up to SR1 million (about \$266,600), confiscation of vehicles and property used in the offence, and public disclosure of their identity.

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Indian Embassy in Bahrain Hosts Open House



H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, along with consular officials and panel lawyers, interacts with community members during the monthly Open House session at the Indian Embassy in Seef. The interactive session focused on addressing consular grievances, labor concerns, and personal welfare matters for Indian nationals, providing on-the-spot guidance and administrative support for those in need.

The Indian Club Concludes Badminton Tournament



Members of The Indian Club Executive Committee, Badminton Committee, and tournament officials present trophies to the winners and runners-up during the closing ceremony of the Monthly Members Badminton Tournament. The five-day sporting event saw enthusiastic participation across multiple age and skill categories, concluded with an official presentation to honor top performers, dedicated organizers, volunteers, and sponsors.

Nepali Club Bahrain Marks 25th Anniversary



To celebrate 25 years of service to the diaspora, the Nepali Club Bahrain hosted its Silver Jubilee gathering in Manama. Highlights of the event included the official launch of the Club's commemorative history book by H.E. Ambassador Tirtha Raj Wagle and President Deepak Gurung, alongside embassy officials. The celebration brought the community together with traditional cultural performances, inspiring addresses on worker welfare, and awards honoring key members for their service.



Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Kicks Off Onam Celebrations with 'Sravanam 2026'



BKS President P.V. Radhakrishna Pillai officially launched 'Sravanam 2026', the annual Onam celebrations of the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Segaiya. The inauguration included traditional Panchari Melam and musical performances, marking the start of a two-month-long festival featuring cultural events and competitions.



Kollam Pravasi Association Bahrain Swears in New Executive Board



The Kollam Pravasi Association (KPA) held the swearing-in ceremony for its 2026-2028 executive committee and officially released its commemorative souvenir, Vilakkumaram 2026, at KCA Hall in Manama. The event was attended by prominent socio-cultural leaders, community members, and outgoing office bearers. The formal ceremony was followed by a line-up of cultural performances.

Newly SNCS Leadership Board

Met Indian Ambassador



Newly elected Sreenarayana Cultural Society (SNCS) Chairman Mr. Sunish Suseelan presents a commemorative memento to H.E. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, during a courtesy visit to the envoy's residence in Manama. The delegation discussed upcoming socio-cultural initiatives and the society's roadmap to promote the teachings of Sree Narayana Guru across the Kingdom.

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Bahrain's U17 Men's Volleyball team during their latest international campaign

Home hopes high as Bahrain host Arab U17 championship

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Bahrain are set to host the second edition of the Arab U17 Men's Volleyball Championship, with the regional tournament taking place at the Isa bin Rashid Volleyball Arena in Isa Sports City, Riffa, from August 9 to 17.

Organised by the Bahrain

Volleyball Association (BVA) in coordination with the Arab Volleyball Association (AVA), the championship will feature six teams competing in a single round-robin format.

The participating nations are hosts Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Algeria and Egypt.

Bahrain enter the tournament after gaining valuable ex-

perience at the AVC Boys' U18 Volleyball Championship 2026 in Haikou, China, last month, where they finished 12th among 16 participating teams.

The nationals will aim to improve on their previous Arab championship performance after securing the silver medal in the inaugural edition held in Amman, Jordan, in 2024. Saudi Arabia claimed the gold medal

in that tournament, while Libya finished with the bronze.

Core group

Bahrain are expected to rely on the same core group that represented the kingdom in China, with head coach Yusuf Khalifa leading the squad.

The squad features outside hitters Sayed Hasan Alabbar,

Ebrahim Alhamar, Abdulla Aljaboori, Mohamed Haram and captain Nasralla Haram. They are joined by opposite spikers Karrar Yaqoob and Mohammed Kadhem, while Ammar Ebrahim, Mustafa Ebrahim and Ali Abdulla provide options in the middle. Setters Ahmed Husain and Hussain Albalooshi, along with liberos Hadi Ahmed and Abbas Mohamed, complete the

roster.

The Bahrainis will open their campaign against Algeria on August 9 at 7pm before facing Jordan at the same time the following day. They will then take on Kuwait on August 12, Saudi Arabia on August 14, and Egypt on August 16, with all fixtures scheduled for 7pm as they complete their round-robin schedule.

FIFA scraps private investment plan after backlash: Infantino

Paris, France

World football governing body FIFA said Friday it was scrapping a plan to allow private investment in flagship events after fierce backlash from football officials worldwide.

"Our purpose has always been -- and will always be -- to unite and improve," FIFA President Gianni Infantino said in a statement.

"As a result, this proposal will not proceed."

FIFA had floated the plan on Tuesday that it said could raise up to \$4.2 billion based on a valuation of \$20 billion for a new FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE), the commercial subsidiary it proposed to run events such as the World

Cup and Club World Cup.

It said that if approved the project could provide each of FIFA's 211 member associations with a one-off payment of \$20 million in early 2027 and increase their funding allocation for the 2027-2030 cycle from \$8 million to \$20 million.

But the idea of allowing private investors even a small stake was quickly condemned.

European football's governing body UEFA said none of its national teams would participate in any FIFA competition "for so long as these proposals remain alive".

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC), and North American and Caribbean federation (CONCACAF) also condemned the move.



Wiebes claims Tour de France Femmes yellow jersey with opening stage win

AFP | Lausanne, Switzerland



Lorena Wiebes sprinted to victory on the opening stage of the Tour de France Femmes in Lausanne on Saturday to claim the race leader's yellow jersey. The

27-year-old Dutch rider beat Mauritian Kim Le Court into second with European champion Demi Vollering third.

Wiebes, a two-time former European champion, leads the overall standings by four seconds from Le Court and six seconds to Vollering thanks to bonus seconds on the line.

Maresca 'happy' after first Man City game

AFP | Hong Kong, China

Enzo Maresca said he was "very happy" on Saturday after his first game in charge of Manchester City, despite a defeat on penalties to Inter Milan after the sides drew 1-1 in a pre-season friendly in Hong Kong on Saturday.

Matteo Lavelli netted the decisive spot-kick for a 3-1 shoot-out win for the Italian champions as Maresca led out City for the first time since taking over from legendary Pep Guardiola in June.

"I'm very happy with the performance," the former Chelsea and Leicester boss told reporters.

"Many positive things, including minutes for the legs, that's very important.

"Like always, there are things we can do better, but slowly, slowly, we're going to improve."

An open first half saw the Premier League side take the lead in the 14th minute when Antoine Semenyo jinked towards the byline and crossed for youngster Divin Mubama to tuck in from a few yards out.

Semenyo was a constant menace and almost scored a wonderful solo goal soon afterwards when he weaved through several Inter defenders but could not squeeze the ball past goalkeeper Josep Martinez.

Within minutes Inter equalised when City failed to clear a Jamal

Manchester City's Savinho (L) and Inter Milan's Henrikh Mkhitaryan (C) fight for the ball

Iddrissou cross and the ball fell for Benjamin Pavard to slot home from near the penalty spot.

Both sides missed golden chances soon after the restart but the game drifted as the substitutions piled up.

City's Vitor Reis sliced a shot against the crossbar while young winger Ryan McAidoo hit the post as the Manchester club pushed for a late winner that never came.

"We were pressing in the wrong way, we conceded some switches of play... because we were late in the pressing," Maresca said of the first half performance.

"At half-time we adjusted something, and I think, second half, in terms of pressing, we were much, much better."

Maresca took over in June and faces a tough

task to succeed Guardiola, who won 20 trophies in a glorious decade at City.

Many clubs have struggled after the exit of serial title-winning managers, with local rivals Manchester United notably falling from the pinnacle of the English game after Alex Ferguson retired in 2013.

Nearly 43,000 fans converged on Hong Kong's Kai Tak Stadium for the match, though patches of unsold seats left the atmosphere subdued at times.

Several of City's World Cup stars, including Norway striker Erling Haaland and Spain captain Rodri, have not travelled.

Maresca has confirmed the pair will not join the squad in Seoul for the two remaining games on the club's Asia tour, against a K League all-star team and Spanish giants Atletico Madrid next week.

City face Arsenal in the Community Shield against Arsenal on August 16 before starting the new Premier League season at home to Bournemouth a week later. Inter round off pre-season with a derby against AC Milan followed by another all-Italian clash with Juventus in Perth, Australia, before launching their Serie A title defence against Monza on August 22.

Manchester City's manager Enzo Maresca



Root won't 'rip up' Bazball blueprint

London, United Kingdom

England Test captain Joe Root plans to keep faith with the aggressive 'Bazball' tactics used by his predecessor Ben Stokes as he starts his second spell in the role.

Root was appointed as skipper following Stokes' shock retirement from international duty during England's Test series defeat to New Zealand in June.

The 35-year-old previously captaining England between 2017 and 2022 and took the role on an interim basis when Stokes was dropped for one Test against New Zealand.

The Yorkshire batsman is planning to tweak the approach of Stokes and Brendon McCullum, who was sacked as England's Test coach after the New Zealand matches, rather than start from scratch.

England's Joe Root

Richarlison, Tonali fire 10-man Spurs to 2-1 Sydney win over Chelsea

AFP | Sydney, Australia

Brazil striker Richarlison scored a 90th-minute winner and club record signing Sandro Tonali got his first goal as 10-man Tottenham beat London rivals Chelsea 2-1 in a feisty pre-season friendly in Sydney on Saturday.

Both sides fielded strong line-ups and Spurs struck first on 19 minutes through Tonali's deflected shot before Estevao levelled the scores barely two minutes later.

Tottenham defender Kevin Danso was given a straight red card just three minutes after coming off the bench at the break for bringing down Joao Pedro, with Chelsea dominating second-half proceedings.

But in front of 80,363 fans at Stadium Australia, they failed to capitalise and Spurs stunned

them with a late winner.

"Very happy, especially for the first half because we played very well," said Spurs manager Roberto De Zerbi.

"The red card was no good for us, but also (not) for Chelsea because with the condition of the pitch, all players behind the line of the ball, it was tough for them.

"But we won a good game, a good test."

The loss means new Chelsea manager Xabi Alonso will head to Hong Kong for a clash with Juventus on Wednesday on the back of his first defeat, following a 6-4 victory over Western Sydney Wanderers in midweek.

"It was a really competitive game," said Alonso.

"The second half was really tight, after the red card we had a few very good chances to score. "We missed them and at the

end, very silly to concede that late goal, but I think that has been a good test for everyone."

The Spaniard has overseen a string of high-profile signings since being appointed, headlined by Morgan Rogers from Aston Villa, as he bids to rejuvenate the club after their disappointing 10th in the Premier League last season.

Players missing

Spurs, who fared even worse, coming 17th to narrowly miss relegation, have also been on a spending spree with Matheus Fernandes arriving from West Ham and Tonali from Newcastle.

They fly home after a 2-0 win over Auckland FC and 1-1 draw with Sydney FC.

Most of Chelsea's close-season signings have yet to link up with the squad, including

Rogers.

But right-back Marco Palstra, who joined from Atalanta, got his first minutes while Cole Palmer and Estevao started.

Tottenham midfielder Fernandes, who missed the Sydney game with "fatigue in his calf muscle", was again absent, as was James Maddison with a "small problem".

But Tonali made his maiden start along with fellow new recruit Andy Robertson.

After a cagey start, tempers flared when Conor Gallagher hacked down Chelsea's Dario Essugo in the 10th minute with players pushing and shoving each other.

Gallagher was shown a yellow

card and Essugo continued.

Spurs broke the deadlock after a nice break down the right from Manor Solomon, who fed Tonali on the edge of the box with his shot taking a deflection.

But it was a short-

lived lead as Estevao headed home at the far post after Romeo Lavia broke free from midfield and they went to the break at 1-1.

Danso's brain-fade allowed Chelsea to dominate the second-half with Estevao rattling the crossbar among a slew of chances.

But, in a worry for Alonso, they failed to make the most of the extra man and Spurs stole their thunder when Richarlison side-footed home at the death.



Tottenham Hotspur's Richarlison (C) celebrates scoring a goal with teammates

Nakashima ousts top seed de Minaur, Osaka advances

AFP | Washington, United States

Defending champion Alex de Minaur and second-seeded Ben Shelton were bounced out of the Washington Open on Friday as upsets marked the quarter-finals of the combined ATP and WTA event.

Top-seeded Aussie de Minaur was left to rue his missed chances in a 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 loss to 33rd-ranked American Brandon Nakashima.

Chile's 30th-ranked Alejandro Tabilo recovered an early break in the third set to beat US home favorite Shelton 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Women's top seed Jessica Pegula and third-seeded Naomi Osaka made it safely into the semi-finals, but

second-seeded Ukrainian Elina Svitolina was sent packing by rising Philippines star Alexandra Eala.

Nakashima, chasing his first ATP 500-level title, avenged a loss to de Minaur in last year's Washington quarter-finals and followed up a win over the Aussie at Queen's Club in London this year.

"He came out with some great serving; a lot of first serves," de Minaur said. "I played at a high level. I just threw in two pretty awful games on my serve.

"It's a little bit frustrating, but you live and you learn."

Nakashima booked a Saturday all-American semi-final against 10th-ranked Taylor Fritz, who saved a match point in a 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (8/6) victory over compatriot Alex Michelsen.

Nakashima, whose only ATP title came at San Diego in 2022, saved six of the seven break points he faced and fired 10 aces -- including one to take the first set.

World number three Pegula, who won her first WTA title at Washington in 2019, eliminated 20th-ranked Anna Kalinskaya 6-3, 7-5, to reach her sixth WTA semi-final of the year.

The American will play for a berth in the final against fourth-seed Diana Shnaider, who beat Russian compatriot Liudmila Samsonova 6-3, 6-4.

Japan's third-seeded Osaka, a four-time Grand Slam winner, rallied to eliminate Italy's Elisabetta Cocciaretto 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

World number 13 Osaka will face Eala, who beat Svitolina 6-3, 6-4.



Alsameea Makes Statement in Bulgaria



Mohamed Alsameea is declared the winner at BRAVE CF 107

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Bahrain's Mohamed Alsameea secured a dominant unanimous decision victory over Miran Ramani at BRAVE CF 107 in Burgas, Bulgaria.

Alsameea had originally

been scheduled to face Bulgaria's Aleksandar Hristov, but a late injury forced a change of opponent.

Switzerland's Ramani stepped in on short notice, with the Bahraini making the most of the opportunity to earn an impressive points victory.

Bahrain drawn into tough U18 Asia Cup Group

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Bahrain have been handed a challenging draw for the FIBA U18 Asia Cup 2026 after being placed in Group B alongside Lebanon, New Zealand and Syria for the continental showpiece in Ahmedabad, India.

The tournament will take place from August 13 to 23, with 16 teams divided into four groups competing for the Asian title and four qualification spots for the FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup 2027.

Bahrain will open their campaign against Lebanon on Thursday, August 13, at 5pm, before facing New Zealand on Saturday, August 15, at 2pm.

They will then wrap up their preliminary round fixtures against Syria on Monday, August 17, at 5pm.

Group A features defending champions Australia, Chinese Taipei, the Philippines and Thailand. Group C consists of China, Iran, Qatar and Sri

Lanka, while hosts India headline Group D alongside Japan, South Korea and Kazakhstan.

Under the competition format, the four group winners will advance directly to the quarter-finals. Teams finishing second

third in each group will enter a play-off round on August 20, with the winners completing the last-eight line-up.

The quarter-finals will be held on August 21, followed by the semi-finals on August 22 and the gold medal match on August 23. The four semi-finalists will

also secure qualification for the FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup 2027, which will be held in Pardubice, Czechia, from June 26 to July 4 next year.

Bahrain will head into the continental challenge with confidence, but with little time to rest following a remarkable month that saw them claim two regional titles.

Head coach Salman Ramadhan's side

were crowned champions of the 23rd Arab Youth Men's Basketball Championship in Tunisia before adding the Gulf Basketball Association (GBA) U18 Championship title in Doha last week.

The Bahrainis secured the Gulf crown with a perfect four-win record, defeating hosts Qatar 79-73 in the final after earlier victories over Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Oman.

Bahrain are expected to retain much of the squad that delivered those back-to-back triumphs, with Somto Patrick Onoduenyi leading a talented group that includes Hasan Abdulkadir, Mahdi Baqer, Mujtaba Rayyan, Mohammed Adel and Yousif Meshael.

