

BIKC flags off karting in Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals

Racing got underway today in the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF) 2025, which is being hosted all this week by Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir. | P16

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates, on the 54th anniversary of the UAE's National Day.

HRH Prince Salman sent a similar cable to the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and the Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Presidential Court of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Royal praise for Bahraini women's achievements



HRH Princess Sabeeka attends the event

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, affirmed that Bahraini Women's Day is a milestone celebration that has consistently enjoyed the generous patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

In her address, Her Highness expressed her gratitude for the continued royal support, which has been pivotal in advancing the role of Bahraini women, and acknowledged the steadfast backing of the government under His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in providing women with opportunities for progress, leadership, and excellence.

She delivered her speech at the 2025 Bahraini Women's Day celebrations.

Bolstering Bahrain-US military and defence cooperation



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, highlighted the longstanding Bahrain-US relations, which are underpinned by a deep-rooted partnership and reinforced through joint agreements, including the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA). He underscored the importance of further bolstering the bilateral partnership across various sectors, particularly within the military and defence fields, to advance shared aspirations. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he attended the Combined Command Post Opening Ceremony at Ras Al Bar Camp, held under His patronage. Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, and His Highness Lieutenant Commander Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, were also in attendance. Upon arrival, His Royal Highness was received by Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Air Vice-Marshal Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Bahraini Air Force (RBAF), and Charles Bradford Cooper II, Commander of the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). The Post is established and inaugurated as a result of the solid partnership between the Bahrain Defence Force and the United States Central Command. HRH Prince Salman was briefed on the Combined Command Post's tasks, operating mechanisms, and its role in enhancing regional security through bilateral cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States.

Strategic unity

Regional leaders gather in Bahrain to strengthen cooperation at 46th GCC Summit



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet Meeting

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The 46th session of the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), set to be held tomorrow in the Kingdom of Bahrain, will further strengthen joint Gulf cooperation and coordination.

This was emphasised by the Cabinet while welcoming the leaders of the GCC countries, to the Kingdom for the summit, held under the chairmanship of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Cabinet expressed its wishes for the success of the summit, set for tomorrow, to

further strengthen joint Gulf cooperation and coordination.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet Meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

Talks

The Cabinet commended the bilateral talks held between HM the King and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Pakistan Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

It noted the outcomes of Prime Minister Sharif's official visit to the Kingdom in advancing joint relations and creating opportunities for further coop-



eration.

The Cabinet extended its congratulations to Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and Pres-

ident of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), as well as all Bahraini women, on Bahraini Women's Day.

The Cabinet commended the role of the SCW in empower-

ing Bahraini women across the Kingdom.

It recognised the success of Jewellery Arabia 2025, Cityscape Bahrain 2025 and Scent Arabia 2025, reflecting Bahrain's role as a regional hub for exhibitions and conferences.

In this regard, the Cabinet extended its gratitude to the personnel at the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Tourism, the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), and the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), as well as other authorities, for their contributions to the success of these events hosted by Bahrain.

This follows the review of a memorandum regarding the impact of these exhibitions on the Kingdom's economy by the Cabinet.

Bahrain's tourism appeal

Muharraq Nights Festival shines

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The Muharraq Nights Festival celebrates Bahrain's identity and Muharraq's long-standing heritage, and contributes to strengthening the Kingdom's position as an attractive regional tourist destination.

This was emphasised by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa as he attended yesterday the launch of the fourth edition of the Muharraq Nights Festival, held as part of the Celebrate Bahrain Season.

Festivities take place along

the Pearling Path, from Qal'at Bu Mahir to the Pearl Museum - Siyadi Majlis, celebrating the city's rich and vibrant history.

HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman affirmed that national festivals and events held in the Kingdom are an important boost to tourism and the economy.



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa attends the launch of Muharraq Nights Festival

