

Smart cameras record violations

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The Ministry of Interior announced that the smart camera system operated by the General Directorate of Traffic has officially commenced operations.

It has documented various traffic violations.

These include using a mobile phone while driving and failing to wear a seat belt, following the announcement of the launch of the first phase of the system, after ensuring the technical infrastructure is ready and can operate efficiently under different conditions.

Details

The General Directorate of Traffic noted that, in order to ensure the timely delivery of traffic notifications, including those related to vehicle registration dates, driving licence renewals, as well as recorded violations, all motorists are required to regularly update their personal details via the "MyGov" application, to avoid the accumulation of violations without their knowledge.

The General Directorate of Traffic also stressed the importance of adhering to traffic laws and regulations, avoiding incorrect driving behaviours, and exercising responsibility and traffic awareness.

Iran president orders nuclear talks with US

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has ordered the start of nuclear talks with the US, local media said yesterday, after US leader Donald Trump said he was hopeful of a deal to avert military action against the Islamic republic.

Following the Iranian authorities' deadly response to anti-government protests that peaked last month, President Trump has threatened military action and ordered the dispatch of an aircraft carrier group to the Middle East.

Trump has maintained he is hopeful of making an agreement and Tehran has also insisted it wants diplomacy, while vowing an unbridled response to any aggression.

HM King affirms strong Bahrain-France partnership

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa emphasised the outstanding partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and France and the ongoing commitment to further develop it in all domains that serve their mutual interests.

HM the King was speaking as he received a letter from French President Emmanuel Macron regarding the longstanding ties and means to develop bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The letter was delivered by His Excellency Eric Giraud-Telme, Ambassador of France to Bahrain, during a meeting with HM King Hamad.

His Majesty commended



HM the King receives French President Emmanuel Macron's letter through H.E. Ambassador Eric Giraud-Telme

President Macron's efforts to enhance relations and develop constructive cooperation with the Kingdom, noting France's active role and contributions to security, stability and regional and global peace.

Household relief

Cabinet approves electricity tariff cuts for citizens, increases social support ahead of Ramadan



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

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The Cabinet has approved a reduction in the electricity consumption tariff for citizens' primary residences consuming between 5,000 and 7,000 units, lowering it from 32 fils per unit to 16 fils per unit.

The decision was made in coordination with the legislative authorities to support households and ease the cost of living. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

During the session, HRH Prince Salman also directed the doubling of financial support for eligible recipients of social security and disability allowances in preparation for the holy month of Ramadan.

The Ministry of Social Development has been instructed to distribute the support prior to Ramadan to ensure adequate living standards, particularly for citizens in low-income groups.

Speech

The Cabinet commended the speech delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

during his patronage of the Bahrain First Festival 2026.

The Cabinet also commended the organisational efforts of the Ministry of Education, as well as the contributions of students and parents to the success of the festival.

On the 58th anniversary of the establishment of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), the Cabinet commended the BDF's continued advancements in enhancing combat readiness, attributing these achievements to the unwavering support of HM King Hamad, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

Success

The Cabinet noted the success of the recent Bapco Energies Bahrain Championship, hosted by the Kingdom under the patronage of HM the King.

The Cabinet congratulated His Majesty on the Kingdom's national handball team for winning the Asian Handball Championship for the first time in its history, and extended its congratulations to the players, as well as the technical and administrative staff.

It commended the success of the Crown Prince's Cup

Festival, highlighting the role of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) High Committee, under the leadership of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the REHC High Committee, for its contributions to the success of the event.

The Cabinet also congratulated the winners of the Crown Prince's Cup Festival.

The Cabinet commended the outcomes of the 36th Autumn Fair, noting significant growth compared to 2025.

Executive-legislative cooperation



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the importance of cooperation between the executive and legislative branches in implementing government plans and programmes to serve the Kingdom and its citizens. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman Al-Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, and H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, who were accompanied by deputies and members of both councils, at Gudaibiya Palace. (Detailed report on Page 3)