

Before dawn, ancient drum rite wakes Istanbul faithful to fast

Bahrain shone at the 60th CISM World Military Cross-Country Championships in Trikala, Greece, securing a golden double on Sunday. | P16

HM King Hamad lauds Russia, India support for Kingdom

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a telephone call from Russian President Vladimir Putin who expressed his country's full solidarity and support for Bahrain and condemned the Iranian attack

targeting the Kingdom's territory. He affirmed the mobilisation of all the readiness and capabilities of the Russian Federation to support the Kingdom in all measures it takes to preserve its sovereignty and safeguard its security and stability. HM the King affirmed that the



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people of Bahrain are peaceful and believe in tolerance and co-existence, and that the Kingdom remains committed to the path of peace and supports everything that enhances security and stability in the region and the world. His Majesty expressed his deep appreciation for the posi-

tions of Russia and the sincere sentiments of support conveyed by President Putin towards the Kingdom. HM King Hamad received a call from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as they reaffirmed close Bahrain-India relations.

Interior Ministry: One dead, two injured in vessel fire at Salman Industrial City

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The Ministry of Interior announced that a fire broke out aboard a foreign vessel undergoing maintenance at Salman Industrial City after debris from an intercepted missile fell at the site. The incident claimed the life of an Asian worker and left two others seriously injured. Authorities confirmed that the blaze was brought under control and fully extinguished.

Bahrain ready to repel hostile attacks

Weekly Cabinet meets at Gudaibiya Palace as HRH issues stern warning over attacks



Missile shield downs 129 aerial threats in new attack wave

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Bahrain's missile defence systems has successfully shot down 70 missiles and 59 drones repelling a new wave of hostile Iranian attacks, said The National Communication Centre in a statement. The Centre reaffirmed that the Kingdom reserves its full legal right to respond and to take all measures necessary to safeguard its sovereignty, stability, and the safety of its citizens and residents. Limited debris resulting from interception operations at certain locations was dealt with immediately by the relevant authorities in accordance with established protocols. "Monitoring and surveillance operations are ongoing through a fully integrated system maintained at the highest levels of readiness, efficiency, and vigilance," the centre added.

Leadership united in face of aggression

Decisive response affirmed

BDF air defence systems successfully intercepted and neutralised several ballistic missiles and hostile Iranian drones targeting the Kingdom.

Public safety remains top priority

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Bahrain stands fully prepared to confront any challenges arising from the hostile Iranian attacks, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed yesterday.

During the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace, HRH stressed that the Kingdom retains its legitimate right to respond and take all necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty, in coordination with its partners. The Cabinet described the missile and drone strikes targeting Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the State of Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan and Cyprus as hostile and a serious threat to regional safety and security. It warned that the use of ballistic missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles against civilian infrastructure and private property constitutes a blatant violation of international humanitarian law. HRH said Bahrain's air defence systems, operated by the Bahrain Defence Force, are successfully intercepting and neutralising ballistic missiles and hostile Iranian drones targeting the Kingdom. He affirmed that defence forces and medical teams stand ready to counter any adversities, while the Ministry of Interior

Cabinet approvals

- Draft law to renew building permits for an additional three years, extending total validity to four years.
 - Draft cooperation agreement on maritime transport and navigation between Bahrain and Jordan.
 - Memorandum of understanding on anti-doping cooperation between Bahrain National Anti-Doping Organisation (B-NADO) and the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).
 - Government responses to proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives.
- Matters reviewed**
- Follow-up on outcomes of the 46th session of the Gulf Cooperation Council.
 - Progress on the Ministry of Legal Affairs' priorities under the Government Programme (2023-2026).
 - Latest developments in government service enhancement.
- Ministerial reports noted**
- Outcomes of the 50th extraordinary meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council Ministerial Council.
 - Ministers' external engagements and official visits to Bahrain in March 2026.

inet also instructed authorities to intensify market inspections to monitor price stability. HRH emphasised that Bahrain, under the leadership and strategic vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, possesses a robust national system that safeguards sovereignty and protects national institutions. He reaffirmed the Kingdom's steadfast commitment to peace and to regional and international stability, continuing to advocate dialogue as the appropriate path to resolving disputes. "The safety of citizens and residents remains a top priority, in line with the readiness of defence, security and civilian institutions to address developments firmly and responsibly," the Cabinet stressed. The Cabinet called on all to adhere to laws and regulations to safeguard public safety and preserve community unity. It also expressed condolences to the family of the deceased and wished a speedy recovery to those injured as a result of the hostile Iranian attacks.

