



Global Economic Talks

Minister of Finance and National Economy, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, attended a high-level working breakfast hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron at the Élysée Palace, alongside senior officials and dignitaries from around the world.



Discussions centred on the latest global economic developments, shifting international market trends, and investment growth opportunities supporting sustainable development.

The Minister reaffirmed Bahrain's dedication to strengthening bilateral partnerships and economic cooperation to drive inclusive growth and shared prosperity.

Health Warning Over Ebola Spread



Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has urged citizens to exercise caution and consider postponing travel to Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo amid concerns over the spread of Ebola virus disease.

The statement issued by the ministry said the advisory comes as health authorities report the continued presence of Ebola virus disease in parts of the region.

Officials emphasized the importance of taking preventive measures, following health guidance, and closely monitoring updates from relevant international health organisations before planning any travel.

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Royal Address Highlights Unity

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), has praised His Majesty's address delivered during the weekly Cabinet meeting at Al Sakhir Palace.

HRH Princess Sabeeka said the speech outlined the direction of Bahrain's next phase of development and reflected His Majesty's vision of strengthen-



ing national unity while protecting the Kingdom's achievements and continued prosperity.

She commended the King's recognition of the strong sense of unity and loyalty shown by Bahraini families and citizens, describing it as a reflection of the close bond between the leadership and the people in confronting challenges.

Her Royal Highness also stressed the important role Bahraini women continue to play in the King-

dom's national development process under the leadership of His Majesty the King. She said women remain key partners in progress and in instilling values of loyalty and national belonging in future generations.

HRH Princess Sabeeka reaffirmed loyalty to His Majesty King Hamad, adding that the Supreme Council for Women, its affiliates and Bahraini women would continue working with dedication to safeguard Bahrain's achievements and ensure the Kingdom remains a symbol of security, peace and prosperity.

Bahrain Suspends Citizens' Travel to Iran and Iraq

The Ministry of Interior announced a temporary ban on citizens travelling to Iran and Iraq, citing ongoing regional security tensions.

In a statement, the ministry said the decision was taken “in light of the continuing security situation” linked to the repercussions of the “Iranian aggression”.

The ministry said the measure was introduced to safeguard national security and ensure the safety of Bahraini citizens.

The travel suspension remains in effect until further notice.

Hands Off Al-Aqsa

Eight countries deliver a sharp warning to Israel over holy site violations

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Foreign ministers from eight Muslim and Arab nations — the UAE, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar — have jointly condemned Israeli settler incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif, carried out under the protection of Israeli forces. The raising of the Israeli flag inside the mosque's courtyards drew particular outrage.

“Violation of International Law”

The ministers described the actions as provocative and unacceptable, stating they constitute a clear breach of international

law, United Nations resolutions, and the long-established historical and legal status quo at Jerusalem's holy sites. They further condemned what they called Israel's systematic efforts to alter the historical, legal, and demographic character of occupied East Jerusalem — targeting both its Islamic and Christian sacred sites.

Who Has the Right to Al-Aqsa?

The ministers were unanimous: the entire 144-dunam compound of Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif is a place of worship exclusively for Muslims. They affirmed that the Jerusalem Endowments and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs Depart-



ment—under Jordan's Ministry of Awqaf—holds sole legal authority to administer and regulate access to the site, reaffirming Jordan's historic Hashemite custodianship.

The eight nations held Israel directly responsible for halting these escalatory actions, warning that continued violations fuel instability, deepen extremism, and sabotage international peace efforts. They called for an

immediate and complete halt to all illegal Israeli practices at the holy site.

The ministers reaffirmed their unconditional support for Palestinian self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state along the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital — consistent with international law, UN resolutions, and the Arab Peace Initiative.

Voices Behind the Game



H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi, Minister of Information, presided over a ceremony recognising staff from Bahrain Sports Channel and the analytical studio team behind football coverage.

The event, held in Manama, was attended by Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Deputy President of the Bahrain Football Association, and celebrated contributors from the past football season — including sponsors and partners.

The Minister credited Bahrain's growing sports media success to the backing of His Majesty King Hamad and the directives of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

H.E. Dr. Ramzan praised the studio team's professionalism, saying their work reflects the rising standard of sports broadcasting in the Kingdom.

He also highlighted Bahrain Sports Channel's vital role in covering local competitions and showcasing national sporting achievements across all platforms.

JAILBREAK IN THE DESERT

Kuwait's Great Escape Ends in Capture

● Three death-row inmates who staged a daring midnight prison break were recaptured within 24 hours after a high-speed desert chase.

Three convicted criminals broke out of a Kuwaiti prison using a remarkably improvised method: crawling through air conditioning vents, scaling a deserted watchtower, and rappelling down the outer walls using a rope fashioned from hoses and clothing.

The escapees were identified as Kuwaiti nationals Ali Manahi Al Subaie and Hassan Salem Al Rashidi—both on



death row for separate murder convictions—and Ahmed Mohammed Qatea, a third inmate of undisclosed nationality serving a life sentence for drug offences.

Dramatic footage circulating online captured the three men speeding through the desert in a red pick-up truck, pursued by police vehicles in the Bar Al Liyah area of northwestern Kuwait.

Special security forces and the police air wing tracked and arrested all three within 24 hours. Security forces seized two firearms found in their possession.

The Ministry of Interior issued a firm statement: “The security of society is a red line — justice will reach anyone who attempts to evade legal accountability or assist wanted individuals.”