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Fitch says Gulf banks remain resilient, but warns of prolonged instability

## Summer Toy Festival Returns



The third edition of the Bahrain Summer Toy Festival opened at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, launching its largest and most diverse edition yet. The 35-day event will run until August 5 as part of the Kingdom's wider summer entertainment programme aimed at strengthening Bahrain's position as a regional family tourism hub.

Organised by the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority in partnership with Beyon Al Dana Amphitheatre, the festival features three themed zones catering to different age groups. Twinkle Land offers six attractions inspired by international children's characters, Brave Land provides five adventure and gaming experiences, while Little Explorers Land is designed for younger children in a safe and interactive environment.

The festival also includes a packed programme of entertainment on the main stage, featuring seven live shows and eight meet-and-greet sessions with popular characters and performers, including Rasha Rizk and Tareq Al Arabi Tourgane. The event runs daily from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM on weekdays, and from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM on weekends.

## Javelin Bronze Glory



Ruba Al-Omari won the bronze medal in the women's F55 javelin throw at the Olomouc World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 in the Czech Republic. She secured third place with a best throw of 17.56 metres, adding another achievement to Bahrain's para athletics team.

# Bahrain, US Strengthen Alliance

Regional security and stability at the centre of discussions

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces held talks with Admiral Charles Bradford Cooper, Commander of the United States Central Command (CENTCOM), during the senior military official's visit to the Kingdom.

The two sides reviewed the strong and longstanding partnership between Bahrain and the United States, with His Majesty highlighting deepening cooperation across defence and military sectors. The



King reaffirmed both nations' commitment to advancing their strategic alliance.

His Majesty praised Washington's critical role in upholding security and stability across the region and in supporting broader international peace efforts.

Talks touched on the latest regional and international developments, with discussions centring on ongoing events in the Middle East and coordinated efforts to strengthen security. The meeting also addressed recent Iranian attacks in the region, with both sides exchanging views on key issues of shared concern.

## AI Governance Conference on Sunday

Bahrain will host the fifth edition of the World CIO200 – Bahrain Edition conference on Sunday, bringing together global leaders, policymakers and technology experts to discuss the future of artificial intelligence (AI), digital governance and responsible innovation.



H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council

The virtual conference will feature senior executives, information technology specialists and digital transformation experts from Bahrain and abroad. Discussions will focus on emerging AI technologies, digital leadership, governance frameworks, ethical AI adoption and international best practices.

According to Dr. Jassim Haji, President of the Global AI Group, the conference will open with a keynote address by His Excellency Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council. The programme will also include presentations by experts from Italy, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, providing insights into AI regulation, governance and the evolving global digital landscape.

## Bahrain Takes Iran to UN Over Missile Strikes

FM Zayani condemns repeated ballistic missile and drone attacks on civilian areas

Bahrain convened an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council after Iran resumed ballistic missile and armed drone strikes on the Kingdom. These strikes targeted civilian areas, directly violating the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding signed on June 17, which called for a permanent halt to military operations.

Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, addressing the Council, said this marks the second emergency session convened over what he described as a sustained pattern of Iranian aggression. The first was called following an attack on the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant in the United Arab Emirates—a strike that pushed the region to the brink of nuclear catastrophe.



FM Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani addresses the emergency session of the United Nations Security Council.

states have faced similar attacks, reflecting a deeply alarming pattern of escalation.

### Chemical Disaster Narrowly Averted

One strike hit an ammonia storage tank at the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company inside a populated area. This forced authorities to evacuate a two-kilometre radius, narrowly averting a major chemical disaster.

The Foreign Minister called on the Council to ensure its resolutions are enforced, warning that credibility lies not in adopting resolutions but in implementing them. While Bahrain would continue exercising restraint, he affirmed the Kingdom retains its inherent right to self-defence.

### Hundreds of Attacks Since February

Al Zayani said Bahrain has endured hundreds of missile and drone strikes since February 28, targeting residential neighbour-

hoods and the civilian infrastructure communities depend on daily. Three people have been killed and hundreds wounded, including women and children. Other Gulf Cooperation Council member

## Saving Lives in Drone Defense



U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Commander Adm. Brad Cooper recognized American soldiers and sailors assigned to a Joint Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS) unit in Bahrain for their exceptional performance in intercepting and shooting down 14 Iranian one-way attack drones over recent weeks. He praised their professionalism, skill, and dedication, noting that their actions helped save lives.

## Attacks Since the Conflict Began

Total reported attacks	808
Ballistic missile attacks	203
Drone attacks	605
People killed	3
Civilians injured	465

## Restored Homes Hit by Iranian Attacks

Ministries completed repairs under royal directives; residents praised the swift response

The government delivered a new batch of restored homes in Al-Hidd Housing City after completing structural and engineering repairs to properties damaged in Iranian attacks.

The handover was carried out in line with royal directives from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and an order from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to compensate citizens whose homes and vehicles were affected.



The Ministries of Works and Housing and Urban Planning oversaw the repairs, which were executed under an approved plan within a defined timeline. Restoration work covered structural damage, interior and exterior finishing, and rehabilitation of affected utilities.

Residents of Al-Hidd expressed deep appreciation for the royal directives and praised the speed and quality of the response. They noted that technical teams mobilised immediately to assess damage and begin rehabilitation.

## Public Prosecution Runs Training for Tamkeen



The Public Prosecution of Bahrain has organised a specialised training programme for employees of the Labour Fund "Tamkeen" focused on legal procedures, inspection mechanisms, and regulatory compliance, as part of efforts to strengthen institutional cooperation and promote legal awareness.

The programme covered key legal and practical aspects of Public Prosecution procedures, including the proper preparation of reports and case records in accordance with legal standards. It also addressed methods for identifying and handling violations, enhancing the quality of field inspections and improving the efficiency of regulatory and auditing processes.